

## Supporting information

### **Spheres-on-Sphere Silica Microspheres as Matrix for Horseradish Peroxidase Immobilization and Detection of Hydrogen Peroxide**

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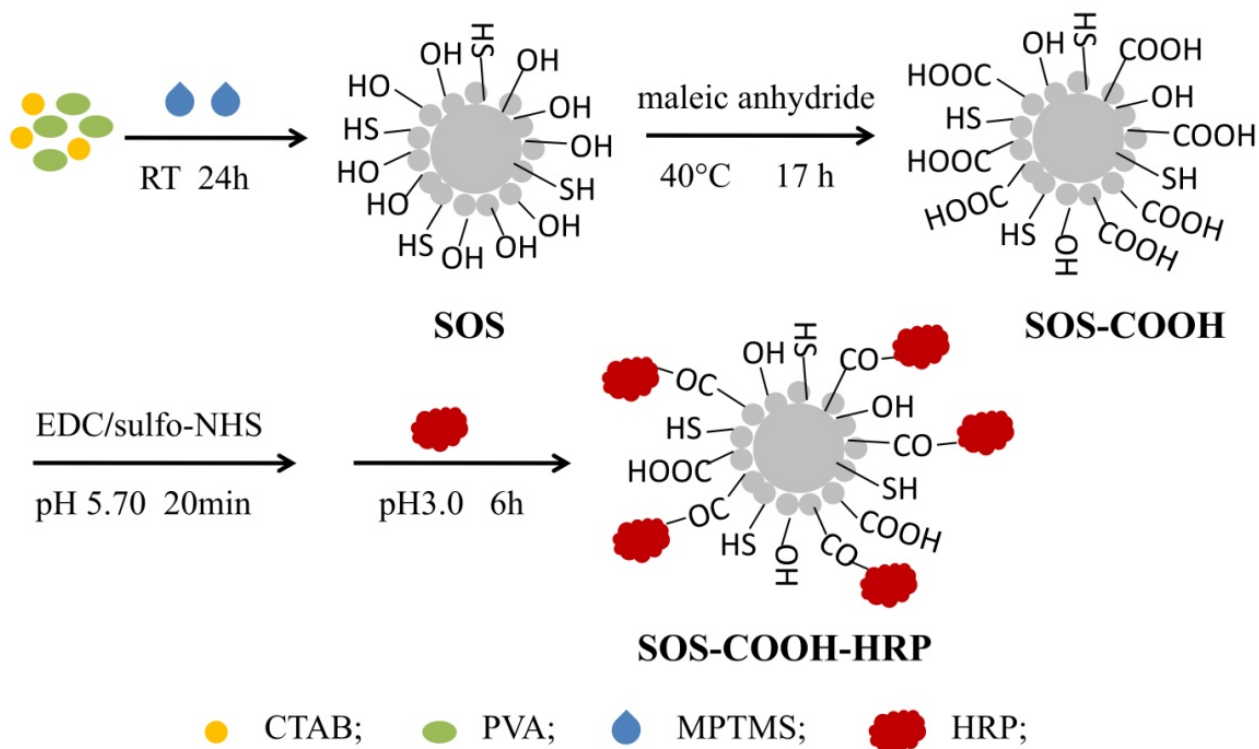
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## **Additional experimental section**

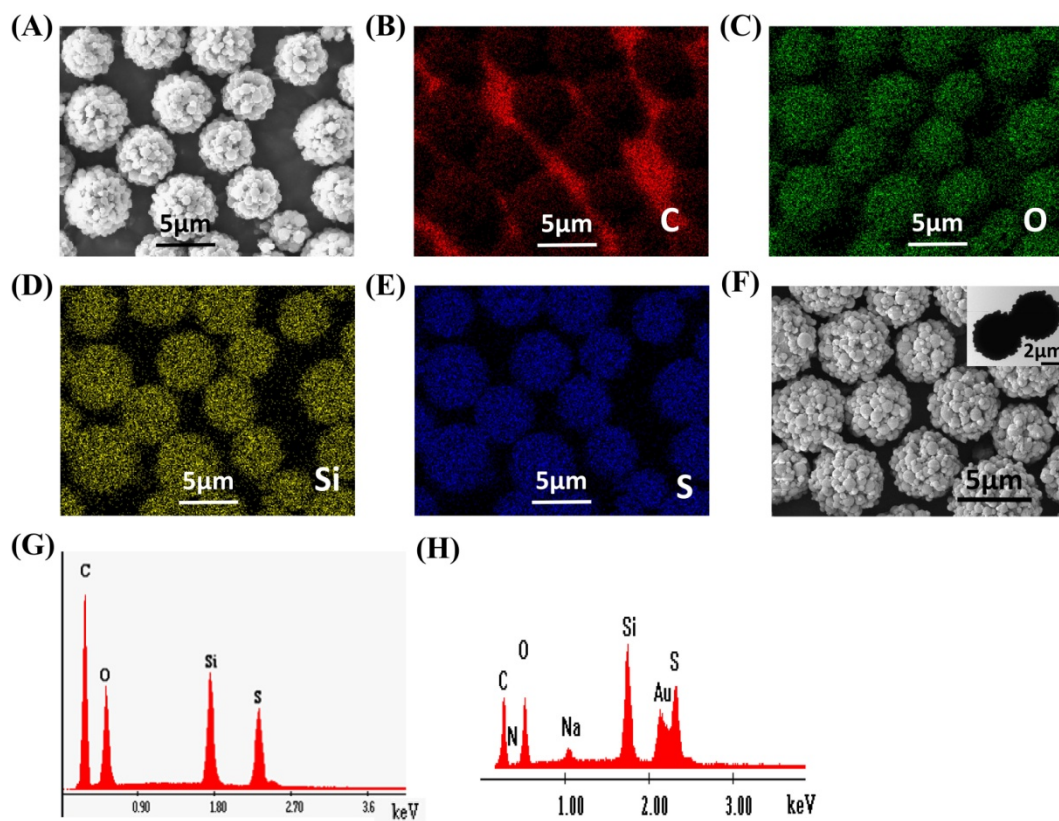
*Preparation of human serum sample.* The serum sample was freshly prepared before use by literature reported methods.<sup>S1,S2</sup> Generally, frozen human plasma was thawed in a 37° C water bath. Then, 0.43 µL recombinant tissue factor (rTF) solution (11.6 nM), 4 µL procoagulant phospholipids (PL) solution (1mM) and 17 µL CaCl<sub>2</sub> solution (17 mM) were added in this order into 1 mL human plasma and mixed thoroughly. After incubation at 37° C for 30 min, the mixture was centrifuged at 4500 rpm for 10 min at 37° C. The supernatant (serum) was taken out, and diluted with PBS buffer (100 mM, pH 7.0) for subsequent experiment.

### Additional Schemes S1

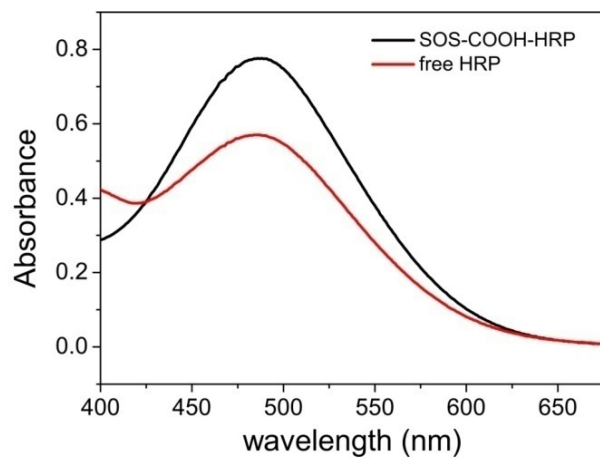


**Scheme S1.** The schematic representation of the synthesis SOS-COOH-HRP. The illustration is not drawn to scale.

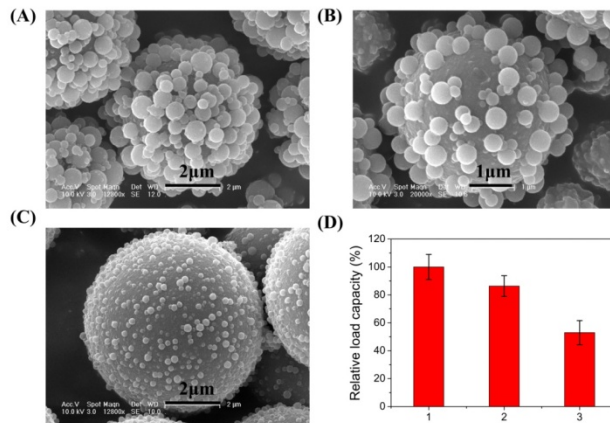
## Additional Figures S1-S4



**Figure S1.** SEM image of the as-prepared SOS-COOH microspheres (A) and corresponding EDX mapping images (B, C, D, E); (F) SEM and TEM (inset of F) micrographs of the SOS-COOH-HRP, Energy-dispersive X-ray analysis (EDX) of the SOS-COOH microspheres (G) and the SOS-COOH-HRP (H).

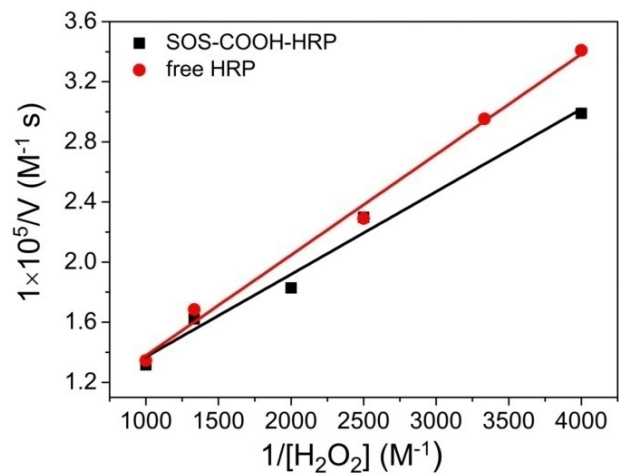


**Figure S2.** UV-Visible spectra of the catalytic oxidation of PSA and 4-AAP in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> by the same concentration of free HRP and SOS-COOH-HRP under the same reaction conditions.



**Figure S3.** SEM images of three SOS-COOH microspheres with different nanospheres coverage on the surface (A, B, C). (D) Relative HRP load capacity of the three SOS-COOH microspheres; and the numbers 1, 2 and 3 are correspondent to microspheres as indicated in A, B, C, respectively.

The surface nanosphere coverage of SOS-COOH microsphere is strongly dependent on the concentration of ammonium hydroxide in the reaction mixture, i.e., the surface nanosphere coverage is decreased by increasing the concentration of ammonium hydroxide.



**Figure S4.** Double reciprocal plots of activity of SOS-COOH-HRP and free HRP with the varying concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

**Table S1.** Tolerance of coexisting substance (CS) in the determination of 500  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ 

Coexisting substances	Tolerance [CS/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ]	Relative error (%)	Coexisting substances	Tolerance [CS/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ]	Relative error (%)
$\text{K}^+$	100:1	0.63	$\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$	200:1	-1.46
$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	100:1	-3.64	Glucose	100:1	-1.09
$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	100:1	-5.10	Surcose	100:1	-1.18
$\text{Pb}^{2+}$	100:1	-1.45	Maltose	100:1	-0.73
$\text{Fe}^{3+}$	100:1	-6.28	L-Gly	100:1	1.09
$\text{NH}_4^+$	100:1	-3.91	L-Glu	100:1	2.19
$\text{NO}_3^-$	100:1	0.64	L-Arg	100:1	4.19
$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	100:1	-3.64	L-Phe	100:1	1.09
$\text{F}^-$	100:1	-3.92			



**Table S2.** Recovery rate of detecting spiked H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in 10% human serum

Spiked [H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ] (μM)	10	50	100	250	500	750	1000
Recovery rate (%)	102.75	98.75	108.35	94.45	95.60	94.67	96.96
RSD (%)	6.41	3.62	2.56	5.43	2.83	1.51	1.57

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