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# Enhanced hyperthermic properties of biocompatible zinc ferrite nanoparticles with charged polysaccharide coating

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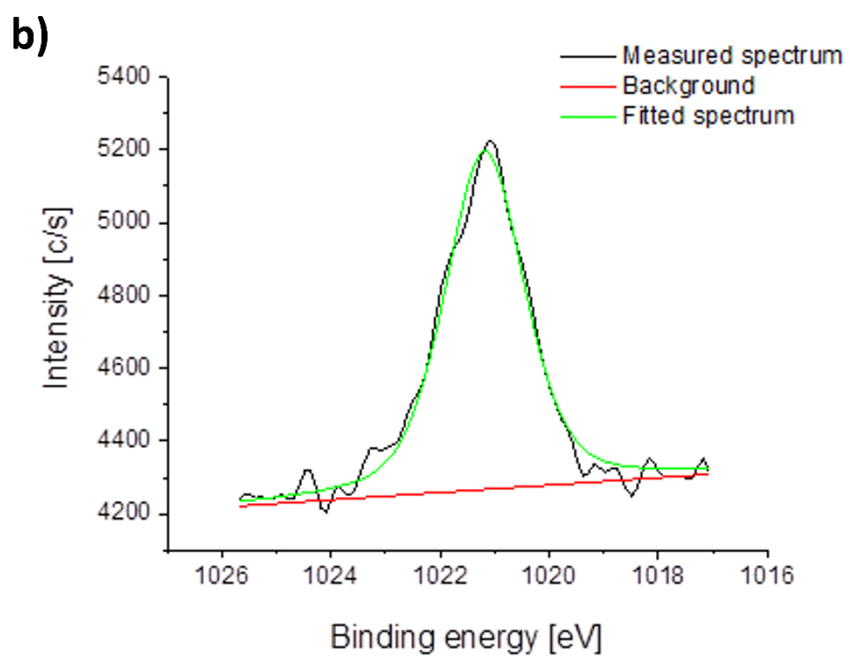
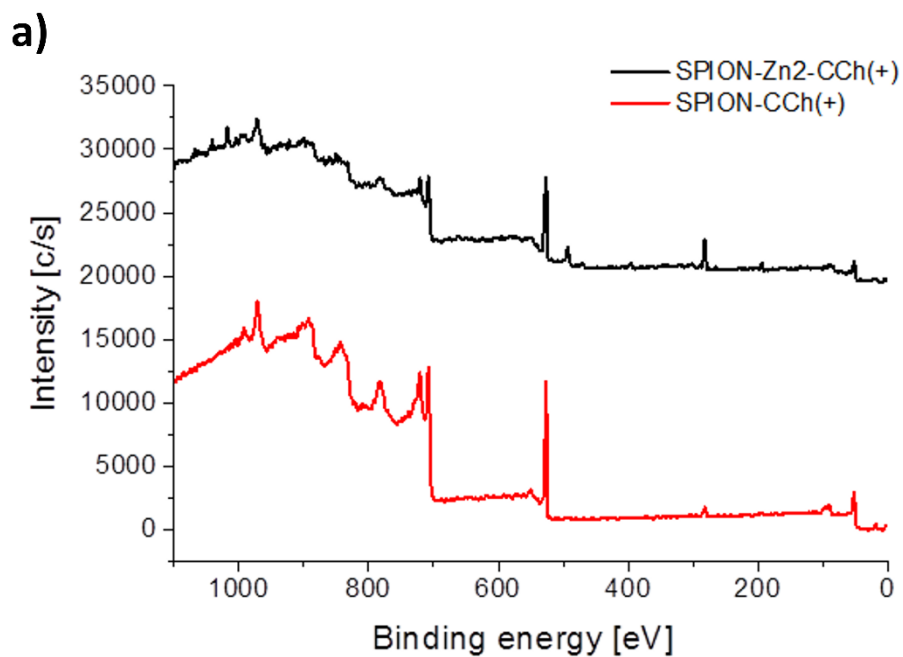
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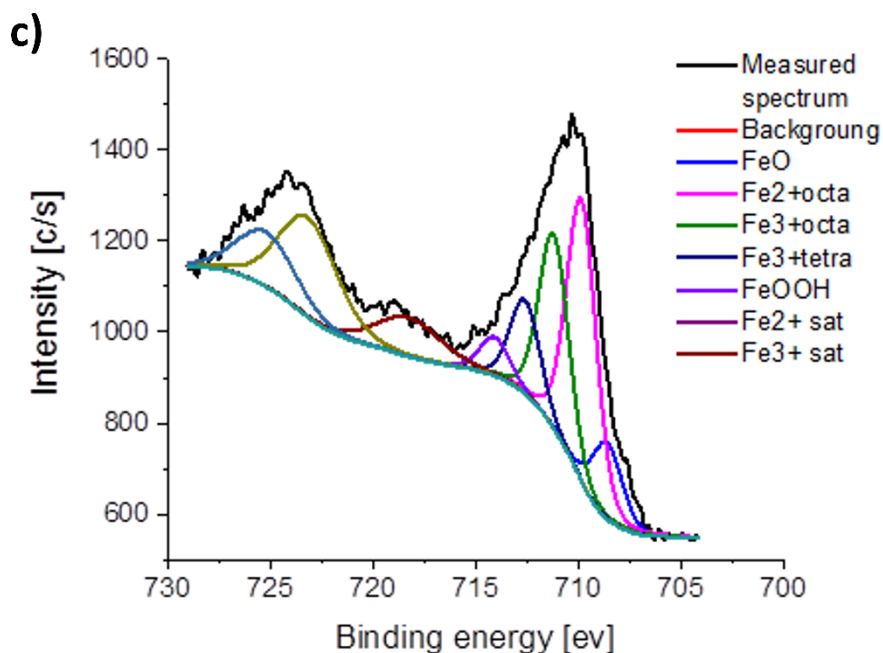
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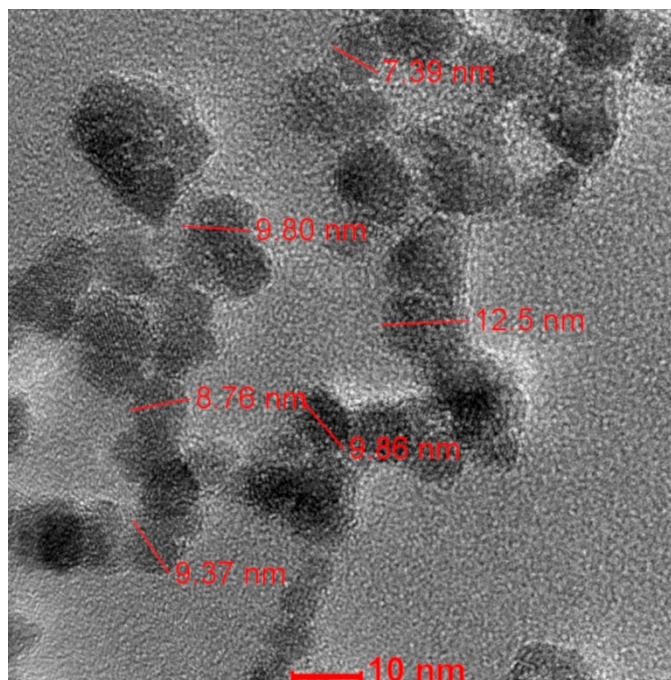




**Figure S1.** The XPS spectra of: (a) SPION-CCh(+) and SPION-Zn2-CCh(+), (b) Zn 2p<sub>3/2</sub> band of SPION-Zn2-CCh(+); (c) deconvoluted Fe 2p band of SPION-Zn2-CCh(+).

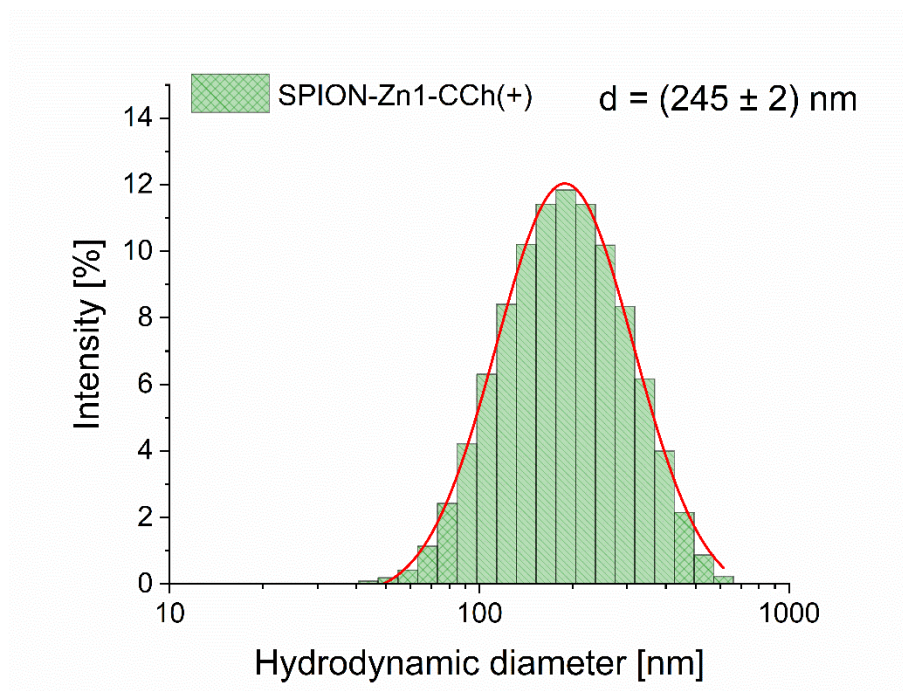
**Table S1.** Elemental composition of the nanoparticles based on XPS measurements.

Samples	C1s	N1s	O1s	Fe2p3	Zn2p3	Zn/Fe
<b>SPION-Zn</b>	12.4	0.3	64.4	20.1	2.8	<b>0.14</b>
<b>SPION</b>	13.5	0.2	65.8	20.5	0.0	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SPION-CCh(+)</b>	42.5	4.4	40.6	12.5	0.0	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SPION-Zn1-CCh(+)</b>	31.5	2.1	51.3	13.8	1.3	<b>0.10</b>
<b>SPION-Zn2-CCh(+)</b>	36.5	3.5	48.4	9.6	2.0	<b>0.21</b>
<b>SPION-Zn3-CCh(+)</b>	53.7	4.5	35.1	5.5	1.3	<b>0.23</b>

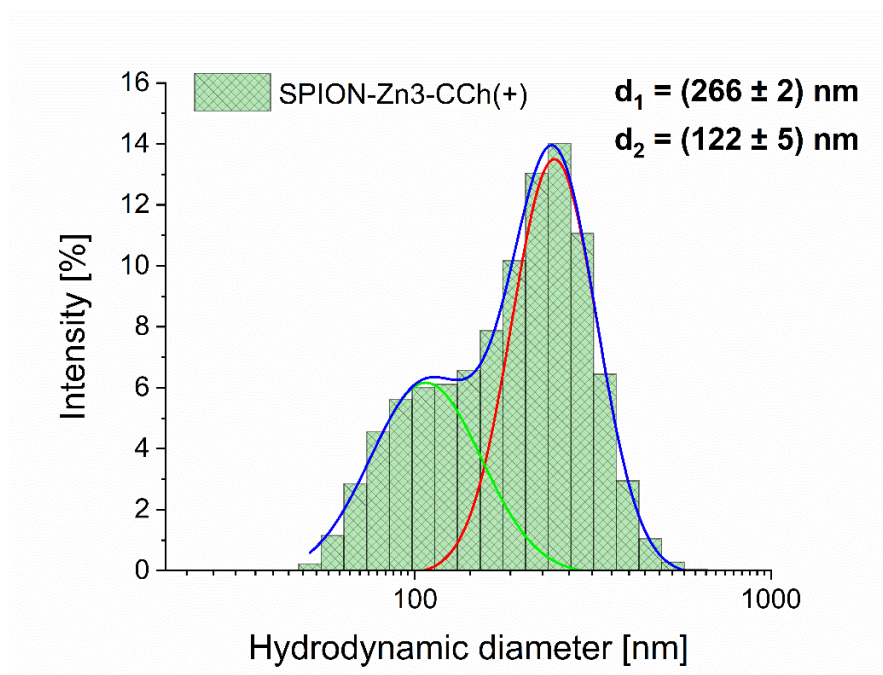


**Figure S2.** The exemplary HR TEM image for SPION-CCh(+).

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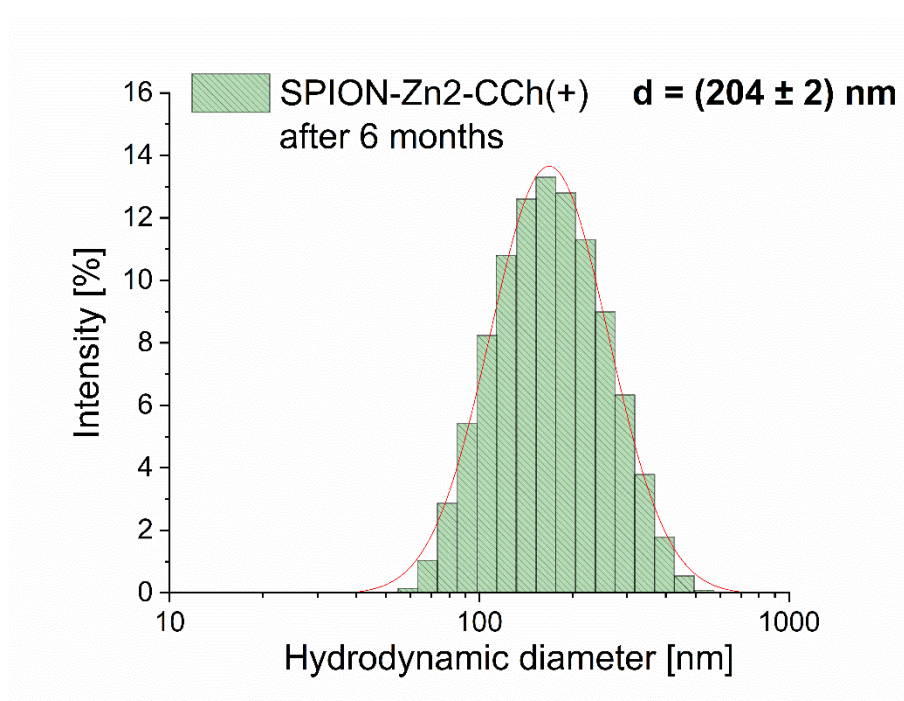


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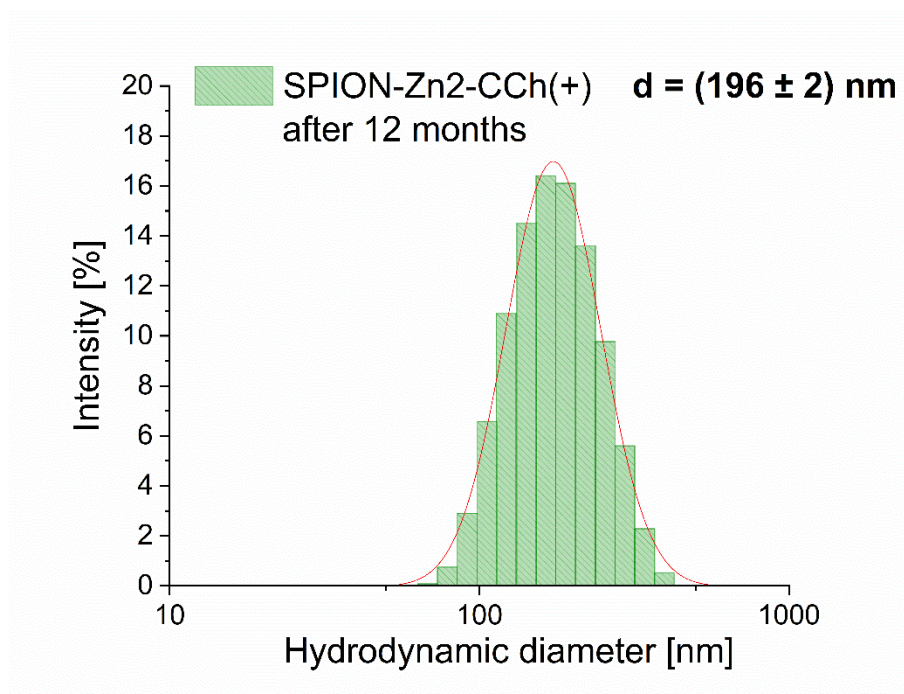


**Figure S3.** Size distributions by intensity of SPION-Zn1-CCh(+) (a) and SPION-Zn3-CCh(+) (b) as measured via DLS.

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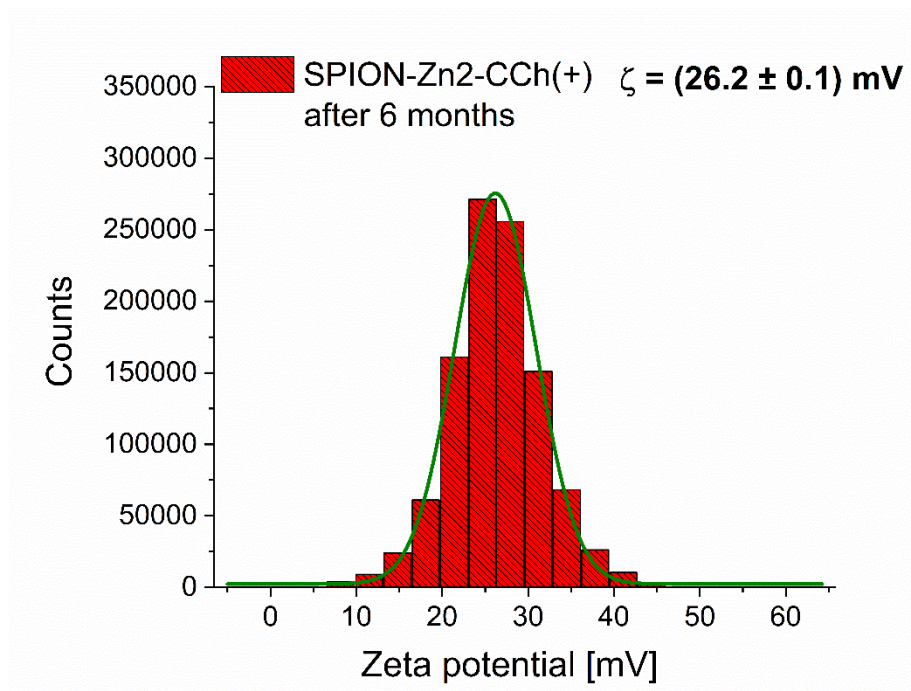


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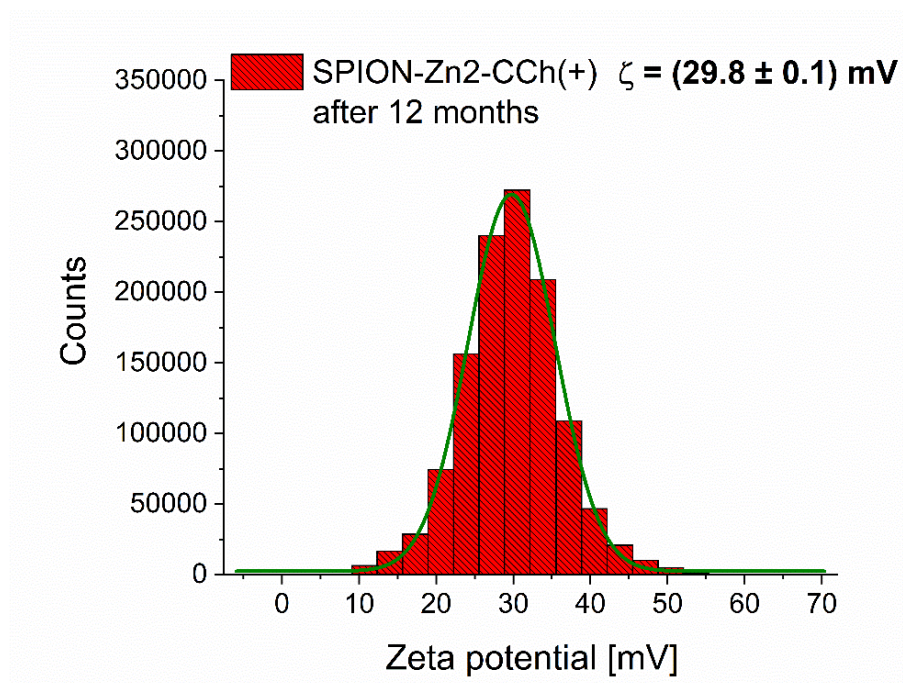


**Figure S4.** Size distributions by intensity of SPION-Zn<sub>2</sub>-CCh(+) after 6 months (a) and after 12 months (b) as measured via DLS.

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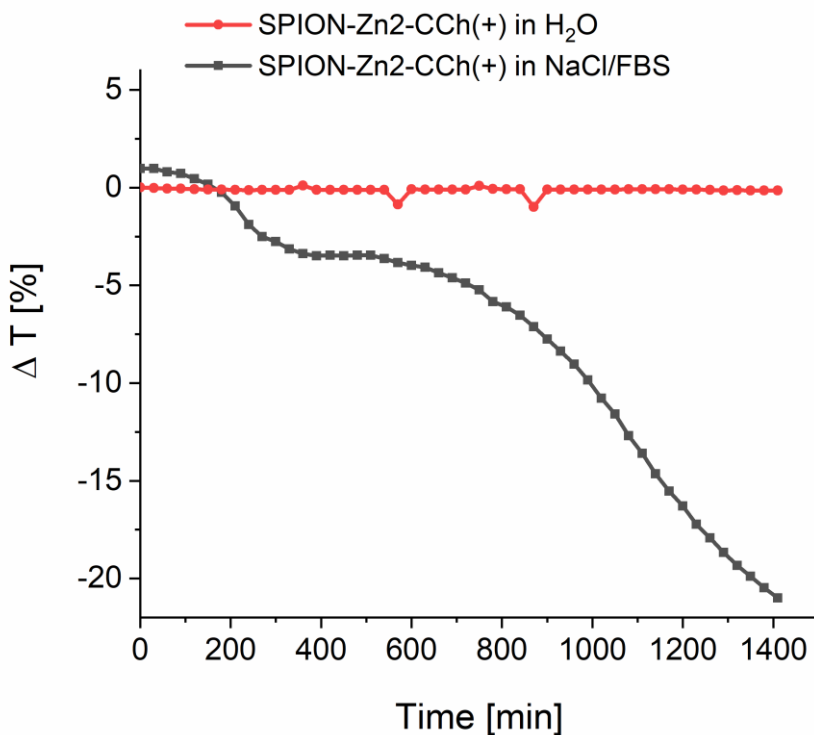
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**Figure S5.** Zeta potential values of SPION-Zn<sub>2</sub>-CCh(+) after 6 months (a) and after 12 months (b).

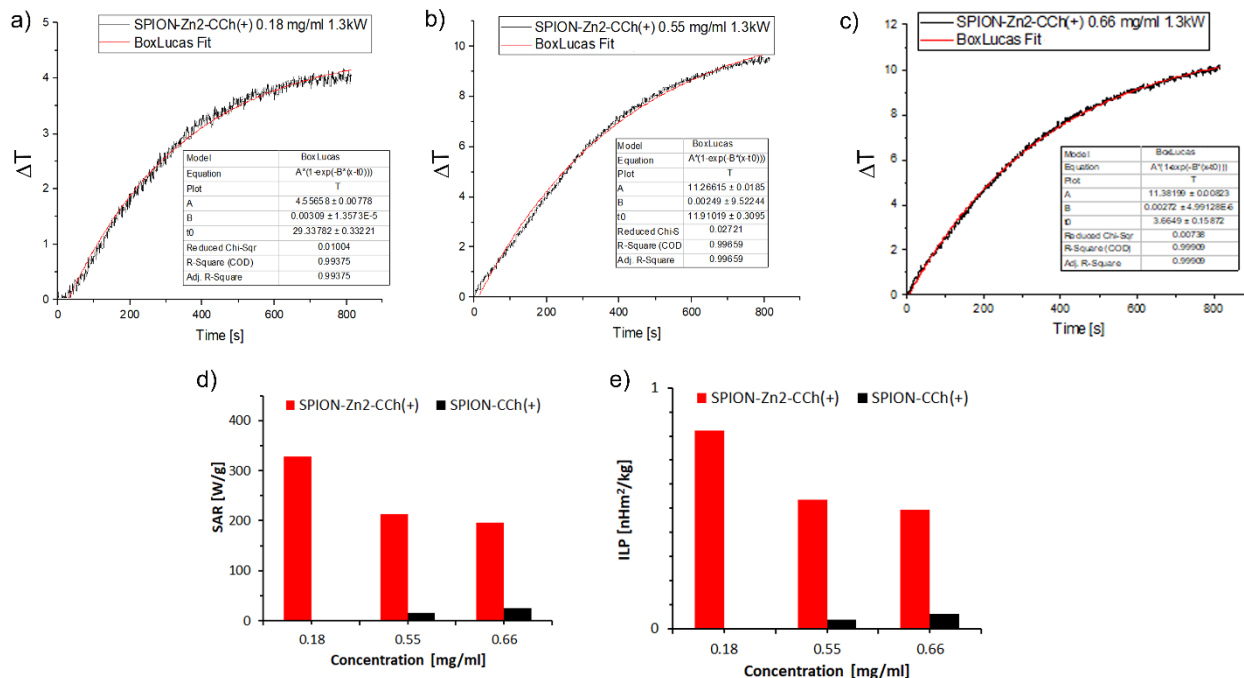
**Table S2.** Mössbauer parameters for SPION-Zn2-CCh(+) nanoparticles: component contribution (Contrib.), isomer shift (IS) relative to  $^{57}\text{Co}(\text{Rh})$ , magnetic hyperfine field (H), quadrupole splitting (QS).

	No	Contrib. [%]	IS [mm/s]	H [kGs]	QS [mm/s]
<b>T = 80K</b>	1	28.9	0.374	493.3	0.017
	2	26.5	0.362	466.2	-0.123
	3	29.0	0.256	482.1	-0.007
	4	15.6	0.504	427.6	-0.023
$\langle \text{IS} \rangle = 0.357$ [mm/s] $\langle \text{H} \rangle = 472.6$ [kGs]					

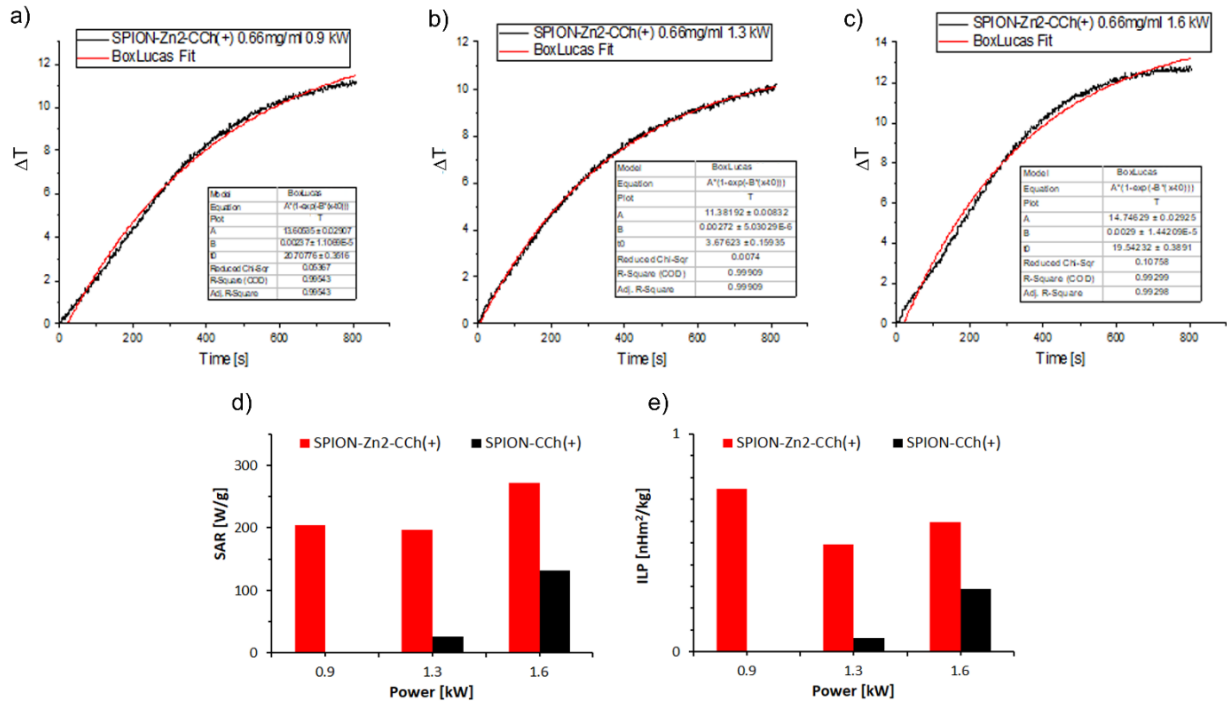


**Figure S6.** Variations of transmission of the dispersions of SPION-Zn2-CCh(+) in water (red) and serum solution (black) measured by Turbiscan analyzer.





**Figure S7.** Example temperature rise profiles as a function of time resulted from the hyperthermic experiments and the respective fitting using the Box-Lucas model for SPION-Zn2-CCh(+) dispersions at the fixed power (1.3 kW) for three concentrations of iron (0.18, 0.55 and 0.66 mg/mL) (a-c); the red lines represent fitting of the data with the Box–Lucas curve (eq. 2); (d-e) SAR and ILP values calculated based on the Box-Lucas method.



**Figure S8.** Example temperature rise profiles as a function of time resulted from the hyperthermic experiments and the respective fitting using the Box-Lucas model for SPION-Zn<sub>2</sub>-CCh(+) dispersions at various generator powers (0.9, 1.3, 1.6 kW) for the concentration of iron equal to 0.66 mg/mL (a-c); the red lines represent fitting of the data with the Box-Lucas curve (eq. 2); (d-e) SAR and ILP values calculated based on the Box-Lucas method.