

**Supporting Information:**

**Controlled synthesis of Au-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hybrid hollow spheres with excellent SERS activity and catalytic properties**

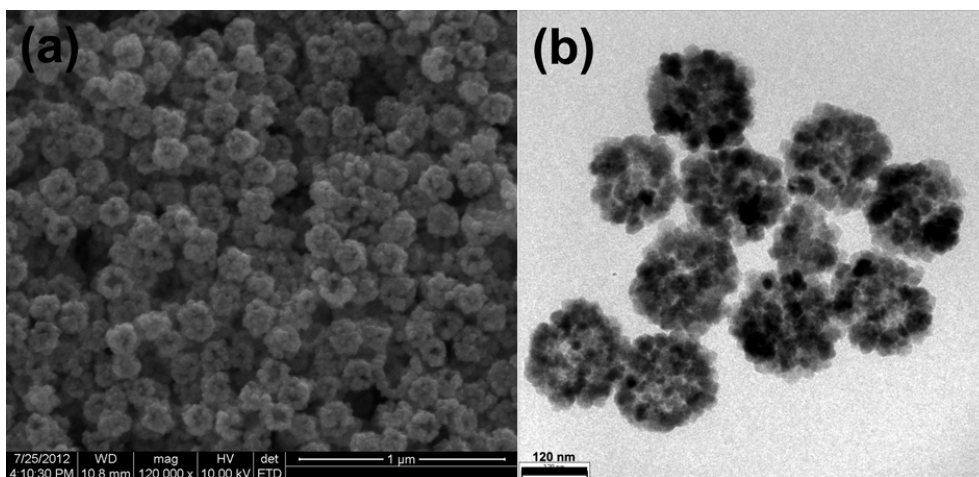
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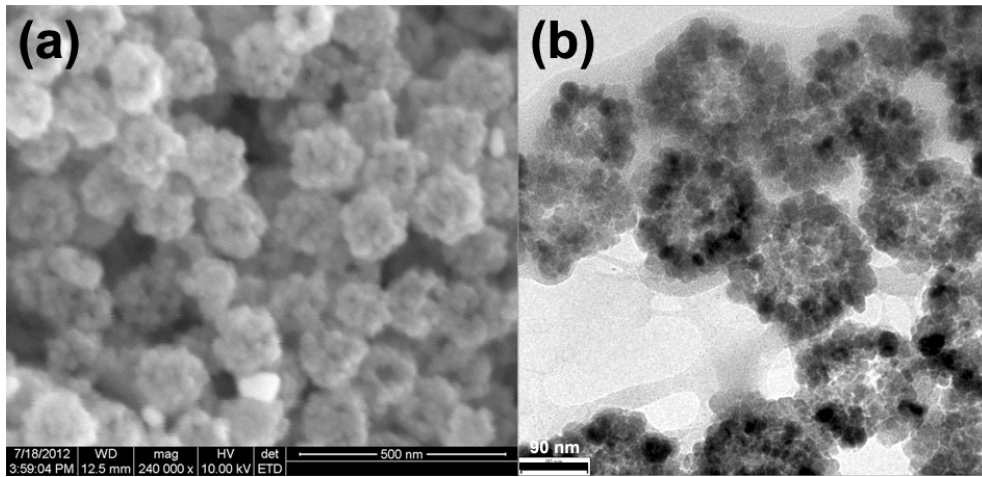
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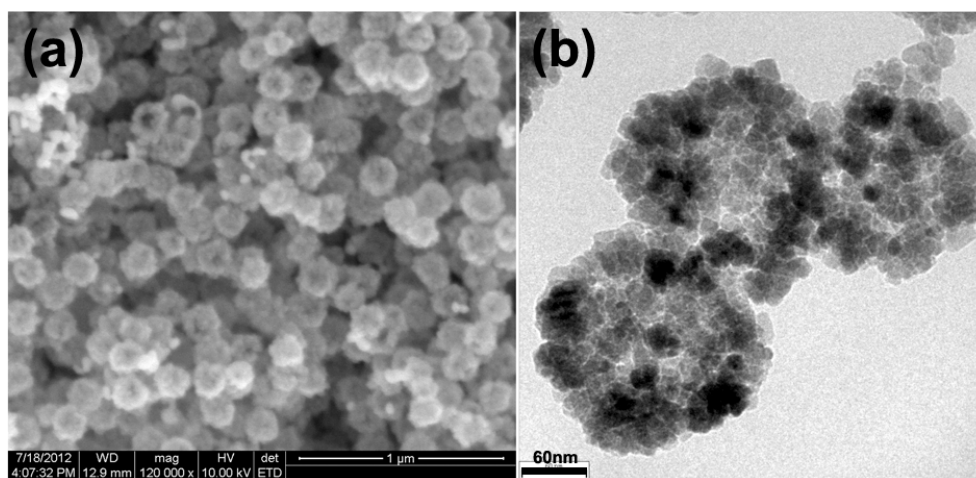
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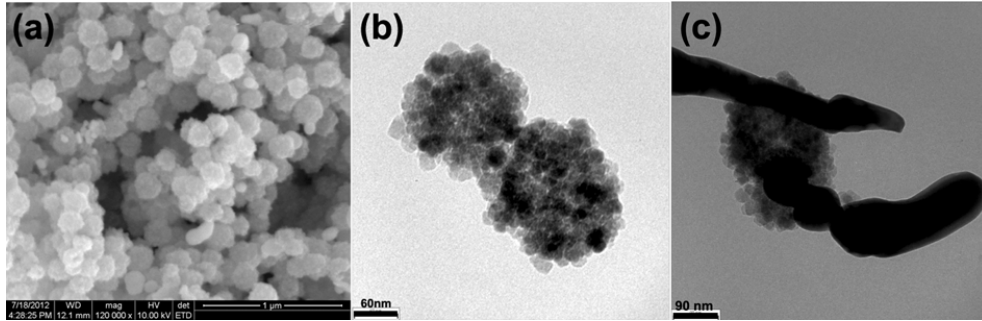
**Figure S1** (a) SEM and (b) TEM images of Au-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-0 hybrid hollow spheres



**Figure S2** (a) SEM and (b) TEM images of  $\text{Au-Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{-0.05}$  hybrid hollow spheres



**Figure S3** (a) SEM and (b) TEM images of  $\text{Au-Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{-0.1}$  hybrid hollow spheres



**Figure S4** (a) SEM and (b, c) TEM images of  $\text{Au-Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{-0.5}$  hybrid hollow spheres

Catalyst	Type	Initial concentration of the 4-NP	Final amount of catalyst	Rate constant	References
Au-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Hybrid hollow spheres	5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> M	0.67 mg/mL	1.76 min <sup>-1</sup>	This work
Polystyrene-Au	Supported	1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> M	2 mg/mL	0.016-0.02 min <sup>-1</sup>	1
Au@hm-ZrO <sub>2</sub>	Yolk-shell	2.83 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> M	0.4 mL of 6.25 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> M (Au precursor)	0.31 min <sup>-1</sup>	2
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @Au	Core-shell	6.15 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> M	0.77 mg/mL	100% conversion within 68 min	3
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> -Au@mSiO <sub>2</sub>	Nanocomposites	2.4 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> M	1.43 mg/mL	0.20-0.35 min <sup>-1</sup>	4
Au-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Dumbell-like	1.81 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> M	0.91 mg/mL	0.63 min <sup>-1</sup>	5
Au-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Flower-like	1.81 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> M	0.91 mg/mL	0.38 min <sup>-1</sup>	5
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @P(4-VP-DVB)@Au	Nanocomposites	4.5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> M	2.26 mg/mL	0.45-5.02 min <sup>-1</sup>	6

**Table S1** Comparison of pseudo-first-order rate constants for 4-NP reduction by nanomaterials containing gold nanoparticles.

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