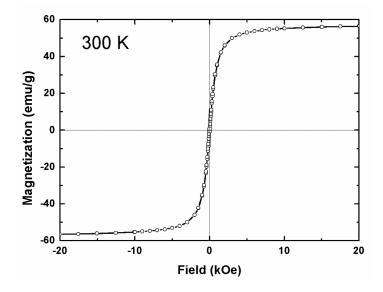
## Supplementary Materials: Functionalization of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NPs by Silanization: Use of Amine (APTES) and Thiol (MPTMS) Silanes and Their Physical Characterization

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**Figure S1.** Room temperature isothermal magnetization of the bare Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NPs, displaying the absence of the coercivity, typical of the superparamagnetic regime.

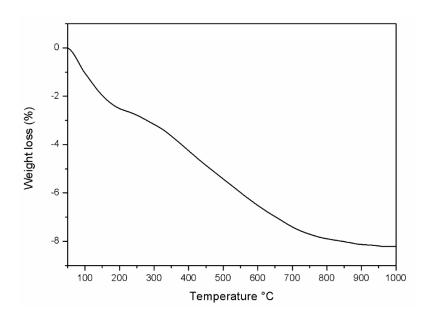


Figure S2. TGA analysis of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>@APTES.

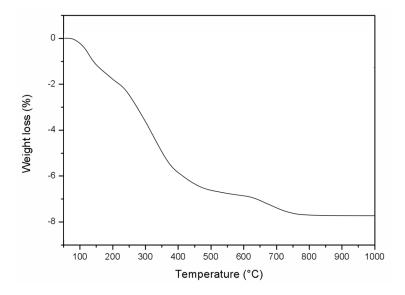


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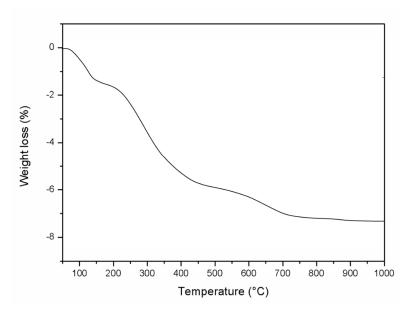


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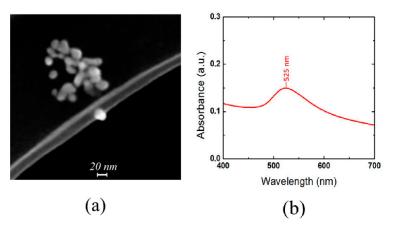


Figure S5. FE-SEM image of Gold NPs (a) and the relative UV-VIS spectrum (b).