# Hydrogen peroxide sensitive hemoglobin-capped gold nanoclusters as a turn-on fluorescent sensor for the labelfree detection of glucose 

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Fig. S1. Plot of fluorescence ratio ( $\mathrm{F} / \mathrm{F}_{0}$ ) of the fluorescent $\mathrm{Hb}-\mathrm{AuNCs}$ probe at 450 nm for different concentrations of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ at $67^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Inset shows the two linear graphs from 0.2 to $1.0 \mu \mathrm{M}\left(\mathrm{R}^{2}=0.990\right)$ and from 1.6 to $16 \mu \mathrm{M}\left(\mathrm{R}^{2}=0.997\right)$ with a detection limit $0.04 \mu \mathrm{M} ;[\mathrm{Hb}-\mathrm{AuNCs}]=2.2 \mu \mathrm{M}$.


Fig. S2. Effect of concentration of GOx at different incubation time on the fluorescence enhancement of $\mathrm{Hb}-\mathrm{AuNCs}$ in the presence glucose at $450 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=365 \mathrm{~nm}\right)$ in 10 mM PBS buffered to pH 7.4 ; [glucose] $=1 \mathrm{mM}$ and $[\mathrm{Hb}-\mathrm{Au} \mathrm{NCs}]=2.2 \mu \mathrm{M}$.


Figure S3. Histograms of particle-size distribution for the gold nanoclusters in the absence (blue) and presence of $1 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ (red).


Fig. S4. (A) Absorption and (B) fluorescence spectral changes ( $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=365 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) of Hb upon addition of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ as a function of irradiation time (C) The fluorescence spectra of Hb in the presence of AuNPs ( $\sim 10$ $\mathrm{nm})$ and in the presence of both AuNPs and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} ;\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right]=1 \mathrm{mM}$ and $[\mathrm{Hb}]=2.2 \mu \mathrm{M}$.

