

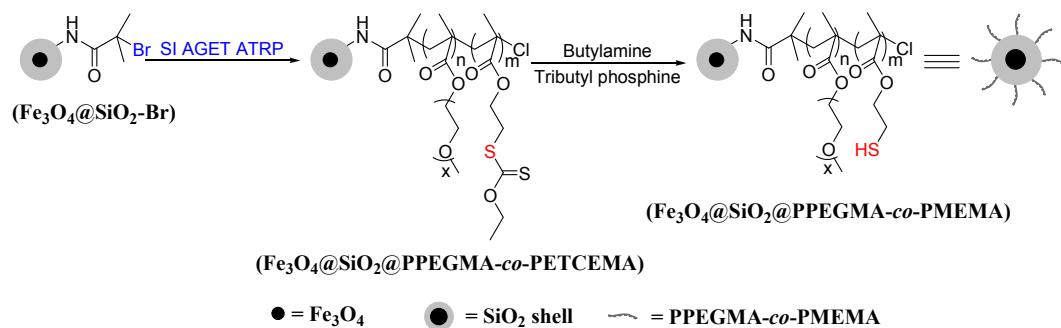
## Supporting Information

### A versatile $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ based platform via iron-catalyzed AGET ATRP: towards various multifunctional nanomaterials

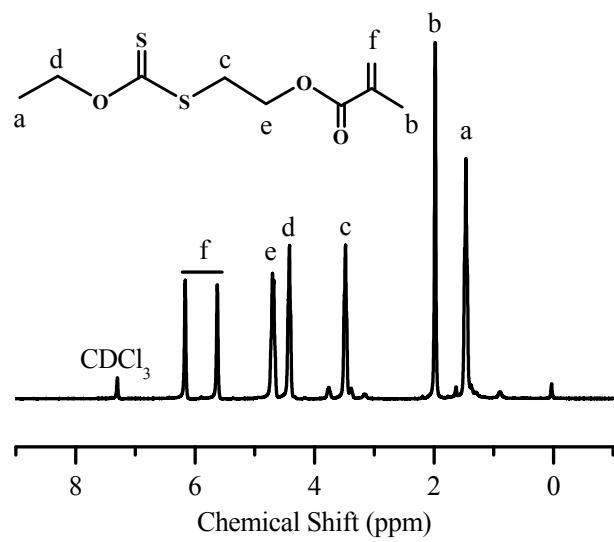
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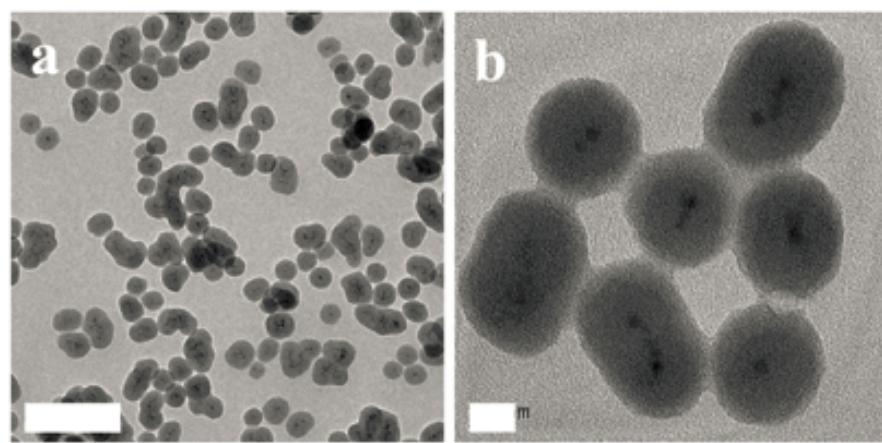
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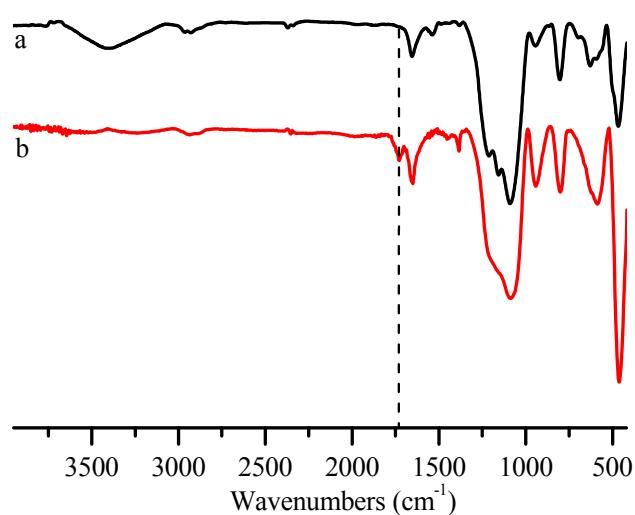
**Scheme S1.** Synthetic route of the precursor consisting of thiol groups towards various multifunctional NPs by iron-mediated AGET ATRP.



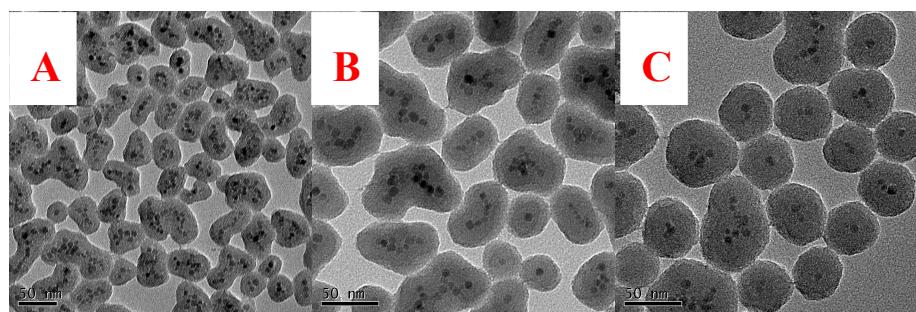
**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of monomer ETCEMA.



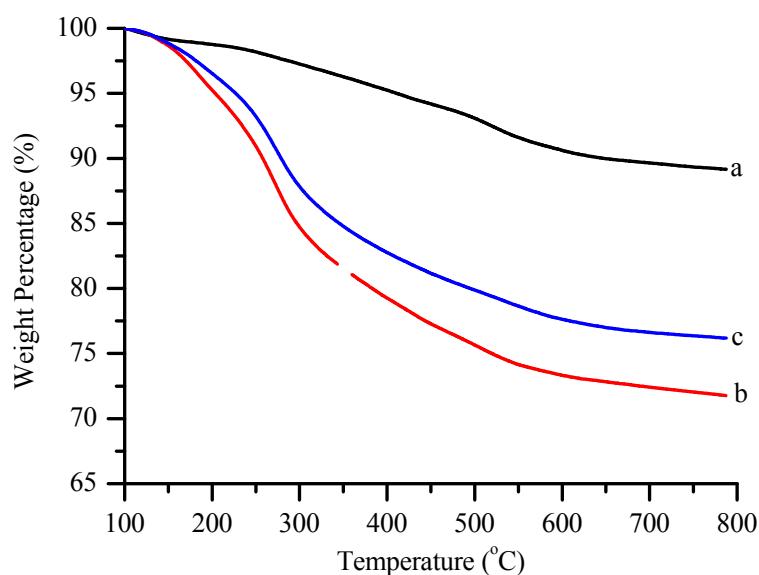
**Fig. S2** TEM of (a) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@Br and (b) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@PPEGMA-*co*-ETCEMA; scale bars are 200 and 20 nm for a and b, respectively.



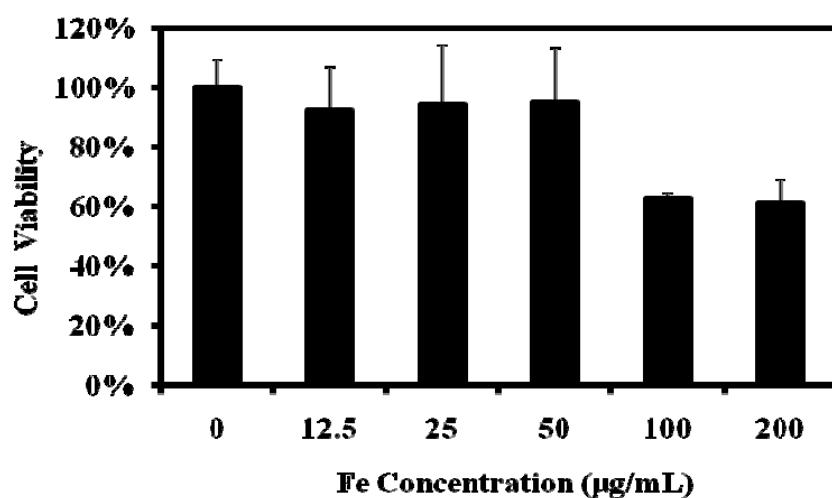
**Fig. S3** FT-IR spectra of NPs of (a) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>-Br, (b) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@PPEGMA-co-PETCEMA.



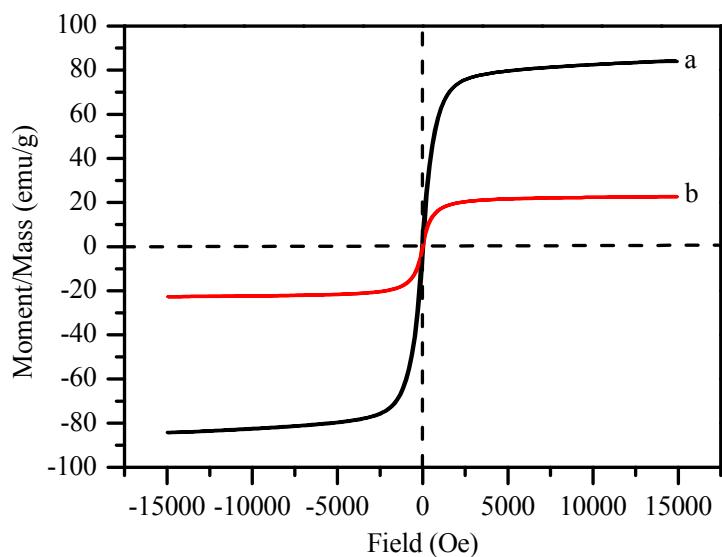
**Fig. S4** TEM images of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> with different silica feeding dose of 0.1, 0.2 and 0.4 mL for (a), (b) and (c) respectively. Scale bars are 50 nm.



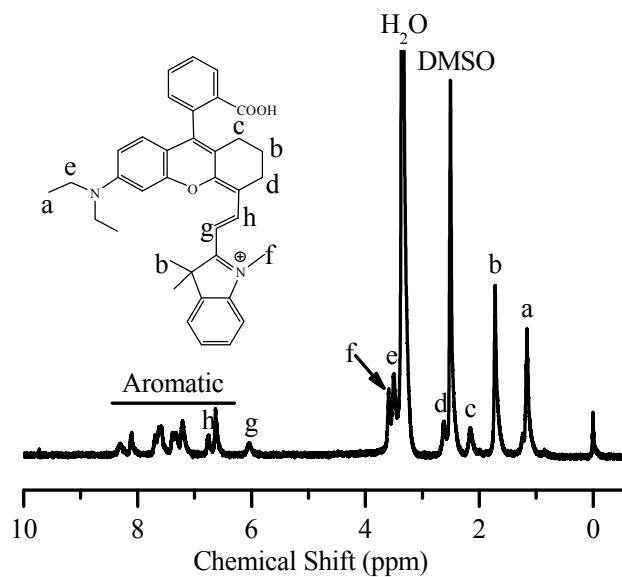
**Fig. S5** TGA curves of NPs of (a) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>-Br, (b) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@PPEGMA-*co*-PETCEMA and (c) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@PPEGMA-*co*-PMEMA.



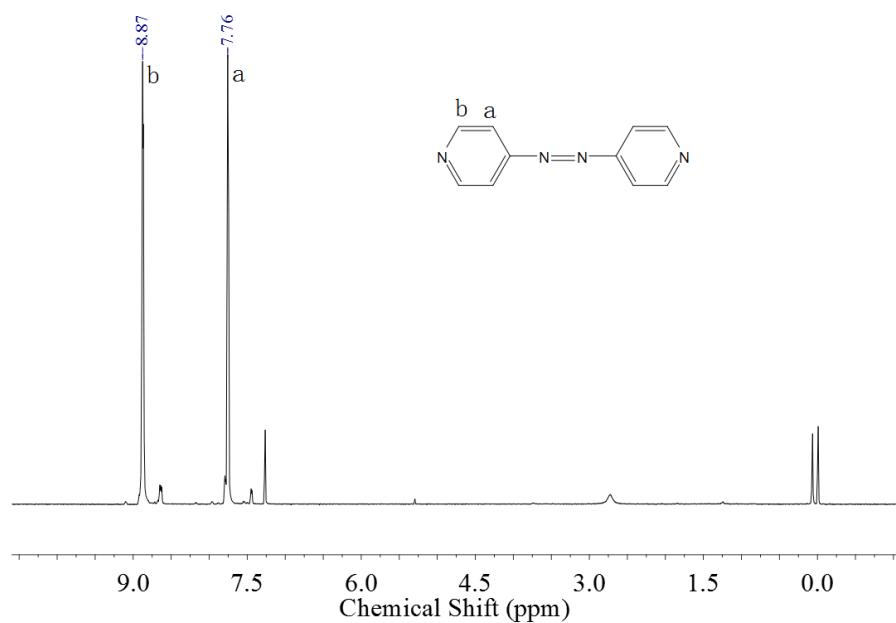
**Fig. S6** Cell viability of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@PPEGMA-*co*-PMEMA with different iron concentration.



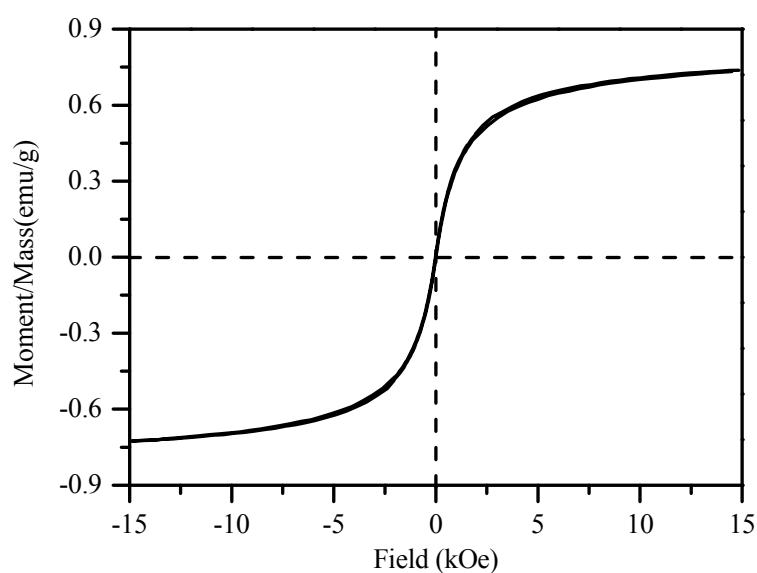
**Fig. S7** Magnetic hysteresis loops at 300K of (a)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  and (b)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2$  NPs.



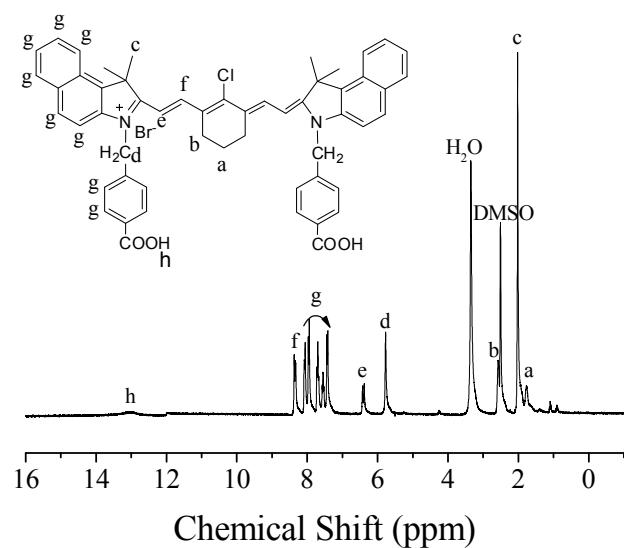
**Fig. S8**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of CS-2.



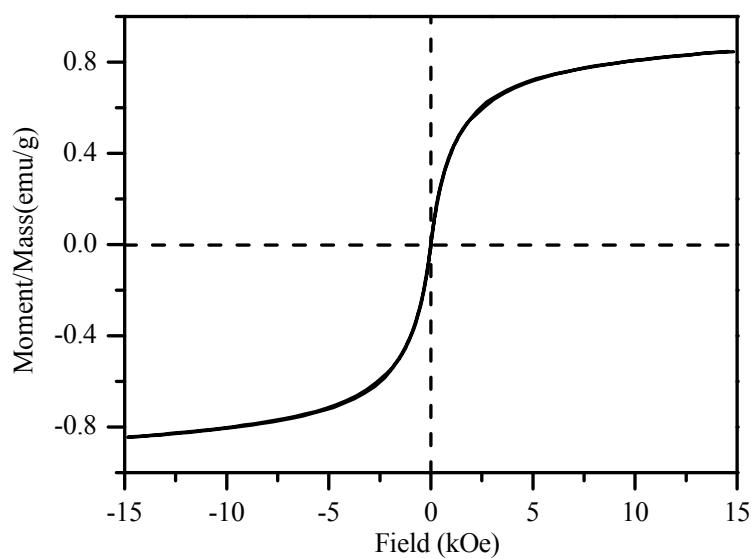
**Fig. S9** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of azopyridine.



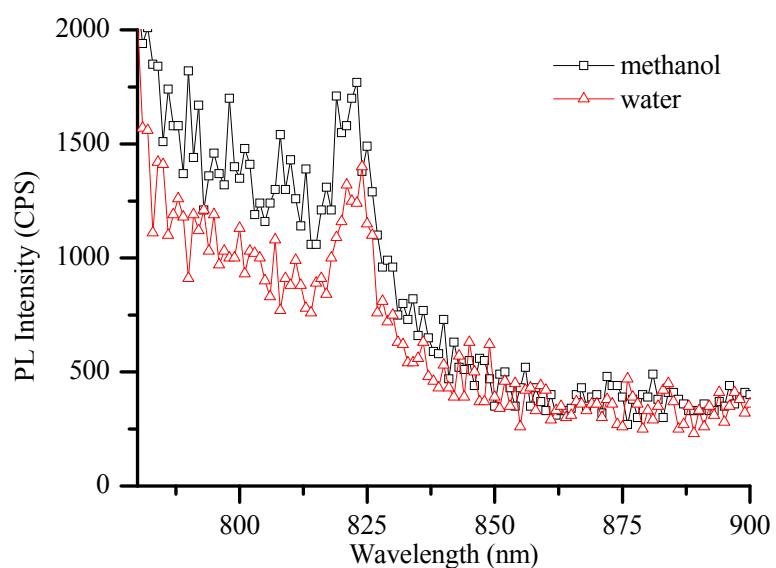
**Fig. S10** Magnetic hysteresis loops at 300K of the as-prepared Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@PPEGMA-*co*-PMEMA@CS2 NPs.



**Fig. S11**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of IR825.



**Fig. S12** Magnetic hysteresis loops at 300K of the as-prepared  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2@\text{PPEGMA}-co-\text{PMEMA}@IR825$  NPs.



**Fig. S13** Fluorescence spectra of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2@\text{PPEGMA}-co-\text{PMEMA}@\text{IR825}$  NPs in methanol and water. Both samples were tested at iron concentration of 0.025 mg/mL.