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 (F/F₀) of the fluorescent Hb-AuNCs probe at 450 nm for different concentrations of H_2O_2 at 67 °C. Inset shows the two linear graphs from 0.2 to 1.0 μ M (R²=0.990) and from 1.6 to 16 μ M (R²=0.997) with a detection limit 0.04 μ M; [Hb-AuNCs] = 2.2 μ M.



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



Figure S3. Histograms of particle-size distribution for the gold nanoclusters in the absence (blue) and presence of 1 mM H_2O_2 (red).



Fig. S4. (A) Absorption and (B) fluorescence spectral changes ($\lambda_{ex} = 365 \text{ nm}$) of Hb upon addition of H₂O₂ as a function of irradiation time (C) The fluorescence spectra of Hb in the presence of AuNPs (~ 10 nm) and in the presence of both AuNPs and H₂O₂; [H₂O₂] = 1 mM and [Hb] = 2.2 μ M.