



Supporting Information

MIL-100(Fe) sub-micrometric capsules as a dual drug delivery system

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S1. Supplemental Experimental Procedures

Synthesis of MIL-100(Fe) NPs.

In order to prepare MIL-100 capsules, preformed MIL-100(Fe) NPs were synthesized separately in ethanolic suspension. MIL-100(Fe) NPs were synthesized according to the procedure previously reported.^[1] Iron (III) nitrate nonahydrate and trimesic acid were dissolved in distilled water and kept stirring at 60 °C during 48 h. The as-synthesized MIL-100(Fe) NPs were washed with water and ethanol. The MIL-100(Fe) NPs were stored in EtOH at a concentration of 1 mg·mL⁻¹.

Dynamic light scattering (DLS)

Dynamic light scattering (DLS) size distribution was performed using a Zetasizer Nano ZS from Malvern, UK. 1 mg of MIL-100(Fe) material was placed in 1 mL of water and the sample was stirred for 5 min. The sample suspension was transferred to the quartz cuvette cell to acquire the measurements.

UV-vis spectroscopy- Calibration curve model of methotrexate.

A stock solution was prepared by dissolving 10 mg of MTX in required of 0.1 M HCl and diluting to 100 mL with ultrapure water and PBS. Aliquots were extracted from the stock to obtain diluted solutions containing MTX in the concentrations (µg·mL⁻¹): 1.25 µg·mL⁻¹, 2.5 µg·mL⁻¹, 5 µg·mL⁻¹, 7.5 µg·mL⁻¹, 10 µg·mL⁻¹, 12.5 µg·mL⁻¹, 15 µg·mL⁻¹, 17.5 µg·mL⁻¹ and 20 µg·mL⁻¹. The standard solutions were analyzed using an Agilent Cary 60 spectrophotometer. Absorbance spectra were collected in the range of 200 - 800 nm with a resolution of 1 nm and scan speed of 300 nm·min⁻¹.

UV-vis spectroscopy- Calibration curve model of collagenase.

A stock solution of collagenase in ultrapure water and PBS was prepared in a 30 mL volumetric flask. Aliquots were extracted from the stock to obtain diluted solutions containing collagenase in the concentrations (µg·mL⁻¹): 30 µg·mL⁻¹, 60 µg·mL⁻¹, 90 µg·mL⁻¹, 120 µg·mL⁻¹, 150 µg·mL⁻¹ and 180 µg·mL⁻¹. The standard solutions were analyzed using an Agilent Cary 60 spectrophotometer. Absorbance spectra were collected in the range of 200 - 800 nm with a resolution of 1 nm and scan speed of 300 nm·min⁻¹.

S2. Characterization of MOFs

Table S1: Kinetic Model Equations, where Q_t is the quantity of the drug released at time t , K is the release rate constant, and η is the diffusional exponent that characterizes the best fitted release mechanism.

Kinetic models	Equations
Zero order	$Q_t = Q_0 - K_0 t$
First order	$\log Q_t = \log Q_0 - \frac{K_1 t}{2.303}$
Korsmeyer-Peppas	$\log Q_t = \log K + \eta \log t$
Higuchi	$Q_t = K_h \sqrt{t}$

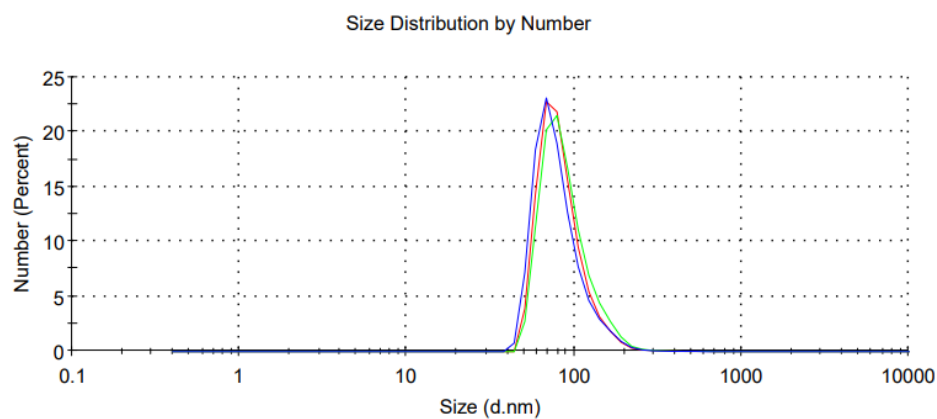


Figure S1. Dynamic light scattering (DLS) size distribution of MIL-100(Fe) NPs.

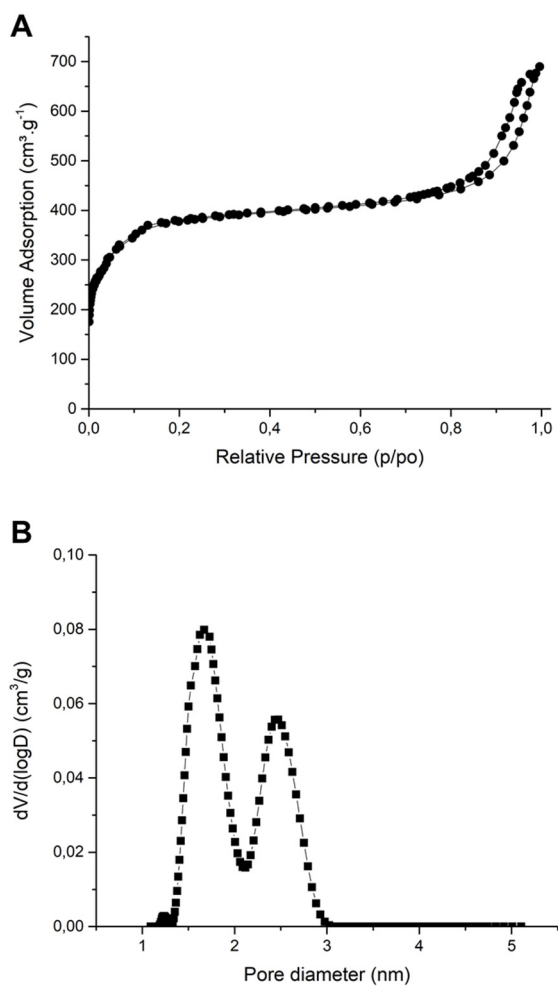


Figure S2. (A) N_2 adsorption- desorption isotherms (B) and BJH pore size distribution curves of MIL-100(Fe) NPs at 77 K ($P_0 = 1$ atm).

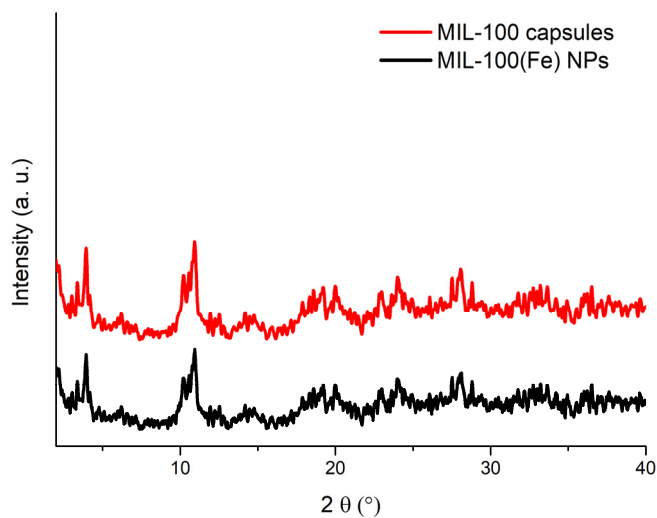


Figure S3. Powder XRD diagram of MIL-100(Fe) NPs (black line) and MIL-100 capsules (red line). The XRD patterns are in agreement with that reported in the literature.[1,2]

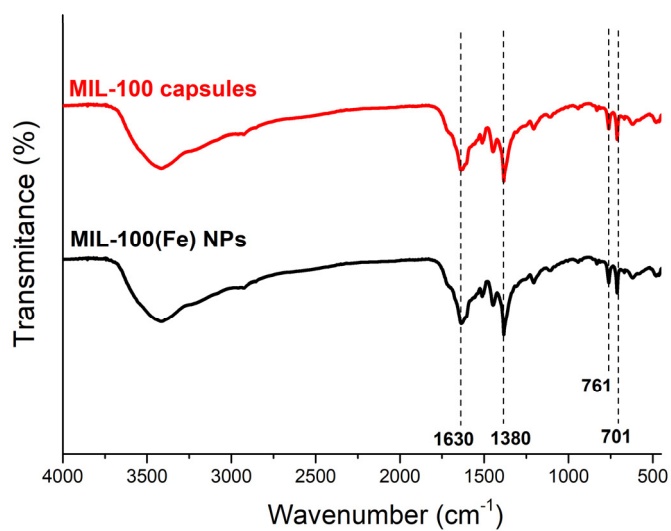


Figure S4. FT-IR spectrum of MIL-100(Fe) NPs (black line) and MIL-100 capsules (red line).

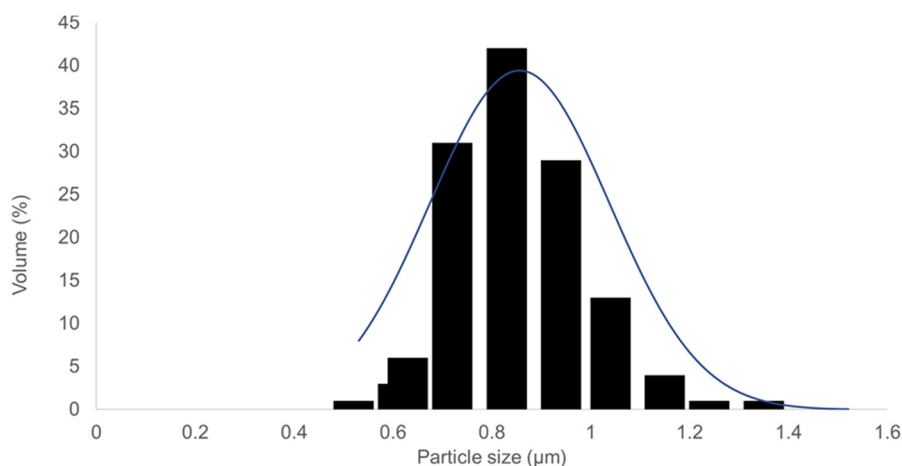


Figure S5. Particle size distribution of MIL-100 capsules.

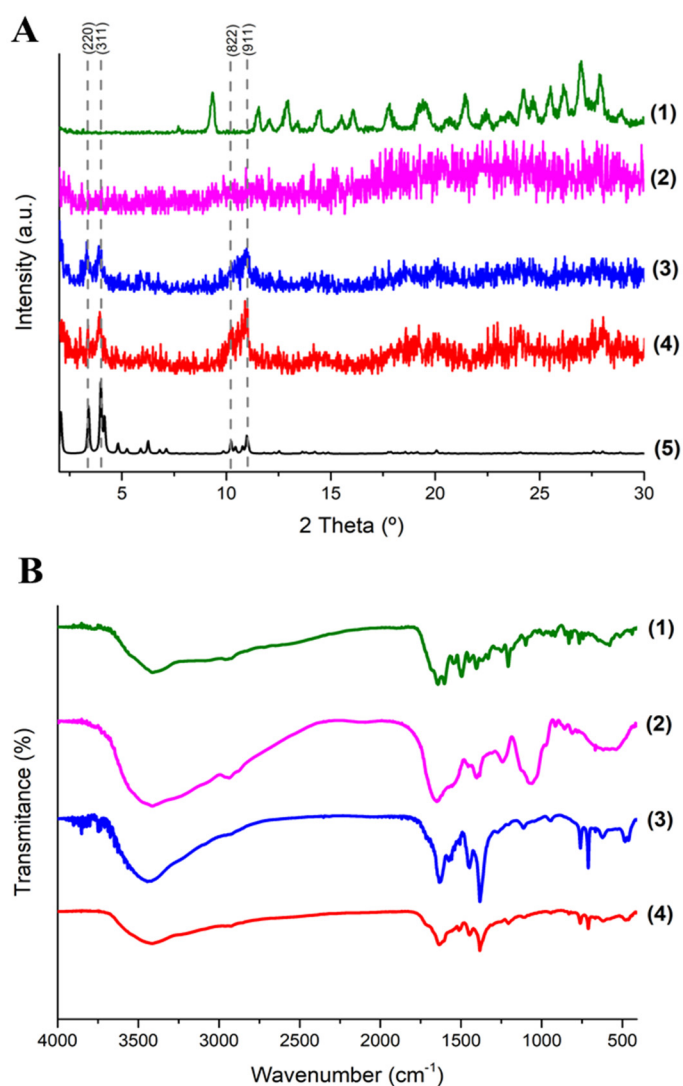
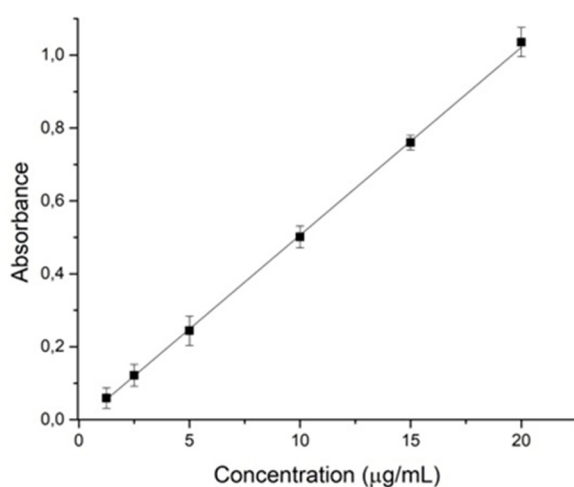
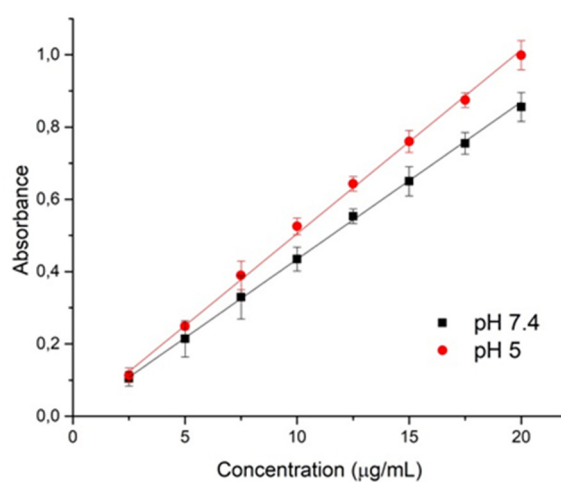


Figure S6. (A) PXRD patterns of MTX (1), collagenase (2), MTX@COL@MIL-100 capsule (3), MIL-100 capsule (4) and simulated MIL-100(Fe) NPs (5). (B) FTIR spectra of MTX (1), collagenase (2), MTX@COL@MIL-100 capsule (3) and MIL-100 capsule (4).

Table S2: Textural properties of MIL-100 capsules before and after MTX and collagenase encapsulation.

Sample	MIL-100 capsule	MTX@MIL-100 capsule	MTX@COL@MIL-100 capsule
BET surface area (m ² .g ⁻¹)	1613	629	285
T-plot external surface area (m ² .g ⁻¹)	213	125	120
Total pore volume (cm ³ .g ⁻¹)	0.85	0.32	0.21

S3. Methotrexate and Collagenase loading and release from MOF capsule

**Figure S7.** Calibration curve of methotrexate in water (0.1M HCl). The analytical curve obtained was: $y = 0.0519x - 0.0114$ and the correlation coefficient (R^2) was 0.9997, indicating linearity.**Figure S8.** Calibration curve of methotrexate in PBS pH 7.4 and PBS pH 5. The analytical curve obtained in pH 7.4 was: $y = 0.0439x - 0.0325$ and the correlation coefficient (R^2) 0.9971, while in pH 5 was: $y = 0.0506x + 0.0026$ and the correlation coefficient (R^2) 0.9945.

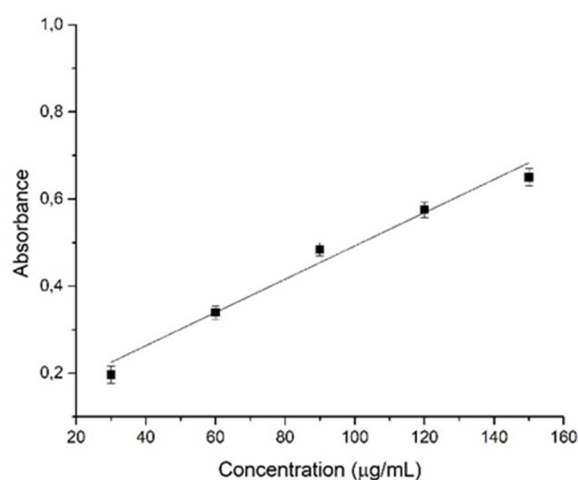


Figure S9. Calibration curve of collagenase in water. The analytical curve obtained was: $y = 0.0038x + 0.0994$ and the correlation coefficient (R^2) was 0.9902, indicating linearity.

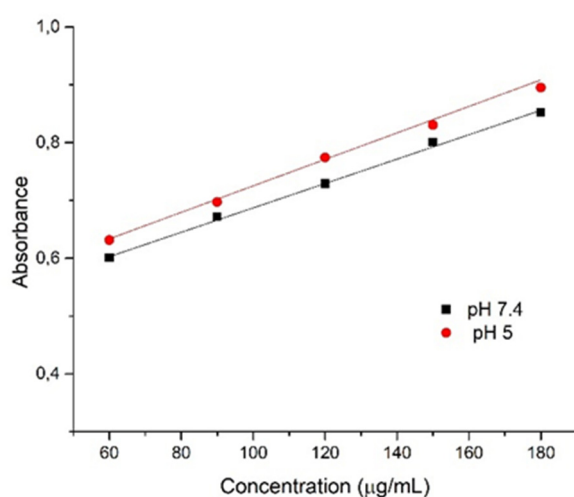


Figure S10. Calibration curve of collagenase in PBS pH 7.4 and PBS pH 5. The analytical curve obtained in pH 7.4 was: $y = 0.002x + 0.4858$ and the correlation coefficient (R^2) 0.9927, while in pH 5 was: $y = 0.0021x + 0.5237$ and the correlation coefficient (R^2) 0.9914, indicating linearity.

Table S3. MTX release kinetics from MIL-100 NPs and MIL-100 capsules in PBS pH 7.4.

Mathematical model	MIL-100(Fe) NPs		MIL-100 capsules	
	r^2	Release exponent	r^2	Release exponent
Korsmeyer-Peppas	0.9909	$\eta = 0.4944$	0.9989	$\eta = 0.5468$
Higuchi	0.8498		0.7076	
Hixson-crowell	0.8065		0.7203	
Primeira ordem	0.8838		0.7021	
Weibull	0.9838	$b = 0.7460$	0.9644	$b = 0.6602$

Table S4. MTX release kinetics from MIL-100(Fe) NPs and MIL-100 capsules in PBS pH 5,0.

Mathematical model	MIL-100(Fe) NPs		MIL-100 capsules	
	r^2	Release exponent	r^2	Release exponent
Korsmeyer-Peppas	0.9998	$\eta = 0.4729$	0.9979	$\eta = 0.4967$

Higuchi	0.9353		0.8666	
Hixson-crowell	0.6920		0.6920	
Primeira ordem	0.6854		0.6854	
Weibull	0.9710	b = 0.6870	0.9885	b = 0.7412

Table S5. Collagenase release kinetics from MIL-100 capsules in PBS pH 7.4 and pH 5.0.

Mathematical model	pH 7.4		pH 5.0	
	r ²	Release exponent	r ²	Release exponent
Korsmeyer-Peppas	0.9927	$\eta = 0.8358$	0.9968	$\eta = 0.4626$
Higuchi	0.9250		0.9257	
Hixson-crowell	0.3333		0.9862	
Primeira ordem	0.4052		0.9866	
Weibull	0.9842	b = 0.4699	0.9961	b = 0.7241

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