Quantitative nanoscale viscosity measurements using magnetic nanoparticles
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Supporting Information

A. Characterization Of Cobalt Ferrite Nanoparticles.

Magnetic Characterization.
Magnetic properties of the nanoparticles were measured using a Quantum Design MPMS XL-7 SQUID magnetometer.

![Equilibrium magnetization curve at 300 K for the cobalt ferrite nanoparticles suspended in mineral oil.](image1)

**Figure 1:** Equilibrium magnetization curve at 300 K for the cobalt ferrite nanoparticles suspended in mineral oil.

Thermogravimetric Analysis Of Cobalt Ferrite Nanoparticles.
According to TGA using a TA Instruments Q-2950 instrument, 90.68% (w/w) of the synthesized and washed nanoparticles was organic material. Thermo gravimetric analysis showed large drops in sample weight at ~190 °C and ~470 °C which were attributed to free oleic acid and oleic acid bound to the surface of the nanoparticles, respectively.

![Thermogravimetric analysis of the cobalt ferrite nanoparticles synthesized by thermodecomposition method.](image2)

**Figure 2:** Thermogravimetric analysis of the cobalt ferrite nanoparticles synthesized by thermodecomposition method.
B. Characterization of mineral oil.

Differential Scanning Calorimetry Of Mineral Oil.
Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) was done using a TA instruments Q2000 DSC. The DSC curve was obtained by cooling the sample at a rate 5 K min\(^{-1}\) (Figure 4). An exothermic event was observed starting at ~255 K.

Figure 3: Differential scanning calorimetry of mineral oil at a cooling rate of 5 K min\(^{-1}\).