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Supporting Information

Gold nanoclusters encapsulated into zinc-glutamate metal organic frameworks for efficient detection of H₂O₂

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1 **Instruments**

2 Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images were obtained on a JEOL-
3 1230 (JEOL) transmission electron microscope operating at 100 kV. High-resolution
4 TEM (HRTEM) images were obtained via a JEOL-1230 transmission electron
5 microscope equipped with energy dispersive X-ray spectrometer (EDX) analyses at
6 100 kV. The crystalline phases of AuNCs@ZnGlu-MOF were characterized using a
7 Rigaku 2500 (Japan) X-ray diffractometer (XRD). X-ray photoelectron spectrum
8 (XPS) was performed on K-Alpha 1063 (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The Zeta
9 potential measurement was performed by the Nano-ZS Zetsozer ZEN3600 (Malvern
10 Instruments Ltd., UK). Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were obtained on
11 an FT-IR spectrophotometer (Nicolet Instrument Co., USA). Fluorescence spectra
12 were carried out on F-7000 fluorescence spectrophotometer (Hitachi, Japan). Steady-
13 state luminescence lifetime measurements were performed using an Edinburgh FLS
14 980 Lifetime and Steady-State spectrometer.

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13 **Fig. S1** Fluorescence spectra of AuNCs@ZnGlu-MOF with different portions of
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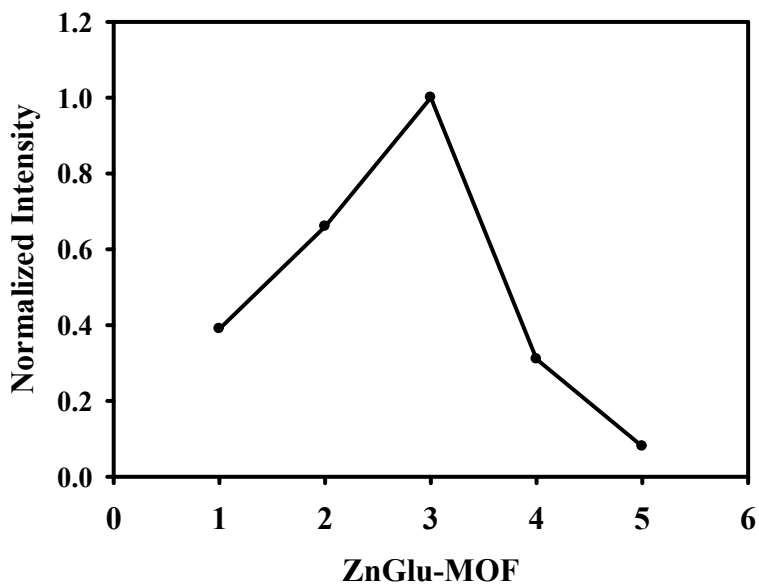
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4 **Table S1** Detail information for preparation of AuNCs@ZnGlu-MOF with different
5 portions of ZnGlu-MOF.

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AuNCs@ZnGlu-MOF	N = 5	N=4	N=3	N=2	N=1
ZnSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O (g)	0.036	0.018	0.009	0.0023	0.0012
L-glutamate (g)	0.018	0.009	0.0045	0.0011	0.0005
NaOH (g)	0.0125	0.0063	0.0031	0.0008	0.0004
Vethanol:VH ₂ O			1:1		
AuNCs (mL)			1		

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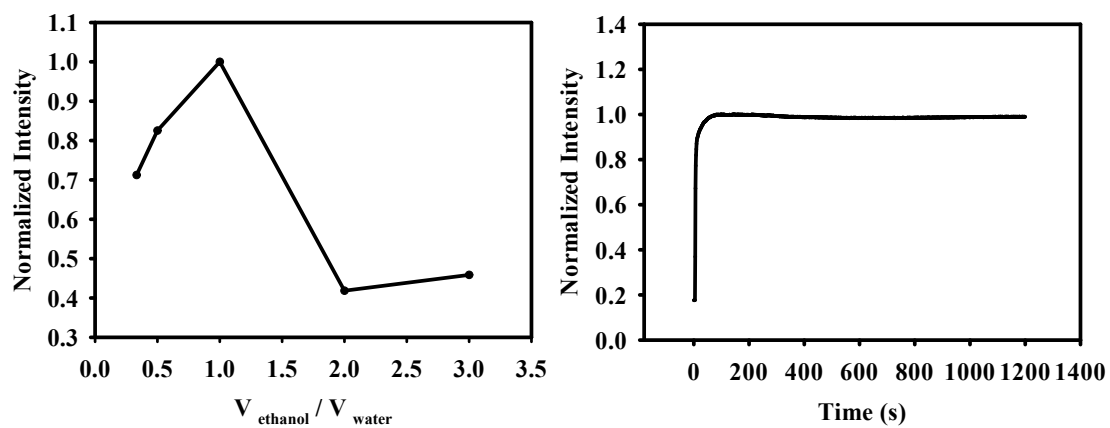
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6 **Fig. S2** Fluorescence spectra of AuNCs@ZnGlu-MOF with different ratios of ethanol
7 and H₂O (A). Effect of reaction time (B).

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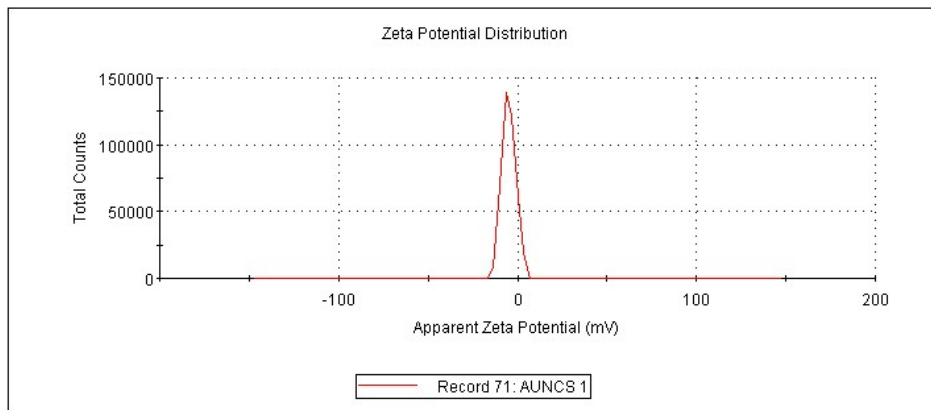
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	Mean (mV)	Area (%)	St Dev (mV)
Zeta Potential (mV): -4.85	Peak 1: -4.85	100.0	3.75
Zeta Deviation (mV): 3.75	Peak 2: 0.00	0.0	0.00
Conductivity (mS/cm): 0.0846	Peak 3: 0.00	0.0	0.00

Result quality: Good



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6 **Fig. S3** Zeta potential of AuNCs.

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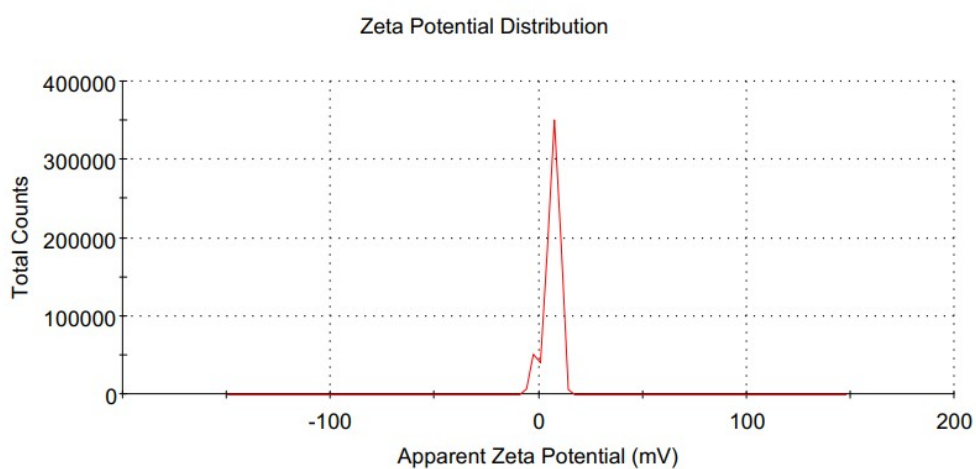
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	Mean (mV)	Area (%)	St Dev (mV)
Zeta Potential (mV): 6.53	Peak 1: 7.25	88.5	2.85
Zeta Deviation (mV): 3.80	Peak 2: -1.39	11.5	2.03
Conductivity (mS/cm): 0.0415	Peak 3: 0.00	0.0	0.00
Result quality Good			



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6 **Fig. S4** Zeta potential of AuNCs-Zn²⁺.

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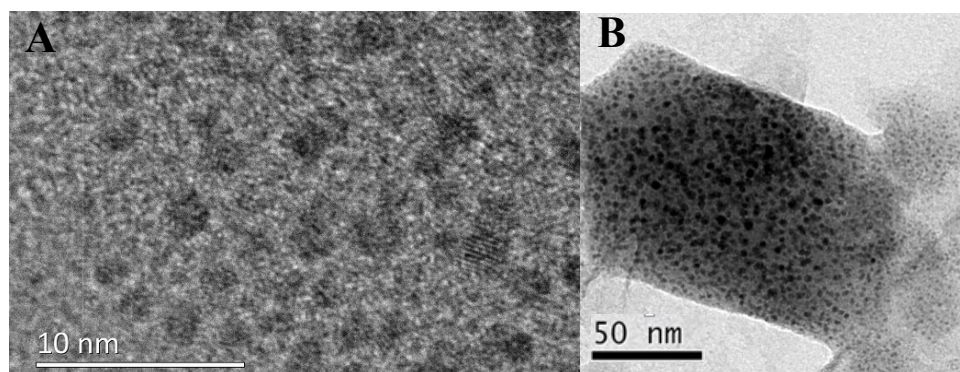
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6 **Fig. S5** TEM images of AuNCs (A), AuNCs@ZnGlu-MOF (B).

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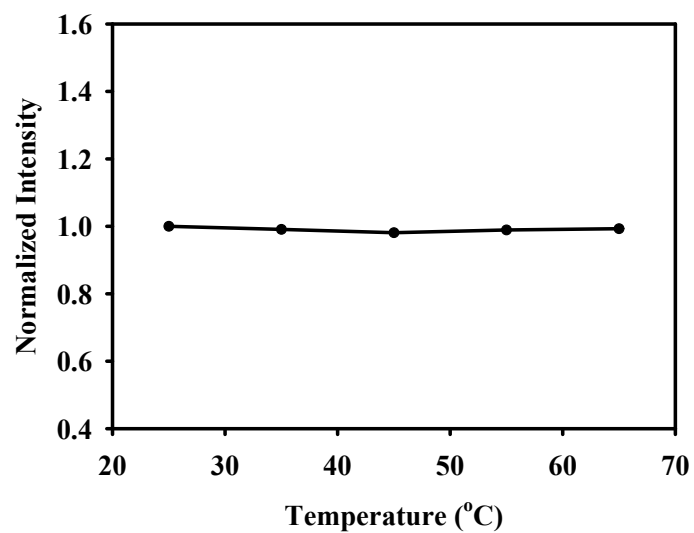
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6 **Fig. S6** Fluorescence spectra of Au NCs@ZnGlu-MOF with different temperature (25
7 °C, 35 °C, 45 °C, 55 °C, 65 °C). [AuNCs@ZnGlu-MOF]: 0.1 mg/mL.

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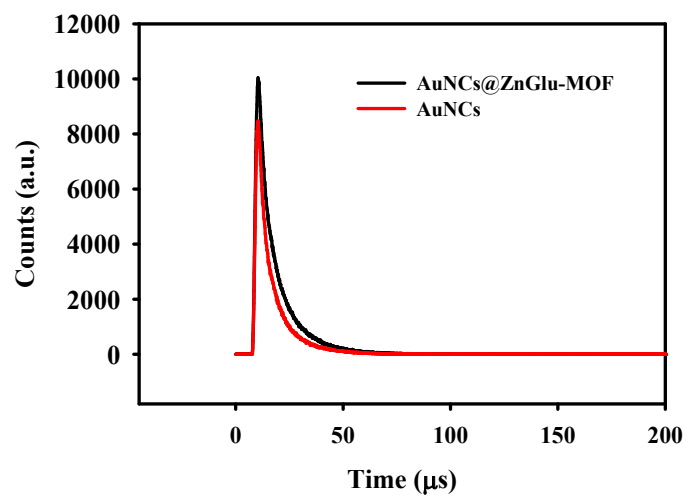
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7 **Fig. S7** The fluorescence lifetimes of AuNCs@ZnGlu-MOF in the absence (black line)

8 and presence of I₂ (red line).

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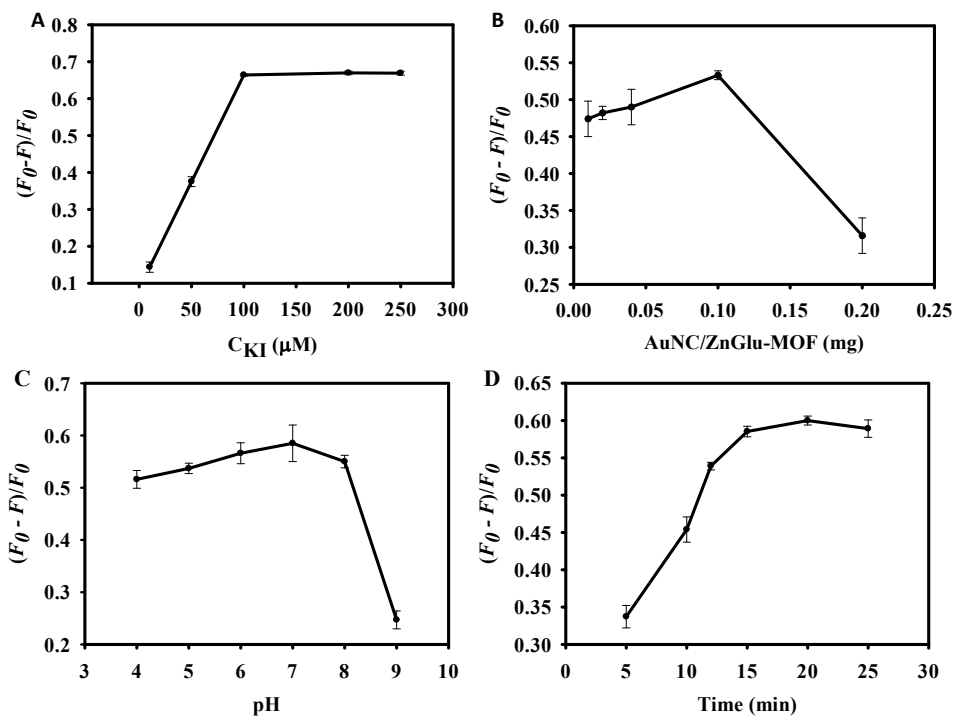
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7 **Fig. S8** Effects of I^- concentrations (A), AuNCs@ZnGlu-MOF amount (B), pH (C)
8 and incubation time (D) on the fluorescence response of the nanosensor for H_2O_2
9 detection. F_0 and F stand for the fluorescent intensities of AuNCs@ZnGlu-
10 MOF/HRP/ I^- mixture in the absence and presence of H_2O_2 , respectively.

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4 **Table S2** Comparison of different methods for the determination of H₂O₂.

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Methods	Linear range (μM)	Detection limit (μM)	Reference
Colorimetry	10-1000	5.29	[1]
Colorimetry	0.5-100	0.047	[2]
Colorimetry	10000-100000	54	[3]
Fluorometry	0-40	0.26	[4]
Fluorometry	0-20	0.86	[5]
Fluorometry	0-30	2.1	[6]
Fluorometry	2-50	0.57	[7]
Fluorometry	0.02-5	0.013	Present work

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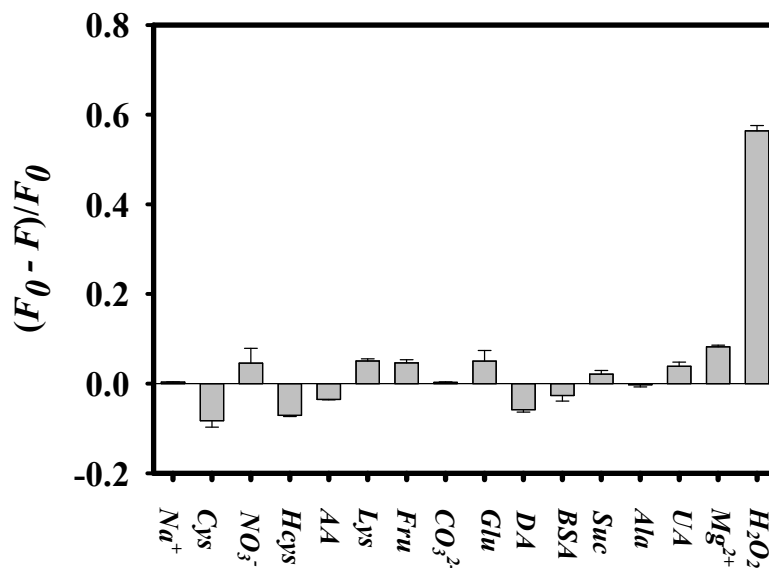
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6 **Fig. S9** Fluorescence response of AuNCs@ZnGlu-MOF in the presence of H_2O_2 or
7 other substances (Na^+ , cysteine (Cys), NO_3^- , homocysteine (Hcys), ascorbic acid (AA),
8 lysine (Lys), fructose (Fru), CO_3^{2-} , glucose (Glu), dopamine (DA), bovine serum
9 (BSA), sucrose (Suc), alanine (Ala), uric acid (UA)). The concentration of H_2O_2 was
10 5 μM , and the level of other species were 50 μM .

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4 **Table S3** Detection of spiked H₂O₂ in real samples.

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Samples	Added (μM)	Measured (μM)	Recovery (%)	RSD (n=3, %)
Serum 1	0.05	0.053	106	2.98
	0.5	0.48	96.0	3.15
	2	1.97	98.5	2.36
Serum 2	0.05	0.048	96.0	1.95
	0.5	0.52	104	2.31
	2	1.95	97.5	4.16
Serum 3	0.05	0.049	98.0	2.17
	0.5	0.49	96.0	3.53
	2	1.91	95.5	2.12

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