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Supplementary Information for

11-Mercaptoundecanoic acid capped gold nanoclusters as a fluorescence probe for specific detection of folic acid *via* ratiometric fluorescence strategy

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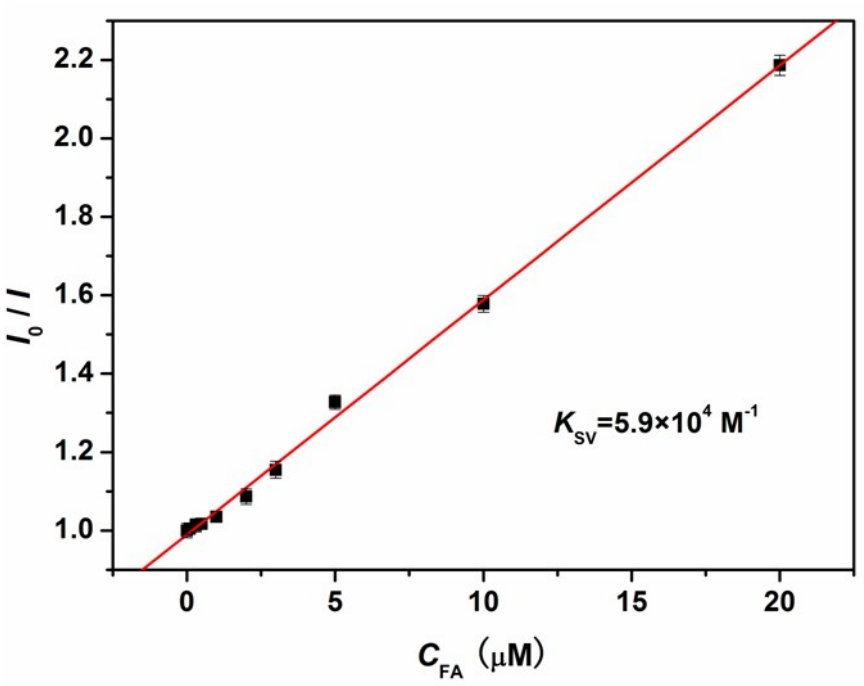

Fig.S1 Stern–Volmer plot of fluorescence quenching, where the I_0 and I represents fluorescence intensity of the AuNCs@MUA in absence and presence of FA, respectively. Inset is quenching constant (K_{sv}) obtained from Stern–Volmer equation.

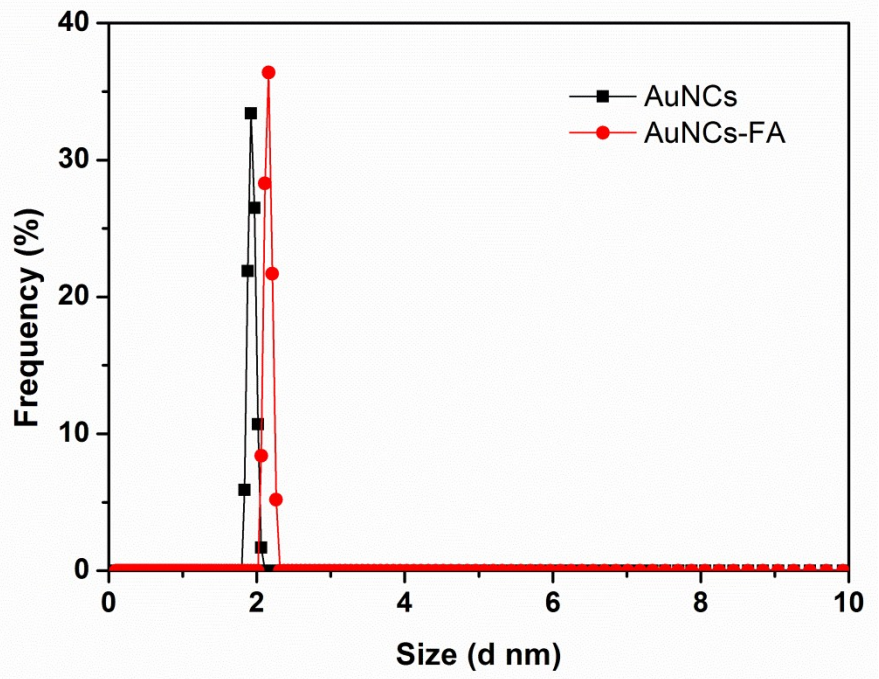

Fig.S2 Size distributions of AuNCs@MUA in absence and presence of FA

Table S1. Research papers available up to now concerning different fluorescence probes for detection of FA

Ref.	materials	Linear range	LOD	response strategy
S1	CdTe QDs@MIPs	0-20 μM	31.1 nM	Turn-off (I_{536})
S2	Carbon QDs	0-30 μM	0.5 nM	Turn-off (I_{440})
S3	LDHs	1-200 μM	100 nM	Turn-off (I_{506})
S4	CdS QDs	0.72 μM	--	Turn-off (I_{505})
S5	ZnSe QDs	0-250 μM	7 nM	Turn-on (I_{480})
	ZnSe@ZnS QDs	0-250 μM	5 nM	Turn-on (I_{490})
S6	PVA- CdTe QDs	--	42.29 ng/mL	ratiometric (I_{442}/I_{363})
S7	AuNCs@BSA	--	18.3 ng/mL	Turn-off (I_{629})
S8	AuNPs & AuNCs	0.11-2.27 μM	290 nM	Turn-off (I_{625})
This work	AuNCs@MUA	0-20 μM	26 nM	ratiometric (I_{446}/I_{436})

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