

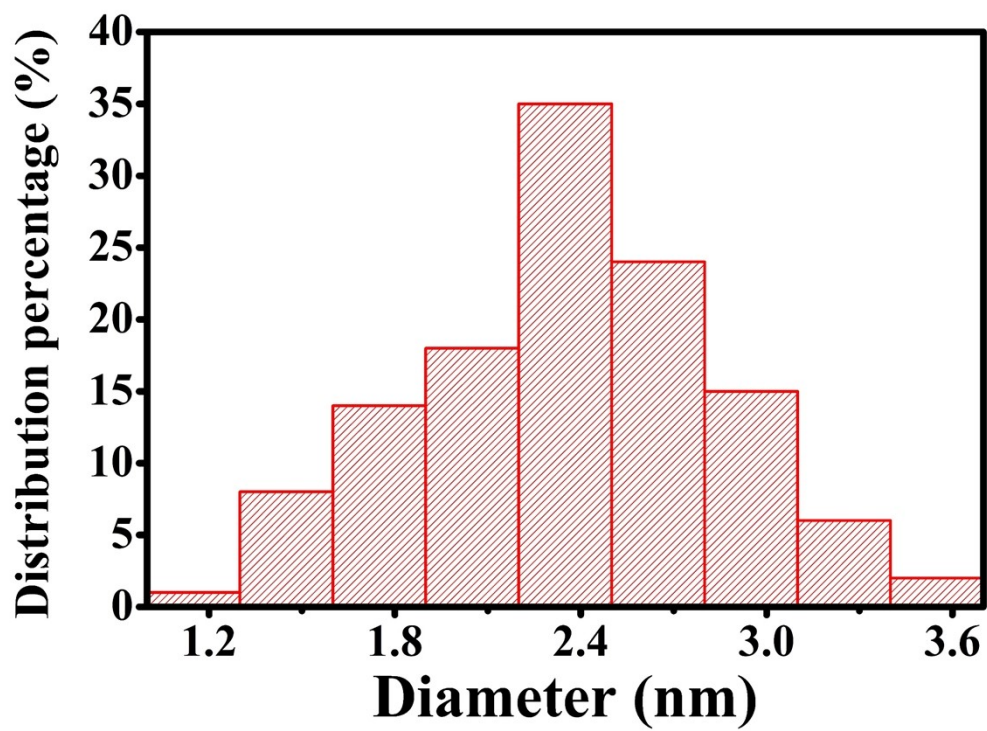
## **Electronic Supplementary Material (ESM)**

# **An ordered one-step colorimetric sensor for selective determination of catechol based on the polyacrylic acid-coated cerium oxide with laccase-like activity**

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**Fig. S1** The Particle size histogram of PAA-CeO<sub>2</sub>.

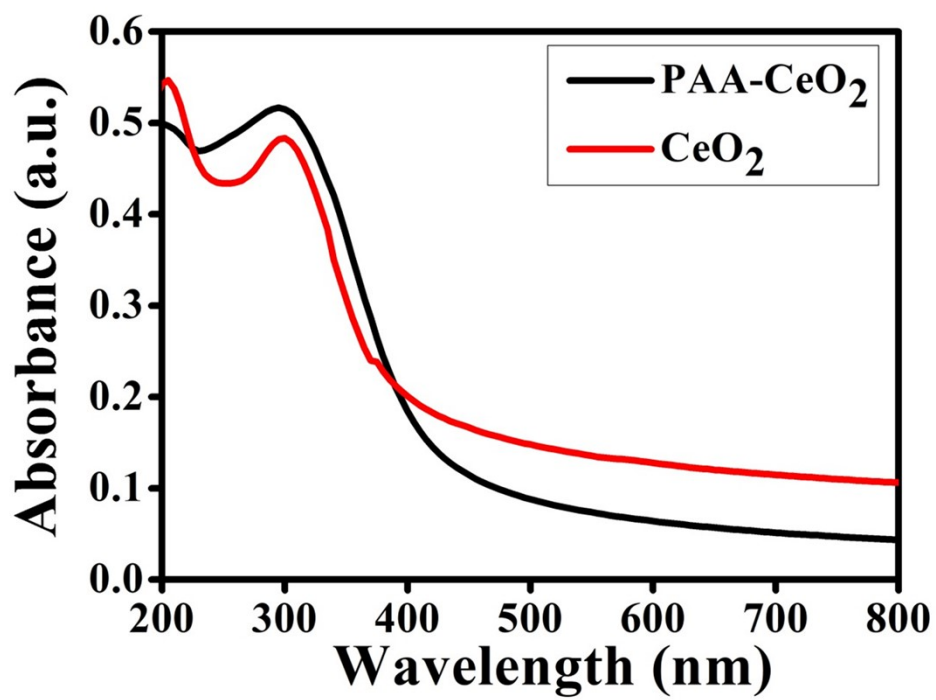
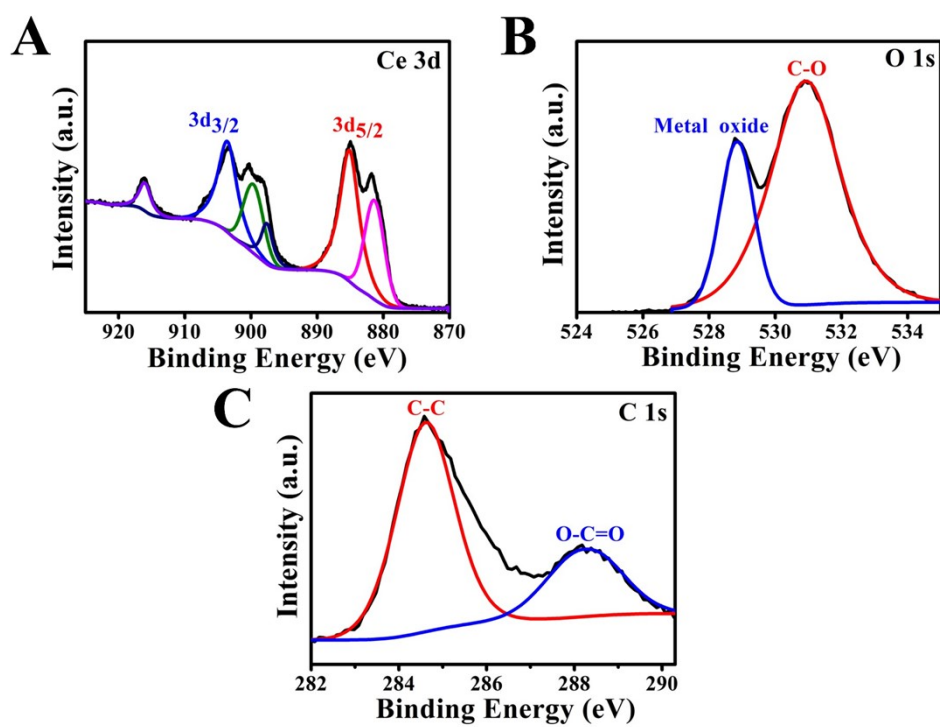
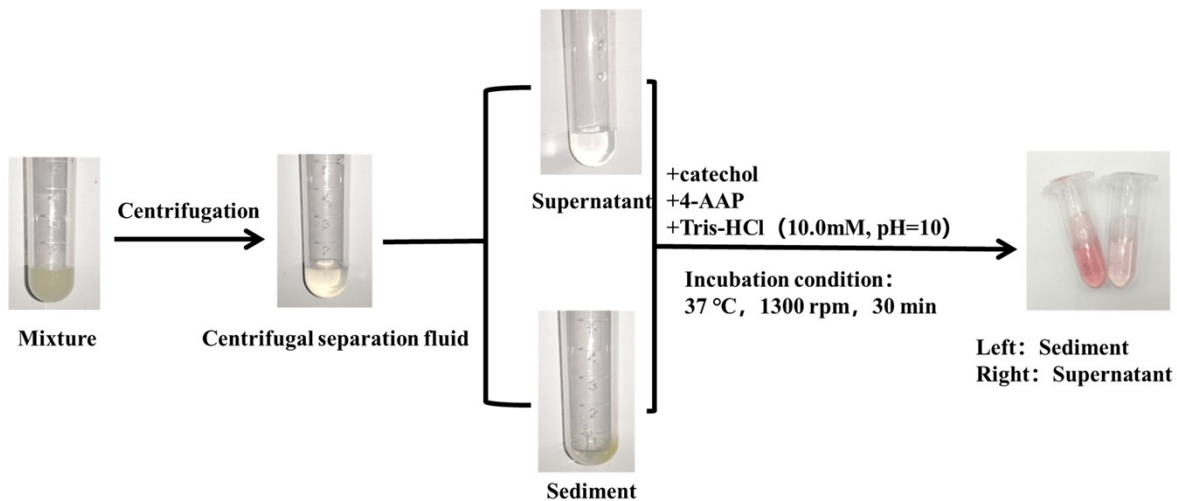


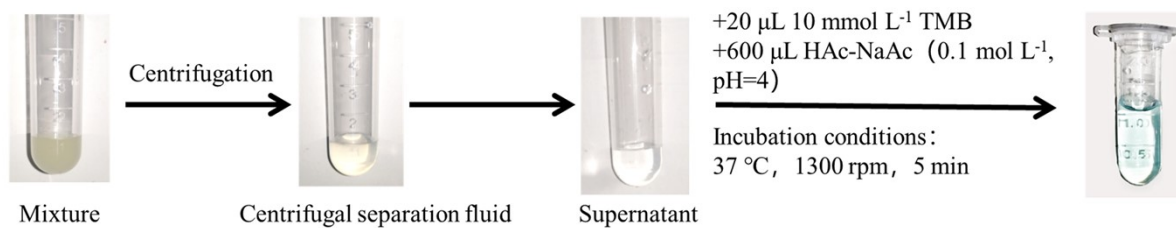
Fig. S2 The UV-Vis absorption spectra of PAA-CeO<sub>2</sub> and CeO<sub>2</sub>.



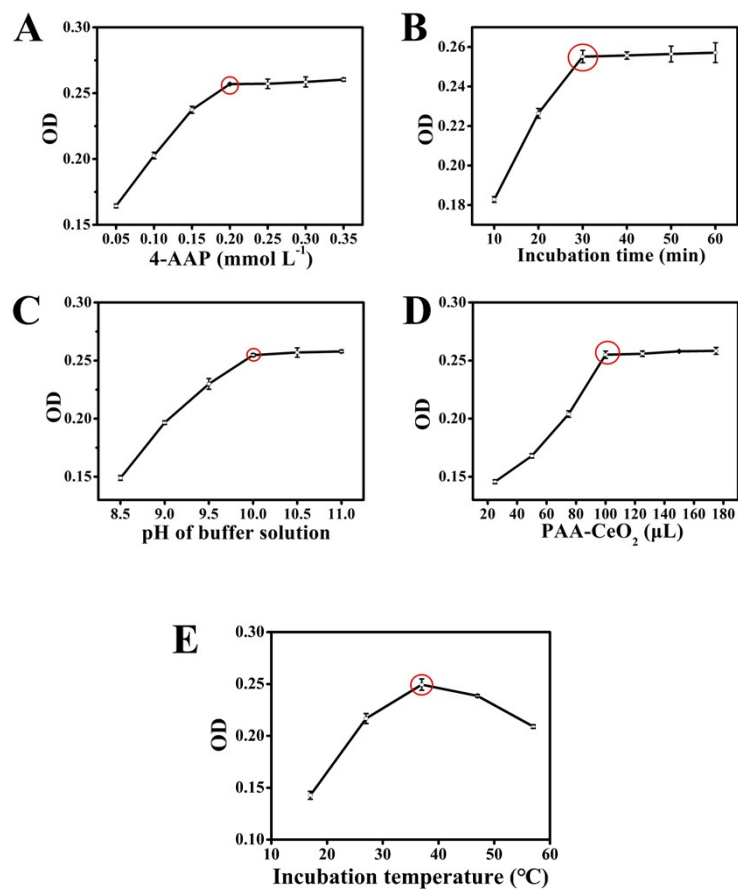
**Fig. S3** The high-resolution XPS spectra of PAA-CeO<sub>2</sub>, (A) Ce 3d, (B) O 1s, (C) C 1s.



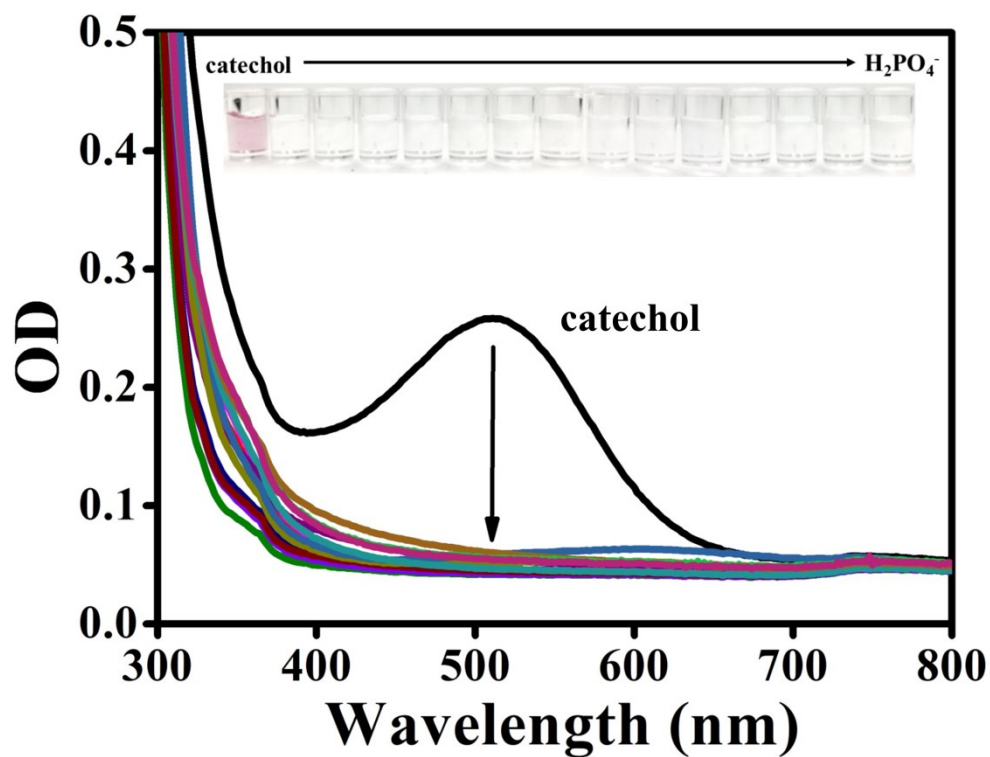
**Fig. S4** The verification of the laccase activity of PAA-CeO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S5** The color reaction of the chromogenic substrate TMB



**Fig. S6** The effect of different experimental parameters on the OD intensity of catechol detection: (A) the concentration of 4-AAP, (B) the incubation time of system, (C) the pH of buffer solution, (D) the volume of PAA-CeO<sub>2</sub> solution, (E) incubation temperature (the concentration of catechol was 50 μmol L<sup>-1</sup> in all optimization experiments, error bar=SD, n=3)



**Fig. S7** The UV-Vis absorption spectra and photographic images (inset) of the target substance and other interfering ions added.

**Table S1** Comparison with the previous methods for catechol detection

Determination Method	Materials	Linear range ( $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ )	LOD ( $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ )	Reference
Fluorescence sensor	Si nanoparticles	0.06-40	0.02	1
Fluorescence sensor	Fe-MIL-88NH <sub>2</sub>	0.13-5	0.091	2
Electrochemical sensor	MoS <sub>2</sub> nanoflower	10 <sup>-6</sup> -1000	10 <sup>-6</sup>	3
Electrochemical sensor	Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> /MOF	0.5-150	0.0031	4
Amperometric sensor	iridium (IV) oxide	0.05-10.65	0.017	5
Colorimetric detection	graphitic carbon nitride- copper hybrid nanoflowers	0-100	0.36	6
Colorimetric sensor	TMB- MnO <sub>2</sub>	0.5-10	0.22	7
Colorimetric sensor	N,S-C <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	2-15	0.31	8
Colorimetric sensor	PAA-CeO <sub>2</sub>	0.5-50	0.121	This work

**Table S2** Recovery results of catechol in tap water by visual sensing platform (n=3)

sample	Added ( $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ )	Found $\pm$ SD ( $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ )	Recovery (%)
tap water	5	4.77 $\pm$ 0.001	95.40
	50	50.76 $\pm$ 0.002	101.52



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