Water soluble iron oxide nanoparticle through dual-interaction graft polymer

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The biocompatible and water dispersible poly(amino acid) derivative was employed to alter the surface property of hydrophobic iron oxide nanoparticles that exhibit high saturation magnetization. The ${\rm Fe_3O_4}$ nanoparticles protected by hydrophobic ligands were chemically conjugated onto the hydrophilic poly(amino acid)s we easily synthesis the alternative nanoparticles surface throuth dual-approach that is cooordinate bonding and hydrophobic van der waals interaction. The hydrophilic poly(amino acid)s conjugated Fe3O4 nanoparticles form self-aggregates in aqueous solutions.