

Supplementary material

Removal of Radioactive Iodine Using Silver/Iron Oxide Composite Nanoadsorbents

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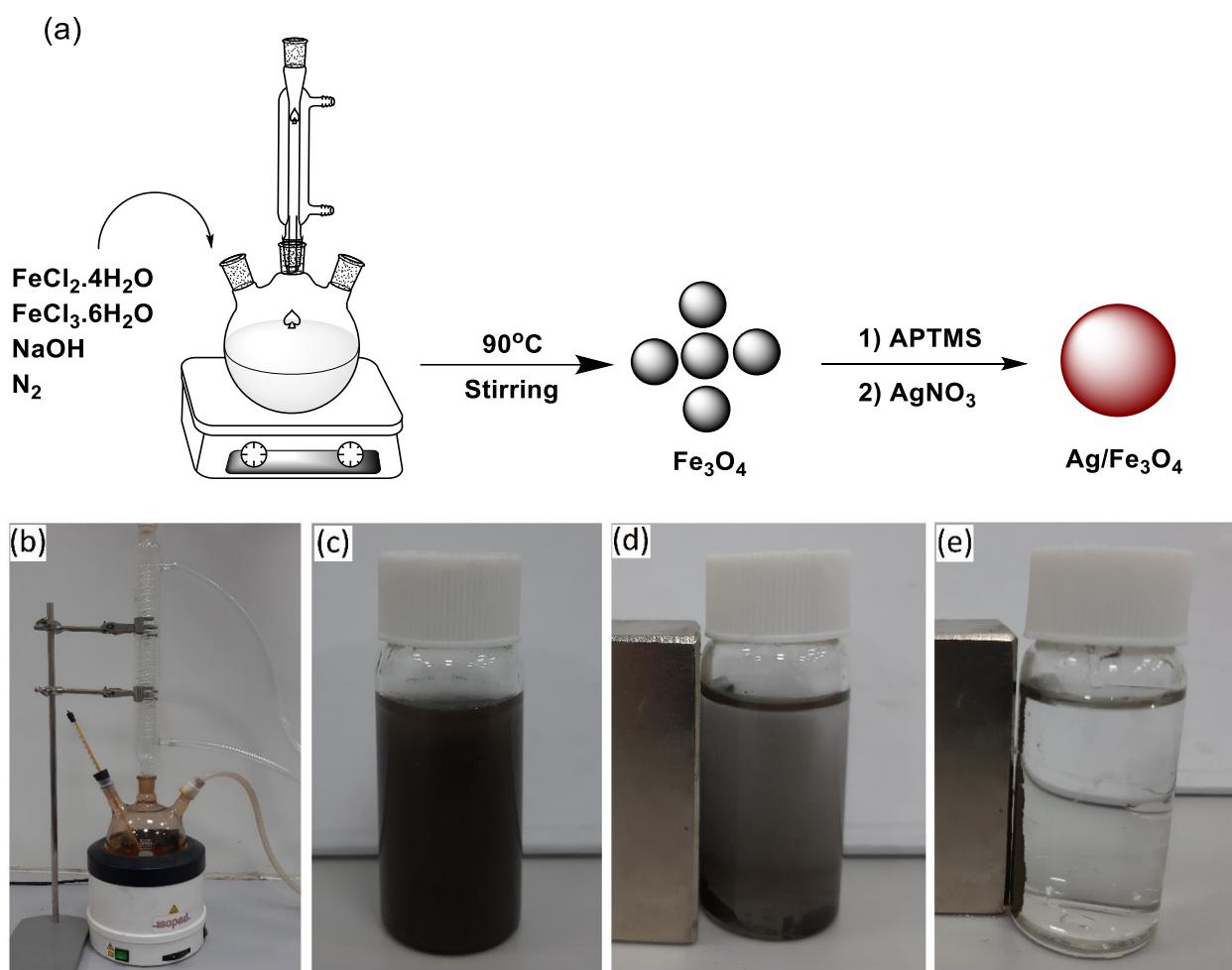


Figure S1. (a) Schematic route for the synthesis of Fe_3O_4 and $\text{Ag}/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ nanocomposites, (b) Experimental setup for the synthesis of nanoparticles and (c–e) Steps to collect $\text{Ag}/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ nanocomposites by using an external magnet.

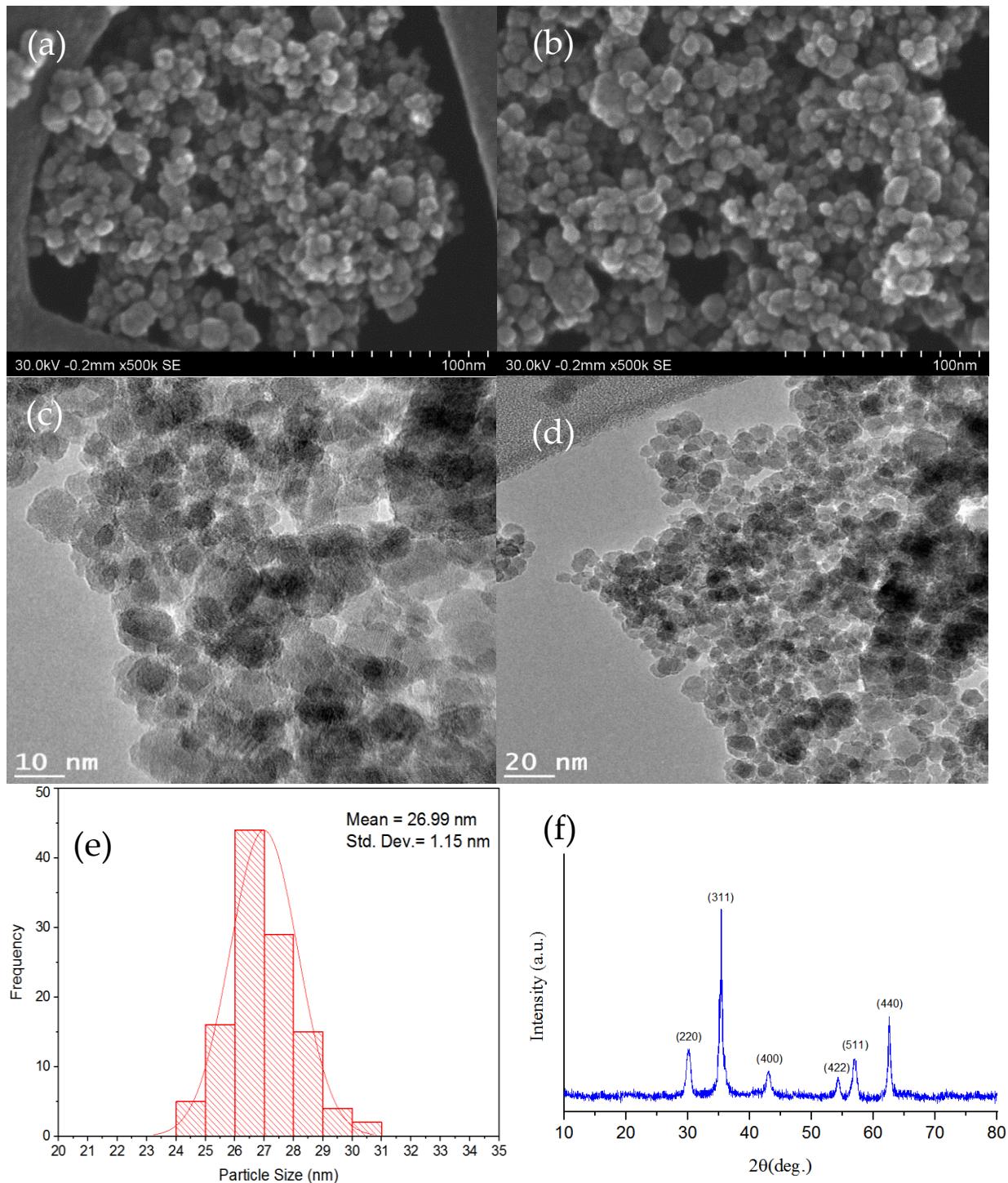


Figure S2. (a,b) SEM images of Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles, (c,d) TEM images of Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles, (e) Size distribution histogram of Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles with a standard deviation of 1.15 nm, (f) Powder XRD analysis of Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles.

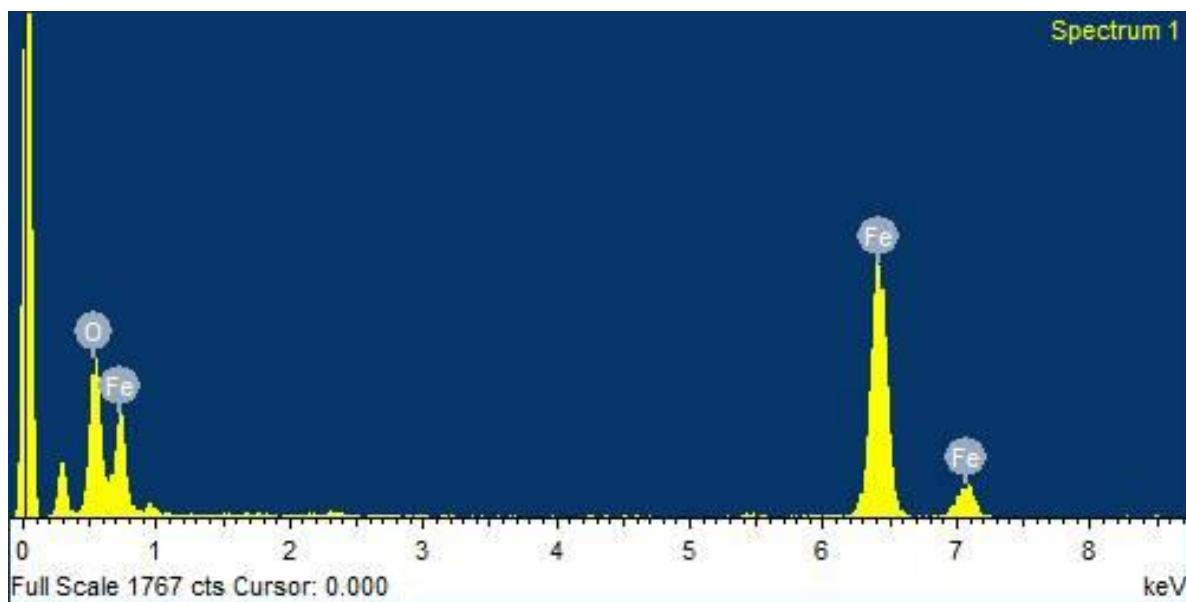


Figure S3. EDS analysis of iron oxide nanoparticles.

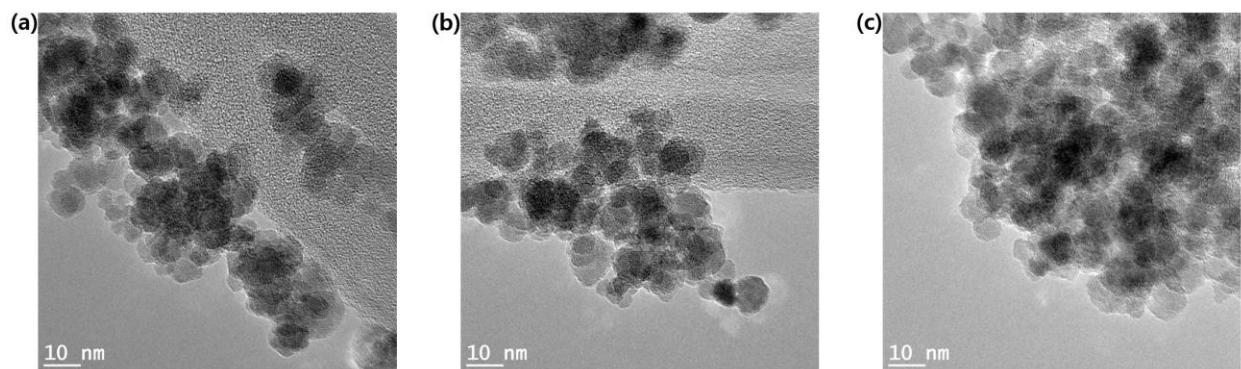


Figure S4. TEM images of Ag/Fe₃O₄ nanocomposite.

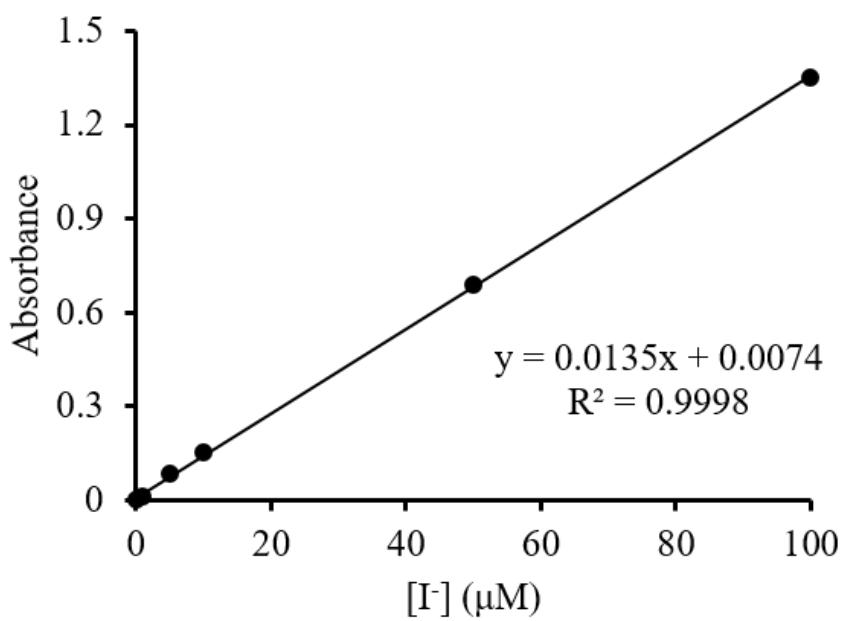


Figure S5. Calibration curve to determine the unknown concentration using UV-Visible Spectrometer at 226 nm.

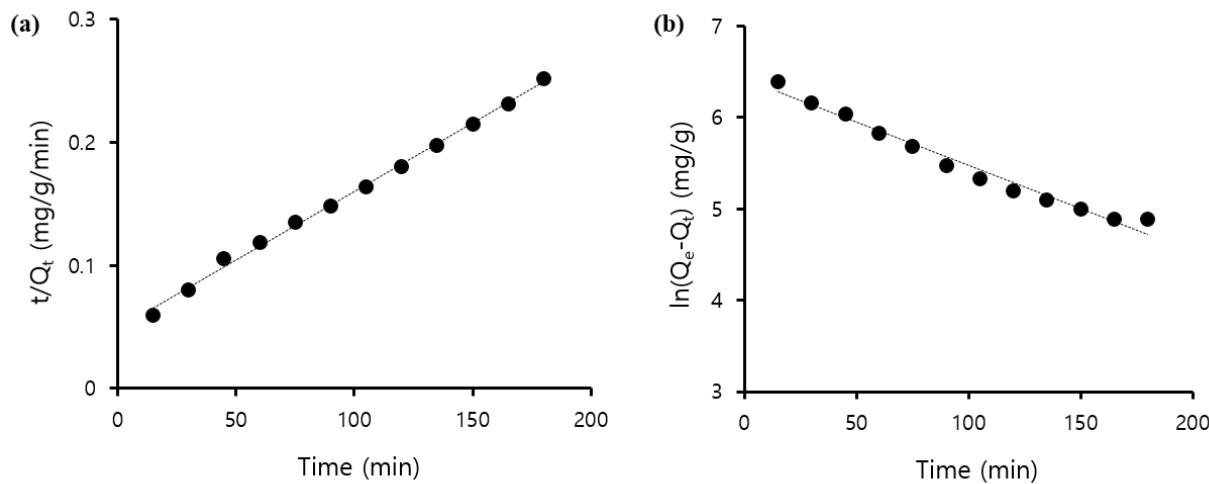


Figure S6. (a) Pseudo-second-order kinetics study for $\text{Ag}/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$, (b) Pseudo-first-order kinetics study for $\text{Ag}/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$.

Table S1. Scherrer equation based crystallite size Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles.

Peak position 2θ (°)	FWHM B _{size} (°)	D _p (nm)
30.10403	0.84909	10.13
35.36326	0.70679	12.33
43.03682	0.86449	9.25
54.30076	0.58961	15.83
56.99288	0.77461	12.20
62.58666	0.51349	18.92

Average D_p: 13.2 nm; Crystallite size D_p = K λ / (β cos θ); D_p: Average Crystallite size (nm); K: Scherrer constant, K = 0.94 nm; λ: X-rays wavelength λ = 1.54178 Å; β : FWHM (Full Width at Half Maximum) of XRD peak (radian); θ : XRD peak position, one half of 2θ (radian).

Table S2. Scherrer equation based crystallite size Ag/Fe₃O₄ composite nanoparticles.

Peak position 2θ (°)	FWHM B _{size} (°)	D _p (nm)	Phases
30.09569	0.52589	16.35	220, Fe ₃ O ₄
37.88646	0.51726	16.97	111, Ag
35.60499	0.54419	16.03	311, Fe ₃ O ₄
44.09552	0.51265	17.48	200, Ag
64.30628	0.54827	17.89	440, Fe ₃ O ₄
77.29275	0.60798	17.49	311, Ag

Average D_p, Ag: 17.2 nm; Average D_p, Fe₃O₄: 16.7 nm.

Table S3. Nanomaterials used for iodine removal from aqueous solutions.

Nanomaterial	Target ion	Adsorption Capacity	Ref.
Bi-GO	I ⁻ and IO ₃ ⁻	200–230 mg g ⁻¹ 562.5 mg g ^{-1a}	1
Layered sodium titanate (Ag ₂ O-T3NT, Ag ₂ O-T3NF)	¹²⁵ I ⁻	(4.5 mmol g ⁻¹) 375 mg g ^{-1a} (3.0 mmol g ⁻¹)	2
Ag ₂ O@Mg(OH) ₂	I ⁻	368.6 mg g ^{-1a}	3
Ag ₂ O@NFC	I ⁻	650 mg g ⁻¹ (5.2 mmol g ⁻¹)	4
Fe ₃ O ₄ @PPy	I ⁻	1627 mg g ^{-1a}	5
Nano Cu ₂ O-activated carbon	I ⁻	41.2 mg g ⁻¹	6, 7
3D formicary-like δ-Bi ₂ O ₃	I ⁻	255 mg g ⁻¹	8
NTA-Au-CAM	I ⁻	24.3 mg g ⁻¹	9
Silver coated iron oxide	I ⁻	847 mg g ⁻¹	This work

Note: Ag₂O@NFC – Ag₂O nanoparticles on nanofibrillated cellulose, Fe₃O₄@PPy – magnetite nanoparticles encapsulated in the polypyrrole matrix, NTA-Au-CAM – NTA-disulfide loaded gold nanoparticles on cellulose acetate membrane, ^a Maximum monolayer adsorption capacity from Langmuir (Q_m , mg g⁻¹).

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