

## Supporting Information

### **A label-free fluorescent assay for thrombin activity analysis based on fluorescence protein and gold nanoparticles**

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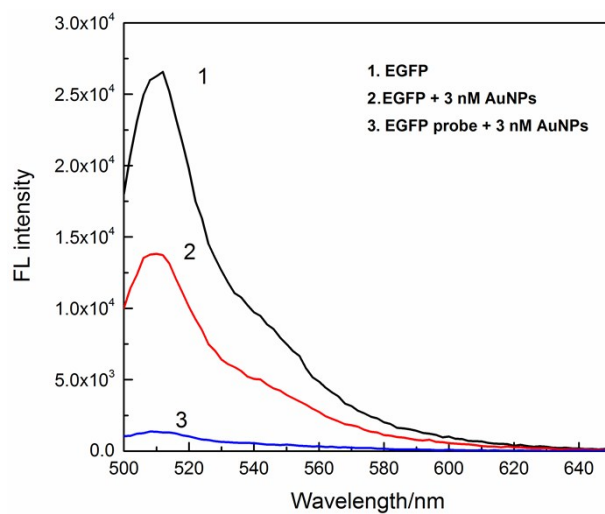
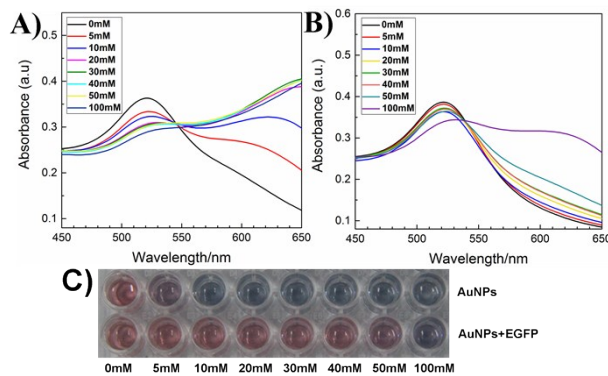
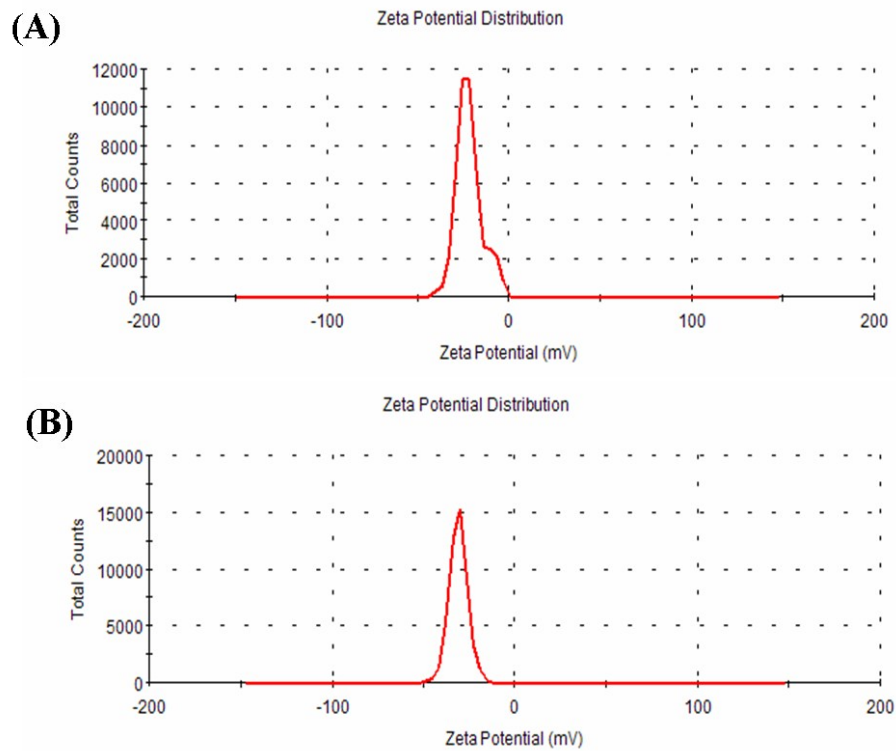


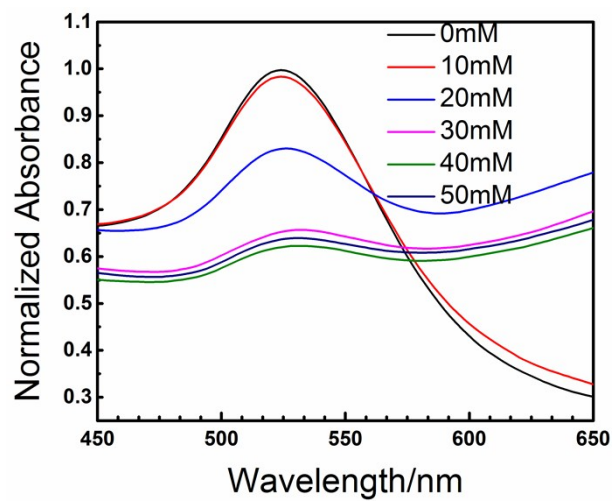
Fig. S1 (1) Fluorescence spectra of 100 nM EGFP without His-tag; (2) 100 nM EGFP without His-tag and 3 nM AuNPs; (3) 100 nM EGFP probe (with His-tag) and 3 nM AuNPs.



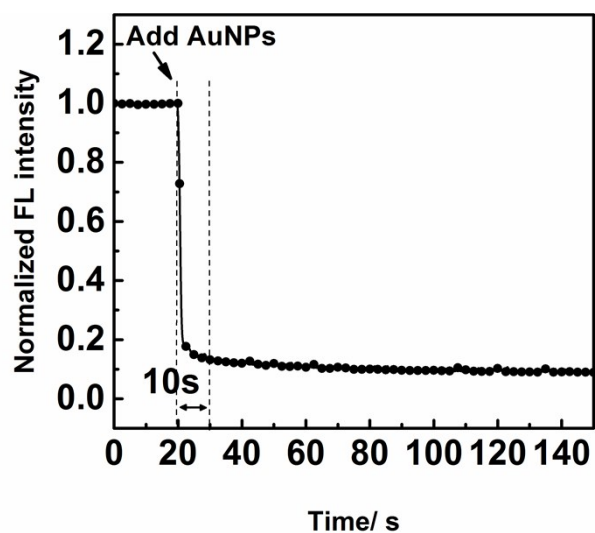
**Fig. S2** Effect of of NaCl concentration on the UV-Vis spectra of (A) AuNPs and (B) EGFP/AuNPs; (C) Photograph shows colorimetric responses of AuNPs and EGFP/AuNPs solutions to various concentrations of NaCl.



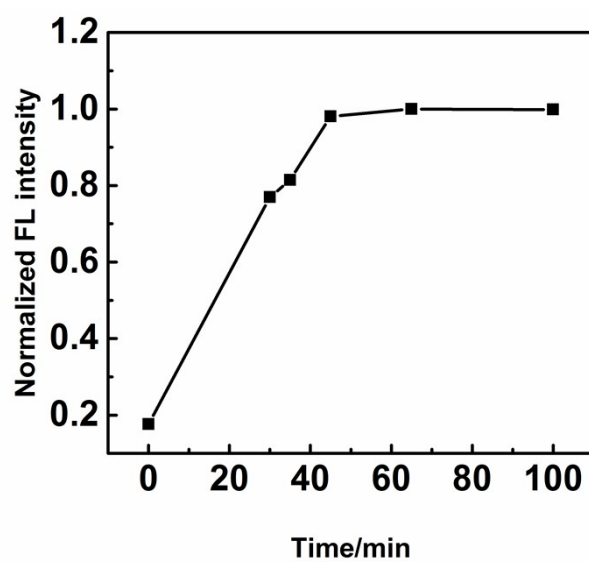
**Fig. S3** Zeta potential of the EGFP probe (A) and AuNPs (B).



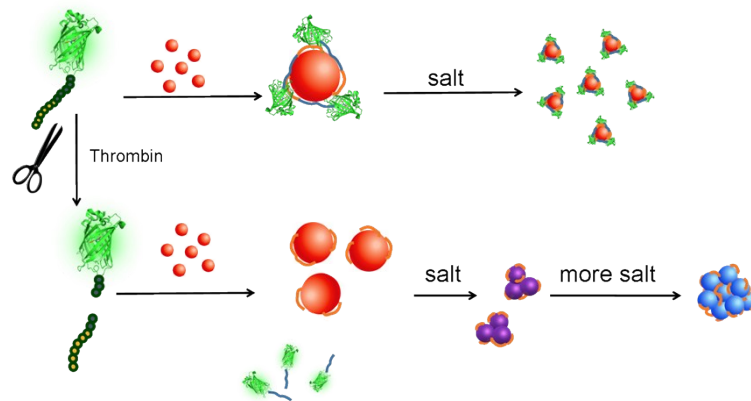
**Fig. S4** Effect of the Tris-HCl concentration on the stability of AuNPs (3 nM).



**Fig. S5** Kinetic study of the fluorescence change of the EGFP probe (100 nM) after the addition of AuNPs (3 nM).



**Fig. S6** Plot of different thrombin digesting time (0, 30, 35, 45, 60 and 100 min) corresponding to fluorescence intensity.



**Scheme S1.** Schematic illustration of the colorimetric strategy using the EGFP probe and AuNPs to assay the thrombin activity.