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### Electronic Supplementary Information

#### A sensitive colorimetric detection for lysozyme based on the capture of fixed thiol-aptamer on gold nanoparticles

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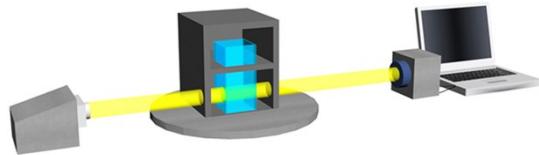


Fig. S1. Schematic diagram of custom-made absorption spectroscopy. From left to right: tungsten halogen lamp, cuvette, spectrometer and computer.

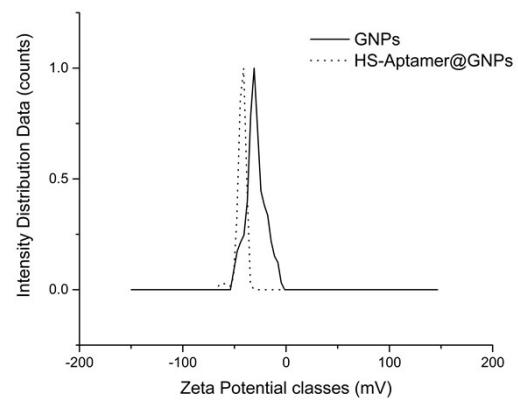


Fig. S2. Normalized zeta potential of GNPs (solid line) and HS-Aptamer@GNPs (dot line) dispersing in ultrapure water.

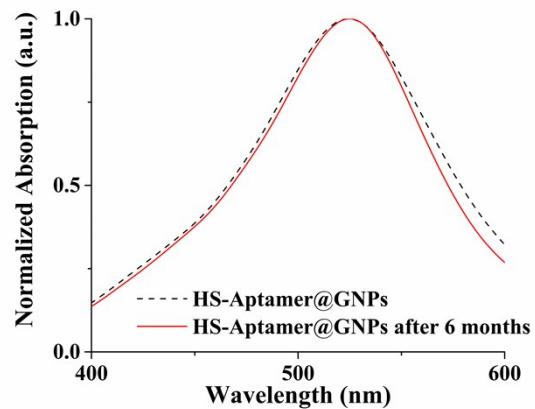


Fig.S3 Normalized absorption spectra of HS-Aptamer@GNPs (black dash line) and HS-Aptamer@GNPs after 6 months (red solid line).

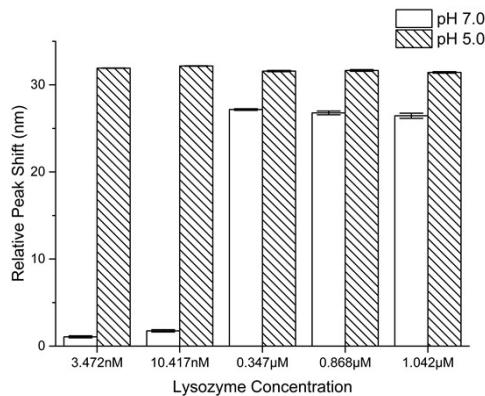


Fig. S4 Spectral respond of 0.125 0 nM HS-Aptamer@GNPs to lysozyme with different concentration in 0.01 M phosphate buffer with 0.05 M NaCl, and with pH 5.0 and 7.0 respectively.

Table. S1 The calibration curve and LOD for detecting lysozyme

HS-Aptamer@GNPs Concentration (nM)	Critical Point at Concentration of			Linear Range (nM)	LOD (nM)
	Lysozyme (nM)				
	Before/after Critical Point	Slope	R <sup>2</sup>		
0.868					
0.062 5	Before	11.534	0.979	0.174-1.736	0.118
	After	29.866	0.985		
1.389					
0.125 0	Before	7.757	0.991	0.347-2.431	0.054
	After	31.850	0.998		
2.431					
0.250 0	Before	4.382	0.990	0.694-4.167	0.055
	After	23.799	0.998		

LOD was calculated by  $3\sigma/\text{slope}$ , where  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the blank with 10 times detection.

Table. S2 Comparison of performance of different lysozyme detecting methods

Methods	Range ( nM )	LOD ( nM )	Ref.
Colorimetric method (unmodified-aptamer/GNPs)	4.4-200	4.4	<sup>1</sup>
Colorimetric method (unmodified-aptamer/GNPs)	4-60	4.0	<sup>2</sup>
Colorimetric method (GNPs growth)	5-50	0.1	<sup>3</sup>
Fluorescence method (unmodified-aptamer/GNPs)	1-20	0.55	<sup>2</sup>
Fluorescence method (unmodified-aptamer/GNPs/ThNI)	0-50	10	<sup>4</sup>
SPR method (PMAPPA nanoparticles film)	1-50	0.66	<sup>5</sup>
Electrochemical method (TCA/GNP/ssDNA network)	0.005-1	0.0001	<sup>6</sup>
Colorimetric method (HS-Aptamer@GNPs)	0.347-2.431	0.054	This work

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