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# **Electronic Supplementary information**

# Glucosamine functionalized gold nanoparticles for specific detection and colorimetric assay of Glutathione from real samples

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**Fig.S4:** Comparison between controlled preparations and GNPs: (a) Gold (III)chloride trihydrate + NaOH (b) Glucosamine + NaOH (c) Gold (III) chloride trihydrate + Glucosamine (d) GNPs (Gold (III) chloride trihydrate + Glucosamine + NaOH)



Fig.S5: UV-Visible spectra of various controlled preparation and GNPs



Fig.S6: Image showing Tyndell effect [left side: GNPs, right side: Milli-Q water



**Fig.S7**: Stability check through electrolyte (0.1 M NaCl) addition and its corresponding UV-Visible spectra at the interval of 5 min



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Fig.S9: Stability check through electrolyte (2 M NaCl) addition and its corresponding UV-Visible spectra at the interval of 5 min



Fig.S10: pH Study: Visual response of pH metric titration of GNPs from 1-14 pH



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Fig.S12: Practical applicability of GNPs on cotton balls



**Fig.S13:** Interference studies of GNPs at 521 nm with different essential amino acids. Red Bar: GNPs + Amino acids, Blue Bar: GNPs + Amino acids + Glutathione, control: Red Bar: only GNPs, Blue bar: GNPs + GSH



**Fig.S14:** Matrix study: (a) Visual responses of (1) GNPs (2) GNPs + Mixture (solution) containing different amino acids i.e. His, Ile, Leu, Lys, Met, Cys, Hcy, Phe, Thr, Trp, Val, (3) GNPs + Mixture + Glutathione, (b) Corresponding UV-Visible response

Fig.S15: Comparis	son table for	Limit of Detection;
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Detection System	Methods	LOD	References
Citrate capped AuNPs	Colorimetric	0.5 μΜ	1
Diazo capped AgNPs	Colorimetric	4.11 μΜ	2
FeS <sub>2</sub> nanoparticles	Colorimetric	0.15 μΜ	3
graphene nanoribbons/silver nanoparticles (GNR/Ag NPs) hybrid	Colorimetric	0.23 μΜ	4
Phloroglucinol capped AgNPs	Colorimetric	3.1 μM	5
Silica nanoparticle–gold nanocluster (MSN–AuNC)	Colorimetric	0.34 μΜ	6
Glucosamine capped GNPs	Colorimetric	0.26 μM	Present study

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Fig.S16: FT-IR spectrum of GNPs



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Fig.S18: Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) study showing hydrodynamic diameter of GNPs



Fig.S19: Zeta Potential of GNPs



# Fig.S20: EDAX spectrum of GNPs



Fig.S21: SAED pattern of GNPs



## (c) Concentration of GNPs

Concentration of spherical gold nanoparticles (GNPs) can be established by using the equation C= N<sub>Total</sub>/ NVN<sub>A</sub>

where N<sub>Total</sub>/NVN<sub>A</sub> where N<sub>Total</sub> is the total number of gold atoms in the reaction solution, N is the number of gold atoms present in each nanoparticle, V is volume of solution in litres and N<sub>A</sub> is Avogadro constant. Herein, we have used 2mL of 8mM Gold (III) chloride trihydrate in a total volume of 50mL.

#### d= 23 nm GNPs

### $N=31d^3 = 31 \times (23)^3 = 377,177$ Concentration of GNPs = NTotal/NVNA

$$= \frac{0.016 \times 10^{-3} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}}{377,177 \times 0.05 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}}$$
$$= 8.4 \times 10^{-9} M$$
$$= 8.4 \text{ nM}$$

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Fig.S23: FT-IR spectrum of GNPs after interaction with Glutathione



Fig.S24: FT-IR spectrum of GSH in experimental condition

S. No.	Samples	Peaks (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
1.	GNPs	3409, 2919, 2844, 2090, 1634, 1254, 731, 567
2.	GNPs with GSH	3440, 2923, 2847, 2089, 1633, 1400, 1123, 737, 568
3.	Only GSH	3443.66, 2924.5, 2859.3, 2074.95, 1643.85, 1633.79, 1412.4, 1019.5, 693.54





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