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Dear Dr. Yuliana,

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I have completed my evaluation of your manuscript. The reviewers recommend reconsideration of your manuscript following minor revision and modification. I invite you to resubmit your manuscript after addressing the comments below. Please resubmit your revised manuscript by Oct 22, 2022.

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Teruaki Hayakawa, Ph.D.

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Editor and Reviewer comments:

Reviewer #1: This work reports a novel drug carrier, the hollow core zeolitic imidazolate framework-8 (HZIF-8), which uses polystyrene as a hard template to sequentially load and release 5-fluorouracil (FU). HZIF-8 gives an excellent performance as a drug carrier for FU. The release study exhibits the pH-responsive characteristics of HZIF-8 where a higher and better-controlled release is observed at pH = 5.5 than at pH = 7.4. The results are interesting, and there are some problems that must be solved before it is published in the Materials Today Chemistry. Detailed comments are listed below.

Comment 1: In the Part 2.5, the author mentioned that "the concentration of the remaining FU in the supernatant is measured using Shimadzu UV-Vis spectrophotometer 2600 (Shimadzu, Japan) at a wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) of 265.5 nm." However, the original spectrum of UV-vis is not provided in the article, and the author should reflect it in the article.

Comment 2: In the article, HZIF-8 gives an excellent performance as a drug carrier for Fu. Then, how about the chemical stability of HZIF after loading FU. Similarly, the author needs to provide the BET performance of FU loaded HZIF-8 to further prove whether FU is adsorbed on the surface of hzif-8 or filled into the pores.

Comment 3: In the Part 3.1, it is mentioned that "the elemental mapping of HZIF-8 (Figure 1e - 1h) also exhibits the uniform distribution of zinc, carbon, oxygen, and nitrogen in the material." From figure 1h, it can be seen that nitrogen is not uniformly distributed in HZIF-8.

In addition, for structure and properties of ZIFs, please include related reviews: Coord. Chem. Rev. 2022, 471, DOI: 10.1016/j.ccr.2022.214759. Materials Today Advances, 2021, 10, 100145. Chem. Soc. Rev., 2018, 47, 2130-2144.

Reviewer #2: Manuscript Number: MTCHEM-D-22-01758

Title: pH-responsive hollow-core zeolitic-imidazolate framework-8 as an effective drug carrier of 5-fluorouracil

Recommendation: This paper is acceptable after minor revisions.

Comments: In this work, author developed the hollow ZIF-8 is designed using polystyrene as a hard template to sequentially load and release 5-FU. This manuscript was well organized. It can be published after addressing following points:

- (1) It is interesting to construct hollow structure in ZIF-8. But author should discuss in details why the hollow is needed? The molecular size of 5-FU is smaller than pore aperture. What is the difference between hollow structure and small particle size.
- (2) Could author provide the zeta potential of nanoparticles?
- (3) Error bar should be added in Figure 7.
- (4) There are some related works that can be added as references. Such as discussed in Adv. Mater. 2017, 29, 1606134; J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2016, 138, 962.
- (5) The release mechanism should be discussed.
- (6) STEM image and EDS mapping should appear together.

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Best regards,

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Teruaki Hayakawa, Ph.D.  
Associate Editor

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Editor and Reviewer comments:

Reviewer #1: this work can be accepted since all my concerned have been addressed.

Reviewer #2: Recommendation: This paper is acceptable.

Comments: The manuscript has been improved a lot. Most suggestions are addressed and revised according to referees' comments. Therefore, I recommend to accept this manuscript.

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