

*Supporting information for*

## **Low oxidation rate and enhanced magnetic properties induced by Raspberry Shaped Nanostructures of Iron Oxide**

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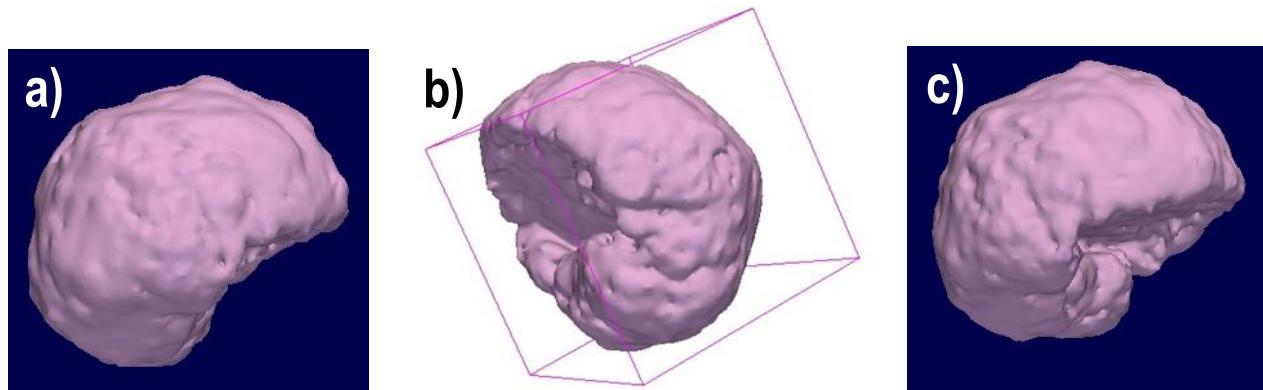
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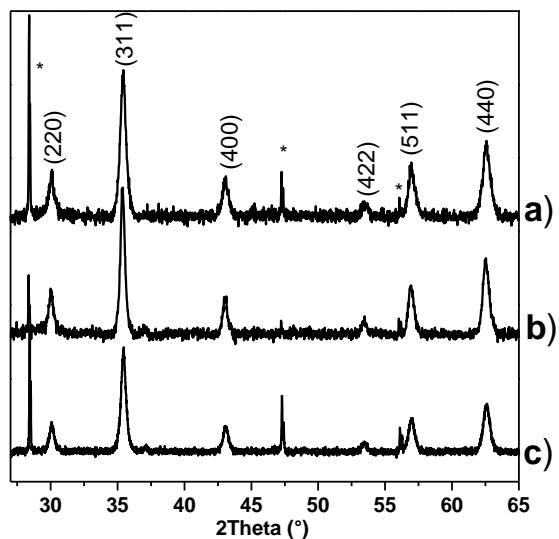
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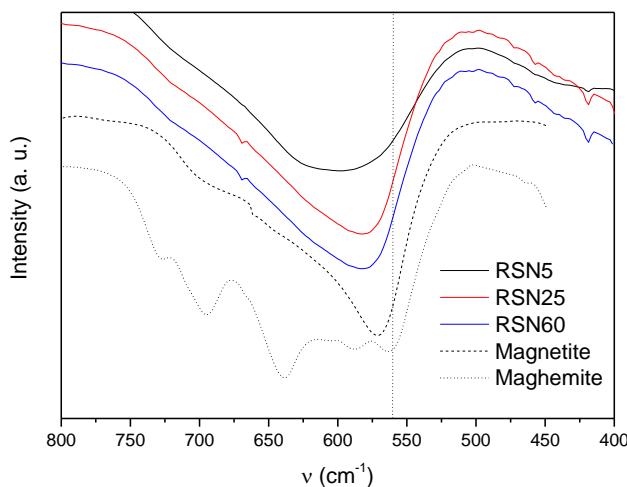
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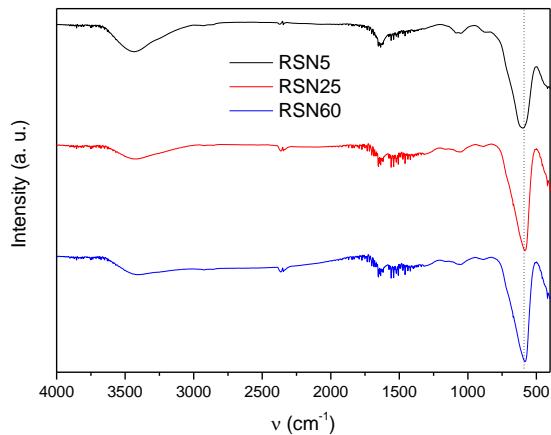
**Figure S1.** Three different views of the 3D tomographic model of an RSN5 revealing its hollow structure. The reconstructed volume was calculated from a TEM tilt series acquired by tilting the sample under the angular range of  $\pm 70^\circ$ .



**Figure S2.** XRD patterns of a) RSN5, b) RSN25 and c) RSN60. The indexed peaks correspond to the spinel structure of iron oxide. Stars correspond to silicon which was used as a reference.



**Figure S3.** FTIR spectra in the 800 to 400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region corresponding to the a) RSN5, b) RSN25, c) magnetite bulk and d) maghemite bulk.



**Figure S4.** FTIR spectra of a) RSN5, b) RSN25 and c) RSN60.

In addition to Fe-O bands, all FTIR spectra exhibit similar bands in the 4 000 to 800 cm<sup>-1</sup> region with the characteristic bands of ethylene glycol ( $\nu$ OH and  $\nu$ C-O) and of succinic acid ( $\nu$ COO) which should be grafted at the RSN surface after washing with ethanol and water.