

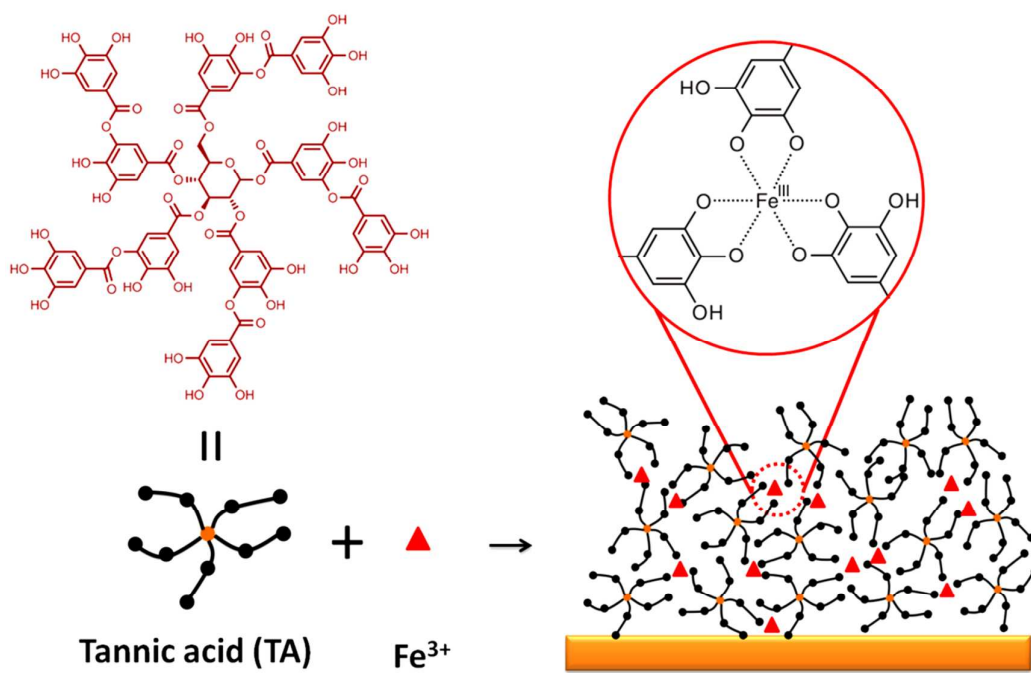
Supporting Information

# Fabrication of Conductive Silver Microtubes Using Natural Catkin as Template

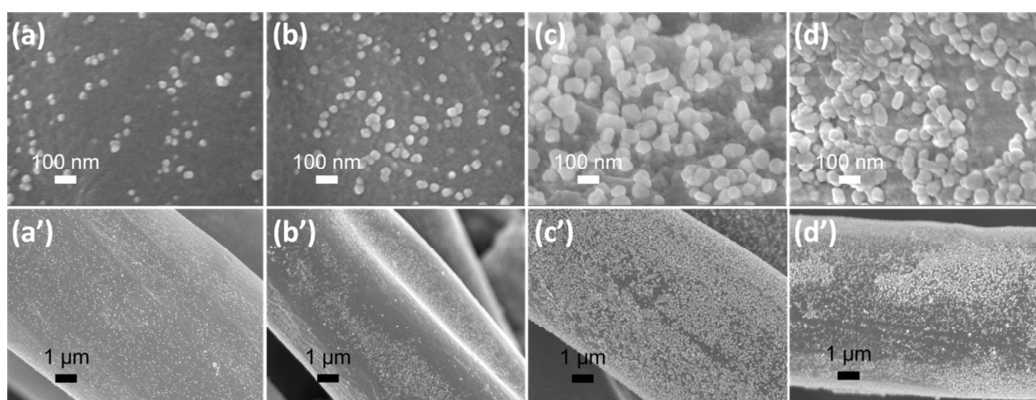
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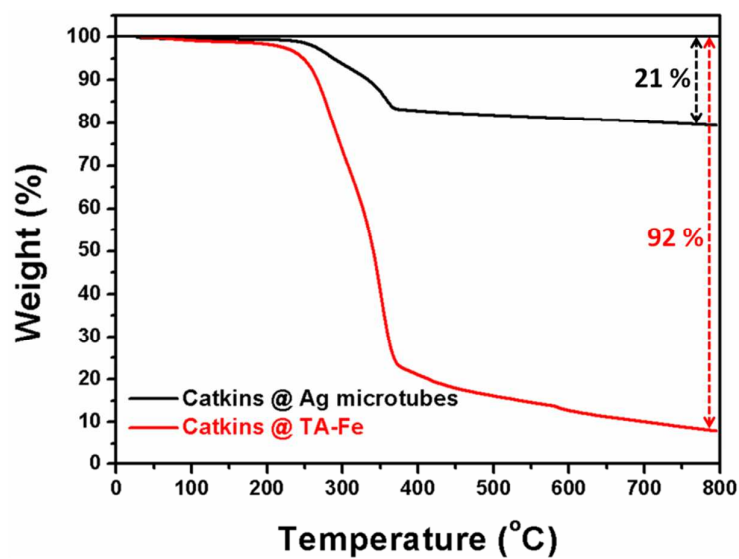
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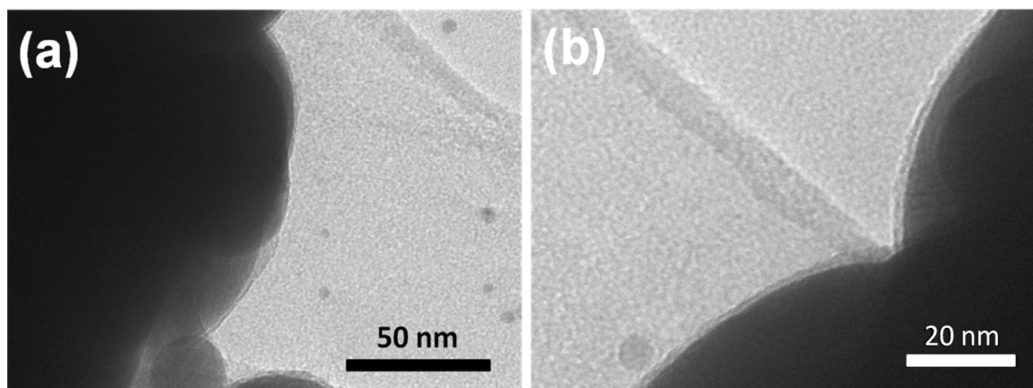
**Figure S1.** Molecular structure of tannic acid and schematic illustration of the TA-Fe coordination complexes.



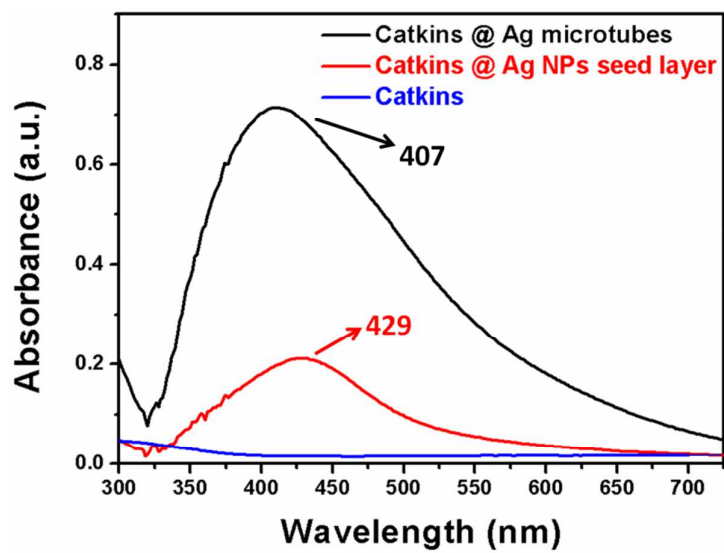
**Figure S2.** The SEM images of Catkins@Ag NPs seed layer at different growing stages: a, a'; b, b'; c, c' and d, d' are corresponding to the reaction time of 4, 7, 12 and 18 h, respectively.



**Figure S3.** Thermogravimetric curves of Catkins@TA-Fe and Catkins@Ag microtubes.



**Figure S4.** (a) and (b) TEM images of organic stabilizers capped on the particle surface after electroless plating.



**Figure S5.** UV-vis absorption spectra of Catkins, Catkins@Ag NPs seed layer and Catkins@Ag microtubes.