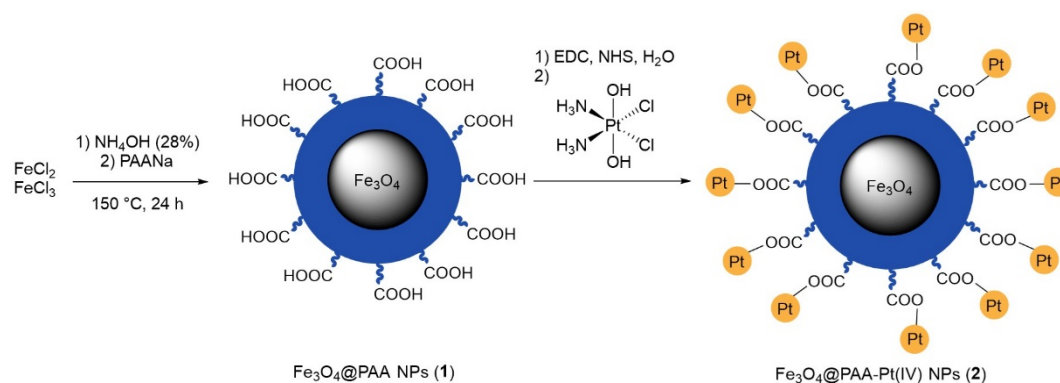


Supplementary Information

Title: Pt(IV)-functionalised polyacrylic acid-coated iron oxide magnetic nanoparticles as redox-responsive cancer theranostics.

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Scheme S1. Synthesis of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{@PAA NPs}$ and $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{@PAA-Pt(IV) NPs}$

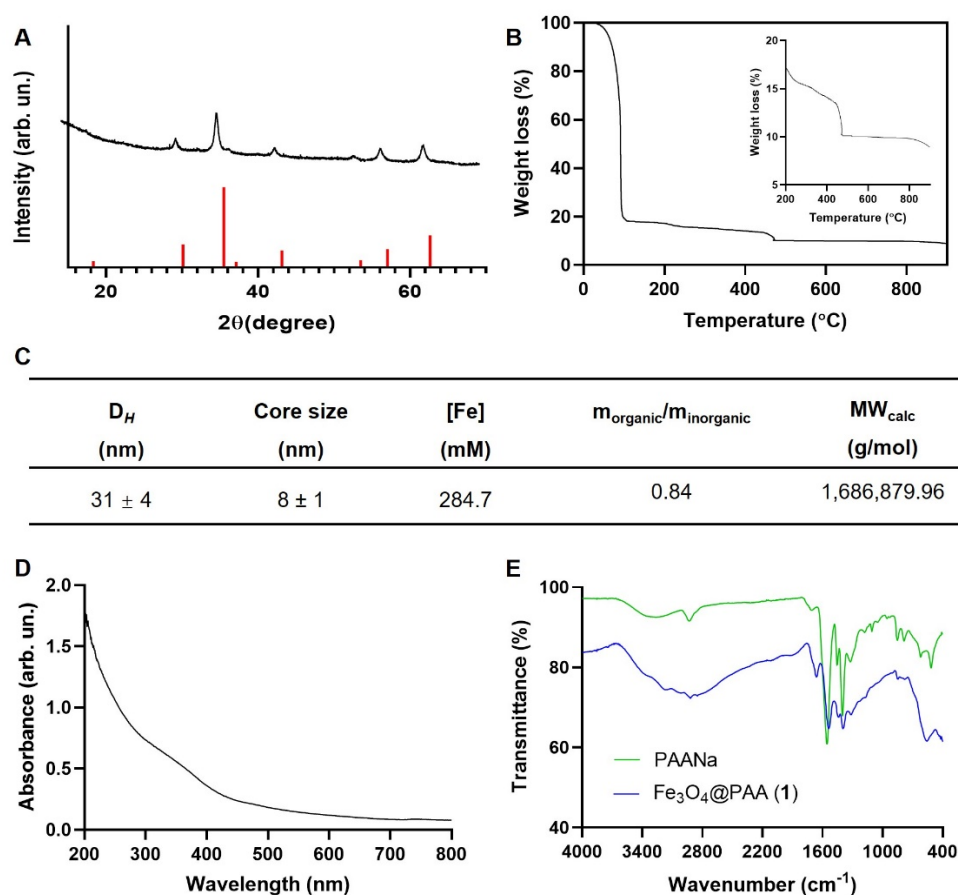


Figure S1. **A)** Powder XRD patterns of the synthesized NPs (black) and patterns corresponding to the positions of the Bragg reflections expected for magnetite (red). **B)** Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{@PAA}$ nanoparticles and insert of zoomed-in region from 200 to 800 °C. **C)** Summary table of DLS, TEM, ICP and TGA results. **D)** UV-vis spectrum for **18** in H_2O (pH = 7.4). **E)** FTIR spectra of nanoparticles **18** and PAA Na precursor.

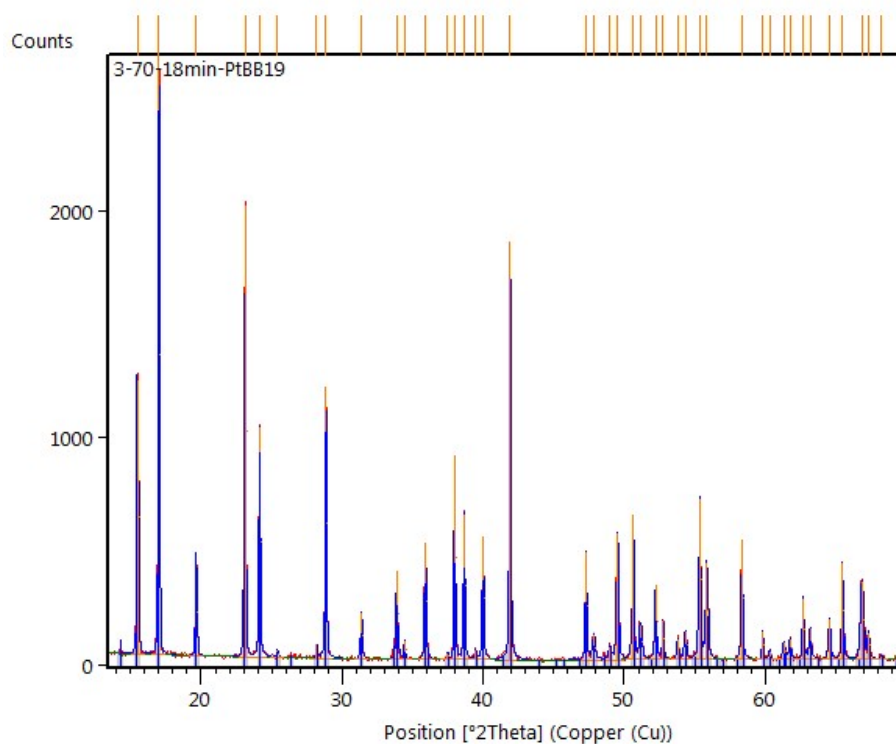
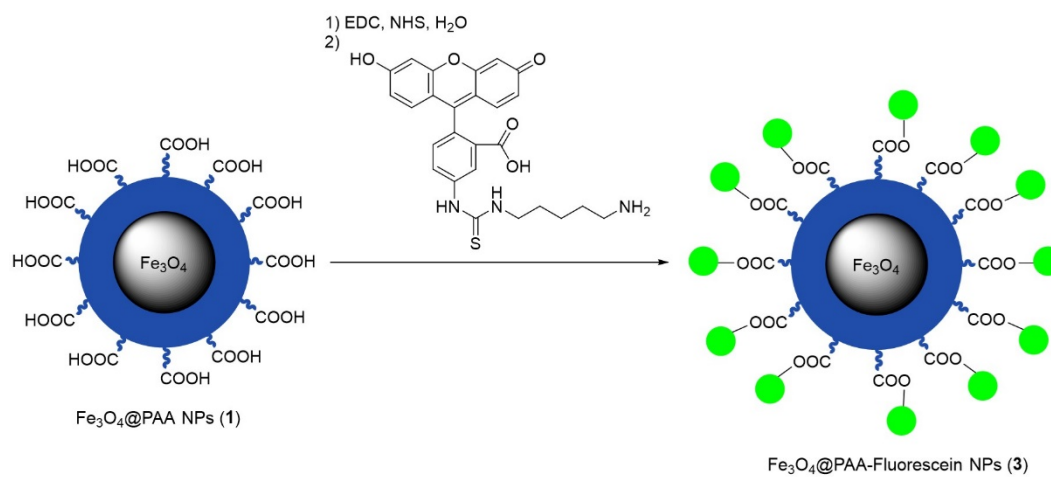


Figure S2. XRD spectrum of Pt(IV) prodrug oxoplatin (cis, cis, trans-Diamminedichlorodihydroxyplatinum(IV)).



Scheme 2. Synthesis of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{@PAA-Fluorescein}$ nanoparticles

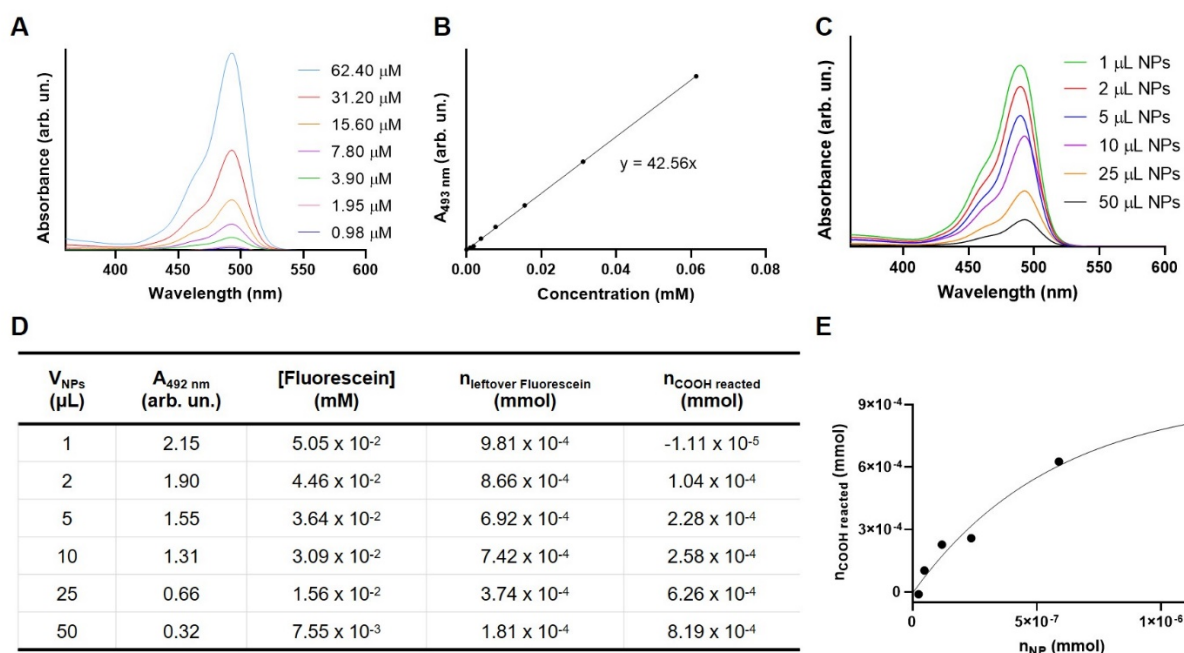


Figure S3. **A)** UV-vis spectra of standard solutions of fluorescein cadaverine in H₂O. **B)** Linear regression relating absorbance at 493 nm versus concentration of fluorescein cadaverin, $R^2 = 0.9998$. **C)** UV-vis spectra of supernatants from different reactions containing varying amounts of nanoparticles **1**, in H₂O. **D)** Table showing the measured absorbance values for each reaction condition and corresponding concentration and number moles of fluorescein in each reaction mixture, as well as calculated number carboxylic acids (COOH) in nanoparticles **3** that have reacted. **E)** Non-linear regression relating the number of moles of COOH reacted with the number of moles of nanoparticles in solution, $R^2 = 0.9836$.

Table S1. Effect of Pt(IV) complex in hydrodynamic size (D_H) of Fe₃O₄@PAA-Pt(IV) nanoparticles.

Reaction	V _{NPs} (μL)	n _{EDC and NHS} (mmol)	n _{DHC} (mmol)	D _H (nm)
A	10	6.8×10^{-2}	4.5×10^{-2}	649.8 ± 89.7
B			3.0×10^{-2}	510.2 ± 69.0
C			3.0×10^{-3}	73.3 ± 9.1
D			1.5×10^{-3}	89.6 ± 16.6

Table S2. Optimisation of nanoparticle concentration in reaction mixture for the synthesis of Fe₃O₄@PAA-Pt(IV) nanoparticles.

Reaction	V _{NPs} (μL)	n _{NPs} (mmol)	n _{EDC and NHS} (mmol)	n _{DHC} (mmol)	DHC/NP _{reaction}	V _{Reaction} (mL)	D _H (nm)	Pt/Fe _{ICP}	Pt/NP _{ICP}
A	100	2.4×10^{-6}	1.0×10^{-2}	7.0×10^{-4}	291	10	55 ± 10	0.008	95
B				7.0×10^{-3}	2914	10	56 ± 9	0.03	356
C					2914	1	766 ± 56	0.04	474

Table S3. Optimisation of Pt/Fe ratio in the synthesis of Fe₃O₄@PAA-Pt(IV) nanoparticles.

Reaction	V _{NPs} (μL)	n _{NPs} (mmol)	n _{EDC and NHS} (mmol)	n _{DHC} (mmol)	DHC/NP _{reaction}	V _{Reaction} (mL)	Pt/Fe _{ICP}	Pt/NP _{ICP}
A	100	1.4 × 10 ⁻⁵	6.0 × 10 ⁻³	3.0 × 10 ⁻³	413	10	0.02	40
B	75	1.1 × 10 ⁻⁵			545	7.5	0.02	46
C	50	7.2 × 10 ⁻⁶			833	5	0.04	81
D	25	3.6 × 10 ⁻⁶			1 666	2.5	0.08	154
E	10	1.4 × 10 ⁻⁶			2 285	1	0.06	123
F	5	7.2 × 10 ⁻⁷			8 333	0.5	0.2	453
G	2	2.9 × 10 ⁻⁷			20 689	0.2	0.4	801

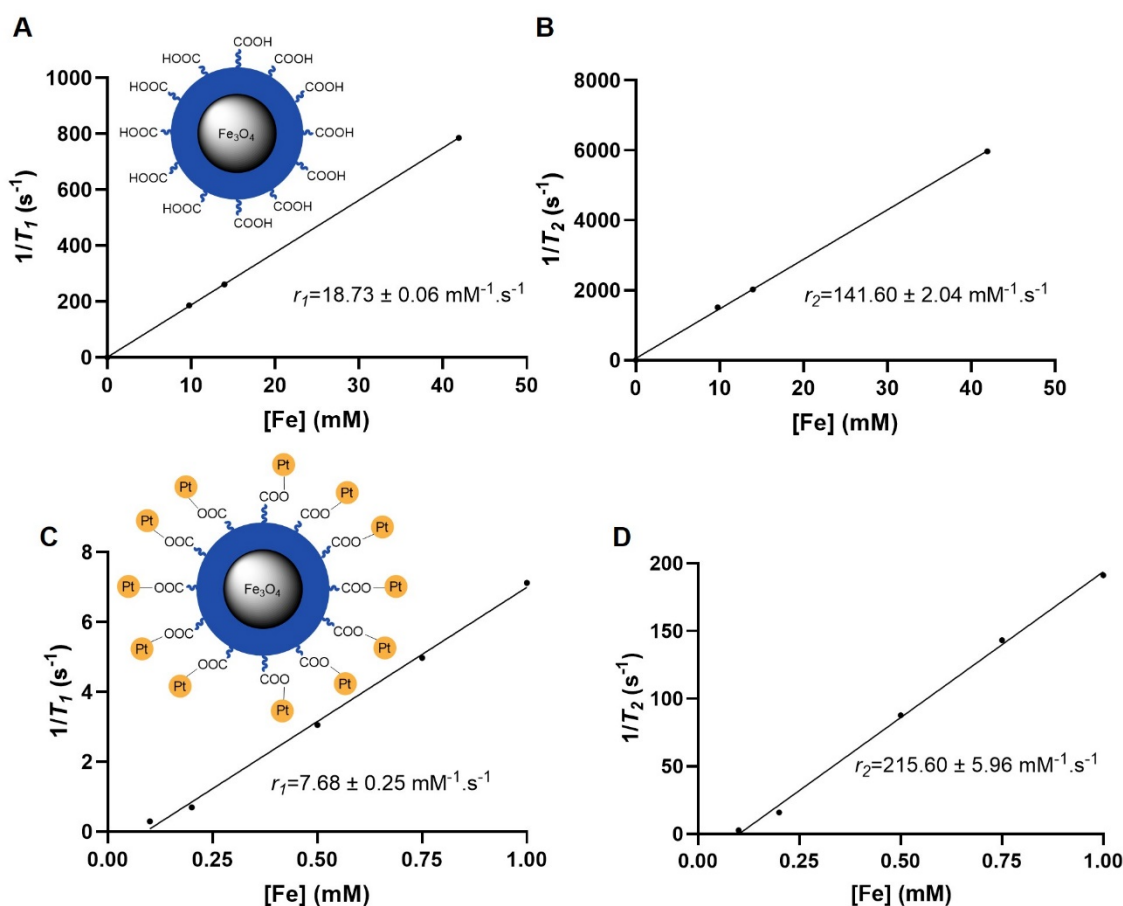


Figure S4. Linear regression fitting data from **A)** T_1 measurements for Fe₃O₄@PAA NPs, **B)** T_2 measurements for Fe₃O₄@PAA NPs, **C)** T_1 measurements for Fe₃O₄@PAA-Pt(IV) NPs, **D)** T_2 measurements for Fe₃O₄@PAA-Pt(IV) NPs, at 25 °C, in H₂O, pH = 7.4 and corresponding r_1 and r_2 values, at 1.5 T ($R^2 = 1.0000, 0.9996, 0.9969$ and 0.9977 respectively).

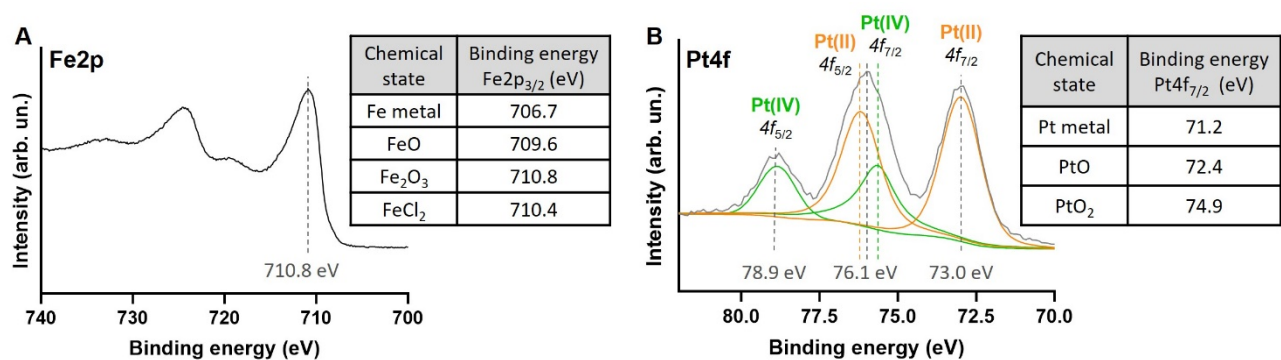


Figure S5. A) Expanded Fe2p region of XPS spectra of Fe₃O₄@PAA-Pt(IV) nanoparticles and table with reference binding energies of common Fe states. **B)** Expanded Pt4f region of XPS spectra of NPs **2** and table with reference binding energies of common Pt states.

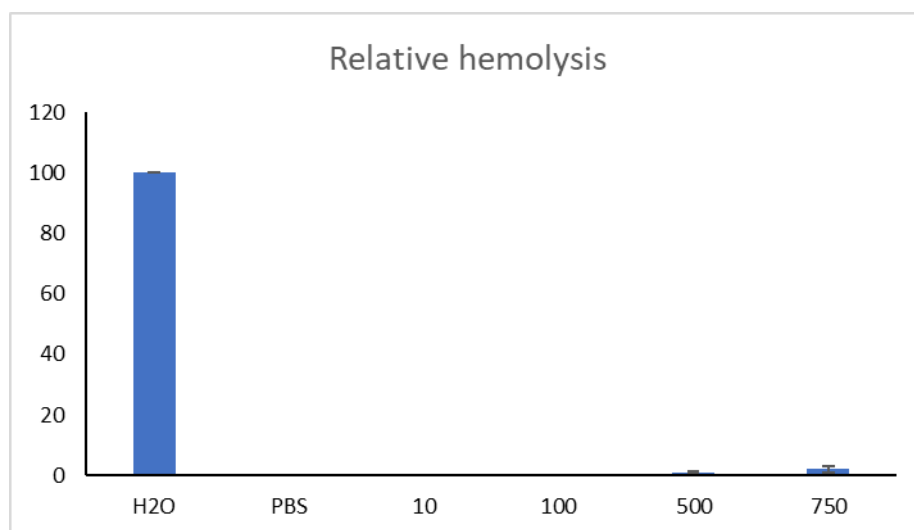


Figure S6. Hemolysis assay with whole blood. Concentration of Fe in nanoparticles from 0 to 750 mM.