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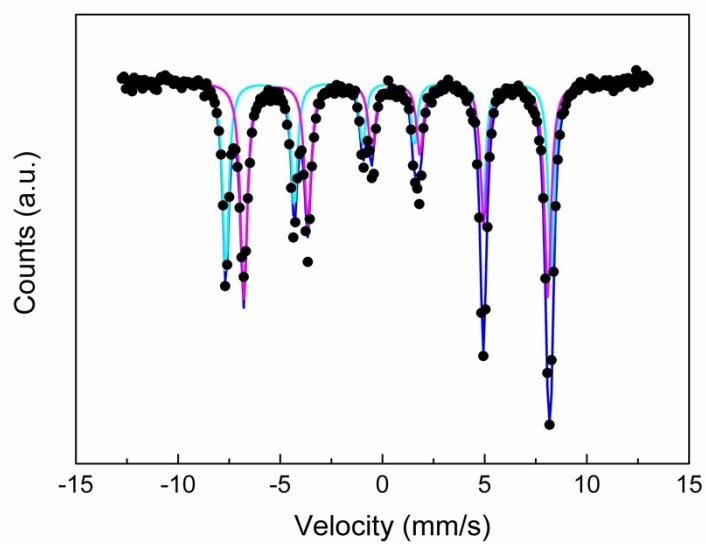
**H<sub>2</sub>O-Steered Size/Phase Evolution and Magnetic Property of Large-Scale, Monodisperse Fe<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> Nanomaterials**

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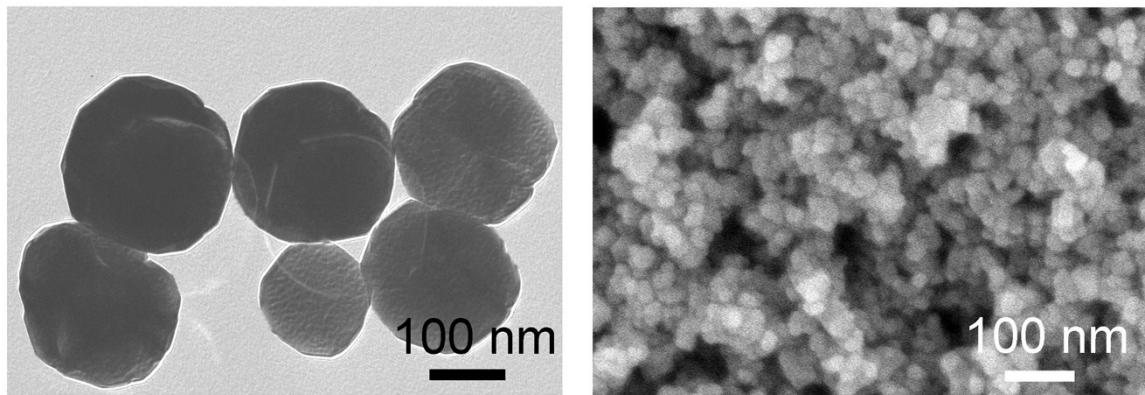
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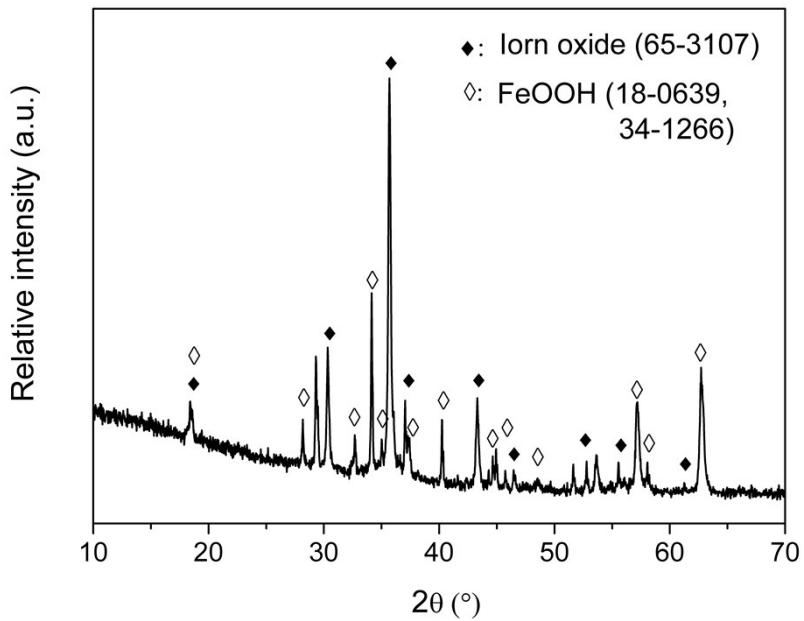
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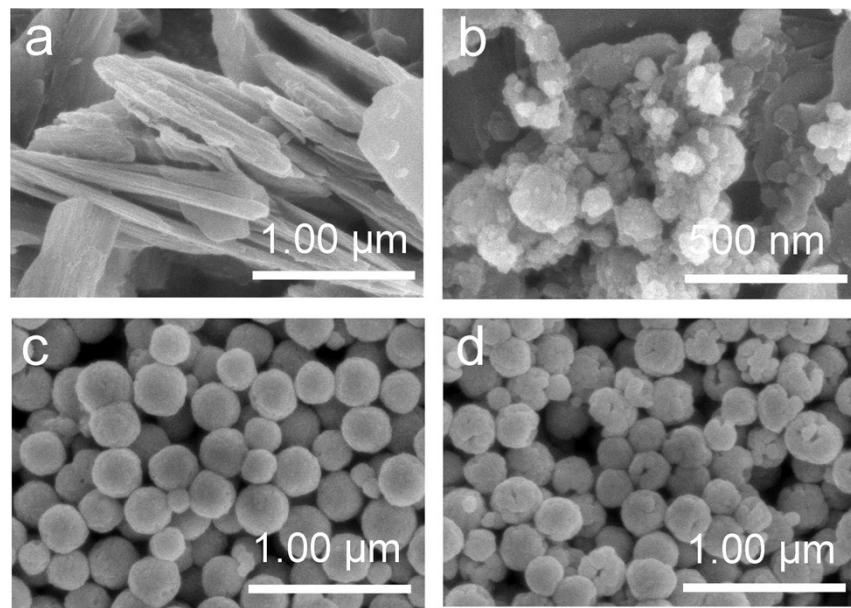
**Fig. S1** The Mössbauer spectra of the sample formed at  $\gamma = 0\%$ .



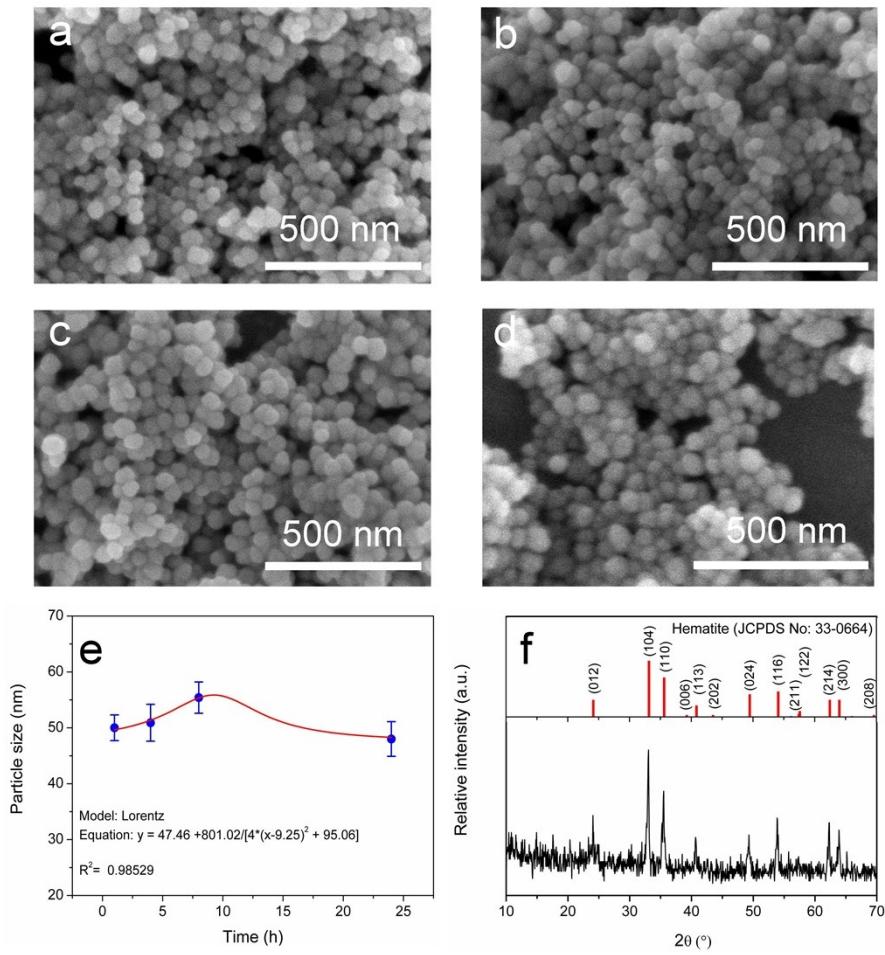
**Fig. S2** (a) TEM and (b) SEM images of the products obtained at 200 °C with various  $\gamma$ :  
(a)  $\gamma = 0\%$  and (b)  $\gamma = 12.5\%$ .



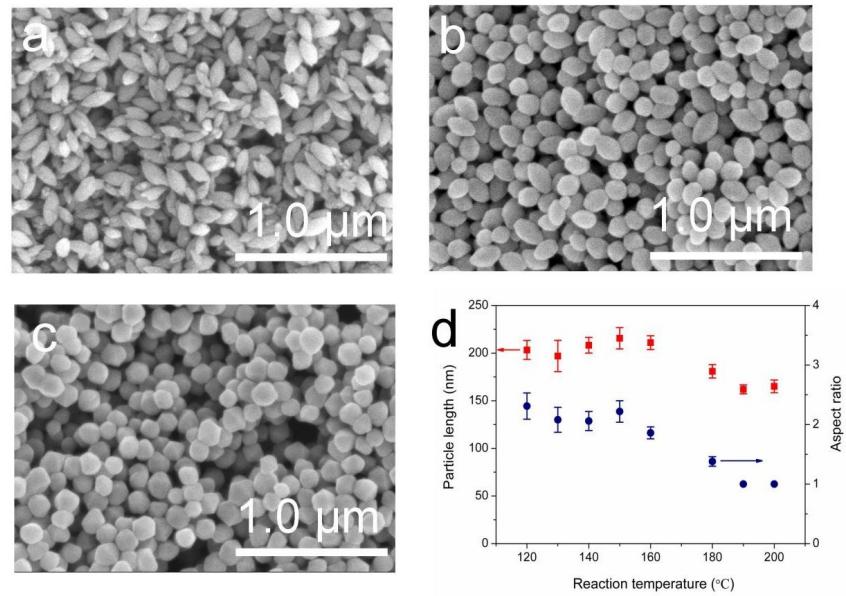
**Fig. S3** XRD pattern of the products obtained at 8 h.



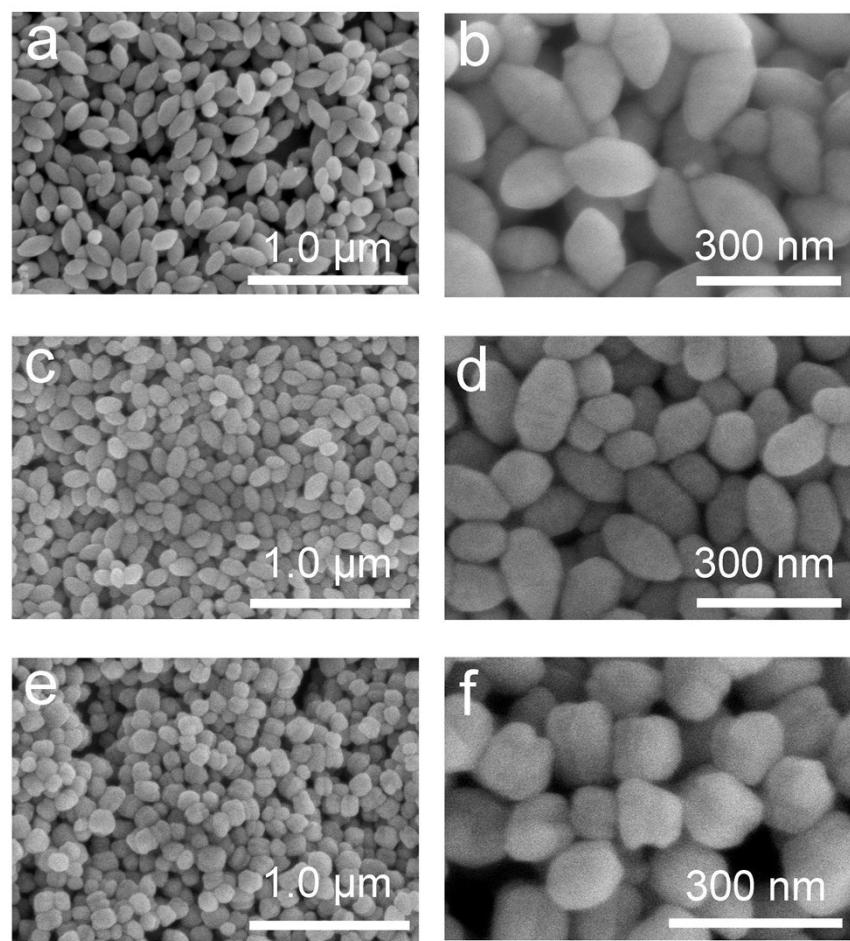
**Fig. S4** SEM images of the products obtained at  $\gamma = 0\%$  and 200 °C for various reaction time: (a) 1 h, (b) 2 h, (c) 4 h, and (d) 24 h.



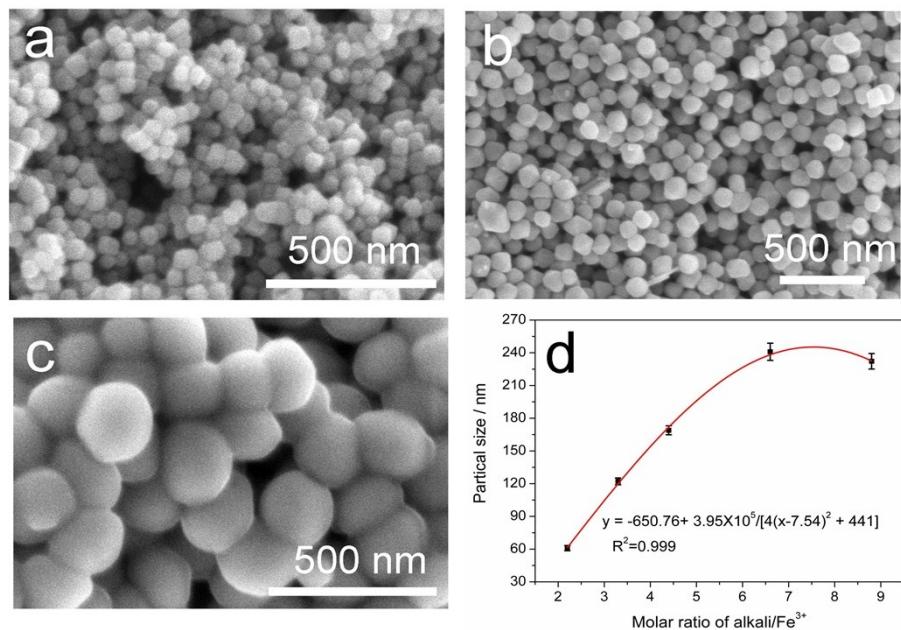
**Fig. S5** SEM images of the samples obtained at  $\gamma = 100\%$  and  $200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for various reaction time: (a) 1 h, (b) 4 h, (c) 8 h, and (d) 24 h. (e) Particle size distribution as a function of reaction time. (f) XRD pattern of the samples obtained at 1 h.



**Fig. S6** SEM images of samples obtained at various temperatures: (a) 120 °C, (b) 180 °C, and (c) 190 °C. (d) Particle size distribution as a function of temperature.



**Fig. S7** SEM images of the samples obtained at 160 °C and various  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  concentrations:  
(a and b) 0.03125 M, (c and d) 0.0625 M, and (e and f) 0.21875 M.



**Fig. S8** SEM images of samples obtained at various ratios of alkali/Fe<sup>3+</sup> (200 °C): (a) 2.2, (b) 3.3, and (c) 6.6. (d) Particle size distribution as a function of alkali/Fe<sup>3+</sup> ratios.

**Table S1** Saturation magnetization ( $M_s$ ), remanent magnetization ( $M_r$ ) and coercivity ( $H_c$ ) of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles.

Sample	$M_s$ /emu·g <sup>-1</sup>	$M_r$ /emu·g <sup>-1</sup>	$H_c$ /Oe	Size	Ref.
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ nanoparticles	84	/	/	12.7 nm	1
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ nanoparticles	60	/	0.23	15.5 nm	2
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ nanoparticles	77.2	4.0	27.7	~20 nm	3
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ colloidal nanocrystal clusters	63.5	/	/	174 nm	4
Bulk $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$	~92	/	/	/	5
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ cubes	89	2	27	350 – 400 nm	6
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ nanocubes	60.3	/	/	12 nm	7
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ nanoflowers	82.6	/	10.5	100 nm	8
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ nanowires	68.7	/	/	35–100 nm in diameter 0.48–2.7 $\mu\text{m}$ in length	9
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ octahedral particles	90	/	/	About 4 $\mu\text{m}$	10
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ octahedral particles	46	4.2	74	100 nm –several micrometers	11
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ aggregated spheres	42.8	7.0	44	5 nm (for nanocrystals) 100 nm (for spheres)	12
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ octahedral particles	86.412	1.915	152.2	155.1 nm	This work
Mixture of $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ and $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$	0.0371	0.00166	1575.28	204 nm for $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ 1854.83 nm for $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$	This work

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