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Preparation of functionalized Magnetic Nanoparticles conjugated with feroxamine and their application for pathogen detection

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Estimation of feroxamine bonded to a 1 mg of MNP@SiO₂@NH₂:

Weight loss of MNP@SiO₂@NH₂ = 5.6 %

Weight loss of MNP@SiO₂@NH@Fa = 11.1 %

Expected Weight loss for MNP@SiO2@NH@Fa:

= (% Wt loss of MNP@SiO₂@NH@Fa) - (% Wt loss of MNP@SiO₂@NH₂)

= (11.1 – 5.6) % = **5.44%**

Weight loss of feroxamine from 1 mg of conjugate:

 $1mg \ \frac{5.44 \ \% \ of \ feroxamine}{100} = 0.0544 \ mg \ of \ feroxamine}{\frac{5.44 \ x \ 10^{-3}g}{713.98 \ mg \ /mmol}} = 7.62x 10^{-5} mmol \ of \ feroxamine}$

The amount of feroxamine per mg of MNP@SiO₂@NH₂ is 0.0544 mg, approximately. The conjugation was carried out using an excess of feroxamine to ensure that several amine groups were successfully coupled to the siderophore.



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Figure S9. Attraction of the conjugate $MNP@SiO_2@NH@Fa$ (4) in solution in the presence of a magnet.