Electronic supplementary information

## Synthesis of Size-Tuneable β-FeOOH Nanoellipsoids and Study of Their Morphological and Compositional Changes by Reduction

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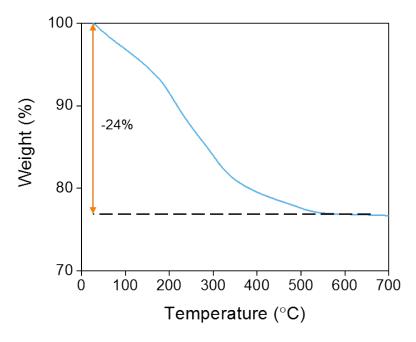


Figure S1. Thermogravimetric analysis of PEI coated  $\beta$ -FeOOH nanoparticles

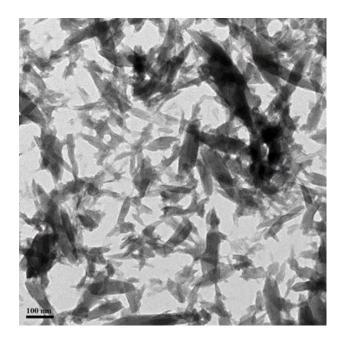
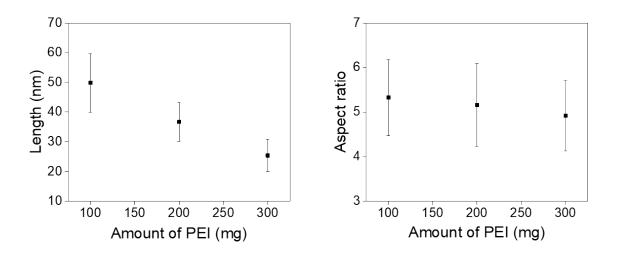


Figure S2. Synthesis of  $\beta$ -FeOOH in the absence of PEI at 80 °C for 2 h.



**Figure S3.** Length (left) and aspect ratio (right) changes of  $\beta$ -FeOOH nanoellipsoids with different amount of 750 kDa PEI.

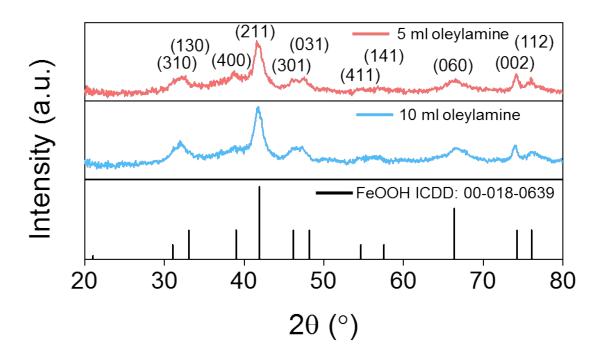
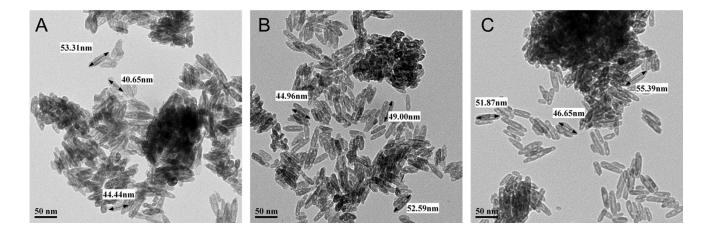
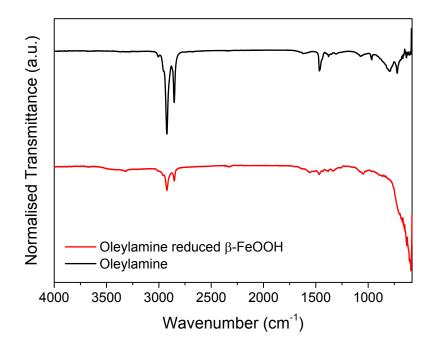


Figure S4. XRD patterns of oleylamine reduced β-FeOOH nanoellipsoids.



**Figure S5.** TEM images of  $\beta$ -FeOOH nanoellipsoids reduced by A) 5 ml, B) 10 ml and C) 15 ml oleylamine. Numbers are indicative of the lengths of the nanorods in each region in the TEM image at each condition.



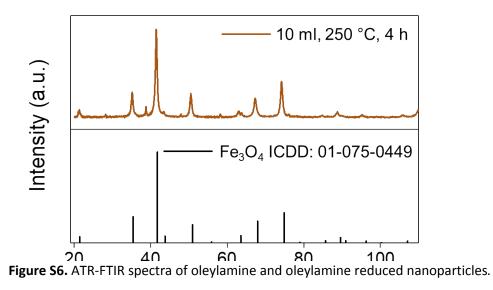


Figure S7. XRD pattern of  $\beta$ -FeOOH nanoellipsoids reduced with oleylamine at 250 °C for 4 h.

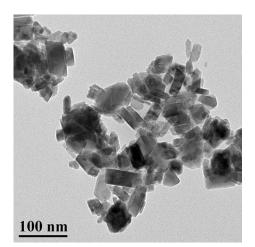


Figure S8. TEM image of nanoparticles reduced with oleylamine at 250 °C for 4 h.

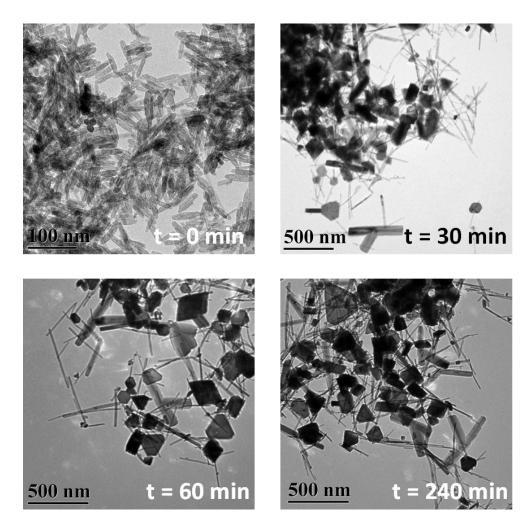


Figure S9. TEM images of hydrazine reduction at different reaction times.