## **Supporting information**

## Degradable silk-based soft actuator with magnetic responsiveness

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Fig. S1 Viscosity-shear rate profiles of silk solutions with or without magnetic Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NPs.



Fig. S2 The photographs of magnetic silk films with different Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NPs loading percent.



Fig. S3 The summary of Young's moduli (E) of different tissues and degradable silk-based soft robots fabricated in this study. Reproduced with permission.<sup>1</sup> Copyright 2020, Springer Nature.



Fig. S4 The photographs and SEM images of magnetic silk films after incubating in protease XIV,  $\alpha$ -chymotrypsin, and collagenase I for 3 days.



Fig. S5 The XRD patterns of non-magnetic silk film, magnetic silk film and magnetic silk films after incubating in protease XIV,  $\alpha$ -chymotrypsin, and collagenase I for 3 days.



| Table S1. Summary o | f the mechanical | properties | of the | silk films |
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|                                   | Magnetic silk film<br>(dry) | Non-magnetic silk film<br>(dry) | Magnetic silk film<br>(wet) | Non-magnetic silk film<br>(wet) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ultimate strength<br>(MPa)        | $14.3\pm1.9$                | $13.4\pm1.5$                    | $1.88\pm0.23$               | $1.65\pm0.20$                   |
| Strain at failure<br>(%)          | $154\pm24$                  | $165 \pm 26$                    | $224\pm14$                  | $454\pm84$                      |
| Young' modulus<br>(MPa)           | $195.7\pm53.1$              | $324.3\pm 69.5$                 | $4.89\pm0.69$               | $2.34\pm0.33$                   |
| Toughness<br>(MJ/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 20.1 ± 5.1                  | $20.3 \pm 3.5$                  | $3.23\pm0.33$               | $5.27 \pm 1.30$                 |

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