

# Studies on fluorescence determination of nanomolar Cr (III) in aqueous solutions using unmodified silver nanoparticles

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## RESULTS

### Spectral characterization of AgNP

**Table S1.** The effect of AgNP/Cr (III) volume ratio on fluorescence intensity measured at a range of Cr (III) concentrations [range:  $10^{-3}$  M -  $10^{-7}$  M]

| Volume of AgNP ( $\mu$ l) | Volume of Cr(III) ( $\mu$ l) | AgNP/Cr(III) volume ratio | Different Cr (III) concentrations |             |             |             |             |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                           |                              |                           | $10^{-3}$ M                       | $10^{-4}$ M | $10^{-5}$ M | $10^{-6}$ M | $10^{-7}$ M |
| 700                       | 200                          | 3.5:1                     | 324±1                             | 155±1       | 138±3       | 163±1       | 110±2       |
| 700                       | 300                          | 2.3:1                     | 252±4                             | 150±2       | 172±1       | 163±1       | 147±3       |
| 700                       | 500                          | 1.4:1                     | 603±1                             | 452±2       | 307±1       | 234±1       | 152±1       |

**Table S2.** The effect of pH on fluorescence intensity measured at a range of Cr (III) concentrations [range:  $10^{-3}$  M -  $10^{-7}$  M]

| pH | Different Cr (III) concentrations |             |             |             |             |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|    | $10^{-3}$ M                       | $10^{-4}$ M | $10^{-5}$ M | $10^{-6}$ M | $10^{-7}$ M |
| 5  | 203±6                             | 141±2       | 152±2       | 117±2       | 160±1       |
| 6  | 603±1                             | 452±2       | 307±1       | 234±1       | 152±1       |
| 7  | 195±2                             | 195±3       | 117±2       | 156±2       | 188±3       |

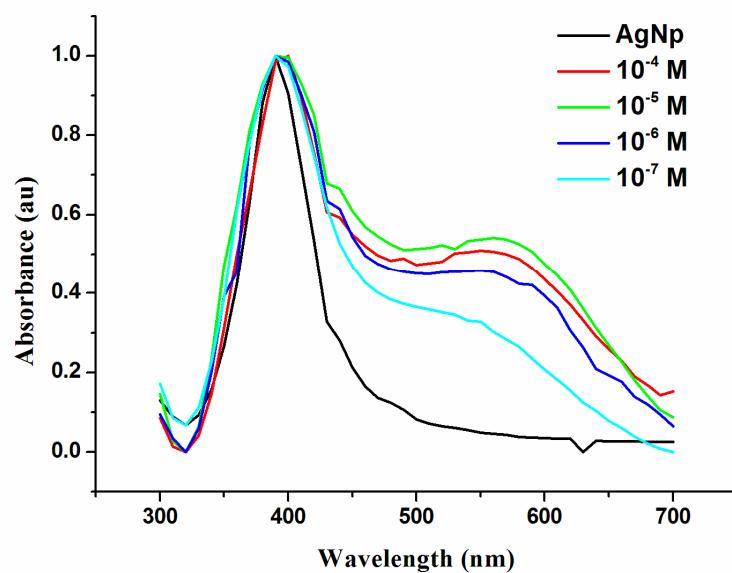
**Table S3. Fluorescence data for all the Cr (III) concentrations in the range  $2 \times 10^{-8}$ –  $2 \times 10^{-9}$  M**

| Chromium concentration (M) | Fluorescence Intensity (Mean±SD) |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $2 \times 10^{-8}$         | 80±1                             |
| $1 \times 10^{-8}$         | 78±1                             |
| $8 \times 10^{-9}$         | 76±1                             |
| $6 \times 10^{-9}$         | 65±1                             |
| $4 \times 10^{-9}$         | 45±1                             |
| $2 \times 10^{-9}$         | 40±1                             |

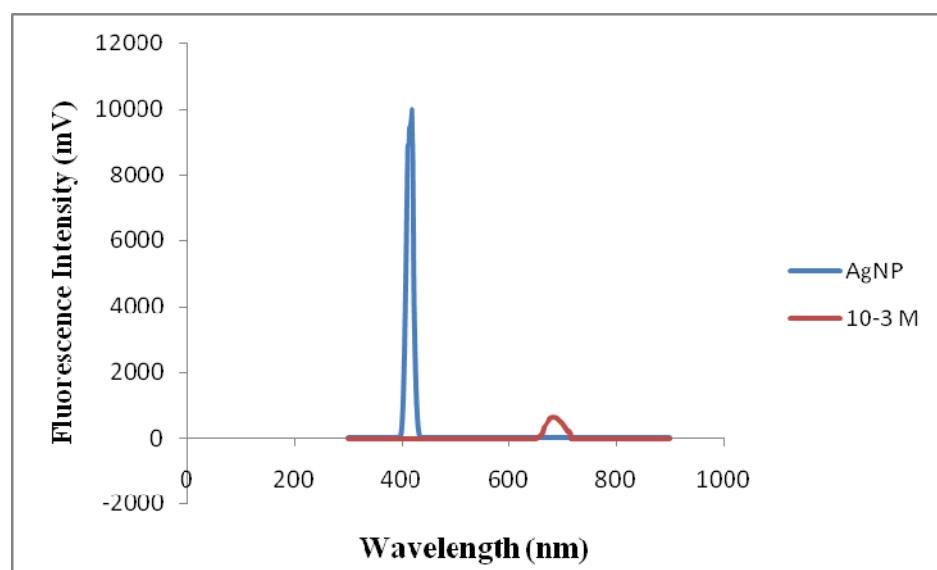
**Table S4. The comparison of Cr concentration observed by the current method to that measured by AAS for tap water and groundwater**

| Source                   | Fluorescence Intensity (Mean±SD) | Chromium concentration range (ppb) | Chromium concentrations by AAS (ppb) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tap water                | 353±3                            | 500-50                             | 187±1                                |
| Ground water(Suthipattu) | 232±2                            | 500-50                             | 66.±1                                |

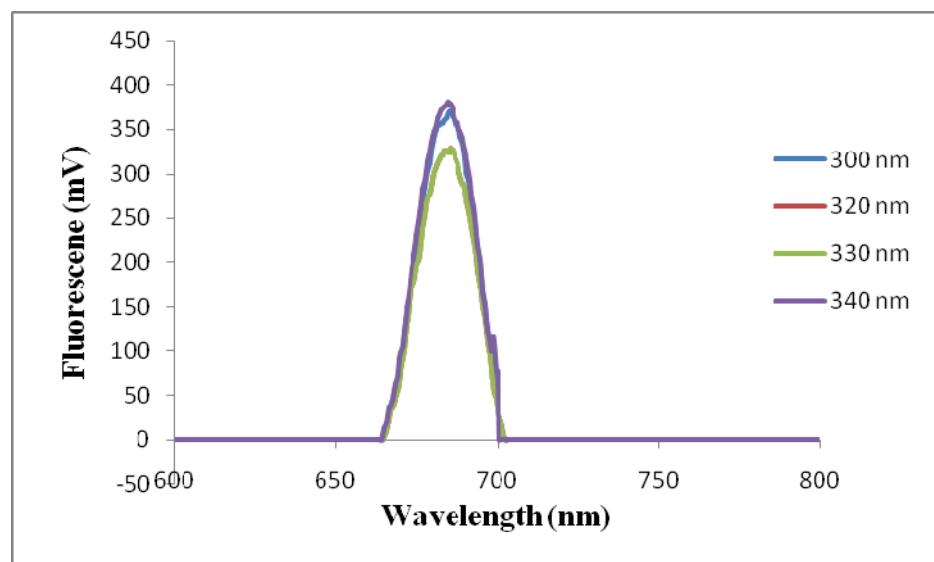
**Figure S1.** A Normalized graph of AgNP with Cr (III) at various concentrations



**Figure S2.** A fluorescence emission spectrum of un-interacted AgNP and AgNP interacted with Cr (III) at concentration range of 10<sup>-3</sup> M



**Figure S3.** A fluorescence emission spectrum at different excitation wavelength



**Figure S4.** Variation of fluorescence intensity ratio measured against reaction time

