

## **Supporting information**

### **Iodide-responsive Cu-Au nanoparticles-based colorimetric sensor array for discrimination of proteins**

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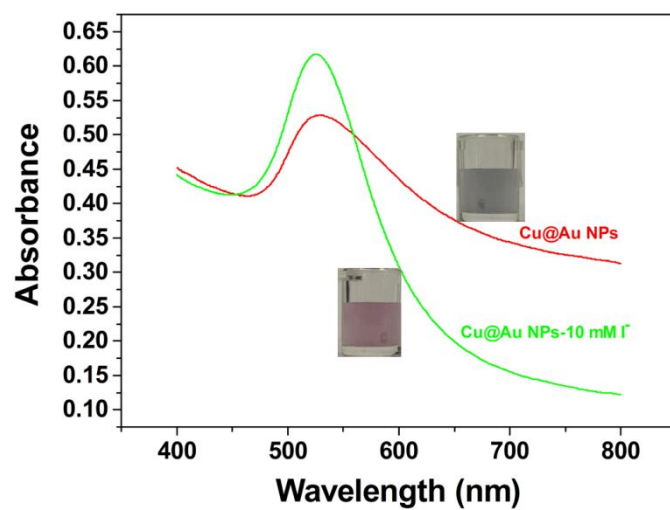
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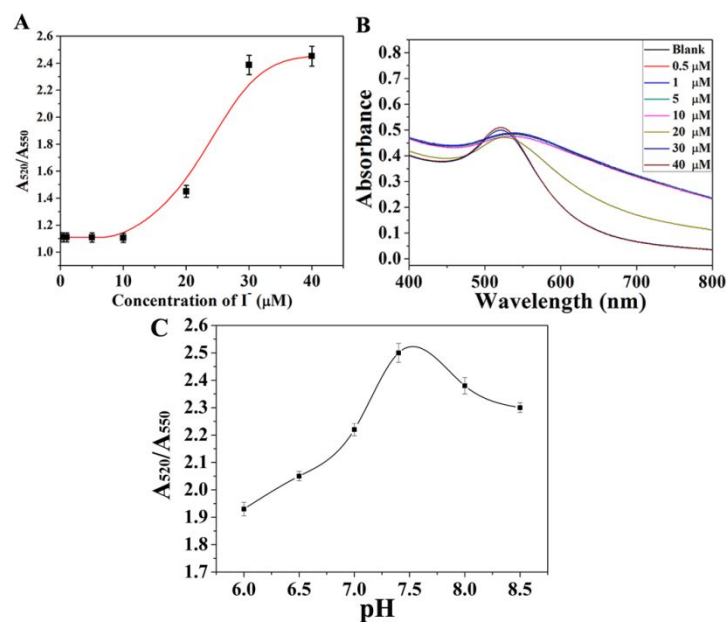
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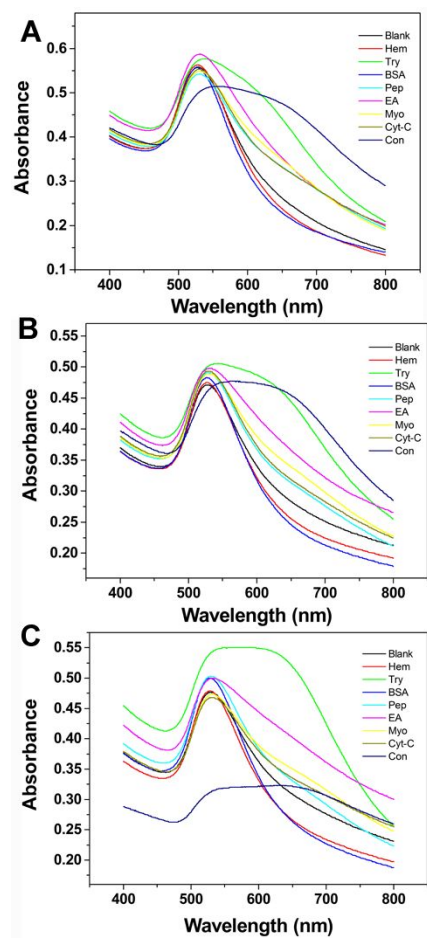
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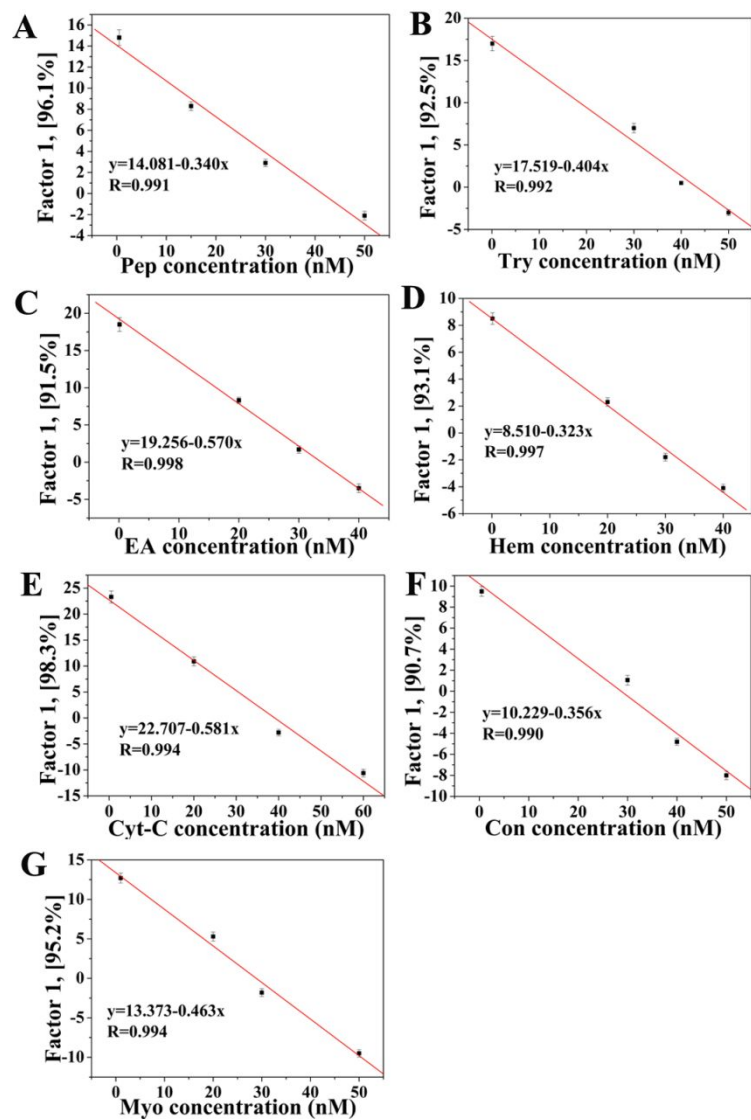
**Fig. S1** Photos and UV-vis absorption spectra of the Cu-Au NP solution in the absence and presence of 10 mM iodide.



**Fig. S2** (A) The  $A_{520\text{ nm}}/A_{550\text{ nm}}$  ratio as a function of iodide concentration; (B) Absorption profiles of Cu-Au NPs solution (pH 7.4) after interaction with different concentrations of iodide ion for 25 min. (C) The  $A_{520\text{ nm}}/A_{550\text{ nm}}$  ratio as a function of solution pH.



**Fig. S3** UV-vis absorption spectra of the Cu-Au NP solution in the absence and presence of 8 proteins at 20 nM in the presence of (A) 15A, (B) 15C, and (C) 15 T, respectively.



**Fig. S4** Plot of the discriminant factor 1 versus (A) Pep, (B) Try, (C) EA, (D) Hem, (E) Cyt-C, (F) Con, and (G) Myo concentrations.

**Table S1.** The training matrix of the colorimetric response patterns against the eight proteins at 20 nM using this sensor assay.

| proteins | UV-15A | UV-15C | UV-15T |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Hem      | 0.849  | 0.861  | 0.902  |
| Hem      | 0.848  | 0.898  | 0.880  |
| Hem      | 0.854  | 0.934  | 0.890  |
| Hem      | 0.877  | 0.916  | 0.901  |
| Hem      | 0.861  | 0.909  | 0.875  |
| Try      | 0.999  | 1.006  | 0.947  |
| Try      | 1.060  | 0.993  | 0.968  |
| Try      | 0.997  | 0.983  | 0.955  |
| Try      | 0.985  | 1.007  | 0.973  |
| Try      | 0.990  | 1.024  | 0.971  |
| BSA      | 0.647  | 0.704  | 0.606  |
| BSA      | 0.656  | 0.686  | 0.654  |
| BSA      | 0.640  | 0.672  | 0.607  |
| BSA      | 0.620  | 0.668  | 0.651  |
| BSA      | 0.579  | 0.662  | 0.630  |
| Pep      | 1.050  | 1.018  | 0.988  |
| Pep      | 1.046  | 1.023  | 0.993  |
| Pep      | 1.032  | 1.020  | 1.007  |
| Pep      | 1.048  | 1.040  | 0.986  |
| Pep      | 0.025  | 1.027  | 1.037  |
| EA       | 0.789  | 0.798  | 0.739  |
| EA       | 0.781  | 0.792  | 0.750  |
| EA       | 0.777  | 0.795  | 0.730  |
| EA       | 0.770  | 0.804  | 0.734  |
| EA       | 0.785  | 0.782  | 0.729  |
| Myo      | 0.788  | 0.814  | 0.775  |
| Myo      | 0.792  | 0.811  | 0.811  |
| Myo      | 0.786  | 0.805  | 0.799  |
| Myo      | 0.784  | 0.816  | 0.797  |
| Myo      | 0.779  | 0.808  | 0.784  |
| Cyt-C    | 0.753  | 0.872  | 0.828  |
| Cyt-C    | 0.776  | 0.887  | 0.823  |
| Cyt-C    | 0.761  | 0.884  | 0.797  |
| Cyt-C    | 0.784  | 0.863  | 0.789  |
| Cyt-C    | 0.760  | 0.862  | 0.788  |
| Con      | 0.591  | 0.542  | 0.690  |
| Con      | 0.556  | 0.511  | 0.644  |
| Con      | 0.529  | 0.495  | 0.641  |

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| Con | 0.566 | 0.551 | 0.630 |
| Con | 0.519 | 0.586 | 0.690 |

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**Table S2** The RSDs for results from the sensor array for each protein at 20 nM.

| protein | BSA  | Con  | Hem  | Myo  | EA   | Cyt-C | Try  | Pep  |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|
| RSD (%) | 5.98 | 5.51 | 5.39 | 3.90 | 3.74 | 4.01  | 3.58 | 3.27 |

**Table S3.** Comparison of different sensor arrays for protein discrimination based on NPs.

| method                        | receptors                          | the number of identified proteins | limit of detection (nM) | ref.      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| colorimetric                  | DNA                                | 7                                 | 50                      | [18]      |
| colorimetric and fluorescence | DNA                                | 11                                | 50                      | [19]      |
| colorimetric                  | Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> NPs | 10                                | 50                      | [3]       |
| fluorescent                   | Au nanodots                        | 8                                 | 25                      | [12]      |
| colorimetric                  | gold nanoclusters                  | 8                                 | 50                      | [29]      |
| fluorescent                   | aptamers                           | 9                                 | 20                      | [14]      |
| colorimetric                  | DNA                                | 10                                | 50                      | [30]      |
| colorimetric                  | DNA                                | 8                                 | 20                      | this work |

**Table S4.** The training matrix of the colorimetric response patterns against BSA with various concentrations (0.1-50 nM) using this sensor assay.

| concentration | UV-15A | UV-15C | UV-15T |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0.1 nM        | 0.694  | 0.644  | 0.728  |
| 0.1 nM        | 0.695  | 0.637  | 0.739  |
| 0.1 nM        | 0.655  | 0.661  | 0.366  |
| 0.1 nM        | 0.669  | 0.647  | 0.724  |
| 0.1 nM        | 0.690  | 0.648  | 0.718  |
| 30 nM         | 0.543  | 0.619  | 0.627  |
| 30 nM         | 0.567  | 0.625  | 0.626  |
| 30 nM         | 0.560  | 0.617  | 0.632  |
| 30 nM         | 0.547  | 0.615  | 0.633  |
| 30 nM         | 0.542  | 0.619  | 0.624  |
| 40 nM         | 0.532  | 0.601  | 0.626  |
| 40 nM         | 0.520  | 0.619  | 0.623  |
| 40 nM         | 0.528  | 0.602  | 0.629  |
| 40 nM         | 0.517  | 0.607  | 0.629  |
| 40 nM         | 0.536  | 0.607  | 0.617  |
| 50 nM         | 0.530  | 0.588  | 0.594  |
| 50 nM         | 0.512  | 0.594  | 0.579  |
| 50 nM         | 0.525  | 0.595  | 0.594  |
| 50 nM         | 0.540  | 0.596  | 0.595  |
| 50 nM         | 0.543  | 0.596  | 0.597  |

**Table S5.** Training matrix of the response patterns against the mixtures of these two proteins samples (Hem+BSA) with various molar ratios (total concentration 20 nM) using this sensor array.

| proteins        | UV-A15 | UV-C15 | UV-T15 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 25% Hem+75% BSA | 0.770  | 0.775  | 0.763  |
| 25% Hem+75% BSA | 0.774  | 0.770  | 0.769  |
| 25% Hem+75% BSA | 0.770  | 0.771  | 0.770  |
| 25% Hem+75% BSA | 0.771  | 0.761  | 0.769  |
| 25% Hem+75% BSA | 0.766  | 0.770  | 0.772  |
| 50% Hem+50% BSA | 0.790  | 0.790  | 0.793  |
| 50% Hem+50% BSA | 0.789  | 0.791  | 0.791  |
| 50% Hem+50% BSA | 0.790  | 0.787  | 0.788  |
| 50% Hem+50% BSA | 0.789  | 0.791  | 0.798  |
| 50% Hem+50% BSA | 0.790  | 0.782  | 0.794  |
| 75% Hem+25% BSA | 0.807  | 0.807  | 0.820  |
| 75% Hem+25% BSA | 0.810  | 0.813  | 0.803  |
| 75% Hem+25% BSA | 0.803  | 0.800  | 0.801  |
| 75% Hem+25% BSA | 0.803  | 0.803  | 0.817  |
| 75% Hem+25% BSA | 0.810  | 0.811  | 0.809  |
| 100% Hem        | 0.841  | 0.840  | 0.840  |
| 100% Hem        | 0.849  | 0.839  | 0.846  |
| 100% Hem        | 0.840  | 0.830  | 0.838  |
| 100% Hem        | 0.847  | 0.840  | 0.849  |
| 100% Hem        | 0.833  | 0.821  | 0.840  |
| 100% BSA        | 0.914  | 0.919  | 0.925  |
| 100% BSA        | 0.918  | 0.920  | 0.929  |
| 100% BSA        | 0.921  | 0.920  | 0.918  |
| 100% BSA        | 0.918  | 0.930  | 0.920  |
| 100% BSA        | 0.928  | 0.918  | 0.920  |

**Table S6.** Training matrix of the response patterns against proteins (each at 0.2  $\mu$ M) in the presence of human serum using the sensor array.

| proteins | UV-15A | UV-15C | UV-15T |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| serum    | 0.579  | 0.605  | 0.558  |
| serum    | 0.559  | 0.615  | 0.536  |
| serum    | 0.599  | 0.619  | 0.547  |
| serum    | 0.586  | 0.620  | 0.588  |
| serum    | 0.572  | 0.622  | 0.564  |
| Hem      | 0.649  | 0.666  | 0.702  |
| Hem      | 0.648  | 0.698  | 0.680  |
| Hem      | 0.654  | 0.734  | 0.690  |
| Hem      | 0.677  | 0.716  | 0.701  |
| Hem      | 0.661  | 0.709  | 0.675  |
| Try      | 1.299  | 1.301  | 1.247  |
| Try      | 1.306  | 1.293  | 1.268  |
| Try      | 1.297  | 1.283  | 1.255  |
| Try      | 1.285  | 1.301  | 1.273  |
| Try      | 1.290  | 1.302  | 1.271  |
| BSA      | 0.565  | 0.607  | 0.516  |
| BSA      | 0.559  | 0.569  | 0.536  |
| BSA      | 0.540  | 0.587  | 0.507  |
| BSA      | 0.520  | 0.618  | 0.515  |
| BSA      | 0.518  | 0.606  | 0.530  |
| Pep      | 1.015  | 0.918  | 0.939  |
| Pep      | 1.015  | 0.902  | 0.932  |
| Pep      | 1.013  | 0.902  | 0.947  |
| Pep      | 1.015  | 0.904  | 0.959  |
| Pep      | 1.012  | 0.903  | 0.937  |
| EA       | 0.889  | 0.898  | 0.839  |
| EA       | 0.808  | 0.892  | 0.850  |
| EA       | 0.877  | 0.895  | 0.830  |
| EA       | 0.870  | 0.884  | 0.834  |
| EA       | 0.845  | 0.882  | 0.829  |
| Myo      | 0.779  | 0.814  | 0.822  |
| Myo      | 0.789  | 0.812  | 0.815  |
| Myo      | 0.786  | 0.803  | 0.799  |
| Myo      | 0.788  | 0.825  | 0.797  |
| Myo      | 0.793  | 0.825  | 0.784  |
| Cyt-C    | 0.553  | 0.672  | 0.628  |
| Cyt-C    | 0.576  | 0.669  | 0.623  |

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cyt-C | 0.561 | 0.684 | 0.597 |
| Cyt-C | 0.584 | 0.663 | 0.589 |
| Cyt-C | 0.560 | 0.662 | 0.588 |
| Con   | 0.546 | 0.522 | 0.669 |
| Con   | 0.525 | 0.511 | 0.644 |
| Con   | 0.566 | 0.494 | 0.656 |
| Con   | 0.535 | 0.529 | 0.657 |
| Con   | 0.557 | 0.511 | 0.655 |