Supporting Information

## Trifunctional modification of individual bacterial cells for magnetassisted bioanode with high performance in microbial fuel cells

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**Fig. S1** Growth curves of native *S. oneidensis* MR-1 (curve I), *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Au (curve II) and *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Au@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (curve III). Error bars represent standard error (s.e.) determined by three independent experiments.



Fig. S2 SEM images of *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Au with different Au content. (a) 0.5 mM  $L^{-1}$ , (b) 1 mM  $L^{-1}$ , (c) 1.5 mM  $L^{-1}$ , (d) 2 mM  $L^{-1}$ .



**Fig. S3** CLSM images of *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Au with different Au content. (a) 0.5 mM  $L^{-1}$ , (b) 1 mM  $L^{-1}$ , (c) 1.5 mM  $L^{-1}$ , (d) 2 mM  $L^{-1}$ . The inset in image d is the corresponding high-magnification CLSM image.



**Fig. S4** The hysteresis loops (a), saturation magnetization (b) and biomass (c) of *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Au@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> at different Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> concentration (curve I, 0.5 g L<sup>-1</sup>; curve II, 1 g L<sup>-1</sup>; curve III, 1.5 g L<sup>-1</sup>; curve IV, 2 g L<sup>-1</sup>).



Fig. S5 Time profile of electricity generation of magnetic substrate electrode with Au and  $Fe_3O_4$ .



Fig. S6 SEM image (a) and CLSM image (b) of S. oneidensis MR-1@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> after modification.



**Fig. S7** Cyclic voltammograms of *S. oneidensis* MR-1 (a), *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Au (c), *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (e) and *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Au@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (g) biofilms at different scan rates (arrows showed scan rates at 5,10, 25, 50, 75 and 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). Dependence of reduction current density ( $j_p$ ) versus scan rate (v) on *S. oneidensis* MR-1 (b), *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Au (d), *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (f) and *S. oneidensis* MR-1@Au@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (h) biofilms, separately; Inset: linear dependence of  $j_p$  versus  $v^{1/2}$ .

Electrode substrates	Anode materials	Microbe type	Power	
			density	Ref.
			(mW m <sup>-2</sup> )	
Graphite felt	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Mixed bacteria	18.28	1
Carbon felt	MWCNT-Au-Pt/	Gluconobacter oxydans	32.1	2
	osmium redox polymer			
Carbon cloth	BioAu/MWCNT	Mixed bacteria	178.34	3
			$\pm 4.79$	-
Carbon paper	Au	Mixed bacteria	461.6	4
Stainless	Activated carbon/	Mixed bacteria	$809 \pm 5$	5
steel mesh	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>			
Carbon paper	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNT	Escherichia coli	830	6
Carbon paper	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNT	Escherichia coli	865	7
Carbon paper	Graphene/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Shewanella	891	8
		oneidensis		
Carbon paper	Au	Mixed bacteria	990	9
Stainless steel plates	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Geobacter	1500	10
		sulfurreducens		
Carbon felt	/	Polydopamine-coated	452.8	П
		Shewanella		
		xiamenensis		
Carbon cloth	/	Polypyrrole-coated	1479	12
		Shewanella		
		oneidensis		
Carbon felt	/	Carbon dots-coated	1697.9	13
		Shewanella		
		oneidensis		
Carbon cloth	/	Au and Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -coated	1792	
		Shewanella		I MIS
		oneidensis		work

**Table S1.** Comparison of the performance of previous MFCs using Au,  $Fe_3O_4$  and their corresponding hybrids as anodes, as well as functionalized bacterial cells as bioanode.

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