## **Supporting Information**

## Sensitive colorimetric detection of glucose and cholesterol by using Au@Ag coreshell nanoparticles

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**Fig.** S1 Time dependence of the absorbance at 375 nm after the addition of AgNO<sub>3</sub> (1 mM) and *p*-AP (125  $\mu$ M) to 4 nM AuNPs dispersion in DEA buffer (A). Impact of concentration of *p*-AP (B) AgNO<sub>3</sub> (C) and deposition temperature (D) on the absorbance decrease (A<sub>0</sub> – A) (A<sub>0</sub> and A are absorbance at 375 nm in the absence and the presence of 250  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, respectively) of Au@Ag NPs. Error bars represent the standard deviations of three repetitive experiments.



**Fig.** S2 (A) UV–vis absorption spectra of detection system after addition of various concentration of  $H_2O_2$  (from top to bottom: 0, 0.5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 400, 1000  $\mu$ M). The inset shows photographs of the colorimetric assay towards different concentrations of  $H_2O_2$  (from a to i: 0, 0.5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250  $\mu$ M). (B) Plot of the absorbance (at 375nm) against the  $H_2O_2$  concentration. The inset is linear response of the detection system to  $H_2O_2$ . Error bars represent the standard deviations of three repetitive experiments.

Analytes	Probe	Signal type	LOD(µM)	Linear range (µM)	Reference
glucose	Co <sub>2</sub> Nx/NG	Electrochemistry	6.93	10~4750	1
	Carbon Nanodots	Electrochemistry	$1.07 \pm 0.03$	0~640	2
	CuNPs	Fluorescence	50	50~1600	3
	MnO <sub>2</sub> -Modified UCNPs	FRET	3.7	0~400	4
	BA-functionalized BMFON	SERS	100	100~10000	5
	Hemin@HKUST-1	Chemiluminescence	7.5	7.5~750	6
	Gold Nanodot	Luminescence	1.0	30~1000	7
	SiQDs	Photoluminescence	0.68	5~650	8
	Positively-charged AuNPs	Colorimetry	4	18~1100	9
	Silver Nanoprism	Colorimetry	0.2	0.2~100	10
	Au@AgNPs	Colorimetry	0.24	0.5~400	This work
cholesterol	$Grp/\beta$ -CD/Methylene Blue	Electrochemistry	less than 1	1~100	11
	GA-MNP/PDDA/MWCNT	Electrochemistry	0.85	10~950	12
	Gold Nanocluster	Fluorescence	1.4	1~100	13
	AuNPs	ECL	1.1	3.3~1000	14
	CdTe-MWCNTs@rGONRs	ECL	0.33	1~1000	15
	CuO NPs	Chemiluminescence	0.17	0.625~12.5	16
	MoS <sub>2</sub> NRs-Au NPs system	Colorimetry	15	40~1000	17
	DNAzymes	Colorimetry	0.10	1.0~30	18
	Au@AgNPs	Colorimetry	0.15	0.3~300	This work

Table S1 Comparison of analytical performance of various sensing systems for the detection of glucose and cholesterol.

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