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## **Supporting information**

## Tailoring Cysteine Detection in Colorimetric Technique Using Co/Fe-Functionalized Mesoporous Silica Nanoparticles

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**Fig. S1** Steady-state kinetic analyses using Michaelis–Menten model, Eadie-Hofstee and Lineweaver–Burk model (insets) for Fe-MSN (A, B), Co/Fe-MSN (1%) (C, D), Co/Fe-MSN (3%) (E, F), Co/Fe-MSN (5%) (G, H) for variation of ABTS concentration at constant  $H_2O_2$  concentration (0.5 mM).



Fig. S2 TEM images of Co/Fe-MSN after incubated with Cys 500 nM

**Table S1.** Comparison of Si/Fe mole ratio dependent apparent Kinetic data for peroxidase-like activity.

Catalyst	k <sub>m</sub> (mM)	V <sub>max</sub> (mM.S⁻¹)	k <sub>cat</sub> (S <sup>-1</sup> )	K <sub>cat</sub> /k <sub>m</sub> (mM <sup>-1</sup> .S <sup>-1</sup> )
Fe-MSN(10)	0.0719	8.5×10⁻⁵	4.5×10 <sup>-2</sup>	6.2×10 <sup>-1</sup>
Fe-MSN(30)	0.0923	7×10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.8×10 <sup>-2</sup>	3×10 <sup>-1</sup>
Fe-MSN(50)	2.94	1.23×10 <sup>-5</sup>	8.6×10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.9×10 <sup>-3</sup>

Table S2. Com	parative rate	constants value	for HRP an	nd as-p	repared cataly	sts.
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Catalyst	k₁(M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	K₃(M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	
HRP	5.37×10 <sup>7</sup>	3.03×10 <sup>5</sup>	
Co/Fe-MSN (1%)	4.41×10 <sup>3</sup>	2.65×10 <sup>2</sup>	
Co/Fe-MSN (3%)	2.53×10 <sup>3</sup>	1.13×10 <sup>2</sup>	
Co/Fe-MSN (5%)	8.75×10 <sup>3</sup>	5.43×10 <sup>2</sup>	
Fe-MSN	7.29×10 <sup>2</sup>	3.32×10 <sup>1</sup>	

Samples	Added (µM)	Found (µM)	Recovery (%)	RSD(%)
	5	4.91±0.092	98.2	1.17
I	10	9.93±0.098	99.3	1.01
2	5	4.98±0.054	99.6	1.23
2	10	9.91±0.078	99.1	0.88
2	5	4.93±0.064	98.6	1.42
5	10	9.96±0.091	99.6	0.91

Table S3 Determination results of real samples with different concentrations of cys (n=6)

 Table S4.
 Comparison of apparent Kinetic data of Co/Fe-MSN (1%) with or without cys for peroxidase-like activity.

Catalyst	k <sub>m</sub> (mM)	V <sub>max</sub> (mM.S <sup>-1</sup> )	k <sub>cat</sub> (S <sup>-1</sup> )	K <sub>cat</sub> /k <sub>m</sub> (mM <sup>-1</sup> .S <sup>-1</sup> )
Co/Fe-MSN(1%)	2.06×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0586	1.2×10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.3×10 <sup>-1</sup>
Co/Fe-MSN(1%) with 50 nM cys	1.36×10 <sup>-1</sup>	7.6×10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.8×10 <sup>-5</sup>	2×10 <sup>-4</sup>