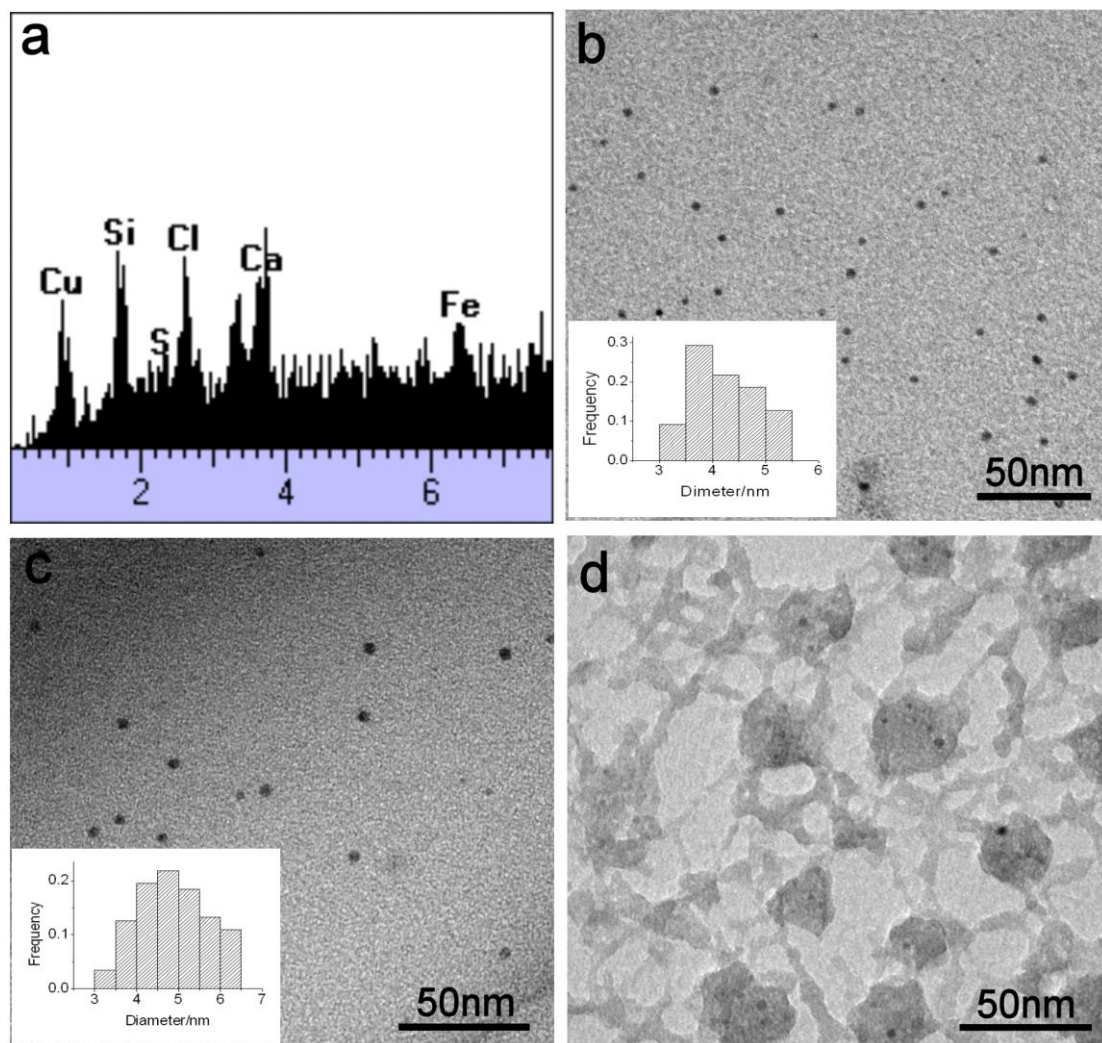


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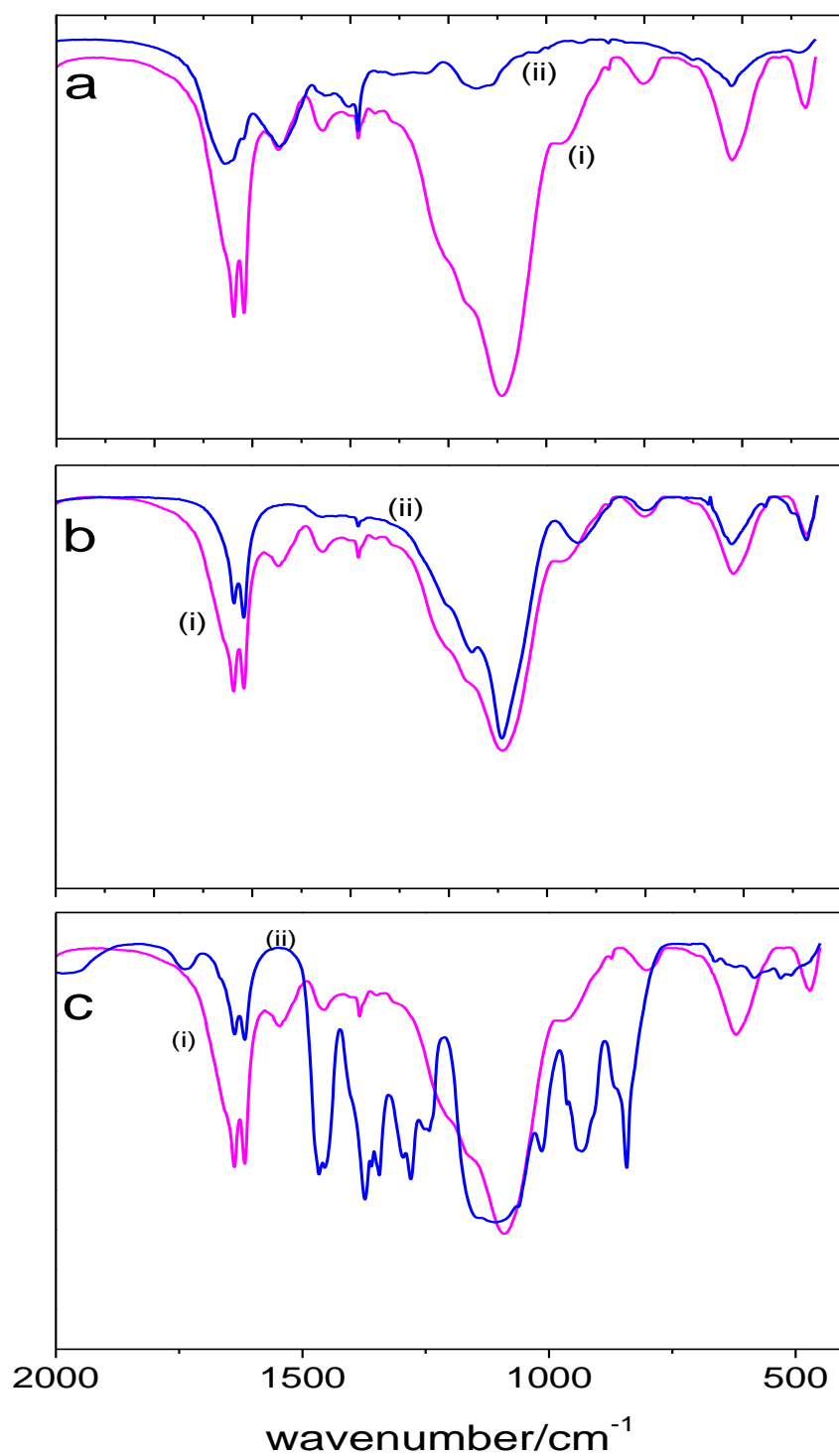
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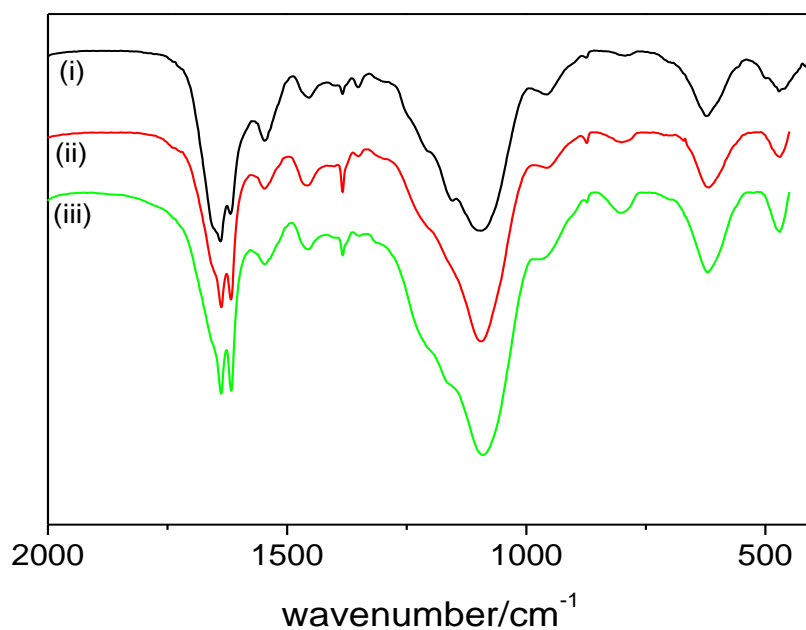
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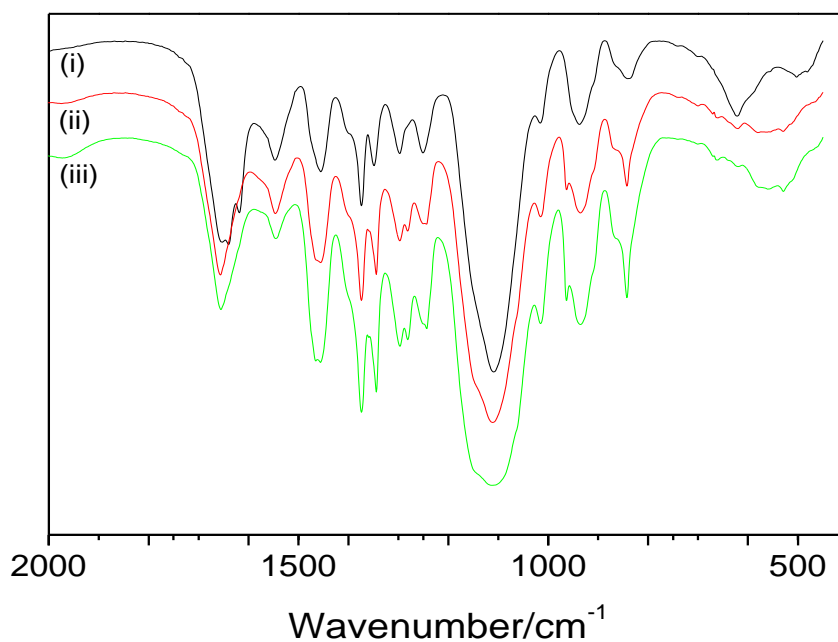
**Figure S1** (a) EDX analysis for met-Mb/P123/SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles redispersed in water; (b,c) TEM images and histograms (insets) of met-Mb/P123/SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared in cyclohexane at a molar ratio of (b) Mb : P123 = 1 : 50, and (c) Mb : TMOS = 1 : 90. (d) silica network formed at a Mb : TMOS molar ratio of 1 : 120.



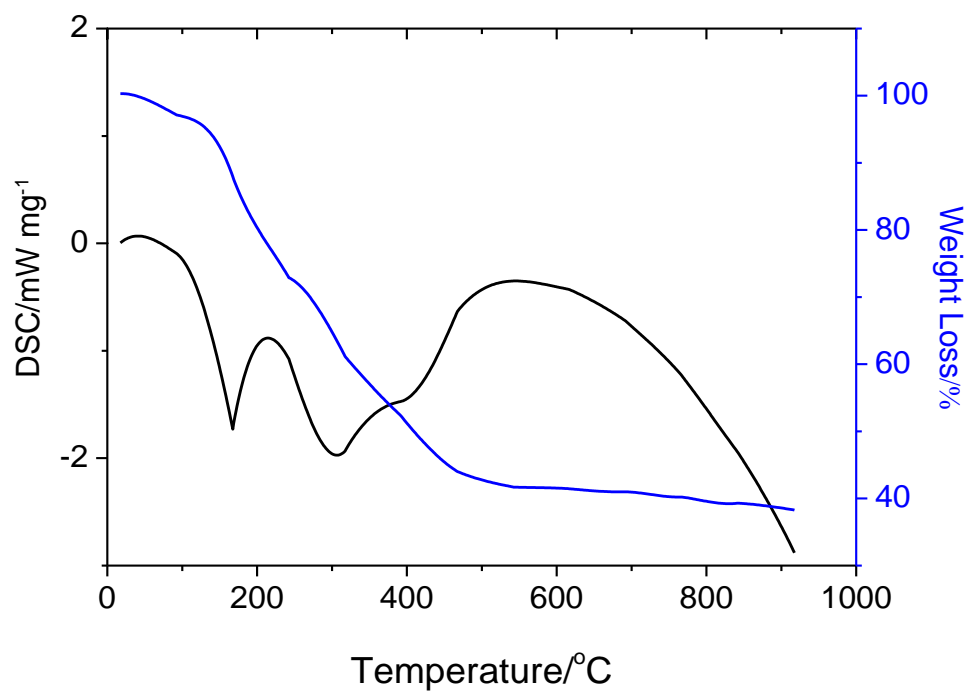
**Figure S2a.** FTIR spectra of (a) met-Mb/P123/SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles (i) and native met-Mb (ii), (b) met-Mb/P123/SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles (i) and silica (ii), (c) met-Mb/P123/SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles (i) and P123 (ii).



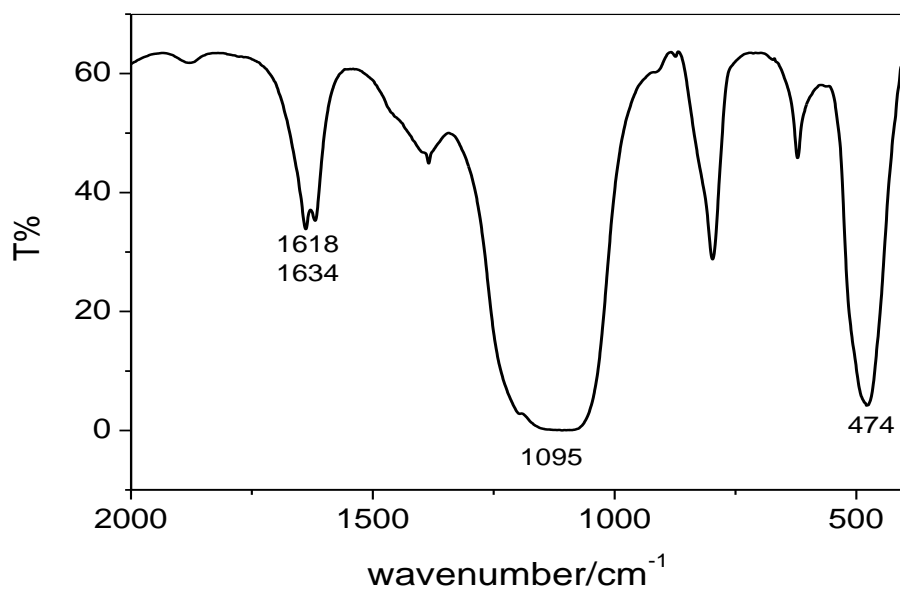
**Figure S2b** : FTIR spectra of met-Mb/P123/SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles at different molar ratios of Mb : P123 : TMOS; (i) 1:10:15 (ii) 1:20:15 (iii) 1:50:15.



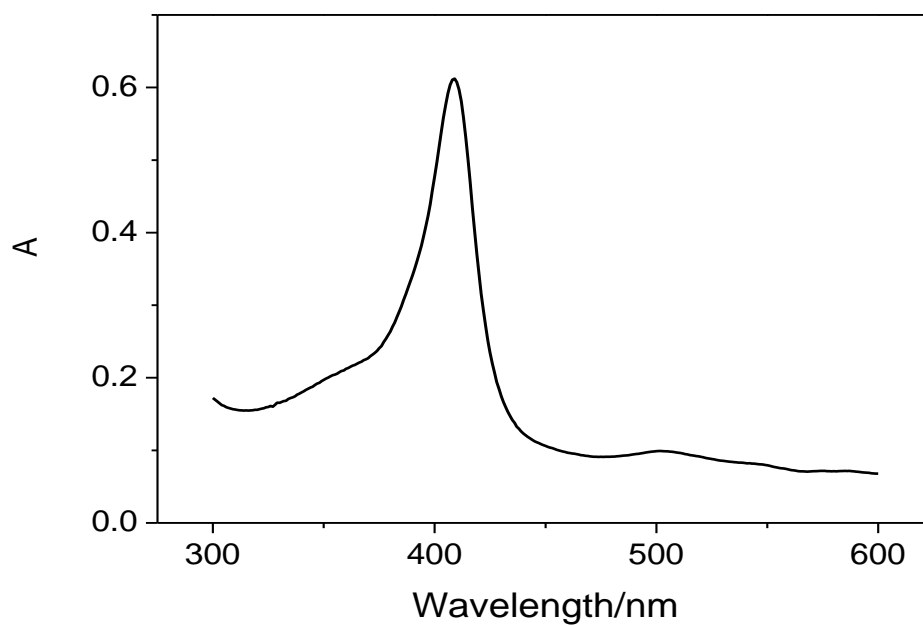
**Figure S2c** : FTIR spectra of Mb/P123 at different molar ratio of Mb : P123 (i) 1:10 (ii) 1:20 (iii) 1:50.



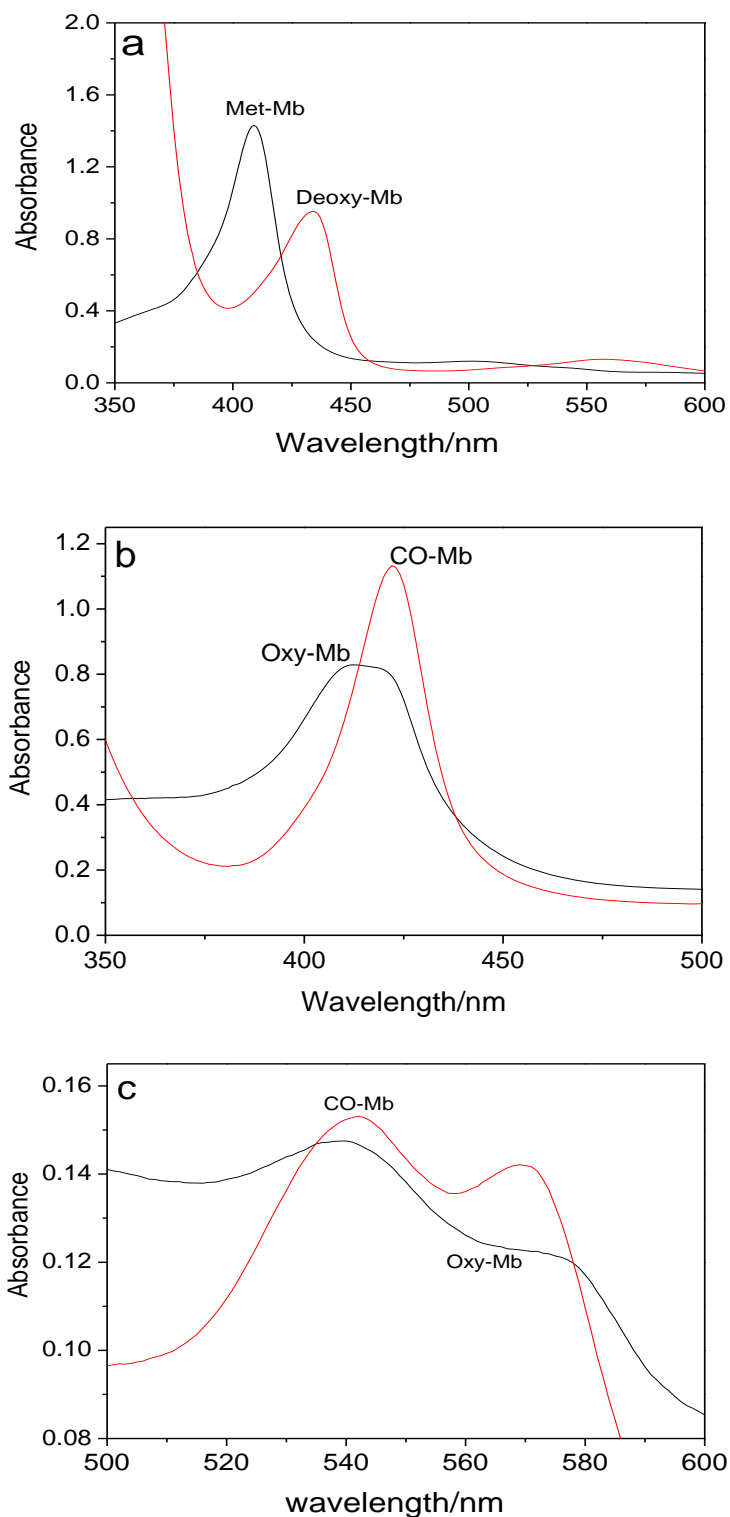
**Figure S3:** TGA and DSC profiles of met-Mb/P123/silica nanoparticles.



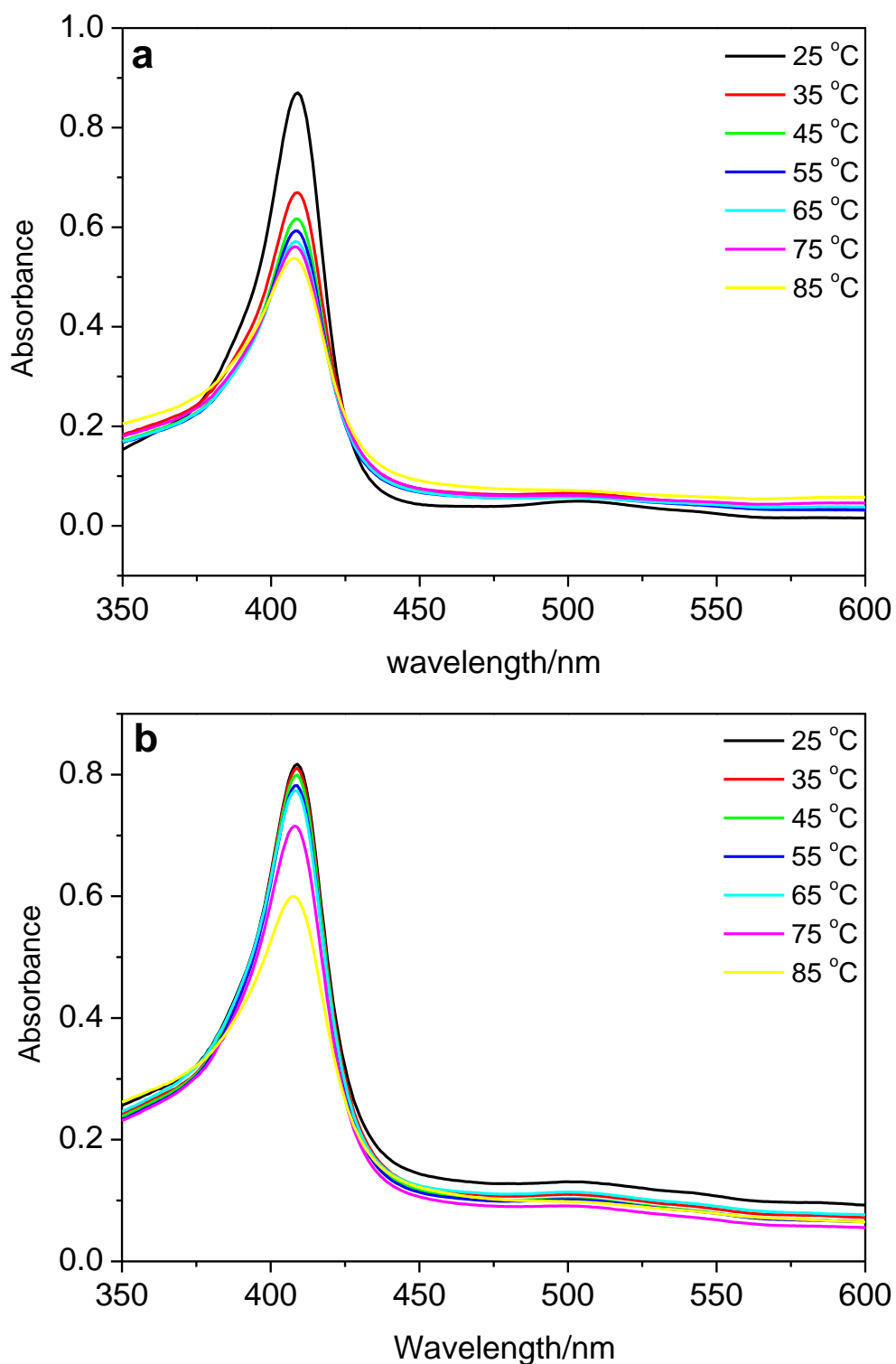
**Figure S4:** FTIR spectrum of residual mass after TGA analysis of met-Mb/P123/silica nanoparticles



**Figure S5.** UV-Vis spectra of met-Mb/P123/silica nanoparticles redispersed in water .



**Figure S6.** UV-vis spectra of (a) native met-Mb(FeIII) and deoxy-Mb(FeII) (b) CO-binding to native Mb and O<sub>2</sub>-binding to CO-deoxyMb. (c) enlarged section of (b) at 500 -600 nm.



**Figure S7.** UV spectra of (a) native met-Mb in water, and (b) met-Mb/P123/silica nanoparticles in water at different temperatures.

**Table S1: Summary of DLS data**

All DLS data were determined from the size distribution by volume.

P123/oil:  $d = 7.7\text{-}13.4\text{nm}$ .

P123/oil/TMOS, silica nanoparticles;  $d = 12.8\text{nm}$

	Hydrodynamic diameter (d, nm)	Diameter/nm(TEM)
Mb-H <sub>2</sub> O	3.6	
P123+ oil	7.7-13.4	aggregate 40-100nm individual 2.5nm
P123 + oil + TMOS	263 nm	19 nm
MB+p123+oil	3.6 nm	
nanoconstructs/oil(Mb+P123+oil + TMOS ) ≈1:10:15	8.5 nm	≈4.0nm
Nanoconstructs/oil (Mb:P123:TMOS ≈1: 50:15)		≈4.0nm
Nanoconstructs/oil (Mb:P123:TMOS =1: 10: 90)		≈4.9nm
Mb+P123+oil + TMOS ≈1:10:75	15.6 nm	
Nanoconstructs/water ( Mb:p123:TMOS=1:10:15 )	12.8 nm	≈4.0nm