Supporting information

Inducing glassy magnetism in Co-ferrite nanoparticles through crystalline nanostructure

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Figure S1. Particle size distributions for the three samples: (a) R1, (b) R2, (c) R3.
Figure S2. HRTEM micrographs of CoFe$_2$O$_4$ NPs with color contrast: (a) R1, (b) R2, (c) R3. Scale bars correspond to 2 nm.

Figure S3. HRTEM micrographs of CoFe$_2$O$_4$ NPs for R2 with different degree of crystallinity. Scale bars in (a) and in (b) correspond to 1.5 and 2 nm respectively.
**Figure S4.** High-angle annular dark field (HAADF) images of several nanoparticles for R3.

**Figure S5.** (a) HAADF Energy dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (EDX) image of several NPs in R3, (b) Fe and Co percentage quantification, (c) EDX spectrum for the red area in a).
**Figure S6.** R3: (a) HAADF EDX image of a particle and (b) element quantification along the orange arrow.

**Figure S7.** R3: (a) HAADF EDX image of a particle and (b) element quantification along the orange arrow.
Figure S8. R3: (a) HAADF STEM image of some particles and (b) element quantification along the red arrow. (c) Sample spectrum measured at the point marked with the blue arrow in (a).

Figure S9. X-ray diffraction patterns together with the indexation of the Bragg peaks to an inverse spinel structure: R1 (black solid line), R2 (red solid line), R3 (blue solid line).
Figure S10. Hysteresis loops after FC sample R3 from 250 K down to the final measuring temperature (T) under an applied magnetic field of 10 kOe. T = 5 K (black spheres), 20 K (red spheres), 60 K (blue spheres), 80 K (green spheres), 90 K (pink spheres) and 150 K (dark yellow).
Figure S11. $M_{ZFC}$-$M_{FC}$ for R1 (black spheres), R2 (red spheres), R3 (blue spheres).