

## Supplementary materials

### **Terbium functionalized ZIF-8 nanosensor for rapid and sensitive detection of anthrax spore biomarker**

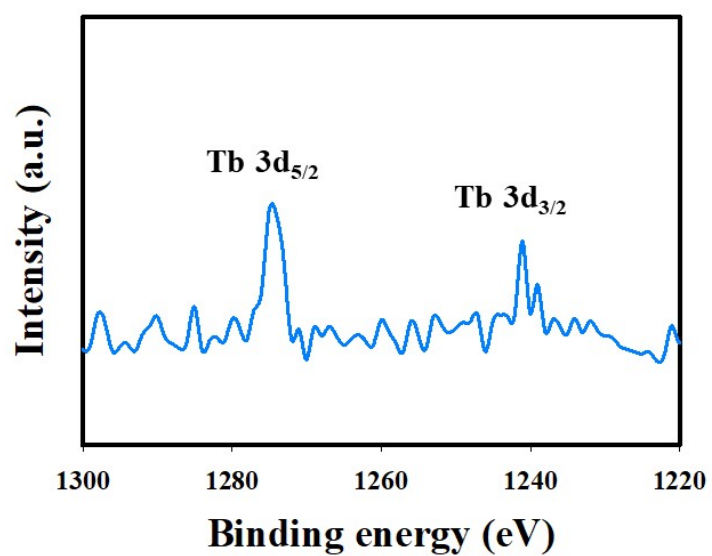
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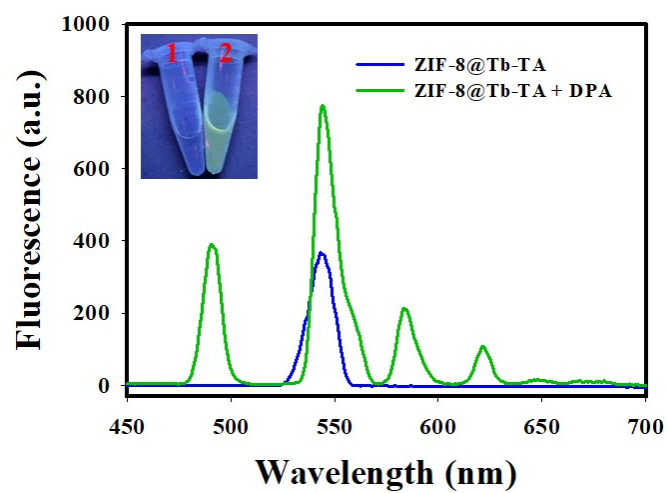
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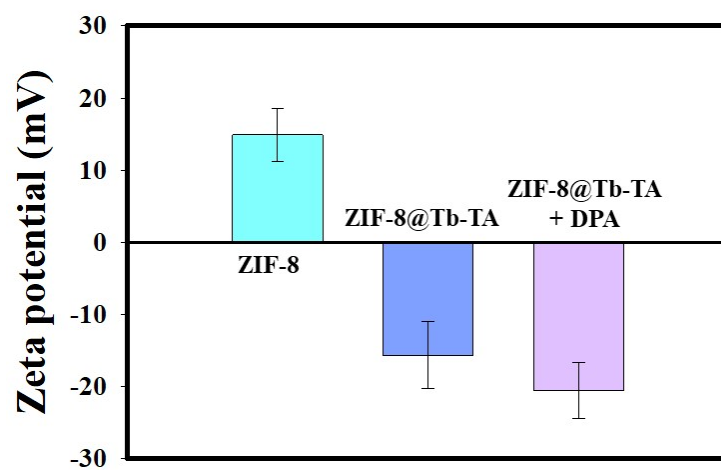
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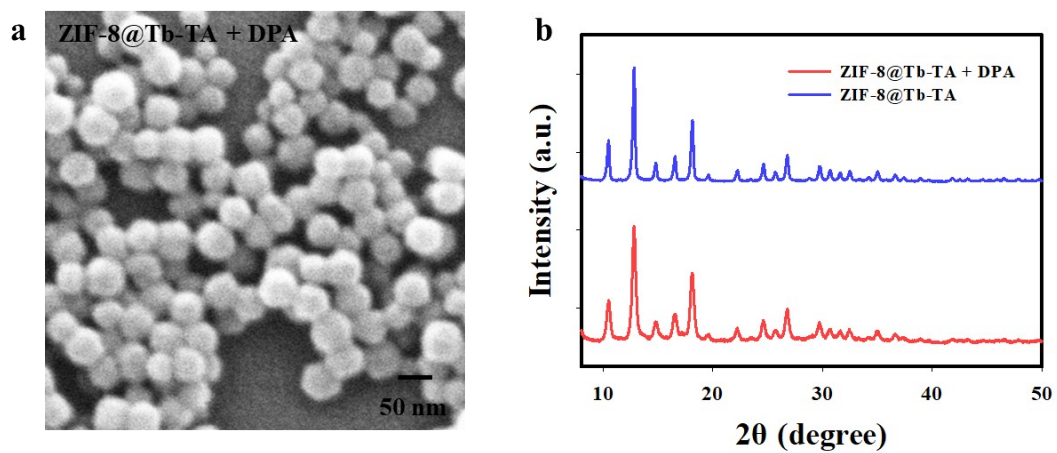
**Figure S1** The high-resolution XPS spectrum of Tb 3d of ZIF-8@Tb-TA.



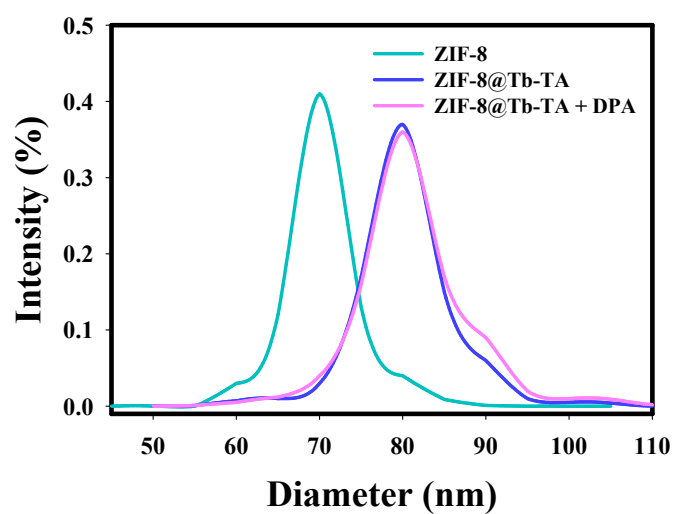
**Figure S2** The emission spectra of ZIF-8@Tb-TA and ZIF-8@Tb-TA in the presence of DPA ( $4 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ).



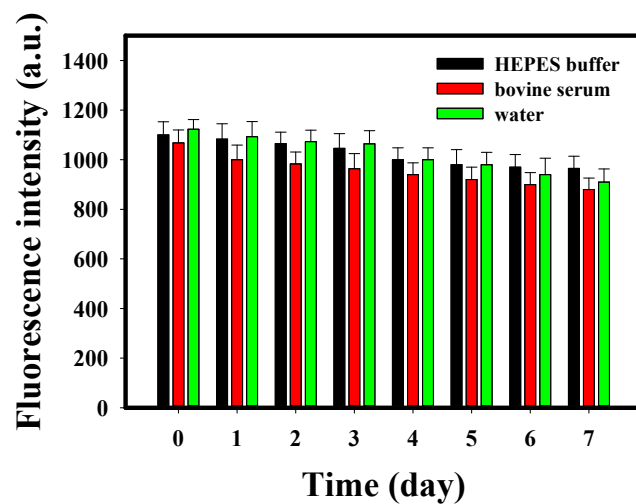
**Figure S3** Zeta potential of ZIF-8, ZIF-8@Tb-TA, and ZIF-8@Tb-TA + 10  $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$  of DPA.



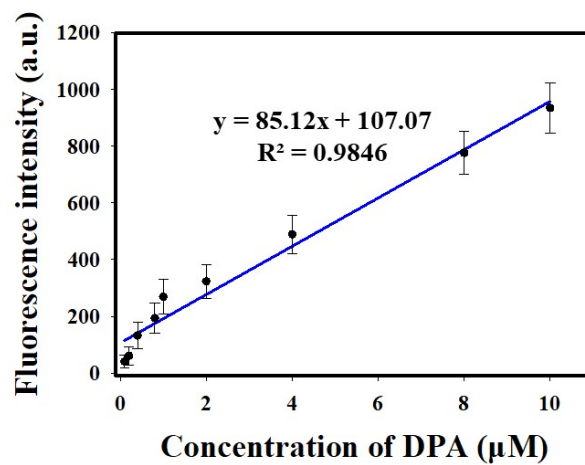
**Figure S4** (a) SEM images of ZIF-8@Tb-TA with  $10 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$  of DPA, (b) XRD patterns of ZIF-8@Tb-TA before and after reacting with  $10 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$  of DPA for 3 min.



**Figure S5** Diameter change of ZIF-8@Tb-TA after incubation with  $10 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$  of DPA.



**Figure S6** Changes in fluorescence of ZIF-8@Tb-TA for DPA detection after immersion in different media for various periods.



**Figure S7** Linear relationship of fluorescence intensity and DPA concentration in simulated actual samples.



**Table S1** Summary of the current DPA-sensing nanoplatforms.

Nanoprobe	Linear Range	Detection Limit	Reference
pSiNPs-Tb	0-10 $\mu$ M	1250 nM	[1]
Eu/Tb-MOF	0-600 $\mu$ M	248 nM	[2]
CDs-Tb	0.5-6 $\mu$ M	35.9 nM	[3]
His@ZIF-8/Tb <sup>3+</sup>	0.08-10 $\mu$ M	0.02 $\mu$ M	[4]
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -Tb NPs	0.02-1 $\mu$ M	5.4 nM	[5]
Tb-PTA-OH	0.05-6 $\mu$ M	13.4 nM	[6]
ZIF-8@Tb-TA	0-12 $\mu$ M	12.3 nM	This study

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**Table S2** Analytical results in simulative real samples.

Sample	Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Detection ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Recovery (%)	RSD (%, n = 5)
	0	/	/	/
	0.2	0.19	95.00	0.38
10% bovine	0.5	0.5	100.00	0.23
serum	2	1.99	99.50	1.2
	5	4.9	98.00	0.93
	8	8.04	100.5	1.05

/: not detected