## Supplementary material

## High-sensitivity SERS based sensing on the labeling side of glass slide using low branched gold nanoparticles prepared with surfactant-free synthesis

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Fig. S1 UV-vis absorbance graphs for S2 solution before and after adding 20  $\mu$ M DTNB (right). Images of S2 after adding DTNB (left).



**Fig. S2** UV-vis absorbance graphs for S5 solution before and after adding 100  $\mu$ M and 200  $\mu$ M of DTNB (right). Images of S5 after adding DTNB (left).



Fig. S3 UV-vis absorbance graphs for S7 solution before and after adding 100  $\mu$ M and 200  $\mu$ M of DTNB. Images of S7 after adding DTNB (left).



Fig. S4 Top view of droplet on white epoxy ink side of glass slide during evaporation process.



Fig. S5 SERS spectra of 100  $\mu M$  DTNB on S5 sample and Raman spectra of 1 mM DTNB in 0.1 M PBS for reference.

The calculated RSD for SERS intensity of 100  $\mu$ M of DTNB modified samples ( from S1 to S8) obtained from 15 random sites on the epoxy part of slide at the strongest peak (1337 cm<sup>-1</sup>).

## Table S1

Sample Nu.	RSD
<b>S1</b>	28.5 %
S2	34.5 %
S3	19.9 %
<b>S4</b>	11.5 %
S5	1.7 %
<b>S6</b>	8.9 %
S7	7.7 %
<b>S8</b>	5.3 %

## Table S2

The calculated RSD for SERS intensity of 100  $\mu$ M of DTNB modified samples ( from S1 to S8) obtained from 15 random sites on the epoxy part of slide at the strongest peak (1556 cm<sup>-1</sup>).

Sample Nu.	RSD
<b>S1</b>	21.5 %
S2	35.5 %
S3	17.3 %
<b>S4</b>	12.3 %
S5	1.9 %
<b>S6</b>	6.7 %
S7	7.6 %
<b>S8</b>	6.4 %

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