

Supplementary Information

Translating Magnetic Fluid Hyperthermia toward Lung Cancer Treatment

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Table S1 Summary of physicochemical characterizations and biological evaluations performed with mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium.

Parameter / Method	Result	Ref.
Shape (SEM/SEM)	Hexagonal and/or rhombohedral	[1]
Size (TEM)	27 nm	[1]
Magnetic saturation	70 emu·g ⁻¹ (remnant magnetization: 1.6 emu·g ⁻¹)	[1]
Zeta Potential	-17.054±2.717 mV	[1]
Polydispersity Index	0.083-0.119	[1]
FT-IR	Absorption bands observed in the range 400–1000 cm ⁻¹ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 580 cm (vibration of γ-Fe-O), - 450, 632 687, 798, 900, 940 cm⁻¹ (pure maghemite) - 1090, 1246, 1403, 1532, 2878, 3100-3500 (mPEG-silane) 	[1]
XRD	Peaks at (220), (311), (400), (422), (511), and (440) characteristic of γ -Fe ₂ O ₃)	[1]
Raman	Bands at 380, 600, 740; 900-1800 cm ⁻¹	[1]
TEM	mean particle size \approx 27 nm	[1]
HR-TEM	Well-formed faces	[1]
EDS (quantitative analysis)	Stoichiometric composition of nanoparticles confirmed	[1]
ICP-MS	58.5 \pm 0.05 wt%	[1]
Heating capabilities	A ferrofluid concentration of 3 mg·mL ⁻¹ reached >90 °C within 10 minutes under a field strength of \sim 18.3 kA·m ⁻¹ at 110.1 kHz	[1]
SAR	429 to 596 W·g ⁻¹	[1]
Cytotoxicity (Alamar Blue assay)	Approximately 15–20% cell viability	[1]
Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS)	Nanoparticle aggregation occurred only in nutrient-rich media and at higher nanoparticle concentrations	[2]
Nephelometry measurements	Precipitation/sedimentation processes were moderate; estimated reaction rate: 0.127 h ⁻¹	[2]
Neutral Red Assay (NRU)	Slight reduction in survival (\sim 15%) observed only at high concentrations of NPs; no overall reduction in cell viability	[2]

Flow cytometry	A slight increase in apoptotic cells and a decrease in necrotic cells were observed at the highest concentration of NPs	[2]
Uptake / binding	Higher concentrations of NPs correlated with increased uptake by A549 cells	[2]
TEM (cell studies)	A dosage of 250 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ of NPs did not affect cell viability during 24 h incubation	[2]
SC-ICP-MS analysis	Demonstrated a significant increase in cellular iron and magnesium content after incubation with NPs; Treated A549 cells exhibited ~20-fold increase in Mg content and >200-fold increase in Fe content	[2]
ROS	NPs did not generate reactive oxygen species	[2]
Comet assay	No induction of DNA strand breaks was detected in any of the tested cell lines following exposure	[2]
Electrical impedance measurements	NPs did not appear to affect the growth curve of A549 cells at the tested concentrations. In contrast, the NPs altered the growth curve of BEAS-2B cells in a concentration-dependent manner.	[2]
Scratch assay	NPs had no significant effect on the migration rate of A549 cells, regardless of dosage.	[2]
Activation Energy measurements	349 $\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ (A549 cells treated NPS and exposed to magnetization for 30 min at 14.4 $\text{kA}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	[3]
CEM43 (cumulative number of equivalent minutes at 43 °C)	9.6 min (BALB/c NUDE mice bearing A549 xenografts; treatment: 18.3 $\text{kA}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$, 0.2 mL NPs (3 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$), 30 min exposure)	[3]

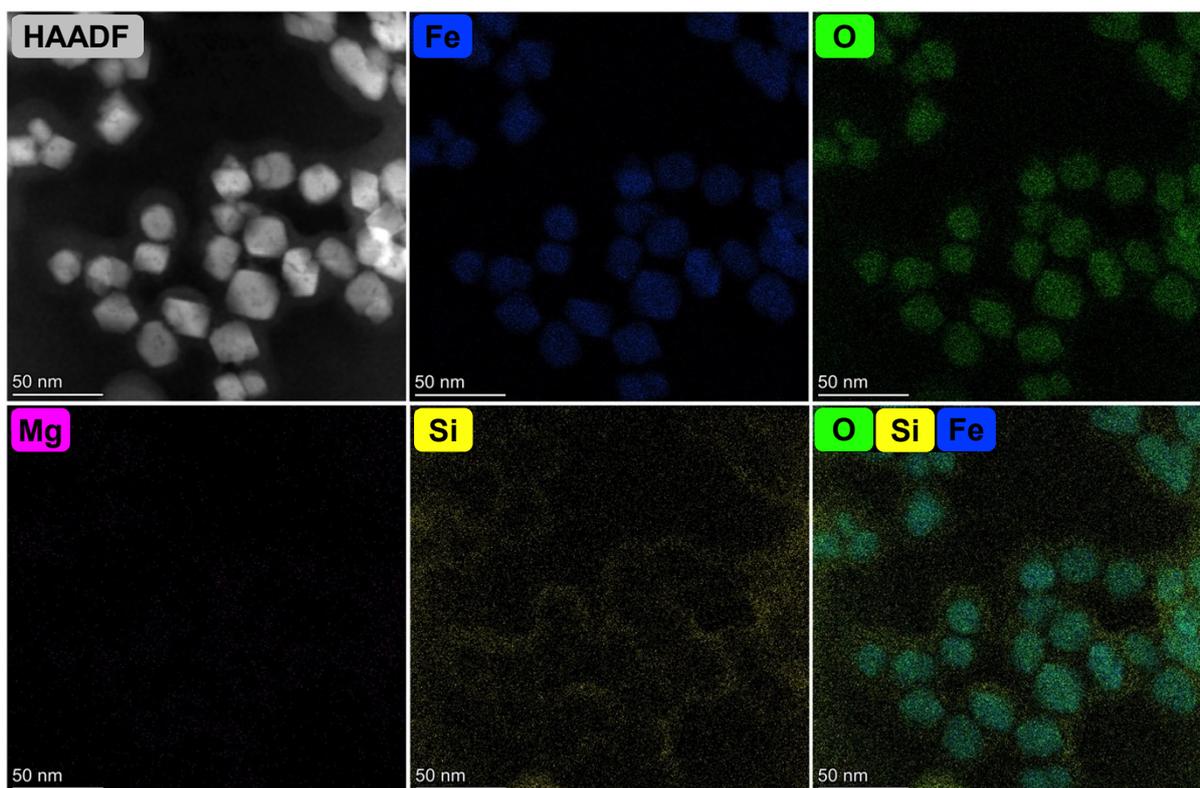


Fig. S1 Representative high-angle annular dark-field (HAADF)-STEM image and energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) map of iron (Fe), oxygen (O), magnesium (Mg) and silicon (Si) elements in mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium.

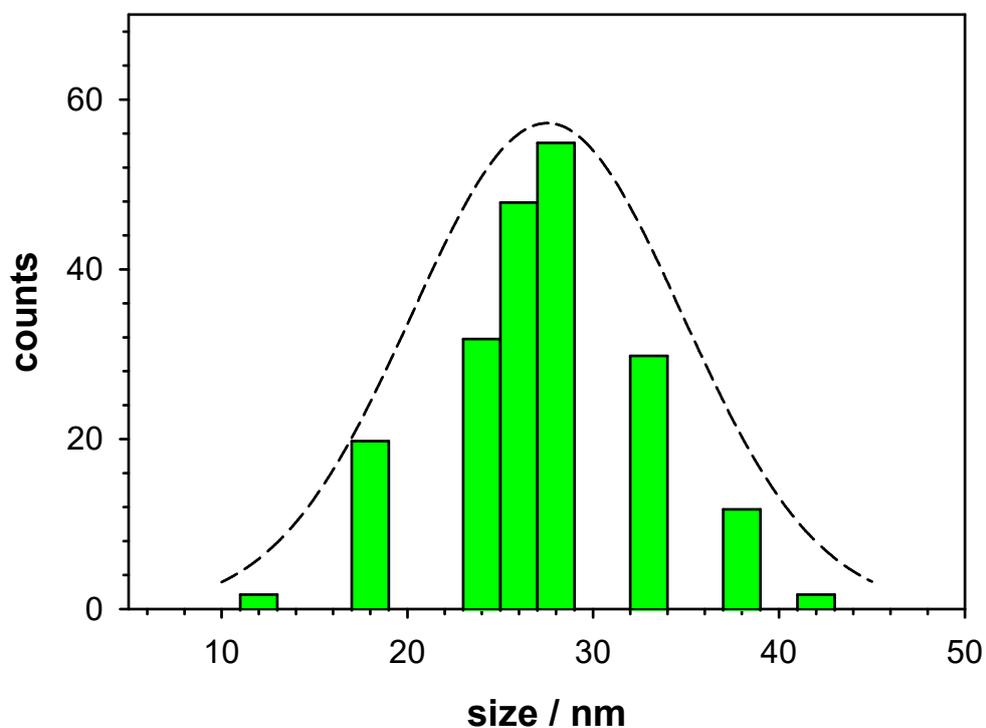


Fig. S2 Size of mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium.

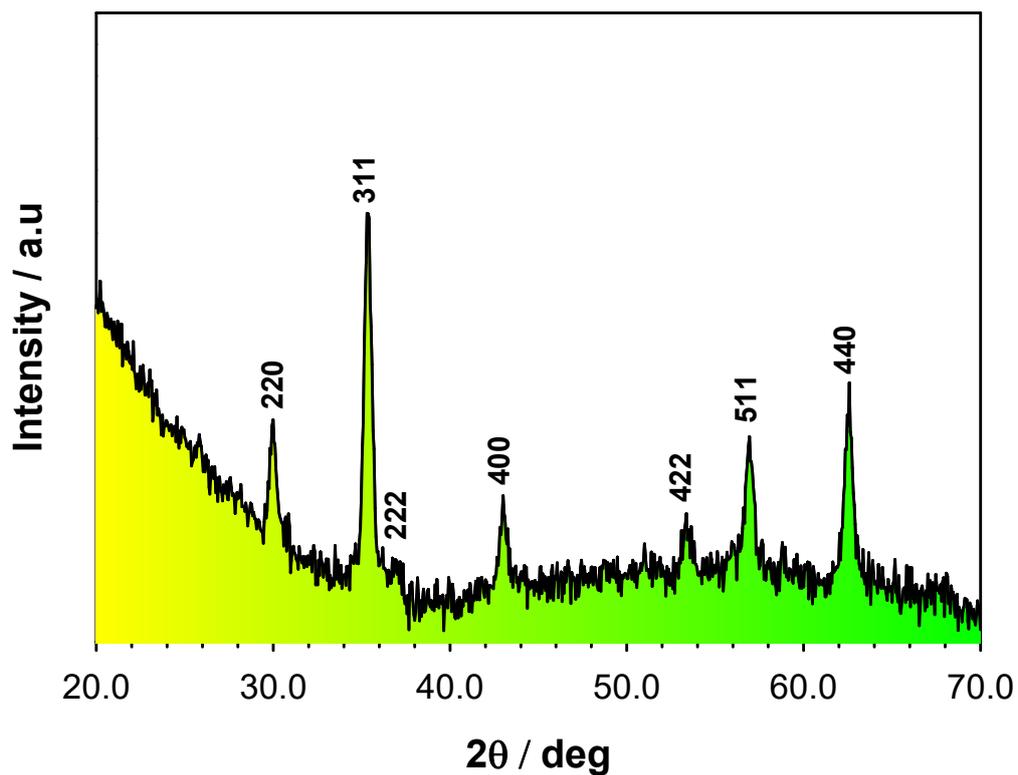


Fig. S3 Powder X-ray diffraction analysis pattern of mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium.

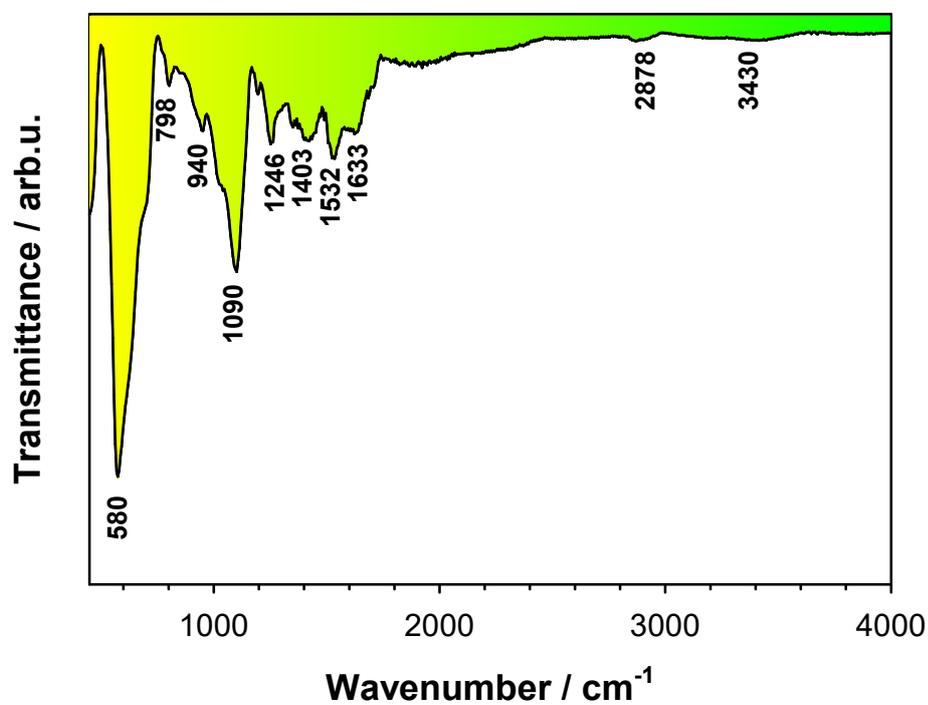


Fig. S4 Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy of mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium.

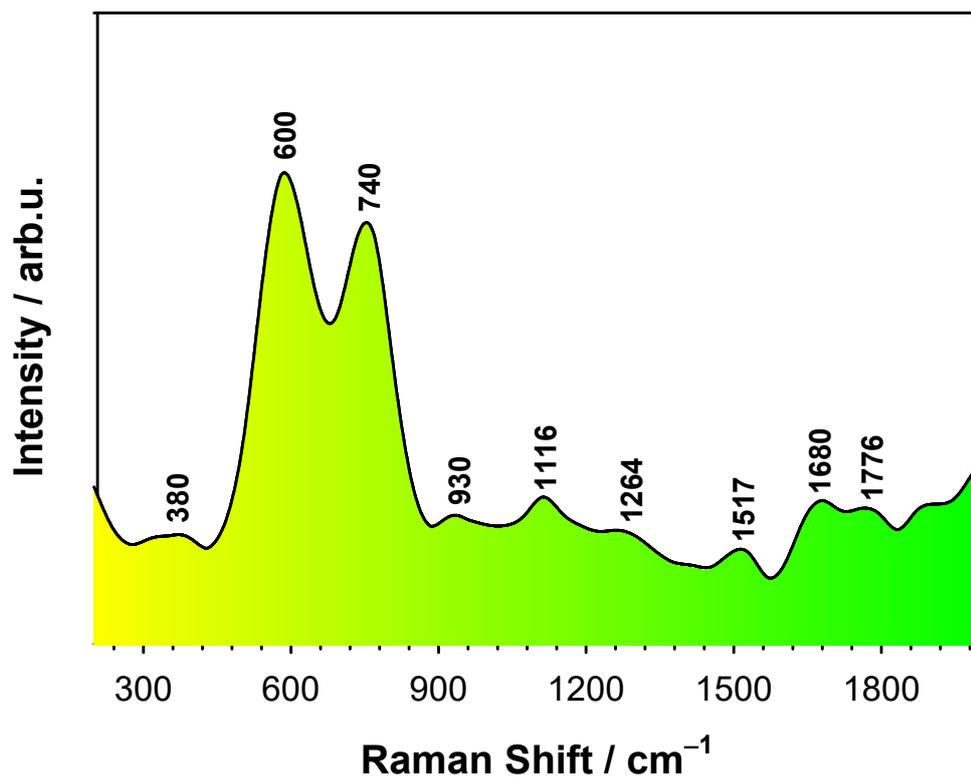


Fig. S5 Raman spectra of mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium.

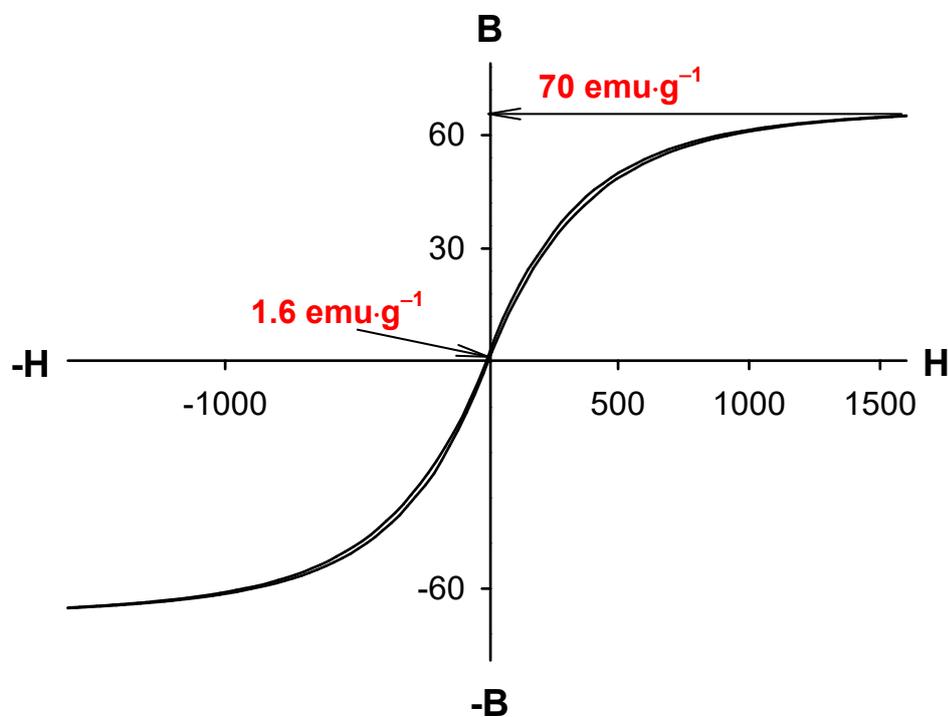


Fig. S6 Magnetic hysteresis of mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium.

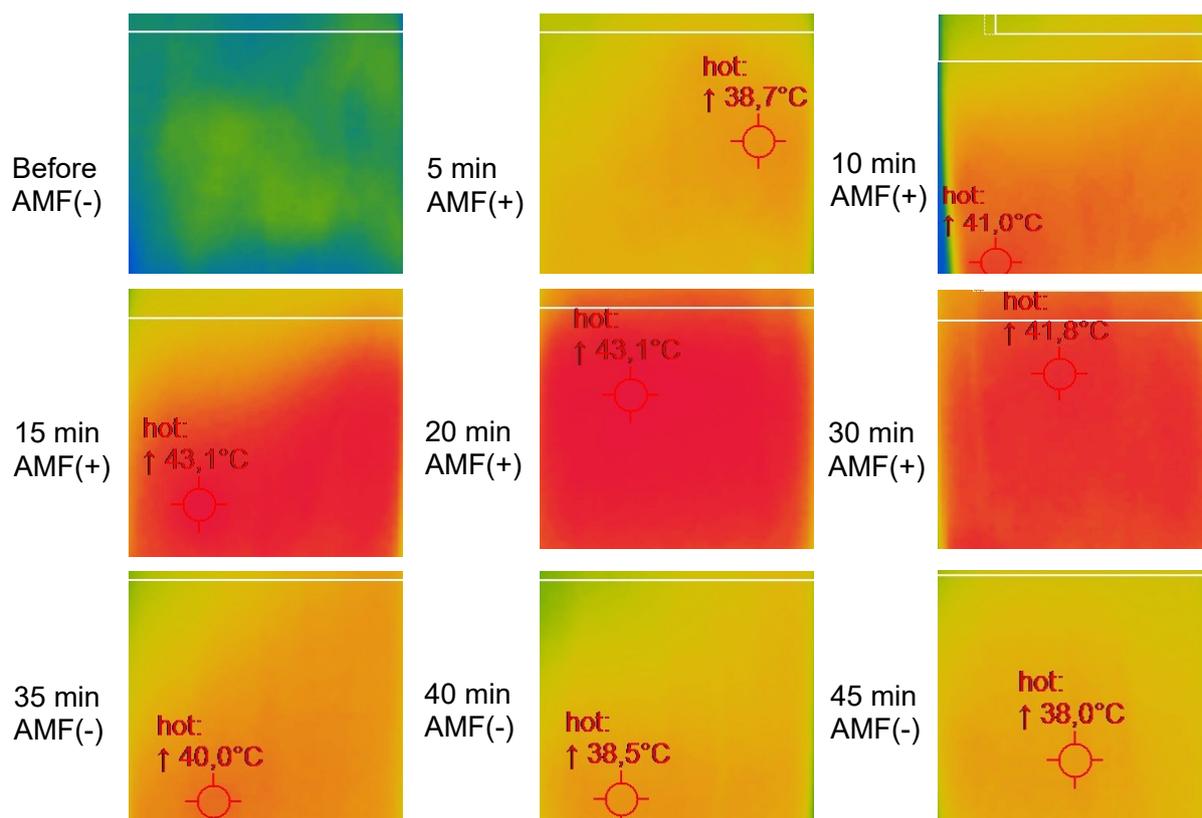


Fig. S7 Representative 2D infrared (IR) thermal images of the H22/987 tumor in a randomly selected NUDE BALB/c mouse treated with mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium - $\text{Mg}_{0.1-\gamma}\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3(\text{mPEG-silane})_{0.5}$ ($3 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{mL}^{-1}$) and subjected to an AMF for 30 minutes ($B = 23 \text{ mT}$, $H_0 = 18.3 \text{ kA} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$, $f = 110.10 \text{ kHz}$, capacitor 200 mF) following 15 minutes (30-45 min) without AMF (off). AMF (-) – no alternating magnetic field; AMF (+) – alternating magnetic field.

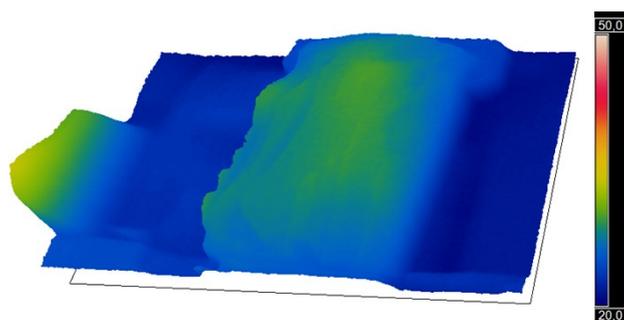


Fig. S8 Representative 3D infrared (IR) thermal image of the H22/987 tumor in a randomly selected NUDE BALB/c mouse treated with mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium - $\text{Mg}_{0.1-\gamma}\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3(\text{mPEG-silane})_{0.5}$ ($3 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{mL}^{-1}$) and subjected to an AMF for 30 minutes. $B = 23 \text{ mT}$, $H_0 = 18.3 \text{ kA} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$, $f = 110.10 \text{ kHz}$, capacitor 200 mF. The image was taken prior AMF. Thermal bar in colors (deg C) on the right.

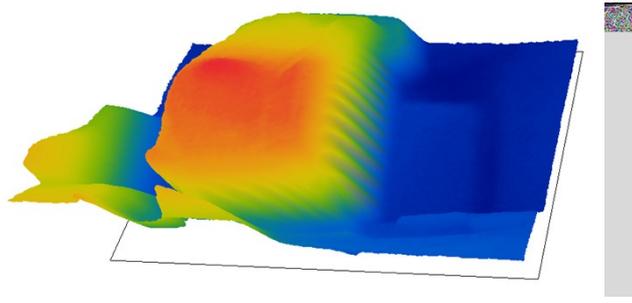


Fig. S9 Representative 3D infrared (IR) thermal image of the H22/987 tumor a randomly selected NUDE BALB/c mouse treated with mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium - $\text{Mg}_{0.1}\text{-}\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3(\text{mPEG-silane})_{0.5}$ nanoparticles ($3 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$) and subjected to an AMF for 30 minutes. $B = 23 \text{ mT}$, $H_0 = 18.3 \text{ kA}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$, $f = 110.10 \text{ kHz}$, capacitor 200 mF . The image was taken at 15 minutes AMF. Thermal bar in colors (deg C) on the right.

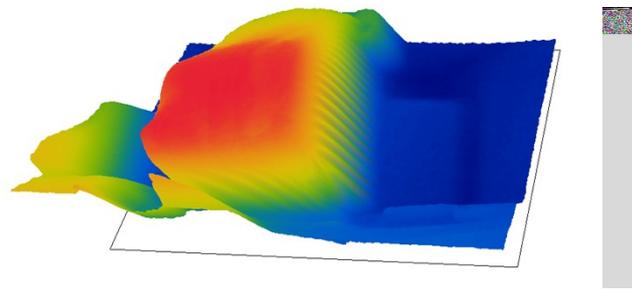


Fig. S10 Representative 3D infrared (IR) thermal image of the H22/987 tumor a randomly selected NUDE BALB/c mouse treated with mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium - $\text{Mg}_{0.1}\text{-}\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3(\text{mPEG-silane})_{0.5}$ nanoparticles ($3 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$) and subjected to an AMF for 30 minutes. $B = 23 \text{ mT}$, $H_0 = 18.3 \text{ kA}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$, $f = 110.10 \text{ kHz}$, capacitor 200 mF . The image was taken at 30 minutes AMF. Thermal bar in colors (deg C) on the right.

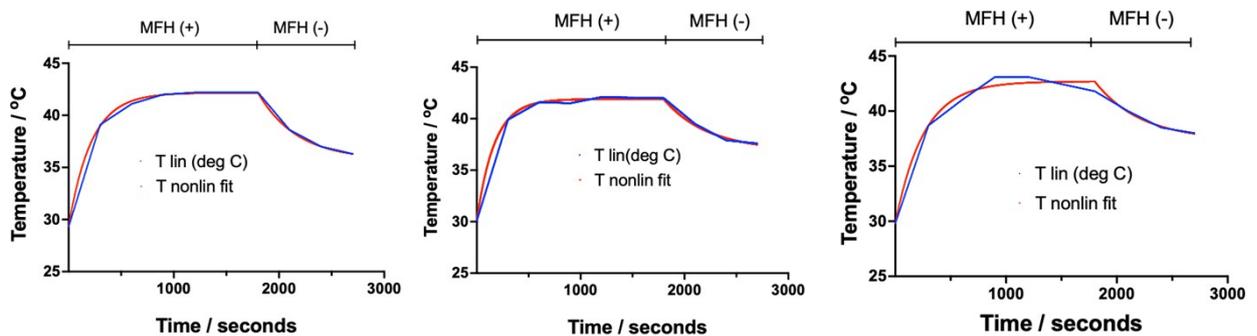


Fig. S11 Thermal curves of the H22/987 tumor measured in three randomly selected NUDE BALB/c mice treated with mPEG-silane-coated iron(III) oxide nanoparticles doped with magnesium - $\text{Mg}_{0.1}\text{-}\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3(\text{mPEG-silane})_{0.5}$ nanoparticles ($3 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$) and subjected to an AMF for 30 minutes ($B = 23 \text{ mT}$, $H_0 = 18.3 \text{ kA}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$, $f = 110.10 \text{ kHz}$, capacitor 200 mF) following 15 minutes (30-45 min) without AMF (off). Magnetic fluid hyperthermia (MFH).

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