

## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

### **Hydrophobic silver nanowire membrane for swabbing extraction and in-situ SERS detection of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons on toys**

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1) **Table S1** The directives and opinions about PAHs of toys by different countries, regions and international organizations.

Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung, BfR	
BfR Opinion Nr. 032/2010	Carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in consumer products to be regulated by the EU - risk assessment by BfR in the context of a restriction proposal under REACH
BfR Opinion No 051/2009	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in toys
International Organization for Standardization, ISO	
ISO 8124-3:2010	Safety of toys
European Standard	
EN 71-2	Safety of toys

2) **Table S2** SERS and normal Raman bands of PTH with their assignments. Wavenumbers in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

SERS	Normal Raman bands	Assignment
367	370	CCC bend, gauche
614	624	C-S stretch, gauche
688	701	C-S stretch, trans
775	783	CH <sub>2</sub> rock, gauche
888	894	CH <sub>2</sub> rock, gauche
1019	1026	C-C stretch, trans
1082	1086	C-C stretch, gauche
1446	1448	C-C stretch, gauche

3) **Table S3** SERS and normal Raman bands of fluoranthene, anthracene and pyrene with their assignments. Wavenumbers in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

SERS				
fluoranthene	anthracene	pyrene	Raman bands	Assignment
559			563	skeletal stretch
		591	591	skeletal stretch
	753		753	stretch
802			804	C-H stretch
		1065	1065	CH in-plane bend
1104			1115	C-H in-plane deformation
		1238	1244	C-C stretch/C-H in-plane bend
1270			1271	C-H in-plane deformation
	1402		1400	CC stretch/ring stretch
		1406	1406	CC stretch/ring stretch
1423			1424	C-C stretch
1455			1457	C-C stretch
	1557		1557	C-C stretch
		1595	1598	C-C stretch
1608			1611	C-C stretch
		1628	1628	C-C stretch

4) **Table S4** The calculated EFs of PAHs.

Reagents	fluoranthene	anthracene	pyrene
Calculated EF	$5.75 \times 10^3$	$6.85 \times 10^3$	$1.62 \times 10^4$

The enhancement factors (EFs) was calculated by following equation:

$$EF = \frac{I_{SERS}}{I_{Raman}} \times \frac{N_{Raman}}{N_{SERS}}$$

$$N_{SERS} = \frac{S_{laser}}{S_0} \cdot C_{sol} \cdot V_{sol}$$

$$N_{Raman} = S_{laser} \cdot H_{laser} \cdot C_{bulk}$$

$$= S_{laser} \cdot H_{laser} \cdot \frac{m_{bulk}/M_{bulk}}{V_{bulk}} = \frac{S_{laser} \cdot H_{laser}}{M_{bulk}} \cdot \rho_{bulk}$$

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$$= 1.1 \times 10^4 \cdot \frac{I_{SERS} \cdot \rho_{bulk}}{I_{Raman} \cdot C_{sol} \cdot M_{bulk}}$$

$S_{laser}$  is the effective area of laser spot;

$S_0$  is the area of the PTH-Ag NMs, 1 cm×1 cm;

$H_{laser}$  is the effective depth of the scattering laser spot volume and here was estimated as 0.22 cm;

$C_{sol}$  is the concentration of the measured solution, mol·L<sup>-1</sup>.

$V_{sol}$  is the volume of the measured solution, 20 μL;

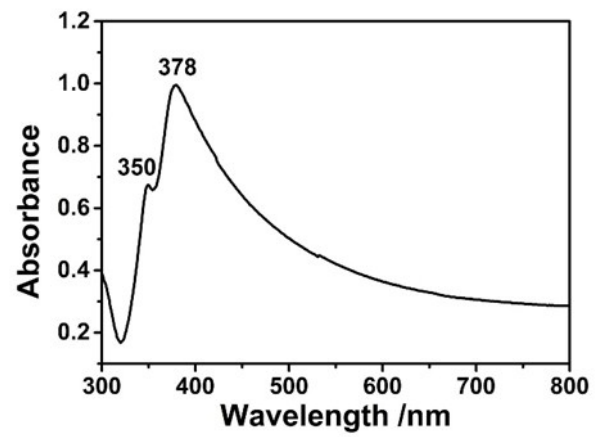
$m_{bulk}$  is the mass of pure reagents used to measure non-enhanced Raman intensity;

$M_{bulk}$  is the molar mass of pure reagents used to measure non-enhanced Raman intensity, g·mol<sup>-1</sup>;

$V_{bulk}$  is the volume of the measured pure reagents;

$\rho_{bulk}$  is the density of the measured pure reagents.

5) **Fig.S1** UV–Vis spectrum of the prepared Ag nanowires.



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6) Fig.S2 XRD pattern of silver nanowires.

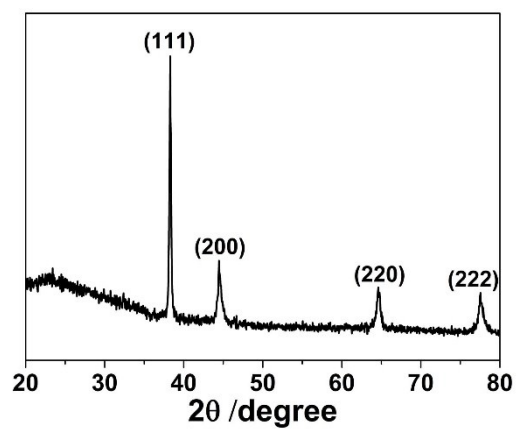
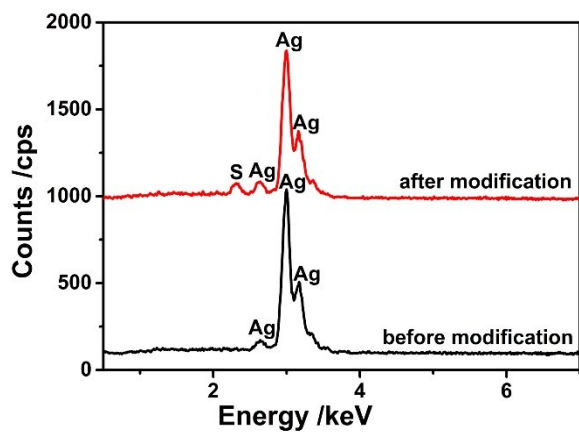


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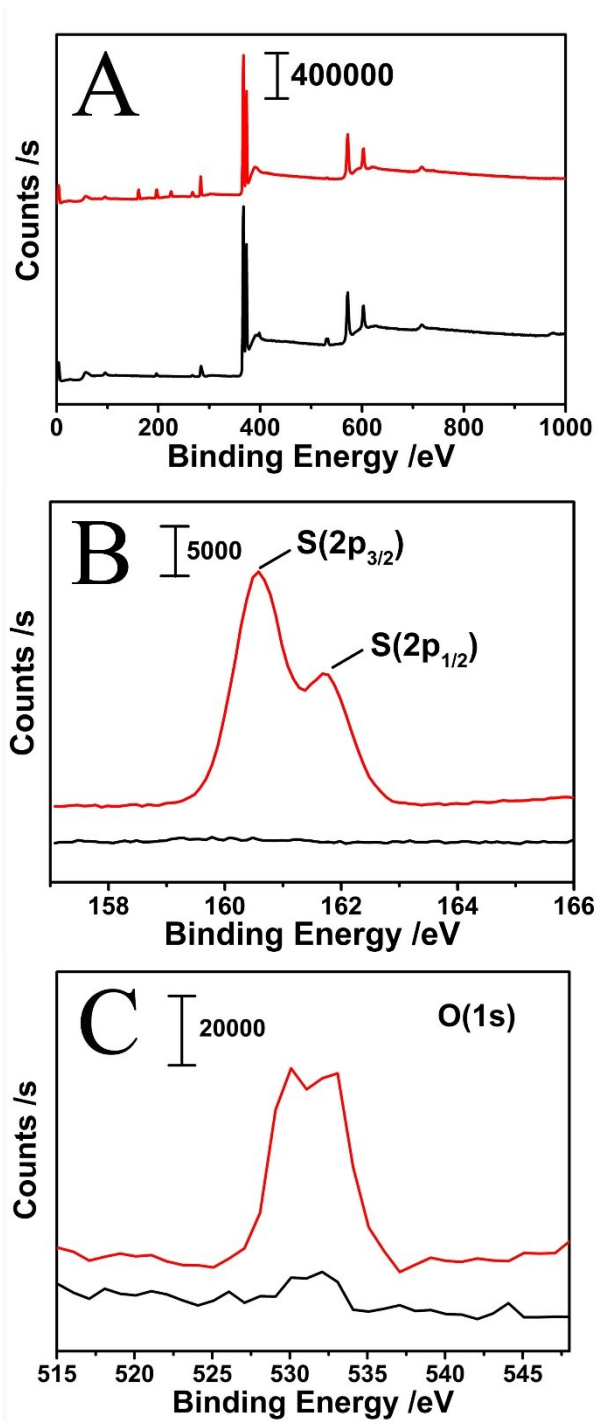


7) **Fig.S3** The elements on the Ag NMs and PTH-Ag NMs.



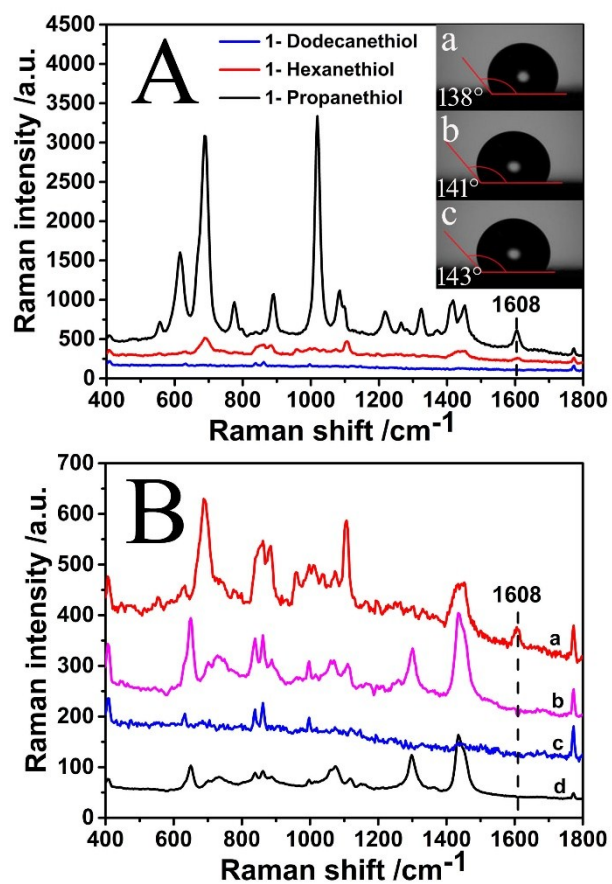
**Fig.S3** The elements on the silver nanowire membrane before (red line) and after (black line) the PTH treatment.

8) Fig.S4 The XPS spectra of Ag NMs and PTH-Ag NMs.



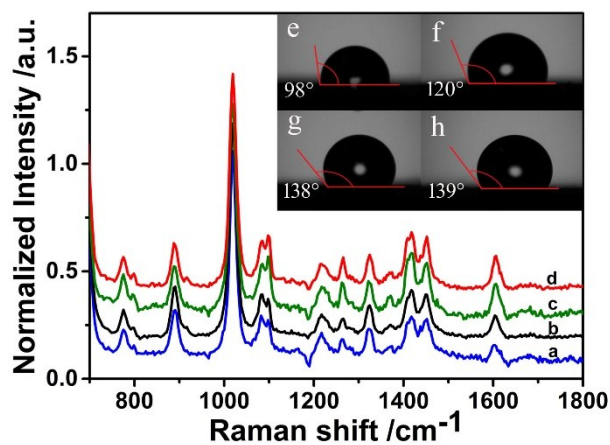
**Fig.S4** (A) The XPS spectra of the silver nanowire membrane without (black) and with (red) PTH treatment. (B) XPS spectra of the S (2p) scan of the membrane before (black) and after (red) modification with PTH. (C) XPS spectra of the O (1s) scan of the membrane before (black) and after (red) modification with PTH.

9) Fig.S5 SERS spectra of fluoranthene on the Ag NMs with different alkanethiol.



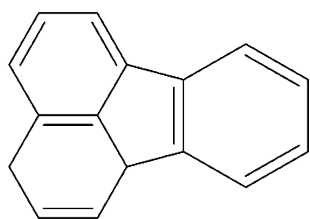
**Fig.S5** (A) SERS spectra of fluoranthene ( $40.45 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ ) on the Ag NMs with different alkanethiol. The inset shows the static water contact angles of the (a)  $10^{-2}$  M PTH-Ag NMs, (b)  $10^{-2}$  M 1-hexanethiol-Ag NMs and (c)  $10^{-2}$  M 1-dodecanethiol-Ag NMs. (B) The amplified SERS spectra of (a)  $10^{-2}$  M 1-hexanethiol-Ag NMs and (c)  $10^{-2}$  M 1-dodecanethiol-Ag NMs, and the Raman spectrum of (b) liquid 1-hexanethiol and (d) liquid 1-dodecanethiol.

10) **Fig.S6** The influence of PTH concentration on Ag NMs for detecting fluoranthene ( $40.45 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ )

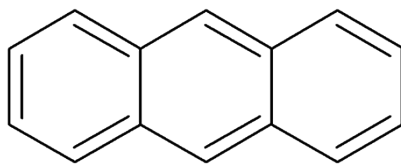


**Fig.S6** (A) SERS spectra of fluoranthene ( $40.45 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ ) on the PTH-Ag NMs with various concentration of PTH solution (a)  $10^{-4}$  M, (b)  $10^{-3}$  M, (c)  $10^{-2}$  M and (d)  $10^{-1}$  M. (B) The inset shows the static water contact angles of (e)  $10^{-4}$  M PTH-Ag NMs, (f)  $10^{-3}$  M PTH-Ag NMs, (g)  $10^{-2}$  M PTH-Ag NMs, (h)  $10^{-1}$  M PTH-Ag NMs.

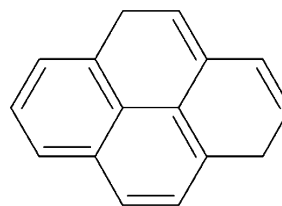
11) **Fig.S7** Structures of PAHs in this work.



Fluoranthene

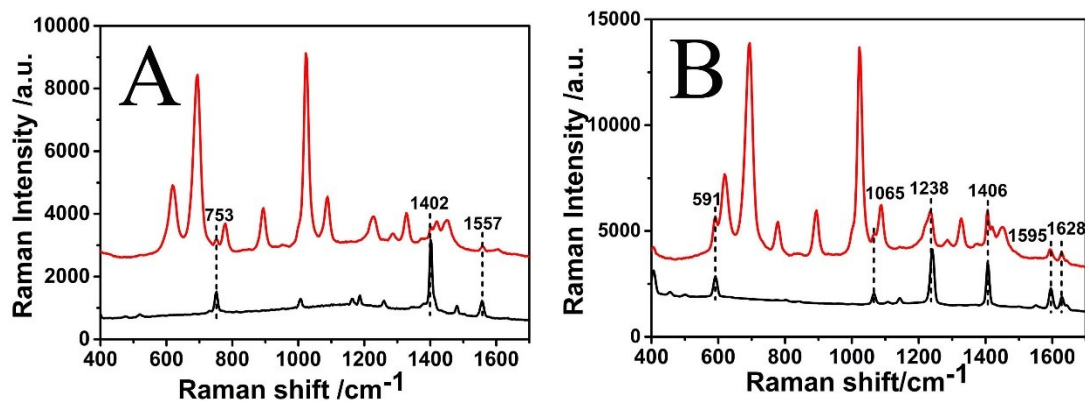


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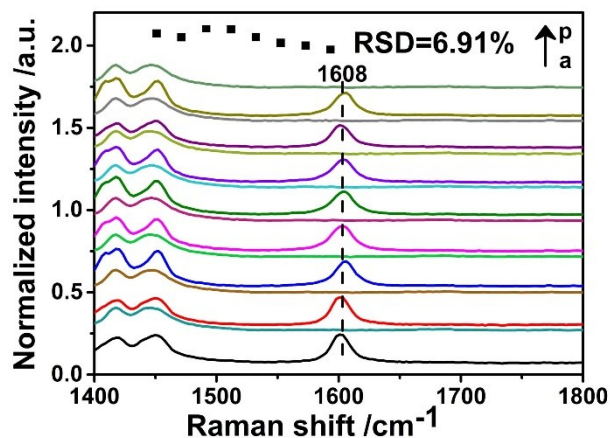
Pyrene

12) **Fig.S8** Qualitative analysis of anthracene and pyrene by swabbing from aluminum foil.



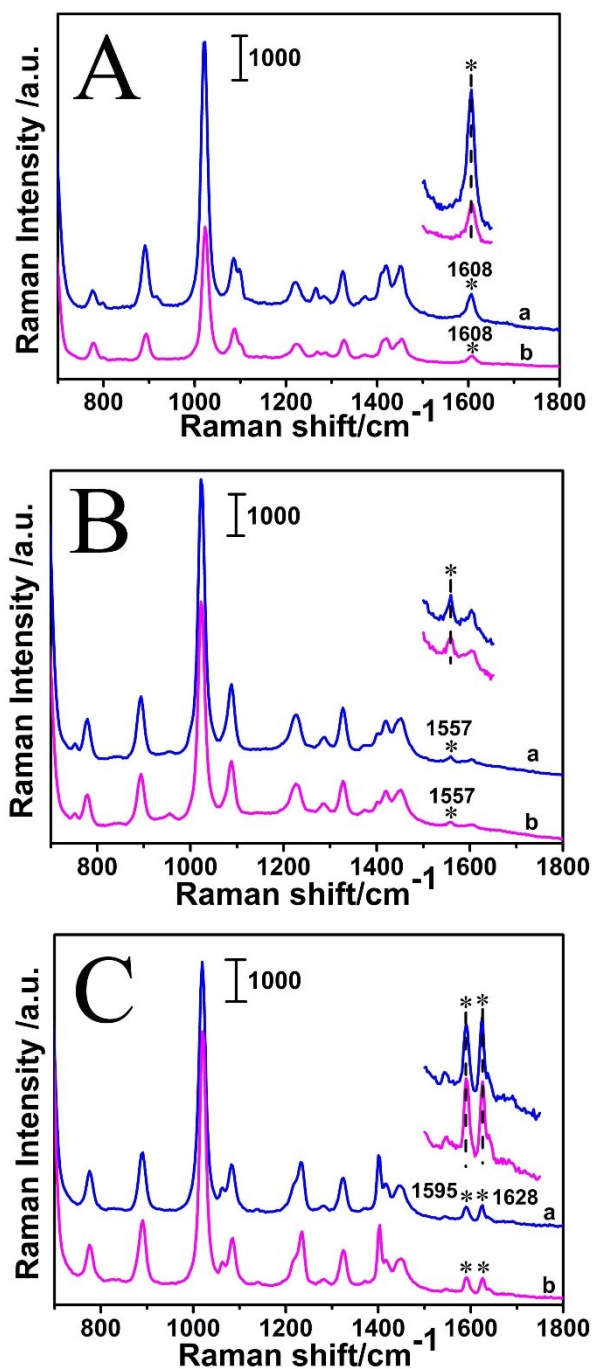
**Fig.S8** (A) SERS spectrum of 3.56  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$  anthracene detected by PTH-Ag NMs (red line) and Raman spectrum of anthracene (black line). (B) SERS spectrum of 4.05  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$  pyrene detected by PTH-Ag NMs (red line) and Raman spectrum of pyrene (black line).

13) Fig.S9 The reusability of the PTH-Ag NMs.



**Fig.S9** The reusability of the PTH-Ag NMs. Normalized SERS intensity of fluoranthene ( $4.04 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ ) on the Ag nanowire membrane was recorded. (a), (c), (e), (g), (i), (k), (m), (o) was SERS intensity after the 1-8 cycles of swabbing process, respectively. (b), (d), (f), (h), (j), (l), (n), (p) was SERS intensity after the 1-8 cycles of elution process, respectively.

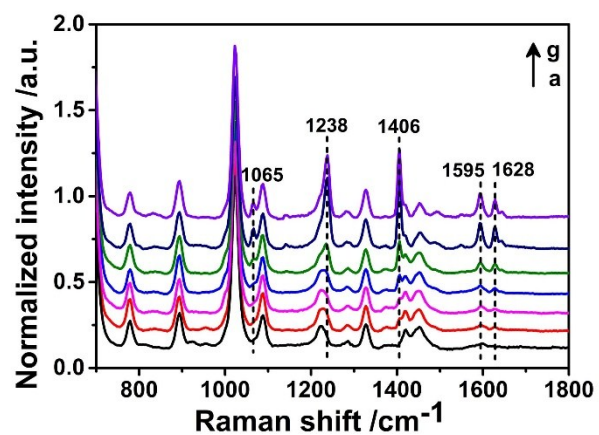
14) **Fig.S10** Qualitative analysis of three PAHs by swabbing from plastic toy and rubber toy.



**Fig.S10** SERS spectrum of (A) fluoranthene, (B) anthracene and (C) pyrene by swabbing from the surface of (a) the plastic toy and (b) the rubber toy. (A-C) inset: 5 times amplification of the correlative peak.

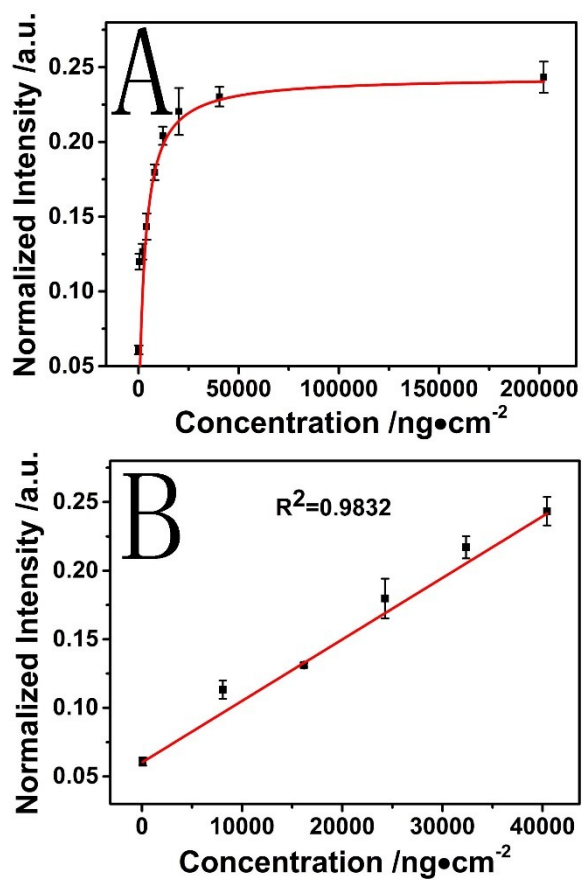


15) Fig.S11 Quantitative analysis of pyrene by swabbing from plastic toy.



**Fig.S11** Normalized SERS intensity of pyrene by swabbing with PTH-Ag NMs. The concentration of pyrene was (a) 40.45  $\text{ng}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ , (b) 202.3  $\text{ng}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ , (c) 404.5 $\text{ng}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ , (d) 2023  $\text{ng}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ , (e) 4045  $\text{ng}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ , (f) 20225  $\text{ng}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ , (g) 40450  $\text{ng}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ .

16) **Fig.S12** Calibration curve of pyrene based on PTH-Ag NMs by swabbing from plastic toy.



**Fig.S12** Quantitative analysis of pyrene by swabbing from the surface of plastic toy. (A) Calibration curve of pyrene based on PTH-Ag NMs. (B) linear fitting of pyrene. The data points correspond to the average of three times parallel measurements.