

## Supporting information

# **Facile preparation of porous magnetic polydopamine microspheres through an inverse replication strategy for efficient enzyme immobilization**

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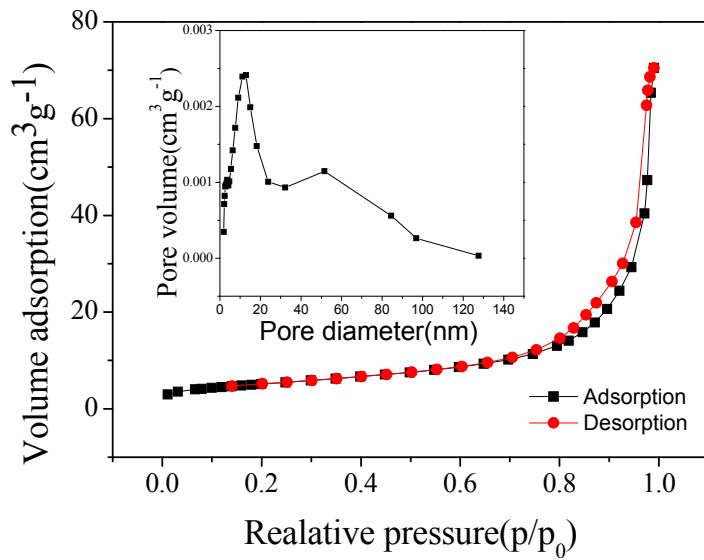
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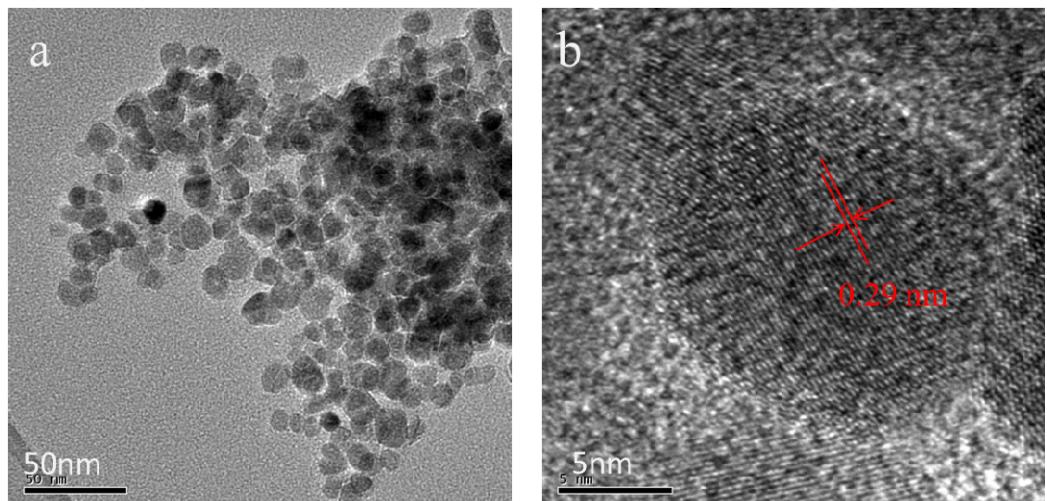
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3 **Fig.S1.** Pore size distribution curve by the BJH method and nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm  
4 of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CaCO}_3$  microspheres with different diameters of 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

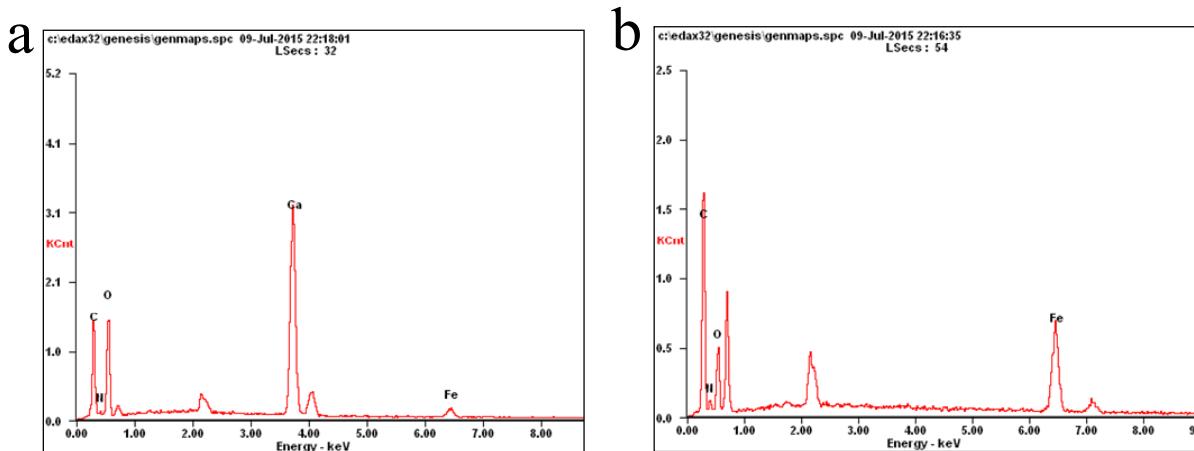
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2 **Fig.S2.** HRTEM images of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles. (Diameter: 10~20 nm.)

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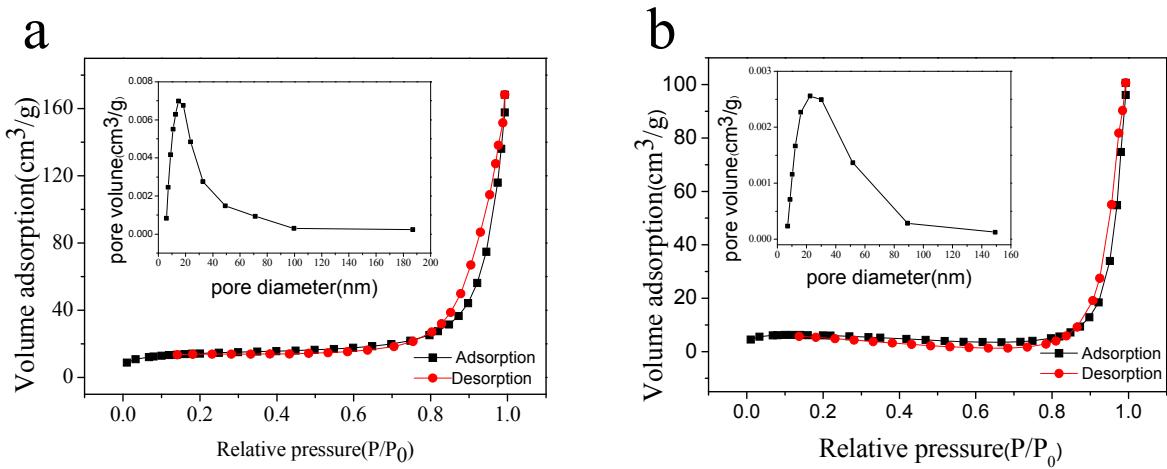
1 **Table S1.** The performance comparison for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@CaCO<sub>3</sub> microspheres and PMMSs

	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @CaCO <sub>3</sub> microspheres	4.5 μm PMMSs
Immobilization efficiency (%)	2.1±0.1	74.9±2.5
Loading capability (mg/g)	9±0.5	274.5±3.4
Specific activity (U·mg <sup>-1</sup> enzyme)	163.2±5.9	162.3±5.2

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3 In detail, the immobilization efficiency, loading capacity and specific activity for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@CaCO<sub>3</sub>  
4 microspheres were 2.1%, 9 mg/g and 163.2 U·mg<sup>-1</sup> enzyme, respectively. In comparison, the  
5 immobilization efficiency and loading capacity of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@CaCO<sub>3</sub> microspheres were lower than  
6 those of PMMSs. This was probably owing to the rather weak interaction (physical adsorption)  
7 between YADH and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@CaCO<sub>3</sub> microspheres. Once conducting the reaction with an equal  
8 amount of enzyme, the specific activity of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@CaCO<sub>3</sub> microspheres (163.2 U·mg<sup>-1</sup> enzyme) was  
9 nearly equal to that of PMMSs (162.3 U·mg<sup>-1</sup> enzyme).

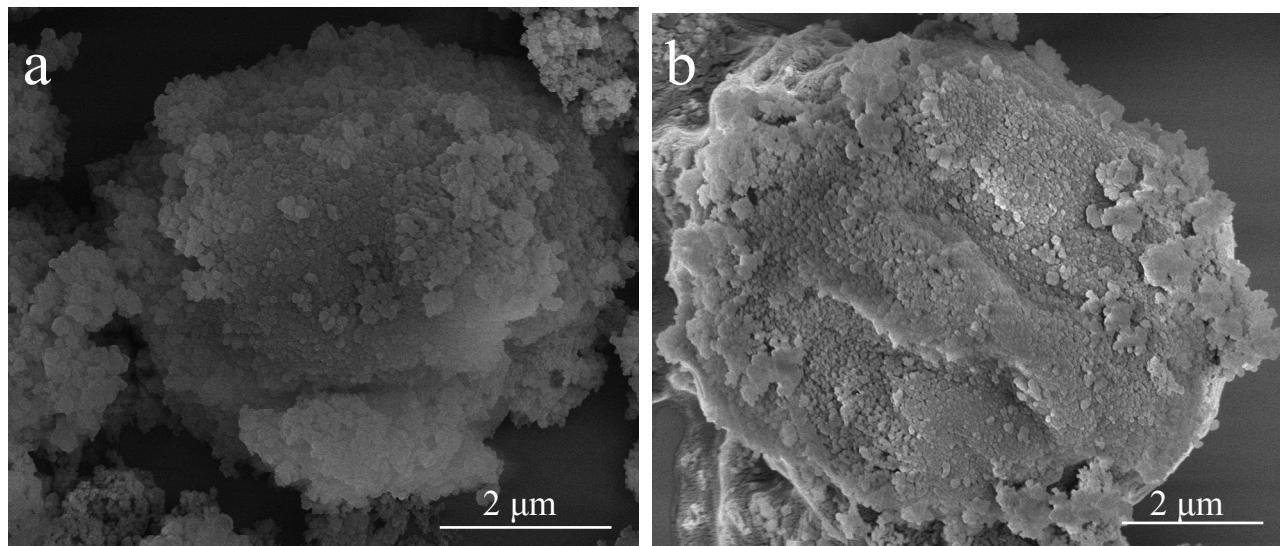
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2 **Fig. S4.** Pore size distribution curve by the BJH method and nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm  
3 of PMMSs with different diameters a)  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  and b)  $3.0 \mu\text{m}$ .

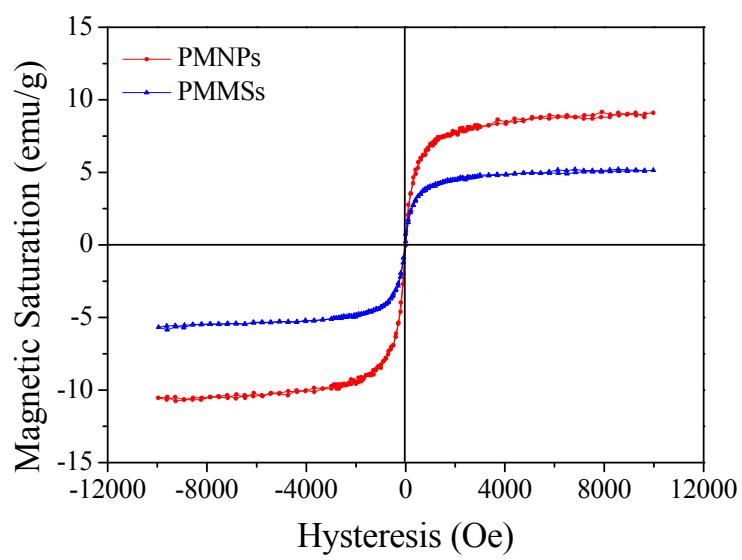
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2 **Fig. S5.** SEM images of YADH immobilized PMMSs (a) before and (b) after reaction.

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2 **Fig. S6.** Magnetic hysteresis loops of PMNPs and PMMSs.

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