

## Supporting Information

# Magnetic MOF composites for the electrocatalysis and biosensing of dopamine released from living cells

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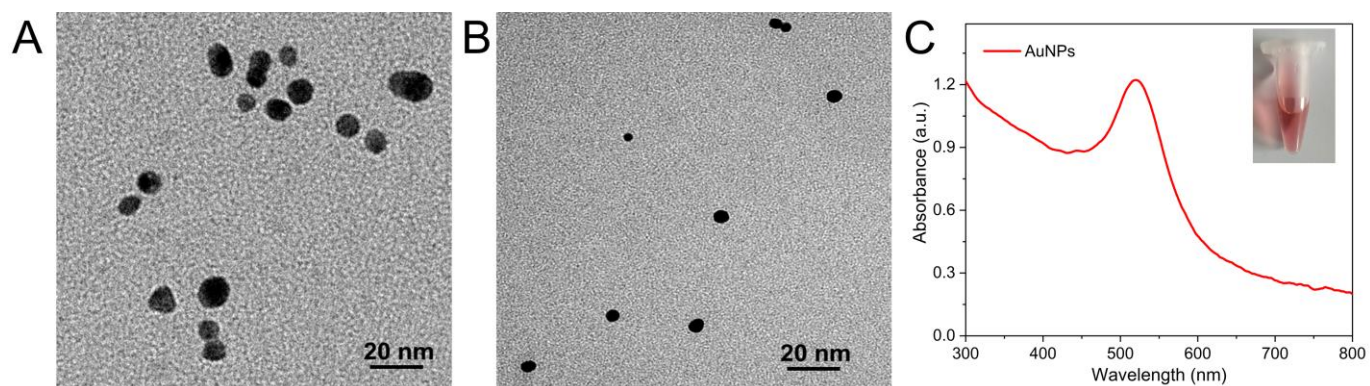
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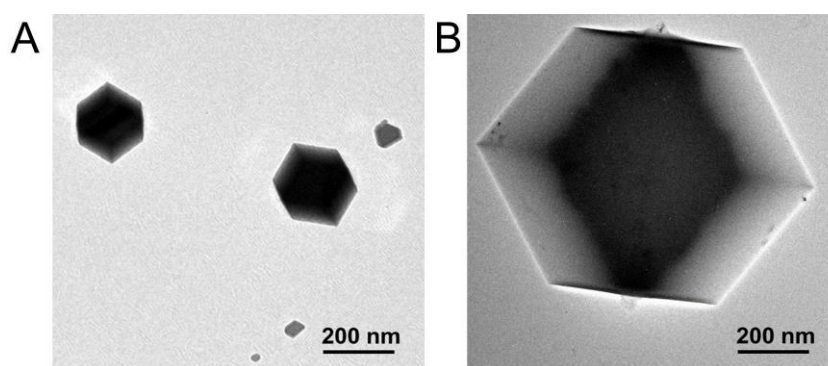
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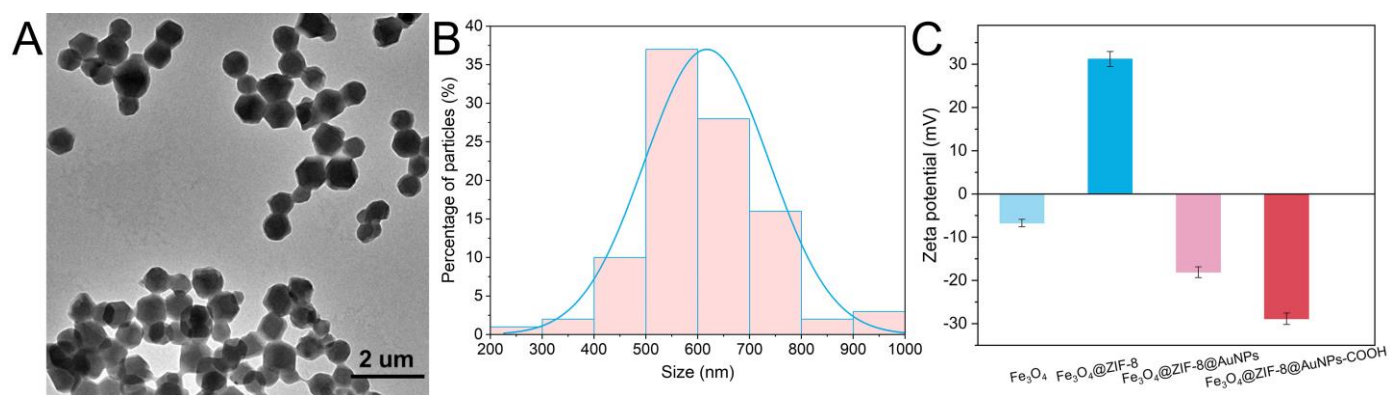
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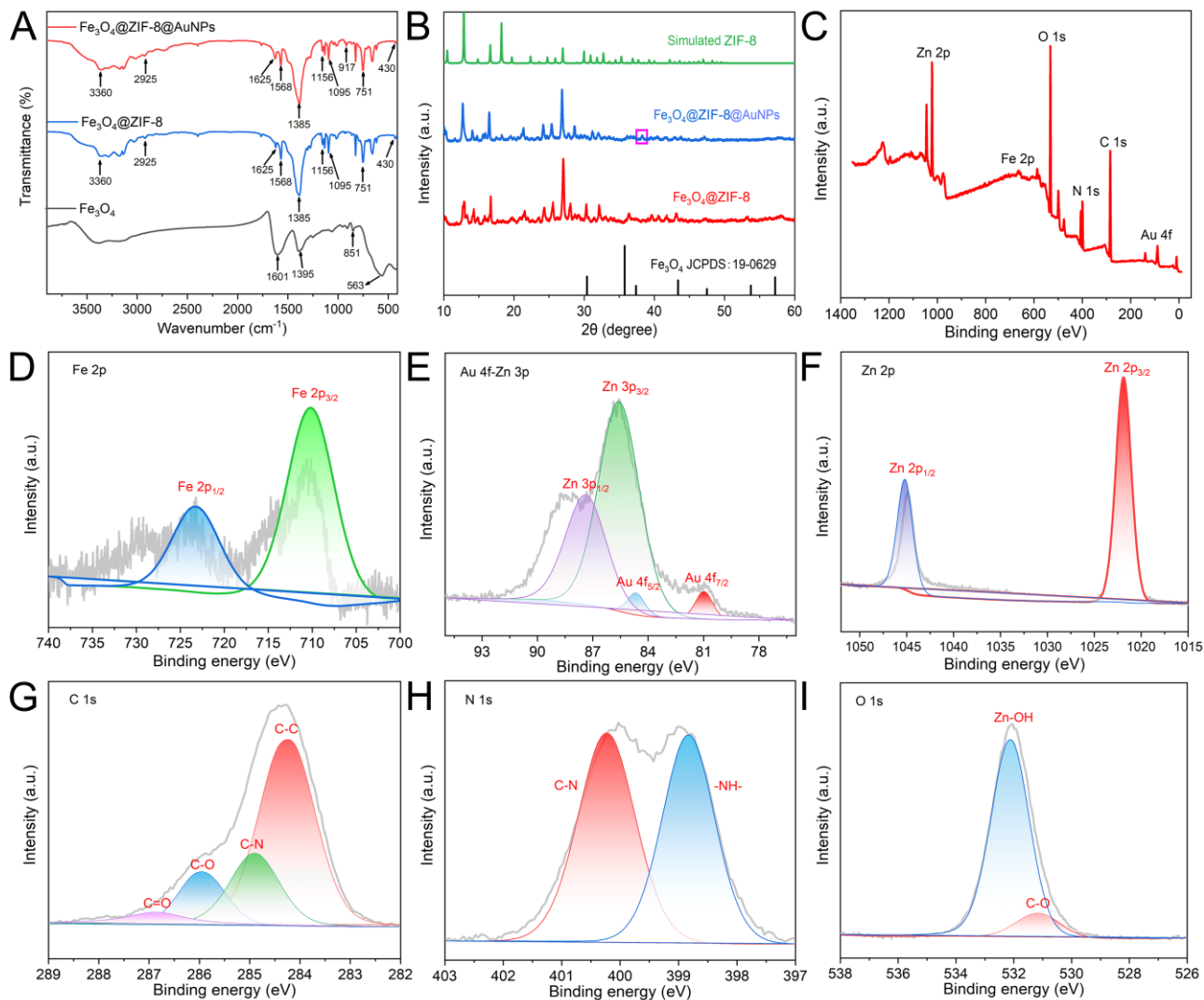
**Figure S1.** TEM images of (A)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  and (B) AuNPs. (C) UV-vis absorption spectrum of AuNPs. Inset is the picture under daylight.



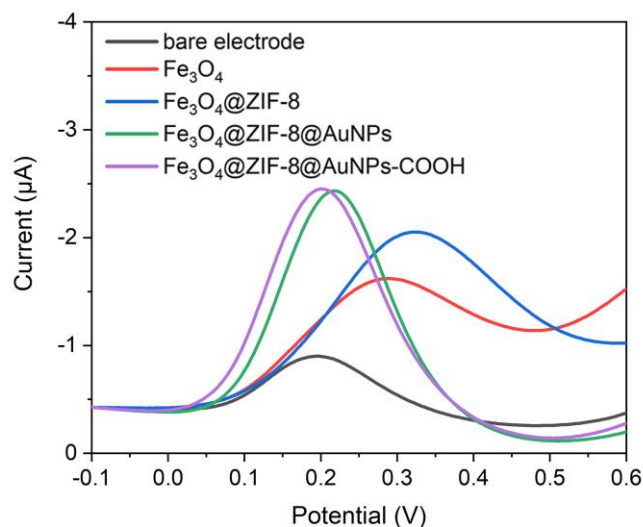
**Figure S2.** TEM images of (A) ZIF-8 and (B)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ @ZIF-8.



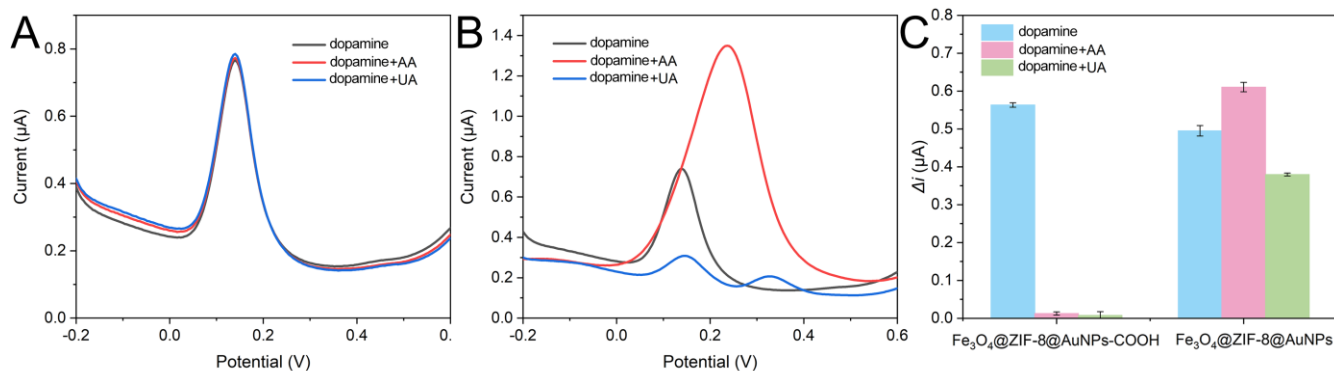
**Figure S3.** (A) TEM image and (B) size distribution of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ @ZIF-8@AuNPs-COOH. (C) Zeta potentials of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ @ZIF-8,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ @ZIF-8@AuNPs and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ @ZIF-8@AuNPs-COOH, respectively.



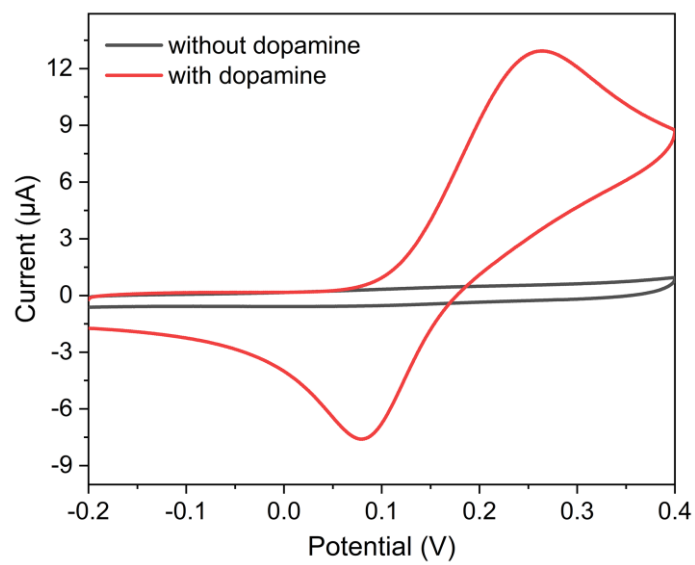
**Figure S4.** (A) FTIR spectra of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8@AuNPs$ . (B) XRD patterns of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8@AuNPs$ . (C) XPS survey spectrum of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8@AuNPs-COOH$ . High-resolution XPS spectra of (D) Fe 2p, (E) Au 4f, Zn 3p, (F) Zn 2p, (G) C 1s, (H) N 1s and (I) O 1s.



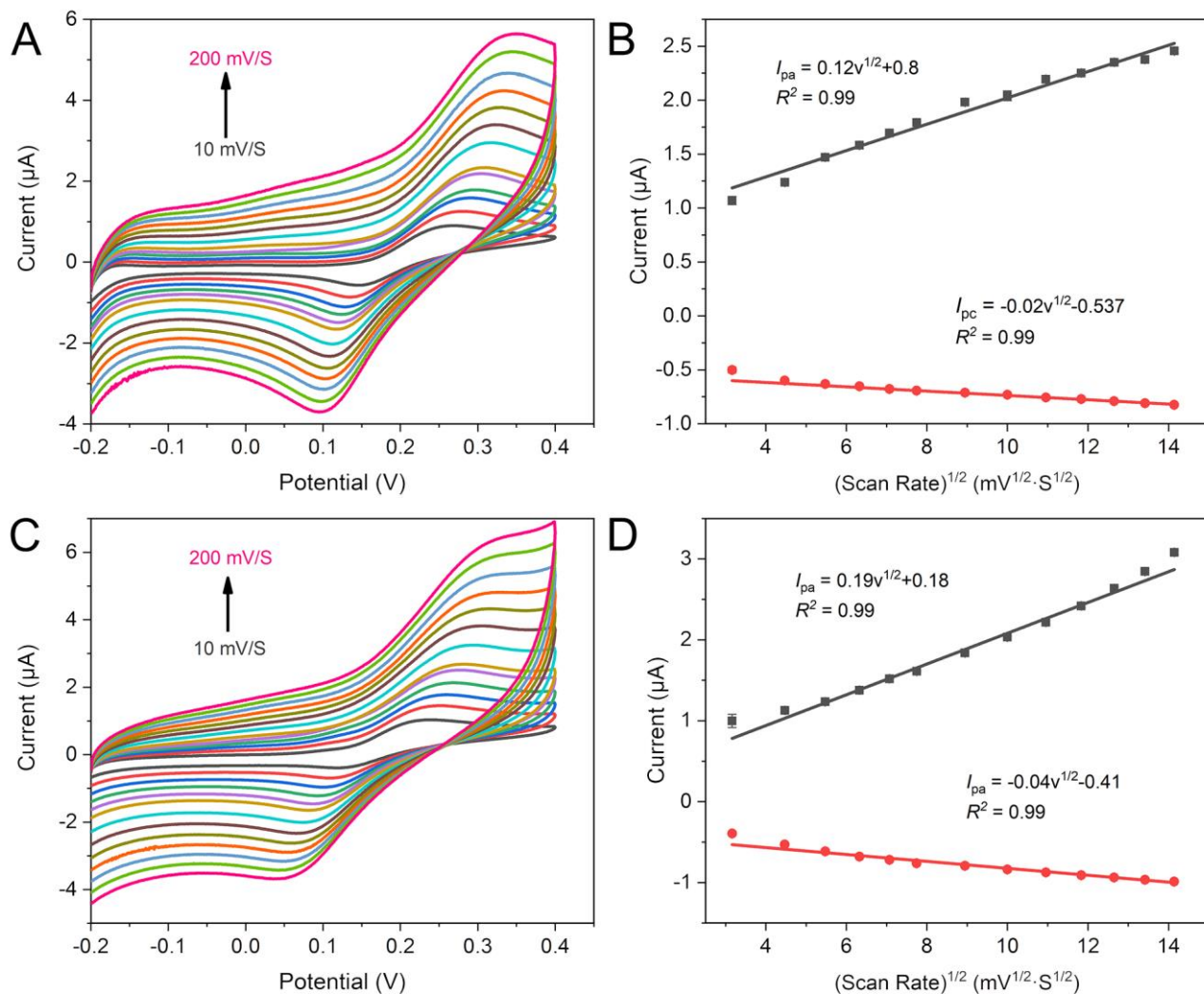
**Figure S5.** Differential pulse voltammograms of bare electrode, after modified with  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8@AuNPs$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8@AuNPs-COOH$  in 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.0) containing 500  $\mu\text{M}$  dopamine.



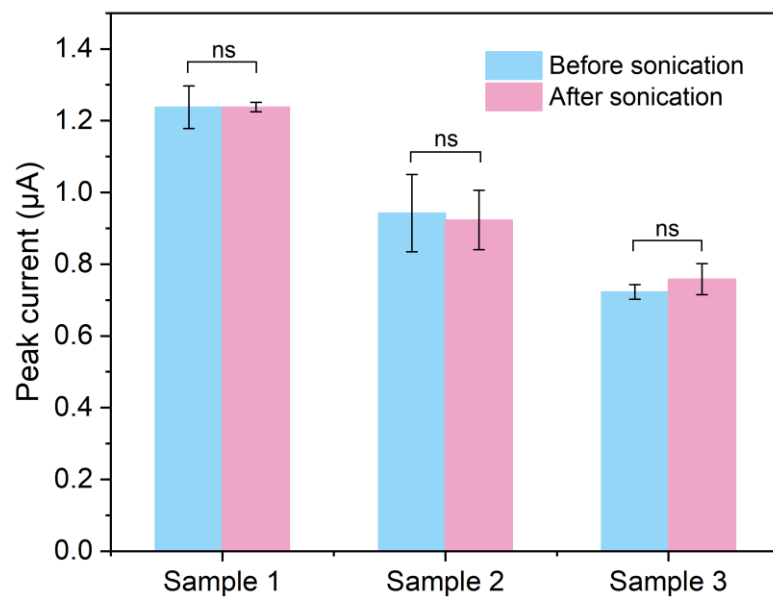
**Figure S6.** Differential pulse voltammograms of magnetic electrodes modified with (A)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8@AuNPs-COOH$  and (B)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8@AuNPs$  in 0.05 mM dopamine (PBS buffer) without and with AA (1 mM) or UA (1 mM). (C) The selectivity of the magnetic electrodes modified with  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8@AuNPs-COOH$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@ZIF-8@AuNPs$  towards AA and UA.



**Figure S7.** Cyclic voltammograms of magnetic electrodes modified with  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{ZIF-8}@\text{AuNPs-COOH}$  in 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.0) without and with dopamine (0.1 mM).



**Figure S8.** (A) Cyclic voltammograms at different scan rates (from 10 to 200 mV/s) with  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{ZIF-8}$ . (B) Relationships between oxidation/reduction peaks of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{ZIF-8}$  and scan rate. (C) Cyclic voltammograms at different scan rates (from 10 to 200 mV/s) with  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{ZIF-8}@\text{AuNPs}$ . (D) Relationships between oxidation/reduction peaks of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{ZIF-8}@\text{AuNPs}$  and scan rate.



**Figure S9.** Comparison of DPV peak currents for the detection of dopamine in three samples using  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{ZIF-8}@\text{AuNPs-COOH}$  without and with sonication.

**Table S1.** Comparison of different MOFs based sensors for electrochemical detection of dopamine.

Sensor	Technique	LOD ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Linear range ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Ref
N and Co-doped carbon particles/GCE	DPV	0.34	2 - 69.5	1
Cu-MOFs/MWCNT-Au@Ag/GCE	DPV	0.082	0.6 - 70	2
Ag-ZIF-67p/GCE	DPV	0.05	0.1 - 100	3
$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$	CA	0.241	24 - 329	4
BC/ $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{FeCo}_2\text{O}_4$ /GCE	DPV	0.04587	0.1 - 250	5
Ni-MOFs/GCE	DPV	0.06	0.2 - 100	6
GO-UiO-66-RT	DPV	2.1	20 - 200	7
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ @ZIF-8@AuNPs-COOH	DPV	0.026	0.05 - 120	this work

**Table S2.** Detection results of dopamine in human serums.

Sample	Spiked ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Found ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
1	1	0.97	97.2	0.5
2	30	29.72	99.1	0.3
3	50	49.83	99.7	2.3
4	70	67.57	96.5	3.2
5	100	100.38	100.38	1.4



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