

## Supporting information

### A Facile One-step Method to Synthesize SiO<sub>2</sub>@Polydopamine Core-shell Nanospheres for Shear Thickening Fluid

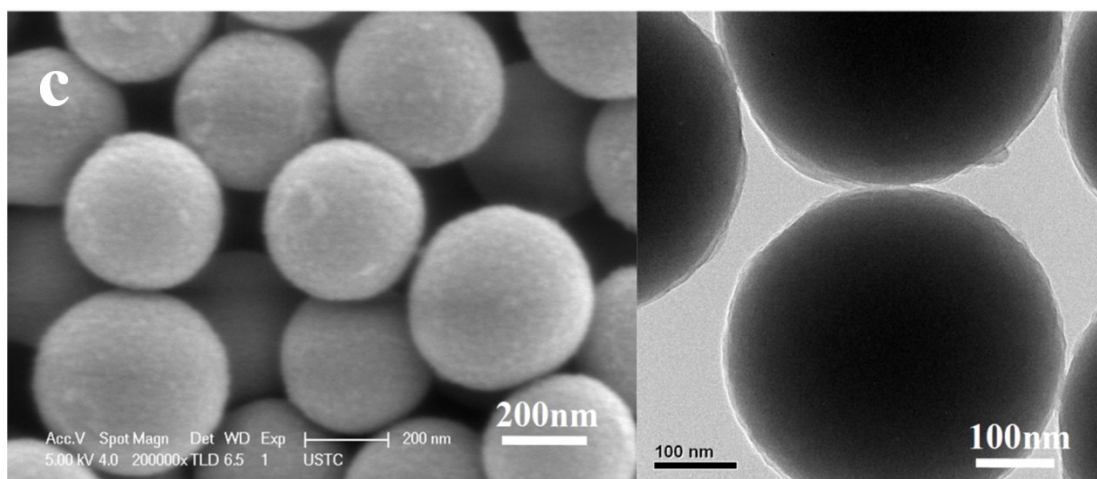
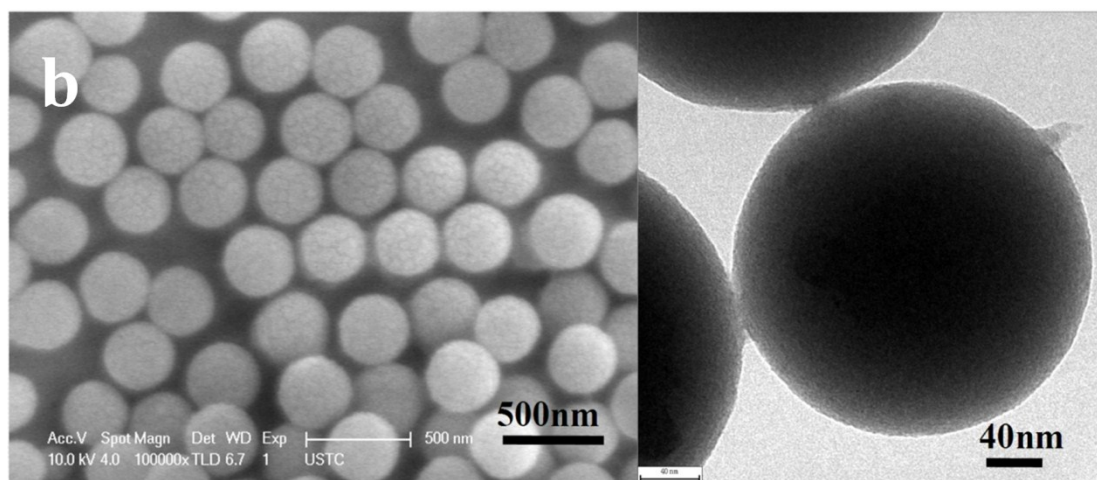
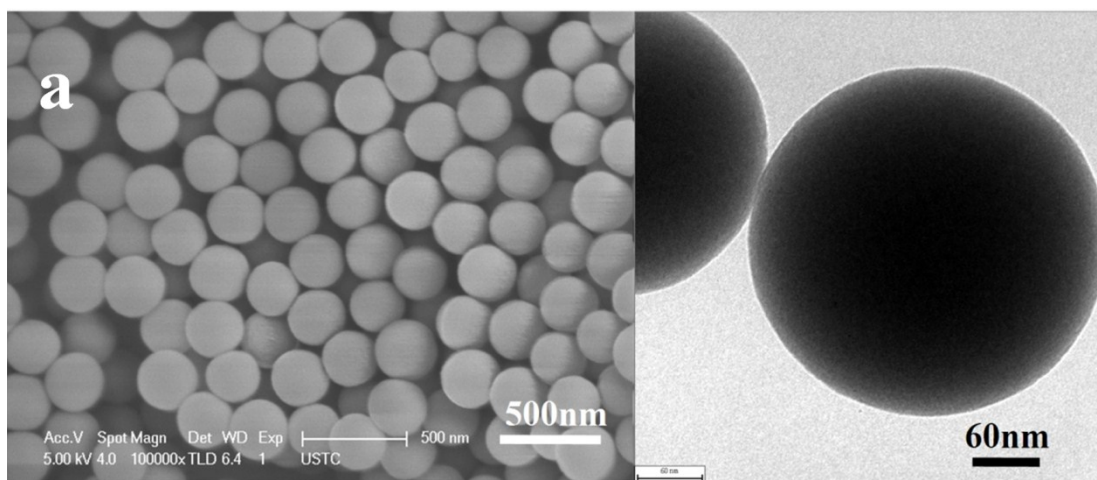
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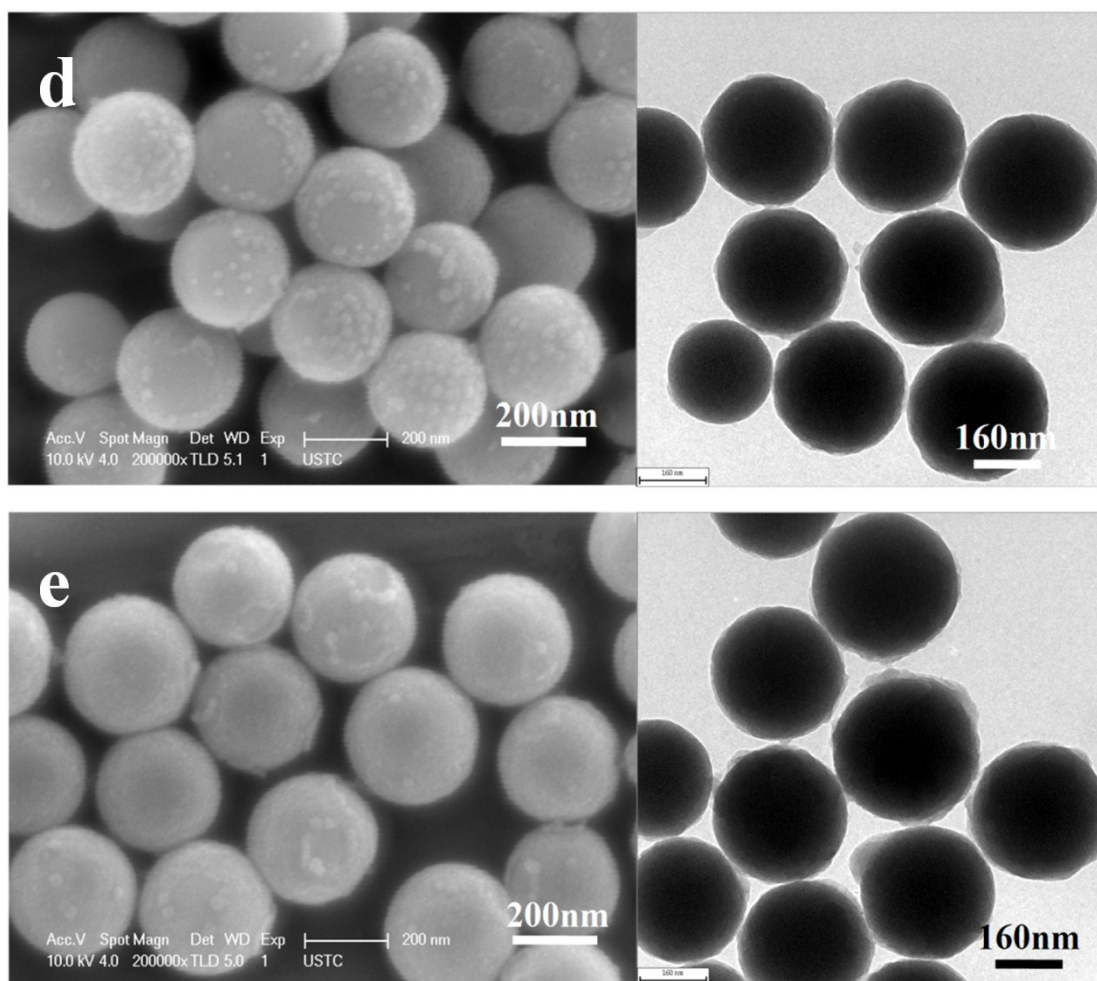


Figure S1. SEM and TEM images of the obtained raw  $\text{SiO}_2$  particles (a),  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{PDA}$  nanoparticles synthesized with different dopamine concentrations: 1g/L (b), 2g/L (c), 3g/L (d) and 4g/L (e).

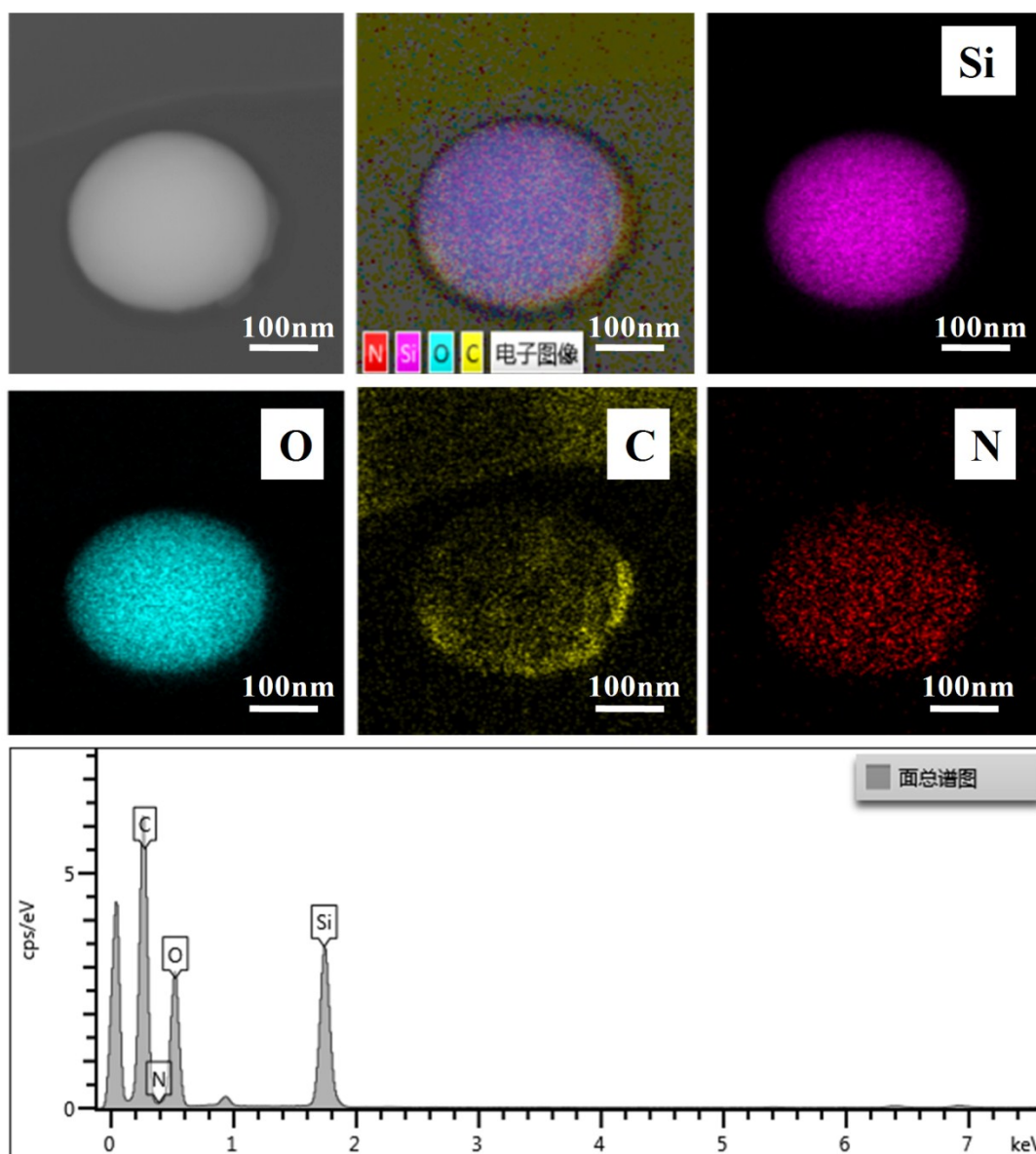


Figure S2. Energy dispersive spectrometer (EDS) mapping spectra of each element on the surface of the  $\text{SiO}_2\text{@PDA}$  core-shell nanoparticles and the element content distributions are shown in table.

From figure S2 we can clearly see the element of carbon and nitrogen on the

surface of core-shell nanoparticles. Carbon and nitrogen is the characteristic element of polydopamine. The element content of carbon, nitrogen, oxygen and silicon is 61.37, 0.07, 22.13, 16.43wt%. These indicate that the layer of polydopamine was encapsulated on the surface of SiO<sub>2</sub>.