

Electronic Supplementary Information

Engineered multifunctional metal-phenolic nanocoatings for label-free capture and “self-release” of heterogeneous circulating tumor cells

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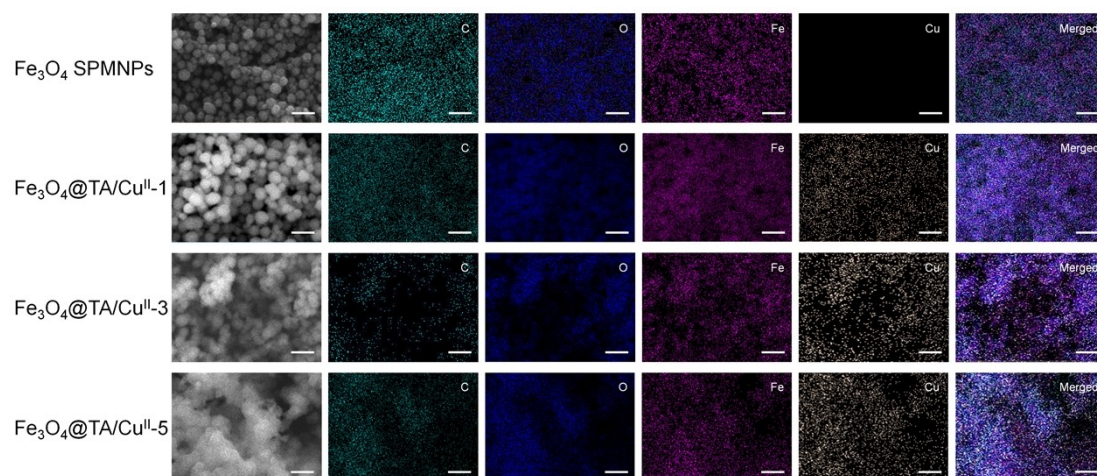


Figure S1. EDS elemental mapping of different nanoparticles. The scale bar is 1 μm .

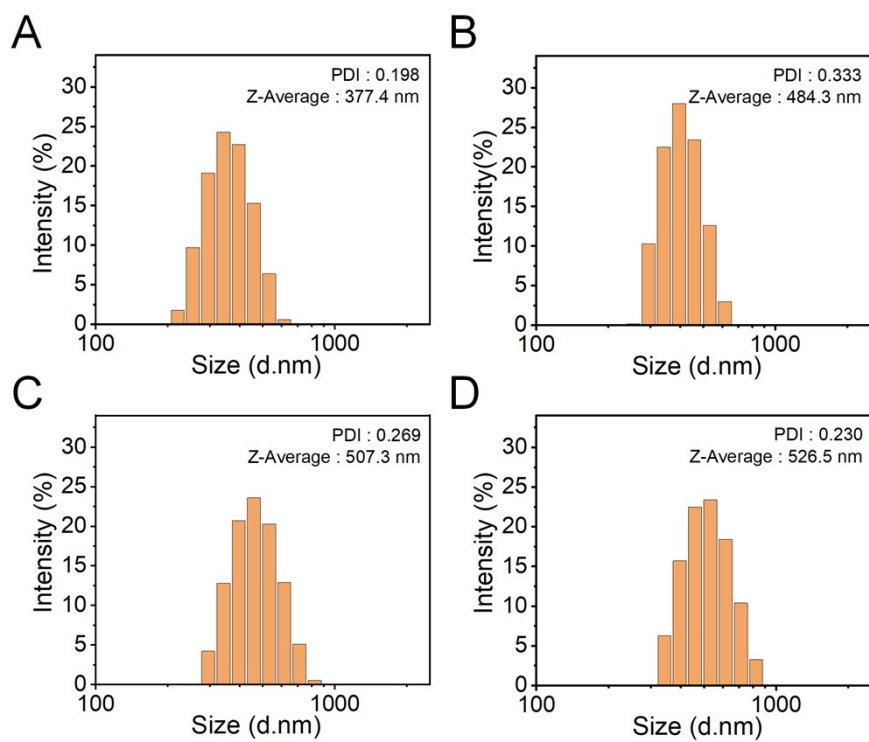


Figure S2. Hydrodynamic size of (A) Fe_3O_4 , (B) $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{TA}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-1}$, (C) $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{TA}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-3}$ and (D) $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{TA}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-5}$ SPMNPs.

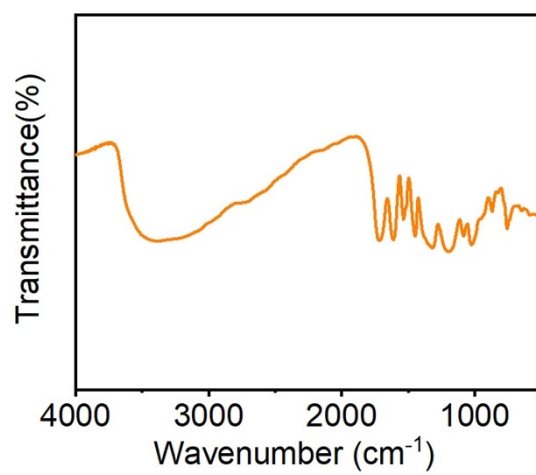


Figure S3. FTIR spectrum of TA.

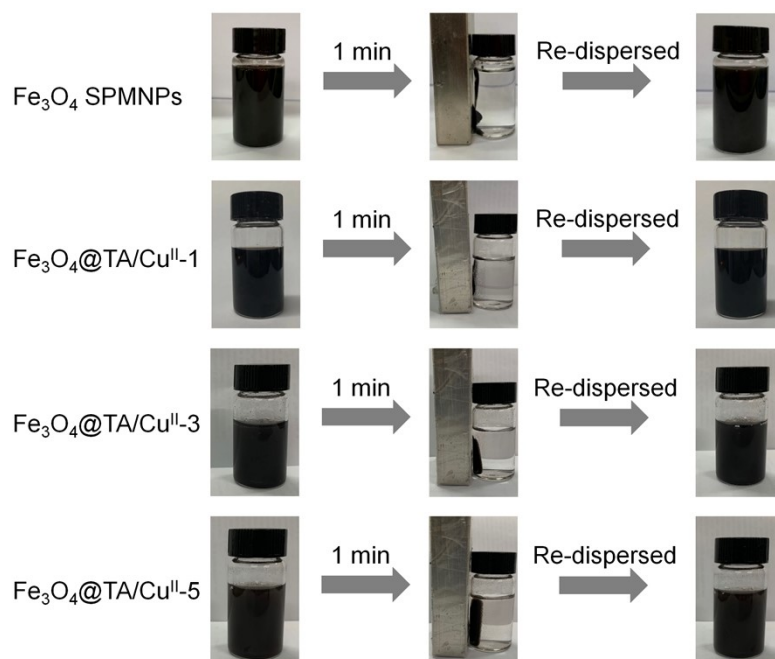


Figure S4. Typical photographs showing the magnetic response and dispersion performance of different nanoparticles.

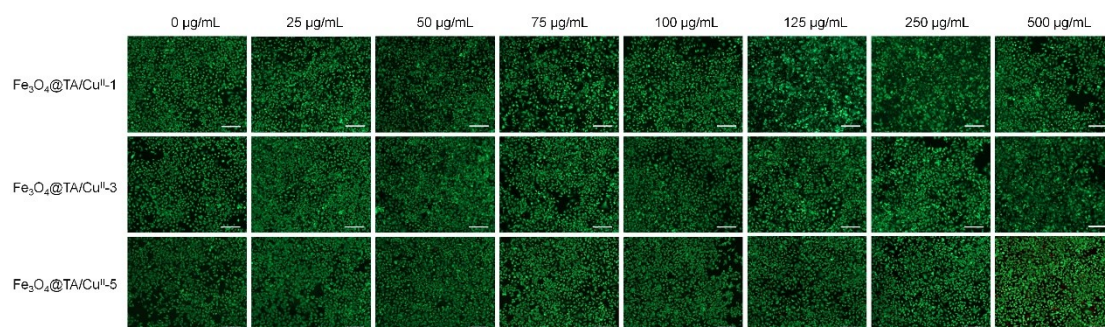


Figure S5. Fluorescence images showing the viability of MCF-7 cells following treatment with different concentrations of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{TA}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$ SPMNPs for 24 h. Green calcein AM fluorescence and red PI fluorescence indicating live and dead cells, respectively. The scale bar is 200 μm .

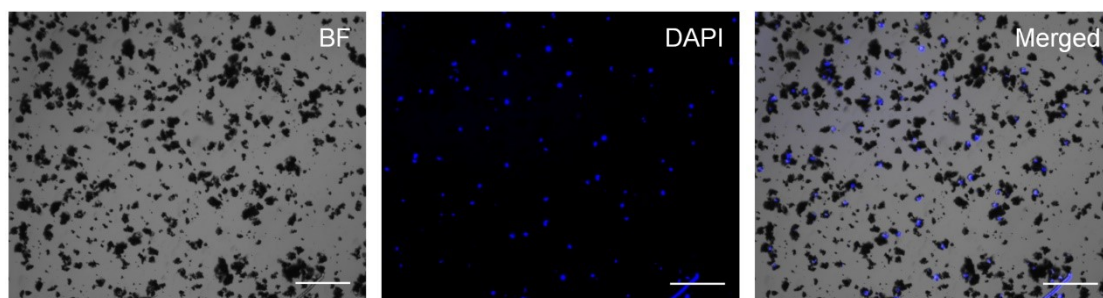


Figure S6. Bright field (BF), fluorescent and merged image of MCF-7 cells captured by $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{TA}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-3}$ SPMNPs. The scale bar is 200 μm .

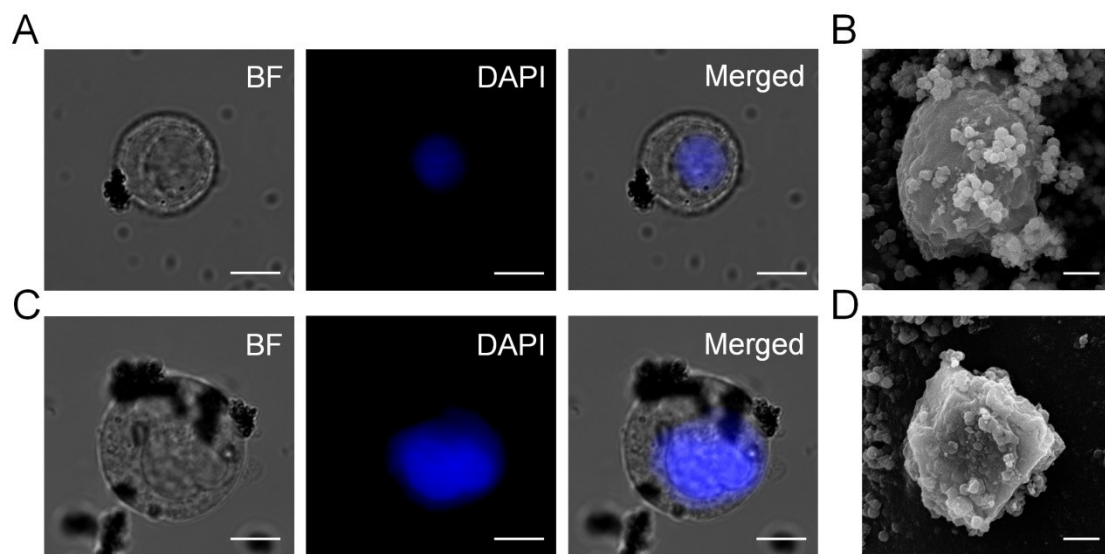


Figure S7. Bright field, fluorescent and merged images of single MCF-7 cell captured by (A) Fe₃O₄@TA/Cu^{II}-1 and (C) Fe₃O₄@TA/Cu^{II}-5 SPMNPs stained with DAPI. The scale bar is 10 μm. SEM image showing single MCF-7 cell captured by (B) Fe₃O₄@TA/Cu^{II}-1 and (D) Fe₃O₄@TA/Cu^{II}-5 SPMNPs. The scale bar is 2 μm.

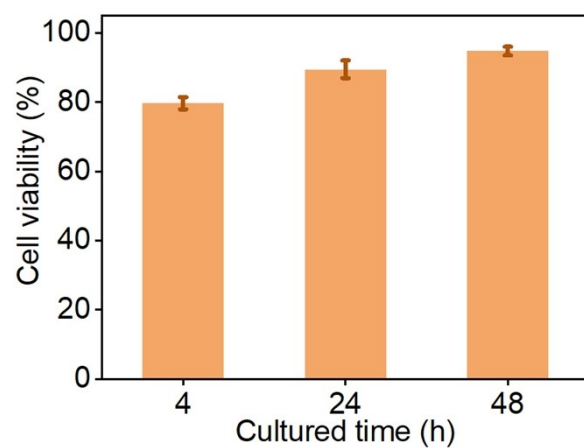


Figure S8. Cell viability of released cells after different culture time. All bars represent means \pm SD (n=3).

2. Supplementary Tables:

Table S1. Basic information of cancer patients.

Sample No.	Cancer Type	Gender	Age	Volume processed/mL	CTCs
1	breast	female	49	1	1
2	breast	female	53	1	13
3	peritoneal	female	48	1	6
4	peritoneal	male	5	1	2
5	colorectal	female	57	1	1
6	gastric	male	64	1	3
7	lung	male	70	1	2
8	lung	male	33	1	1
9	lung	male	57	1	5
10	lung	female	56	1	6
11	lung	male	54	1	4
12	lung	male	62	1	3
13	lung	male	67	1	1
14	renal	male	57	1	9

Table S2. Basic information of healthy donors.

Sample No.	Gender	Age	Volume processed/mL	CTCs
1	female	25	1	0
2	male	33	1	0
3	female	26	1	0