Exchange-Biased Hybrid γ-Fe₂O₃/NiO Core-Shell Nanostructures:

Three-Step Synthesis, Microstructure, and Magnetic Properties

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Figure S1. XPS spectra of Fe 2p region for (a) Fe₃O₄, (b) Fe₃O₄/Ni(OH)₂, (c) γ -Fe₂O₃/NiO-300°C, (d) γ -Fe₂O₃/NiO-350°C and (e) γ -Fe₂O₃/NiO-400°C samples.

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