

Supplementary Material

## **Nano-encapsulation of Halofuginone Hydrobromide Enhances the Anticoccidial Activity Against *Eimeria tenella* in Chickens**

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## Supplementary Data

**Table S1 Weight gain of chickens in each experimental group**

Group	Mean initial weight (g)	Mean final weight (g)	Weight gain rate (%)	Relative weight gain rate (%)
1	82.46±9.78	122.99±17.27	49.16	100.00
2	77.65±11.81	103.24±18.78	33.04	67.22
3	81.02±9.87	123.35±15.20	52.24	106.27
4	82.85±9.32	122.56±17.72	47.93	97.51
5	82.7±9.47	127.16±15.25	53.77	109.38
6	79.82±12.65	120.61±35.13	53.05	107.92

**Note:** 1. Negative control group; 2. Infected and non-administered group; 3. Infected and treated with 3 mg/kg HF premix group; 4. Infected and treated with 3 mg/L HTPM group; 5. Infected and treated with 1.5 mg/L HTPM group; 6. Infected and treated with 0.75 mg/L HTPM group.

**Table S2 Conversion standard for value of cecal contents after *E.tenella* infection**

Number of oocysts per gram of cecal contents ( $\times 10^6$ )	Oocyst value
0.0~0.1	0
0.11~1.0	5
1.10~1.9	10
2.0~5.9	20
6.0~10.9	30
$\geq 11.0$	40

**Table S3 Characterization of as-prepared HTPM**

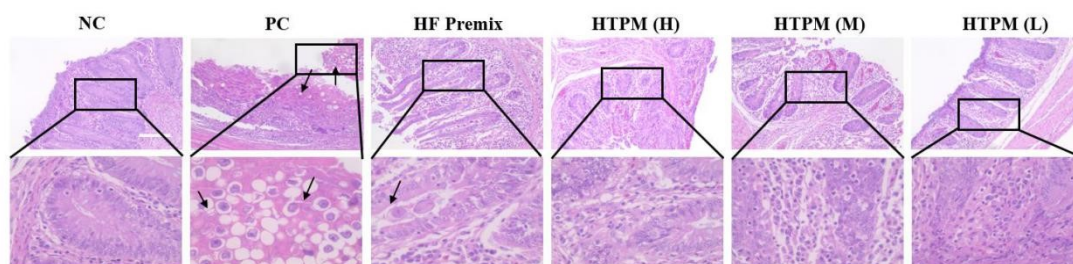
Indicators	HD (nm)	PDI	ZP (mV)	EE (%)	DL (%)	Solubility (mg/mL)
HTPM	12.65±0.089	0.274±0.008	8.03±0.242 mV	71.1 ± 0.85	14.04 ± 0.46	34.4 ± 1.68

**Table S4 The  $K_E$  values of HTPM at 4 °C and 25 °C**

Centrifugal time (min)	4 °C	25 °C
0	-	-
5	0.049±0.021	0.056±0.018
10	0.034±0.028	0.050±0.011
20	0.041±0.009	0.046±0.010
30	0.074±0.014	0.083±0.044

**Table S5 Grade estimation of coccidiostats according to ACI values**

ACI	>180	160-180	120-160	<120
Grade of coccidiostats	Highly effective	Moderately effective	Inefficient	Invalid



**Fig. S1** Histopathological observation of cecum in NC, PC, HF premix (3 mg/kg), HTPM (H) (3 mg/L), HTPM (M) (1.5 mg/L) and HTPM (L) (0.75 mg/L) groups, respectively. Scale bar = 50 μm.