## **Supporting Information**

## Ultrafine Pd Nanoparticles Encapsulated in Microporous Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Hollow Nanospheres for In Situ Molecular Detection of Living Cells

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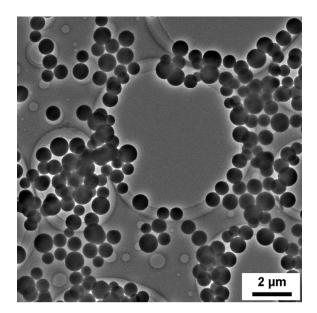


Figure S1 Low-magnification TEM images of  $SiO_2$  spheres.

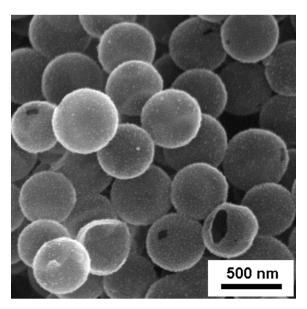


Figure S2 Low-magnification SEM image of C@Pd hollow spheres.

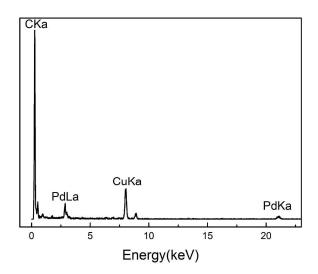


Figure S3 EDX image of C@Pd hollow spheres.

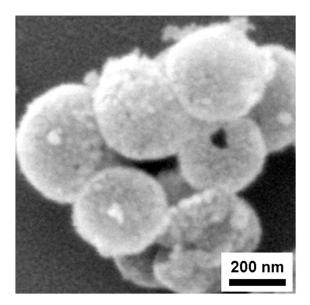


Figure S4 SEM image of Pd@Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hollow spheres.

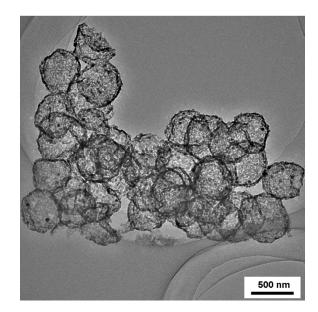


Figure S5 Low-magnification TEM images of Pd@Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hollow spheres.

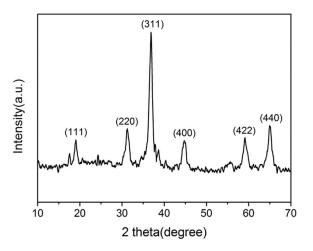


Figure S6 XRD pattern of Pd@Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hollow nanospheres.

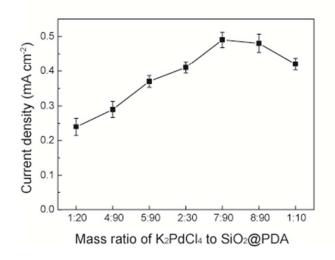
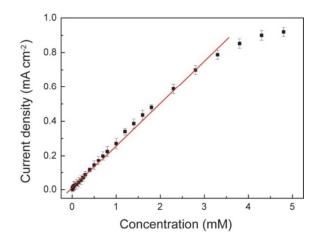


Figure S7 The relationship between the amperometric current responses of  $Pd@Co_3O_4/GCE$  towards 2.0 mM  $H_2O_2$  and mass ratio of  $K_2PdCl_4$  to  $SiO_2@PDA$ .



**Figure S8** Calibration curves of the amperometric response of  $Pd@Co_3O_4/GCE$  to successive addition of  $H_2O_2$  in stirring PBS buffer (pH 7.4).

Foreign species	Concentration	Change of amperometric	RSD (%)
	spiked (mM)	response (%)	( <i>n</i> =10)
AA	1.0	8.4	3.8
UA	1.0	7.9	3.3
DA	1.0	8.5	2.4
cysteine	1.0	6.5	3.2
glutamic acid	1.0	7.6	4.5
glycine	1.0	6.8	4.2
glutathione	1.0	7.4	3.2
$Na^+$	5.0	1.5	3.2
$K^+$	5.0	2.1	2.5
$Mg^{2+}$	5.0	1.3	2.6
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	5.0	2.8	1.9
$\mathrm{H}^{+}$	5.0	3.4	2.7
Cl	5.0	1.7	2.8

Table S1 Influence of foreign species on the determination of  $1.0 \text{ mM H}_2\text{O}_2$ .