

Supporting Information

Liquid crystalline phases from polymer functionalized ferri-magnetic Fe₃O₄ nanorods

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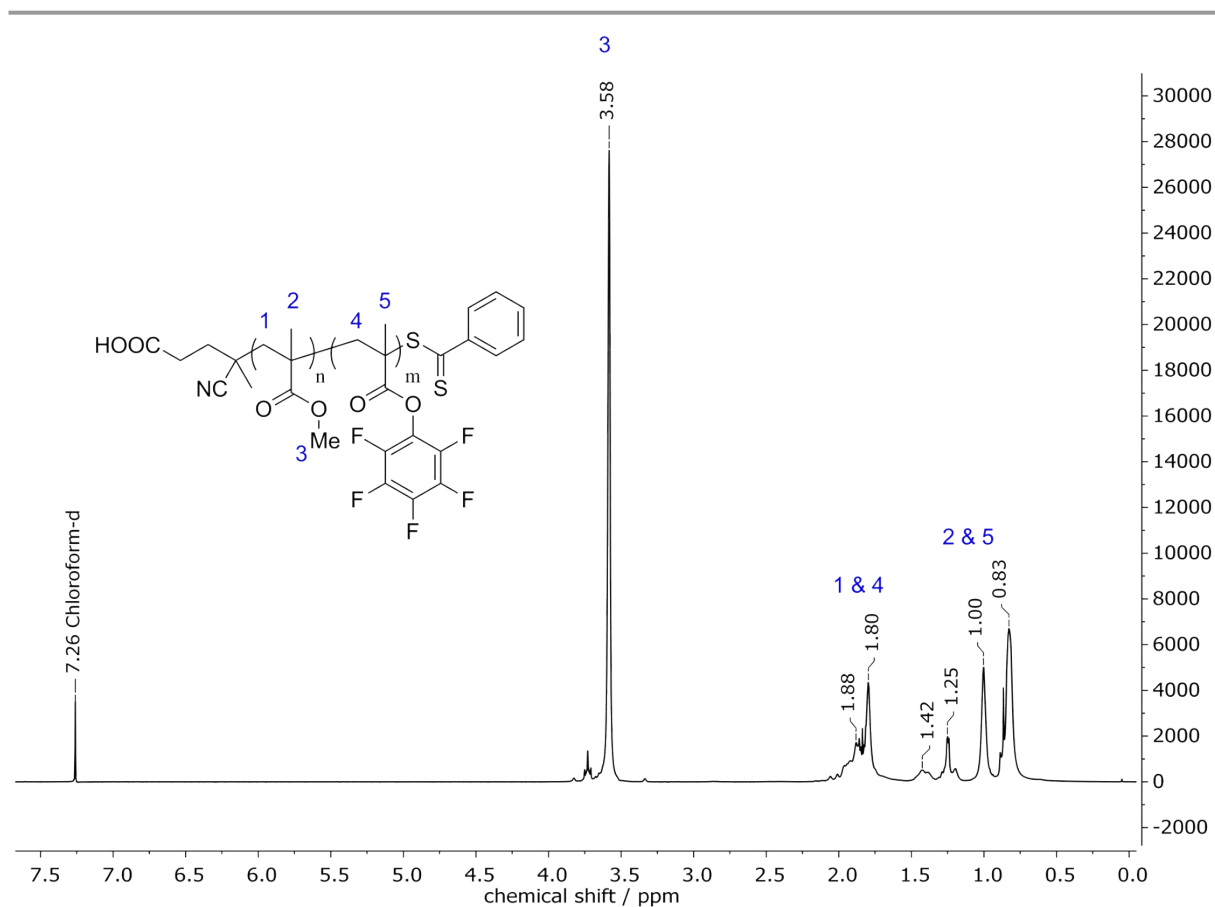


Figure S1: ¹H-NMR of reactive ester block copolymer P(MMA-*b*-PFPMA). The ratio between the PMMA block and the PFPMA-block was determined to be 9.1:1 by using ref. 1.

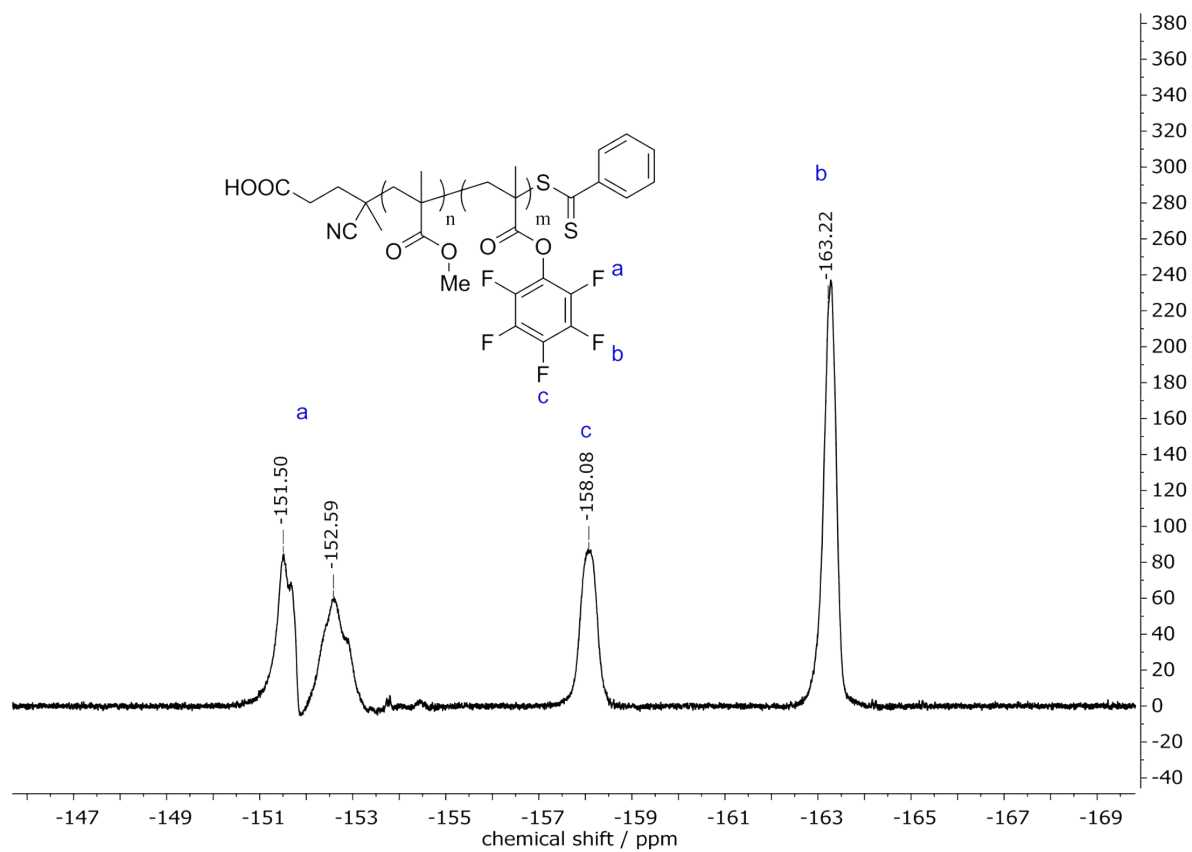


Figure S2: ^{19}F -NMR of reactive ester block copolymer P(MMA-*b*-PFPMA).

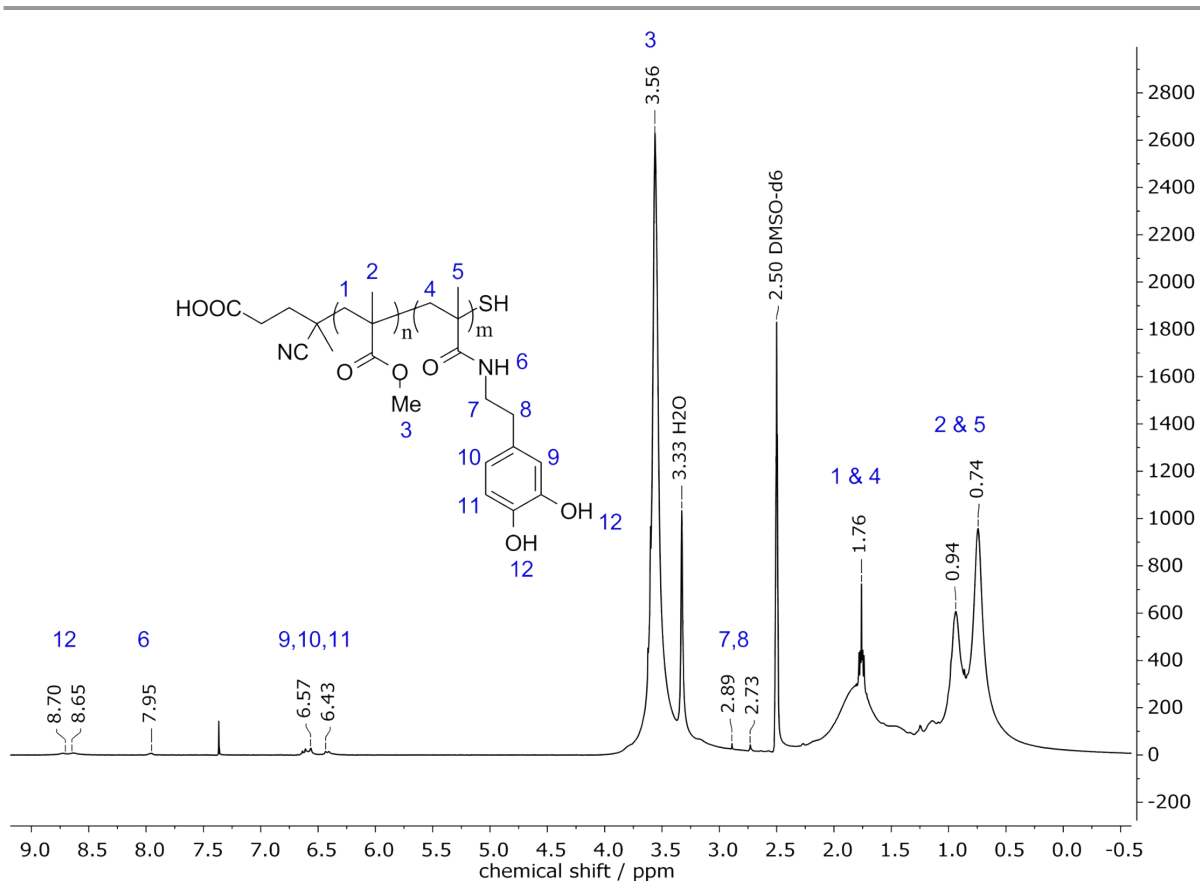


Figure S3: ¹H-NMR of anchor block copolymer P(MMA-*b*-DOPA). The ratio between the PMMA block and the DOPA-block was determined to be about 10:1 by using ref. 1, however this value is uncertain due to the overlap of the signal at 3.56 ppm with the residual water signal at 3.33 ppm.

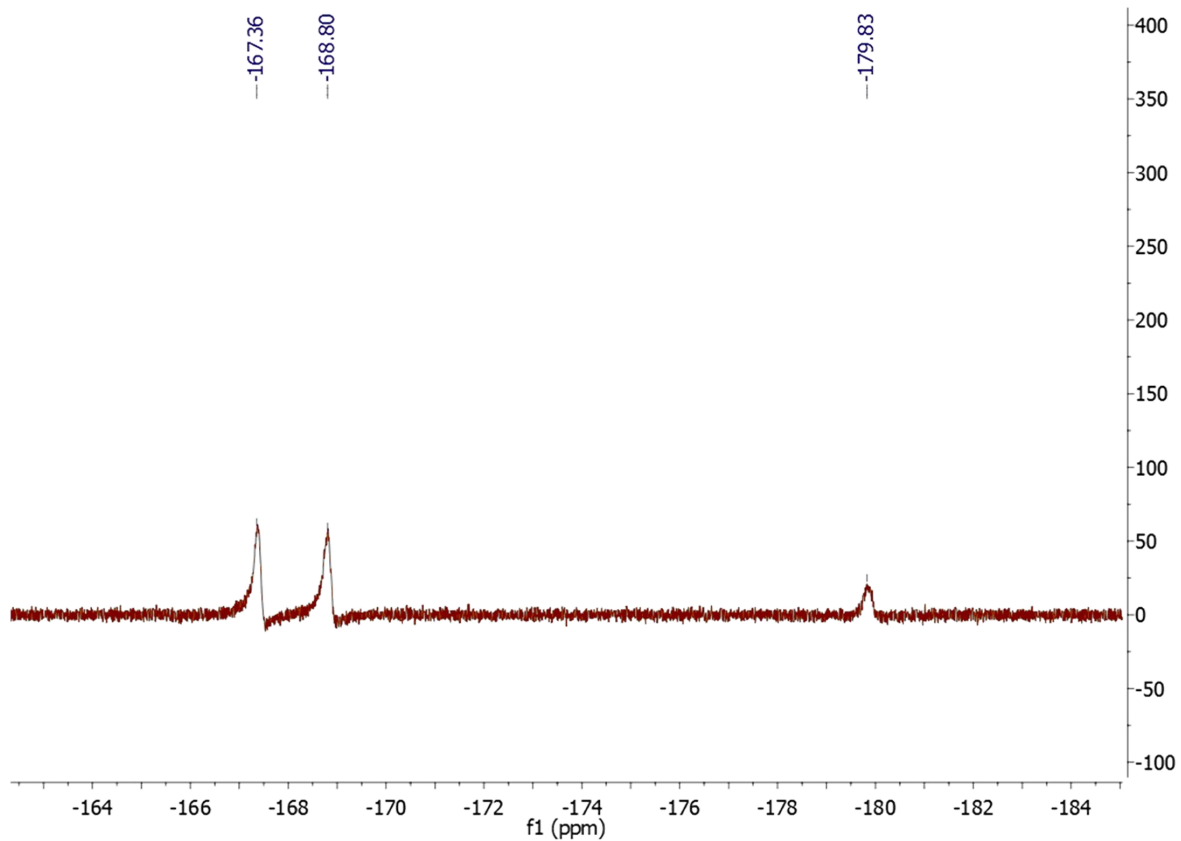


Figure S4: ^{19}F -NMR of anchor block copolymer P(MMA-*b*-DOPA) before purification (signals of pentafluorophenol are visible, but no signals for the reactive ester bonded pentafluorophenol, as showed in S2). After purification, no signals are visible anymore.

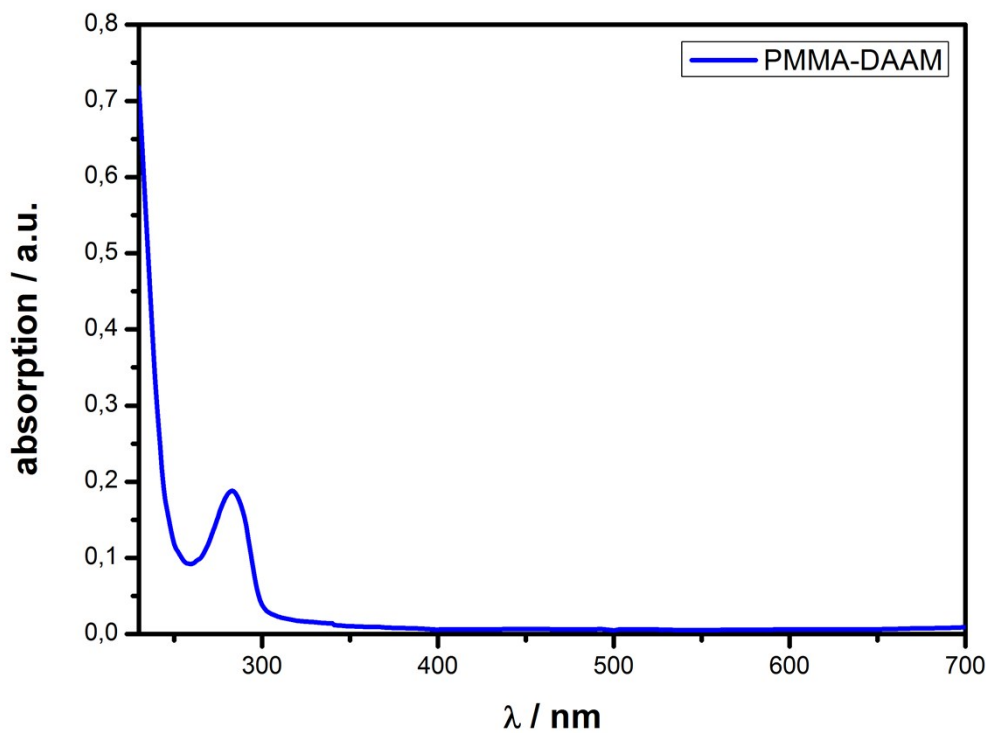


Figure S5: UV-vis-spectroscopy of block copolymer P(MMA-*b*-DAAM) showing an absorption band around 283 nm corresponding to the absorption of dopamine.

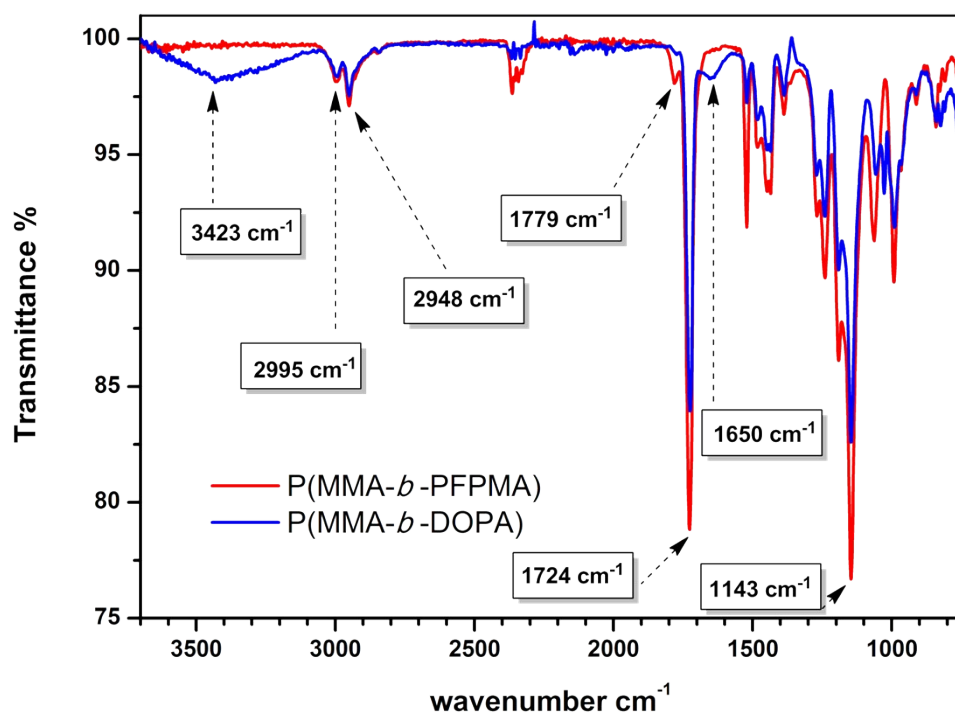


Figure S6: IR spectra of reactive block copolymer P(MMA-*b*-PFPMA) (red) and after polymer analogous reaction block copolymer (PMMA-*b*-DOPA). The successful attachment of the dopamine anchor group can be proven due to complete disappearance of the C=O band of the ester at 1779 cm^{-1} and the appearance of the C=O band of the corresponding amide at a wavenumber of 1650 cm^{-1} .

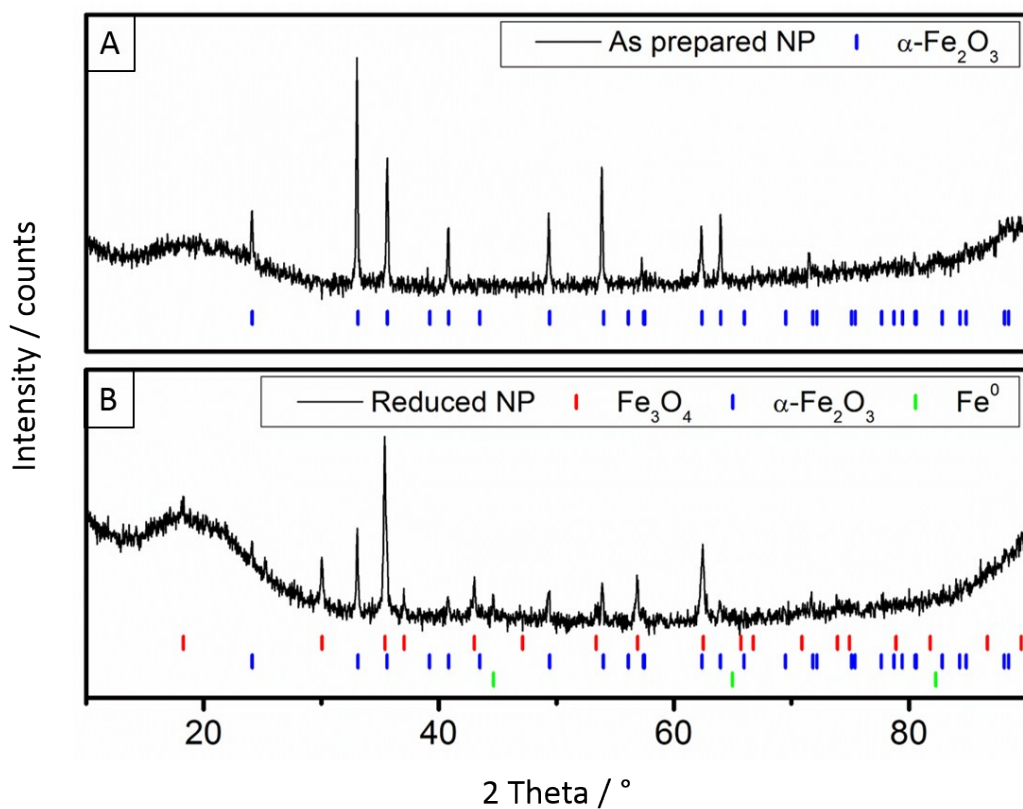


Figure S7: X-ray powder diffraction of precursor particles (black) and reflex position of reduced particles (blue). B: Diffraction pattern of reduced particles. Reflexes were assigned to hematite², magnetite³ and iron (0).⁴

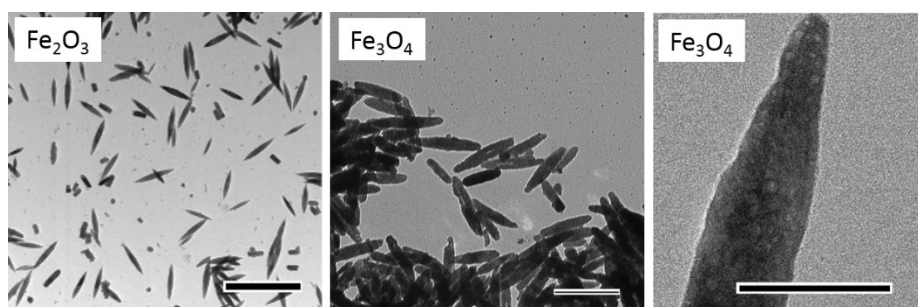


Figure S8: TEM images of the as prepared Fe_2O_3 -particles (left) and the reduced particles (labeled Fe_3O_4) with a higher magnification image to show the cavities formed by the Kirkendall-effect on the right.

Table S1: Size and magnetic properties of Fe₃O₄ nanorods.

compound	L _{long} / nm	L _{short} / nm	ratio	T _B / K	M _{sat} / emu/g at 5 K (5 T)	M _{sat} / emu/g at 300 K (5 T)	Remanence / emu/g at 5 K	Remanence / emu/g at 300 K	Coercivity / Oe at 5 K	Coercivity / Oe at 300 K
α-Fe ₂ O ₃	428 (27 %)	87 (16 %)	~4,9	>300	2,0	0,8	0,09	0,07	950	450
Fe ₃ O ₄	340 (30 %)	77 (27 %)	~4,4	>300	53,8	48,8	12	8	150	150

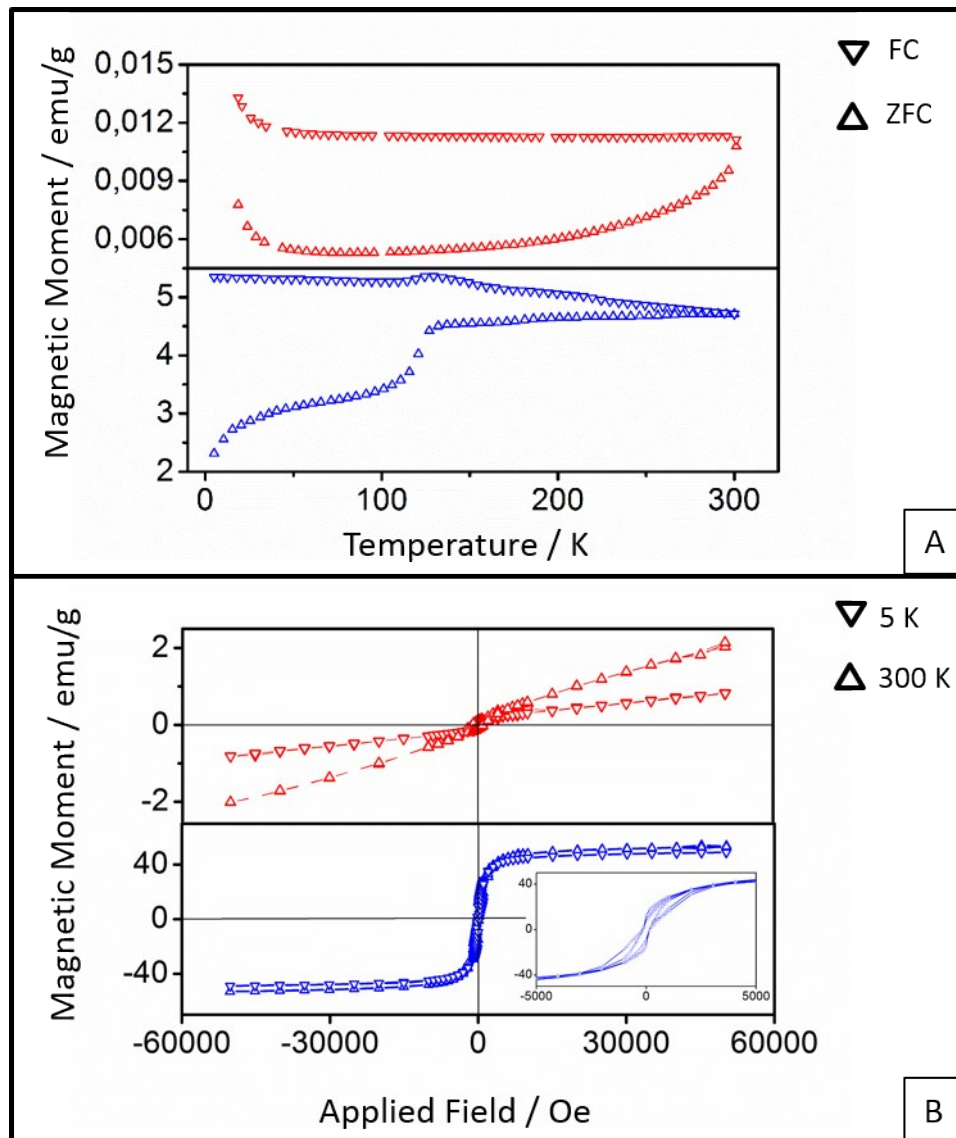


Figure S9: A shows the temperature-dependent magnetic moment of the particles. A-Fe₂O₃ precursor particles (red) exhibit a very small magnetic moment compared to the reduced particles (blue). B shows the magnetic moment against the applied field (Oe). Precursor particles (red) show weak ferromagnetic behaviour while the reduced particles are strongly magnetic but show no significant hysteresis.

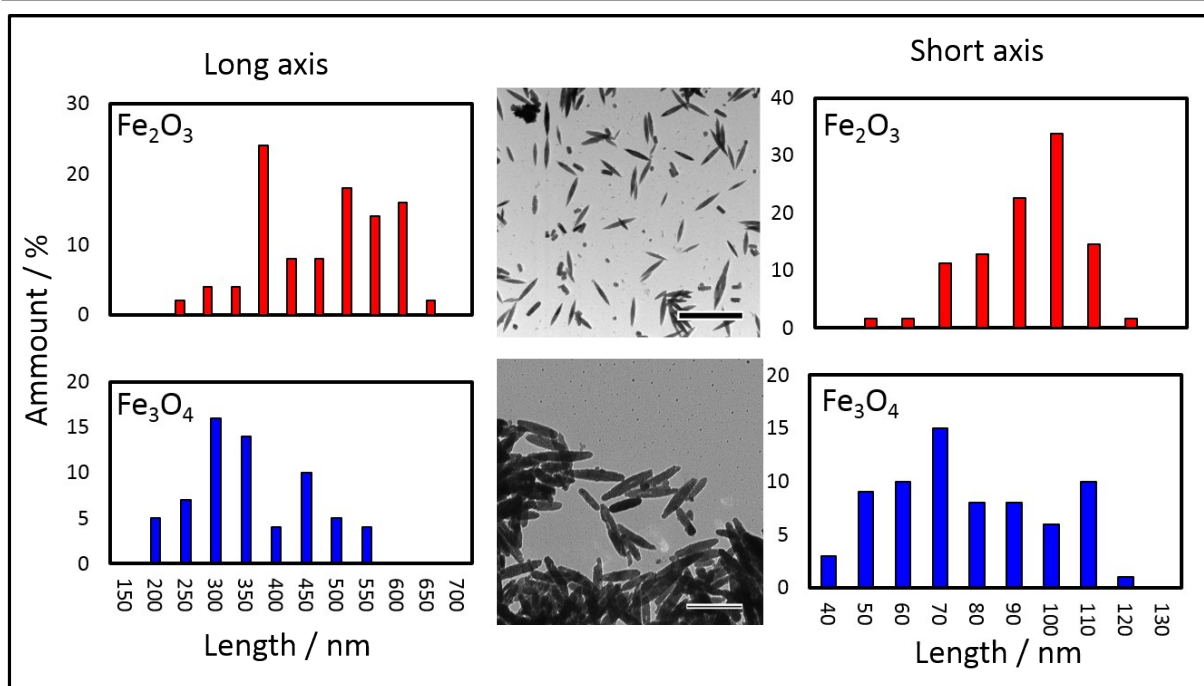


Figure S10: Size distribution of short and long axis of Fe_2O_3 precursor particles (red) and reduced particles (blue).

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