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# Supporting materials

# Effect of HAuCl<sub>4</sub> concentration on electrochemical DNA sensing

### behaviors of Au/nanoSPAN nanocomposite

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### EDS results of Au/nanoSPAN/CPE

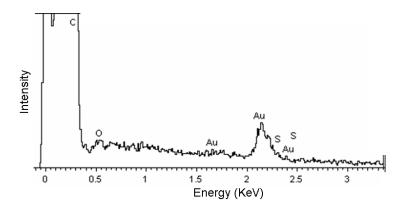
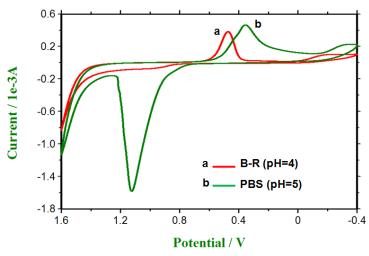


Fig. S1. EDS results of Au/nanoSPAN/CPE.

### The effect of solution pH on the electrochemistry of Au/nanoSPAN/CPE



**Fig.** S2. CVs of Au/nanoSPAN/CPE in Britton–Robinson (B-R, pH=4) and phosphate buffer solution (PBS, pH=5)

As shown in Fig. S2, CVs of Au/nanoSPAN/CPE in B-R (pH=4) and PBS (pH=5) were also recorded for comparison with  $0.5 \text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  solution in Fig. 2. The result stated that the reduction peak potentials shifted negatively with the increase of the solution pH compared with 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. In PBS (pH=5), an obvious oxidation peak appeared. The detailed mechanism is not unclear now.