

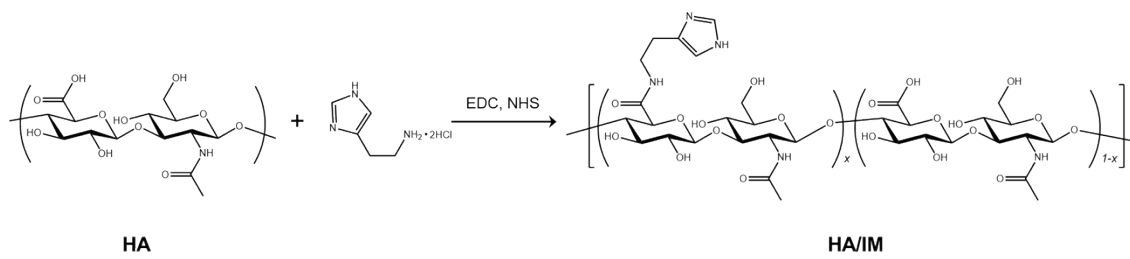
Supporting Information for

## **Biocompatible surface modification of nanoscale zeolitic imidazolate frameworks for enhanced drug delivery**

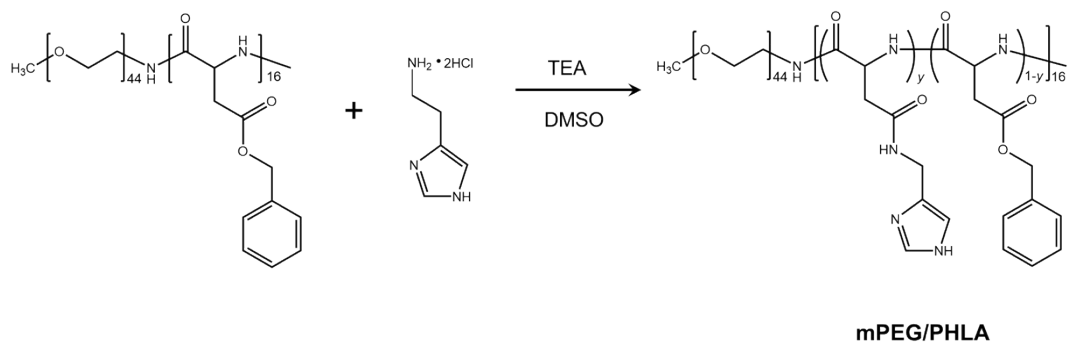
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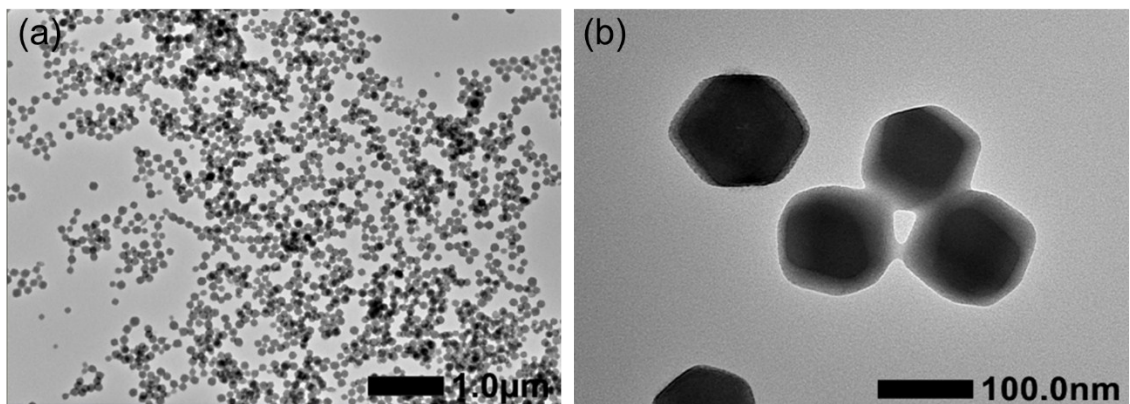
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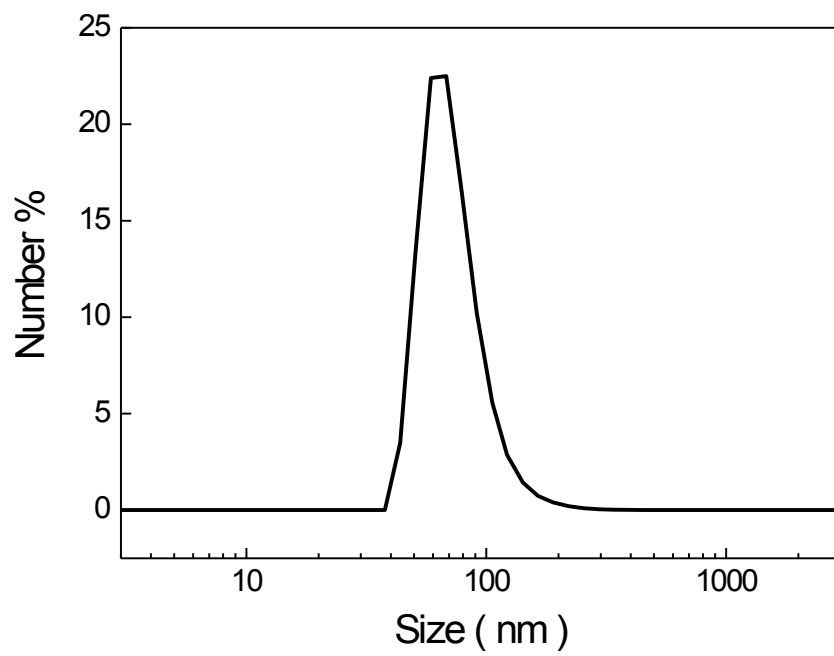
**Scheme S1.** Synthesis route for HA/IM.



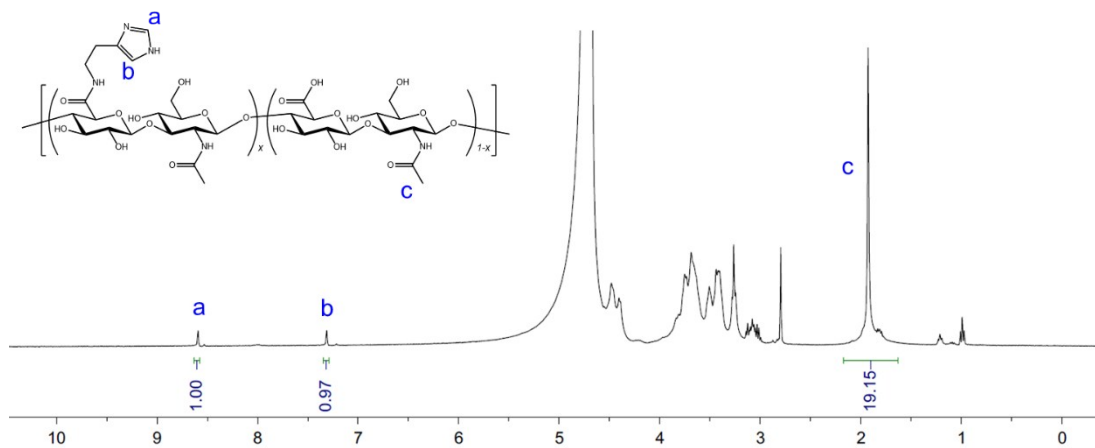
**Scheme S2.** Synthesis route for mPEG-PAsp/IM.



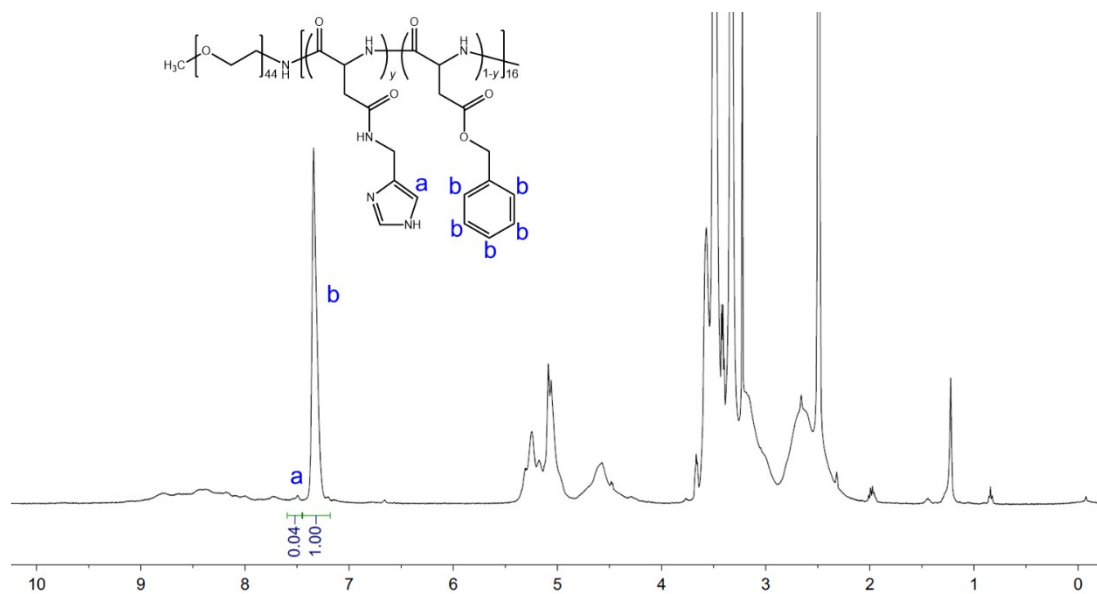
**Fig. S1** TEM images of CCM@ZIF-8 that prepared from methanol solution.



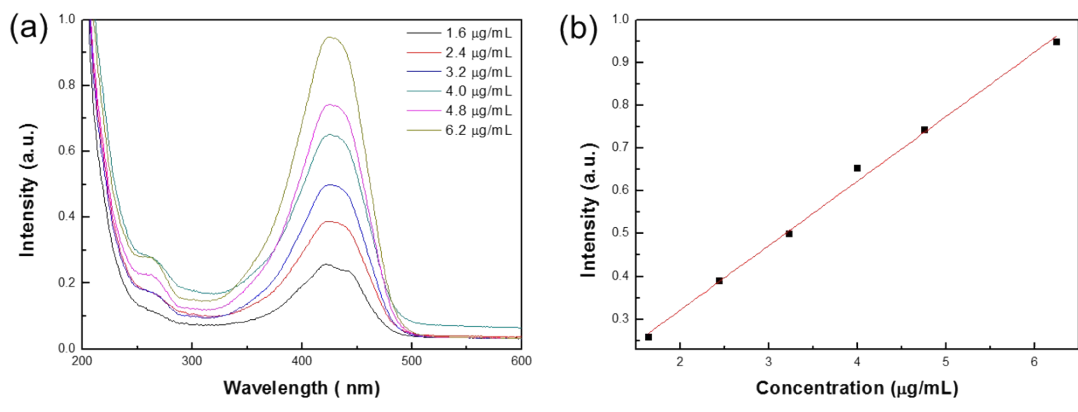
**Fig. S2** Hydrodynamic size distribution of CCM@ZIF-8.



**Fig. S3** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of HA/IM in D<sub>2</sub>O. The grafting ratio of IM is determined to be around 16 %.

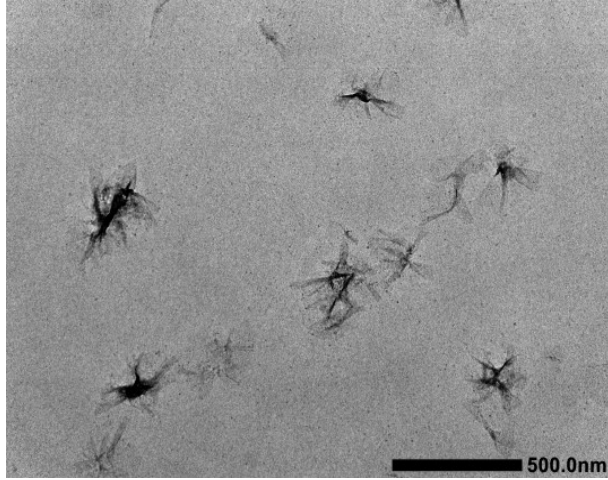


**Fig. S4** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of mPEG-PAsp/IM in D<sub>2</sub>O. The grafting ratio of IM is estimated to be around 17 %.

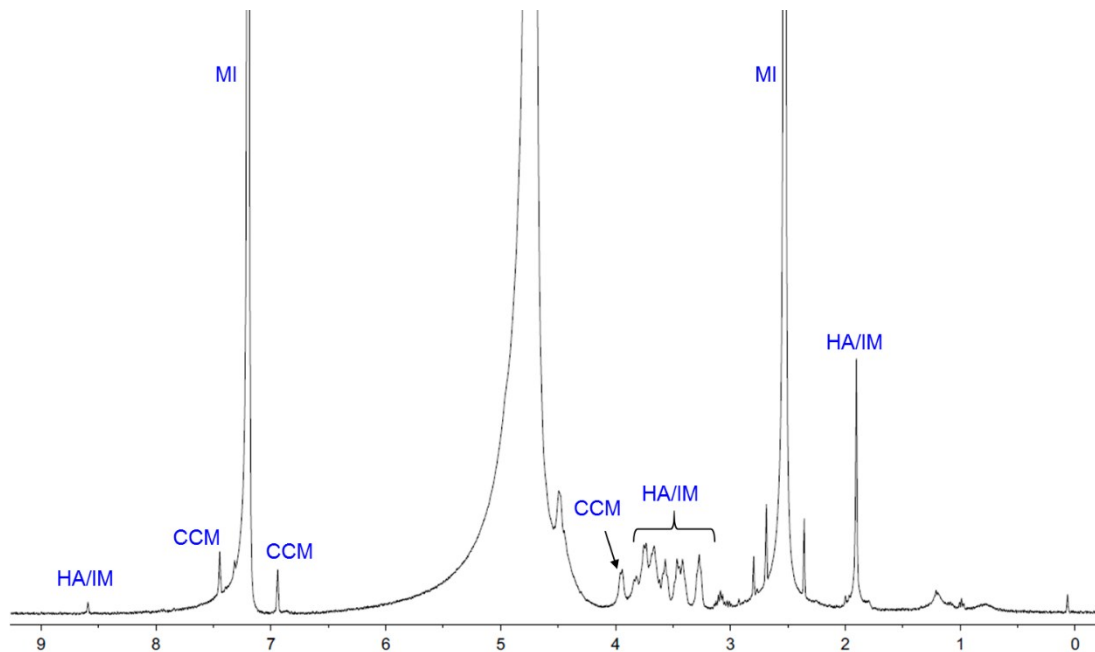


**Fig. S5** UV-vis absorption spectra of CCM at various concentrations (a) and the obtained standard curve for evaluating the amounts of CCM (b).





**Fig. S6** TEM image of HA prepared from PBS solution.



**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of CCM@ZIF-8/HA digested in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  with small amount of HCl.