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## **Supporting Information for**

## Zn-Y dual atomic sites catalyst featuring metal-metal interactions as a

## nanozyme with peroxidase-like activity

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Figure S1. TEM image of  $Y_{0.4}$ @ZIF-8.



Figure S2. TEM images of Zn-SACs/NC and corresponding EDX Mapping images.



Figure S3. TEM images of Y-SACs/NC and corresponding EDX Mapping images.



Figure S4. TEM images of  $Y_{0.8}$ -NC and corresponding EDX Mapping images.



**Figure S5.** TEM images of Y<sub>1</sub>-Zn-NC and corresponding EDX Mapping images.



Figure S6. TEM images of NC.



Figure S7. Relative activity for ZnY-DACs/NC as a function of (a) temperature and (b) pH.



Figure S8. Absorbance changes as a function of time based on the oxidation of TMB by  $H_2O_2$  catalyzed by ZnY-DACs/NC by using different concentrations of TMB or  $H_2O_2$ . As the substrate (TMB or  $H_2O_2$ ) increases, the initial reaction rate accelerates.



**Figure S9.** Absorbance changes as a function of time based on the oxidation of TMB by  $H_2O_2$  catalyzed by Y-SACs/NC through using different concentrations of TMB or  $H_2O_2$ . As the substrate

(TMB or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) increases, the initial reaction rate accelerates.



Figure S10. Absorbance changes as a function of time based on the oxidation of TMB by  $H_2O_2$  catalyzed by  $Y_{0.8}$ -NC through using different concentrations of TMB or  $H_2O_2$ .

![](_page_11_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure S11. Absorbance changes as a function of time based on the oxidation of TMB by  $H_2O_2$  catalyzed by  $Y_1$ -Zn-NC through using different concentrations of TMB or  $H_2O_2$ .

![](_page_12_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure S12. Absorbance changes as a function of time based on the oxidation of TMB by  $H_2O_2$  catalyzed by Zn-SACs/NC through using different concentrations of TMB or  $H_2O_2$ .

![](_page_13_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure S13. Absorbance changes as a function of time based on the oxidation of TMB by  $H_2O_2$  catalyzed by NC through using different concentrations of TMB or  $H_2O_2$ .

![](_page_14_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure S14. Schematic illustration of the colorimetric sensing platform for hydroquinone detection

based on (ZnY-DACs/NC)-TMB-H $_2O_2$  reaction system.

Sample	Scattering pair	CN	<b>R</b> (Å)	$\sigma^2(10^{-3}\text{\AA}^2)$	$\Delta E_0(\mathrm{eV})$	R factor	
ZnY-DACs/NC	Zn-N	4.0	1.99	5.1	1.0	0.005	
	Zn-Y	1.0	2.59	5.2	1.0		
Zn-SACs/NC	Zn-N	3.9	2.02	5.5	1.0	0.006	
ZnY-DACs/NC	Y-N	4.2	2.01	5.9	1.5	0.009	
	Y-Zn	1.1	2.61	4.6	1.5		
Y-SACs/NC	Y-N	4.1	1.97	4.6	1.5	0.007	

**Table S1.** Structural parameters extracted from the Zn and Y K-edge EXAFS fitting. ( $S_0^2=0.85$ )

 $S_0^2$  is the amplitude reduction factor; CN is the coordination number; *R* is interatomic distance (the bond length between central atoms and surrounding coordination atoms).  $\sigma^2$  is Debye-Waller factor (a measure of thermal and static disorder in absorber-scatterer distances);  $\Delta E_0$  is edge-energy shift (the difference between the zero kinetic energy value of the sample and that of the theoretical model). *R* factor is used to value the goodness of the fitting.

Error bounds that characterize the structural parameters obtained by EXAFS spectroscopy were estimated as CN ± 20%;  $R \pm 1\%$ ;  $\sigma^2 \pm 20\%$ ;  $\Delta E_0 \pm 20\%$ .

Nanozyme -	TMB as	the substrate	$H_2O_2$ as the substrate		
	$K_{\rm m}({\rm mM})$	$V_{\rm m}(10^{-4} {\rm mM}{\cdot}{\rm s}{}^{-1})$	$K_{\rm m}({ m M})$	$V_{\rm m}(10^{-7} { m M}\cdot{ m s}^{-1})$	
ZnY-DACs/NC	0.1003	4.77	0.2640	4.69	
Y <sub>0.8</sub> -NC	0.1015	1.76	0.3873	2.51	
Y <sub>1</sub> -Zn-NC	0.1092	0.167	0.1837	0.275	
Y-SACs/NC	0.0657	0.800	0.0699	0.425	
Zn-SACs/NC	0.4109	0.168	0.3091	0.156	
N-C	0.5316	1.27	0.3837	1.34	

**Table S2.**  $K_{\rm m}$  and  $V_{\rm m}$  values for ZnY-DAC/NC and its reference samples with TMB and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as the substrates.