

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Gold nanoparticles decorated with ferrocene derivative as a potential shift-based transducing system with interest for sensitive immunosensing

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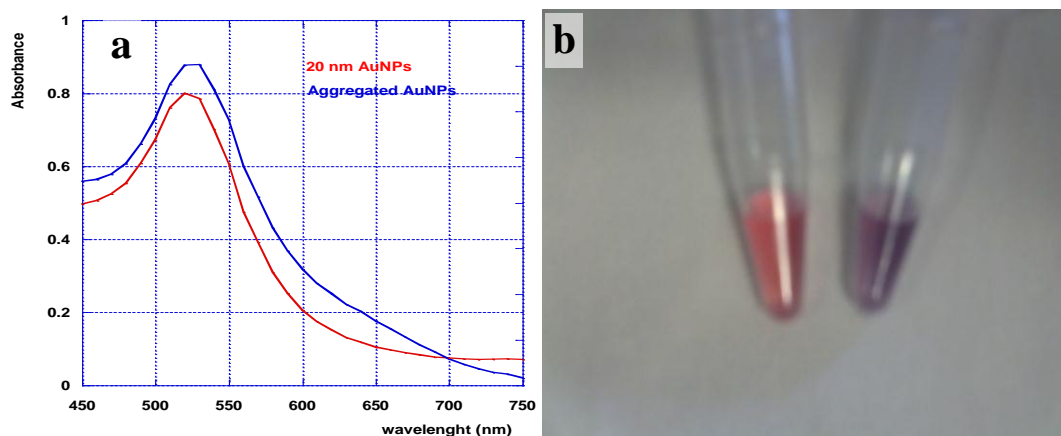
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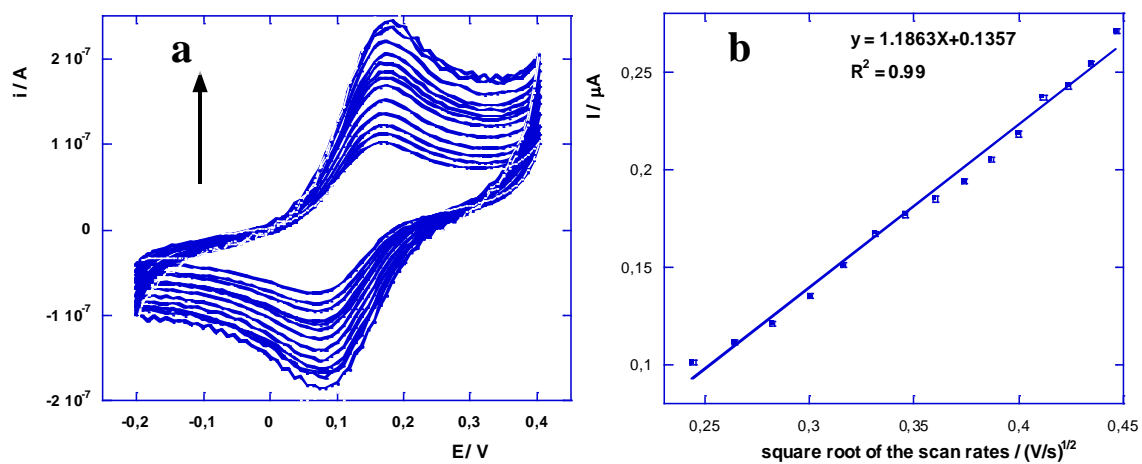
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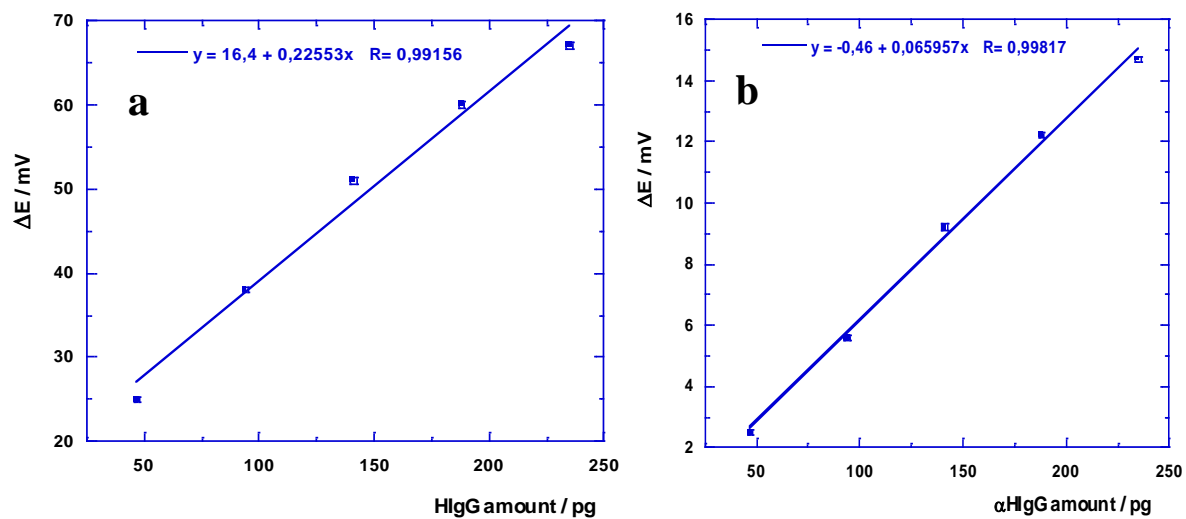
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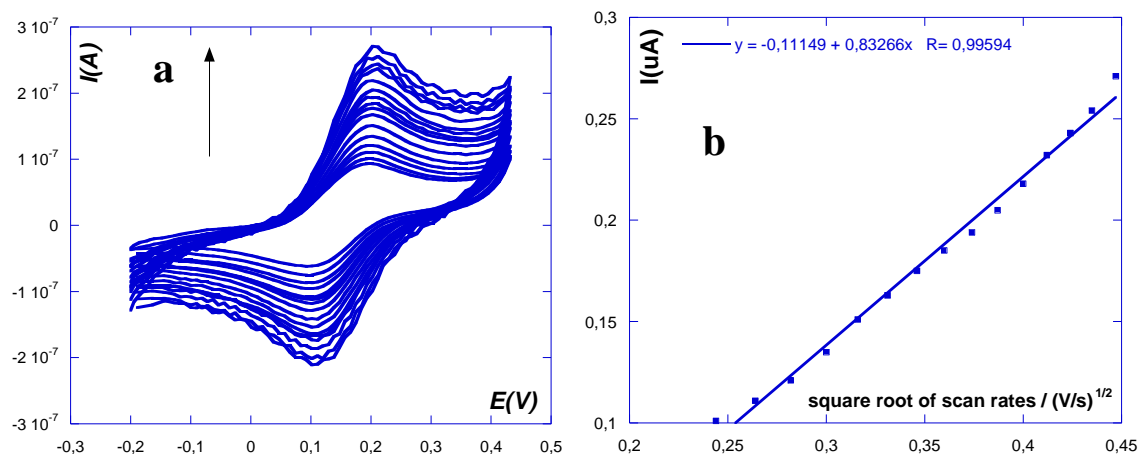
**Fig. S1** (a) AuNPs SPR band change in UV-visible spectroscopy before (red) and after (bleu) the FcD addition; (b) The AuNPs colour change during the aggregations red (before) and purple (after).



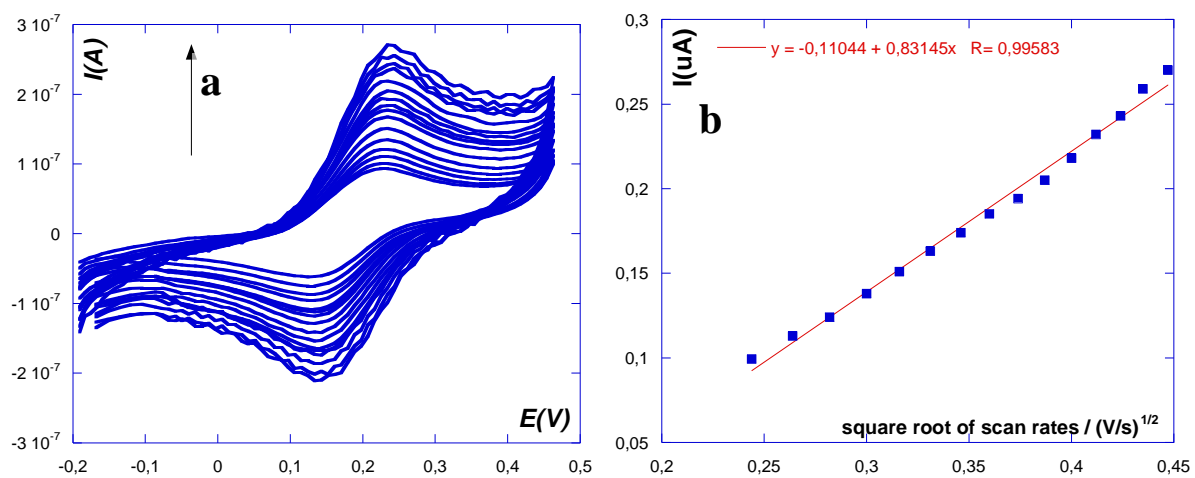
**Fig. S2** (a) Cyclic voltammograms of the HIgG immunosensor without the analyte at different scan rates from 50 to 170 mV/s in mQ water, (b): the linear dependence of oxidation peak current on the square root of the scan rate.



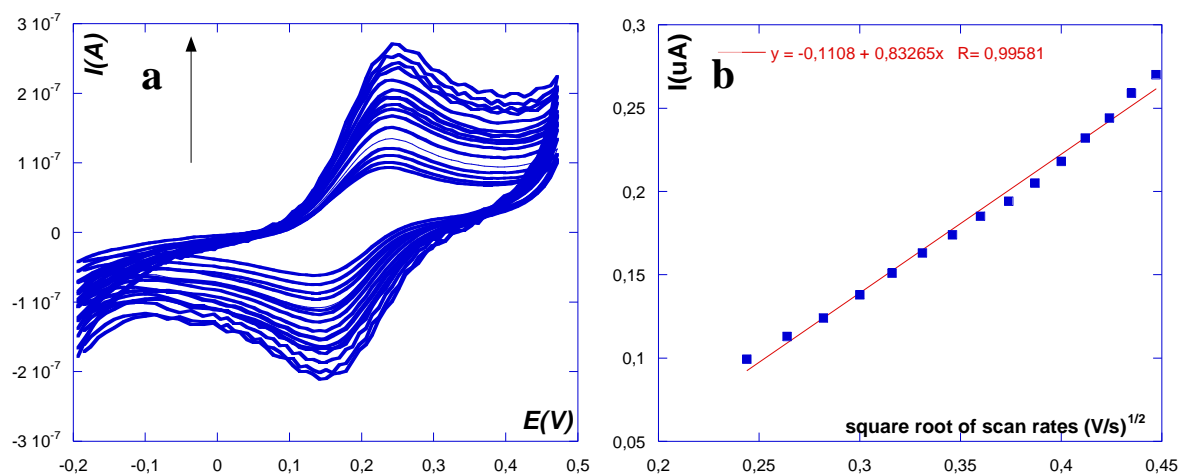
**Fig. S3** Oxidation peak potential variation versus the protein amounts: (a) HlgG and (b) GIgG



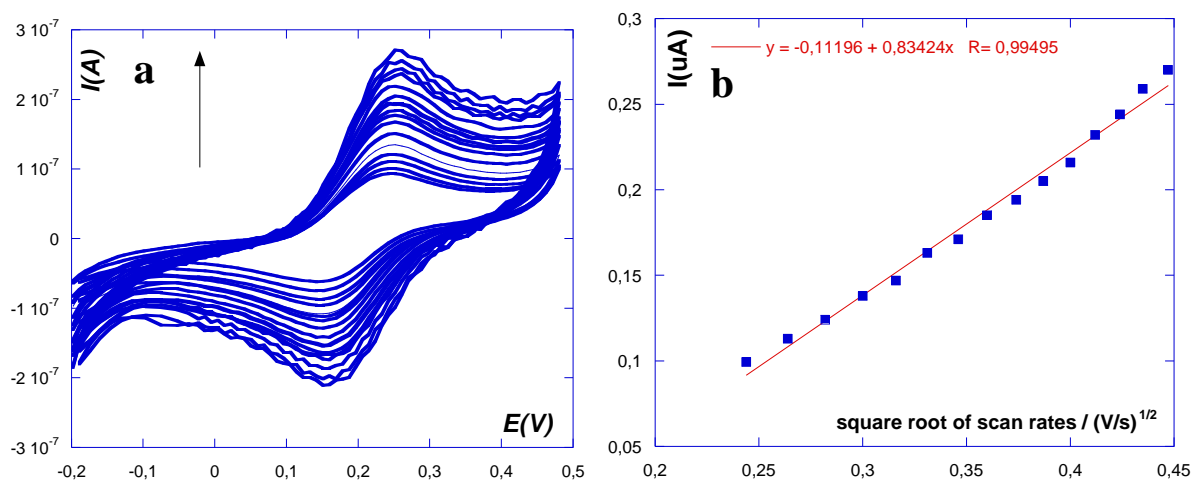
**Fig. S4.1** (a) CV curves of the immunosensor with 47 ng/mL of HIgG at different scan rates from 50 to 200 mV/s in mQ water, (b): the linear dependence of oxidation peak current on the square root of the scan rates.



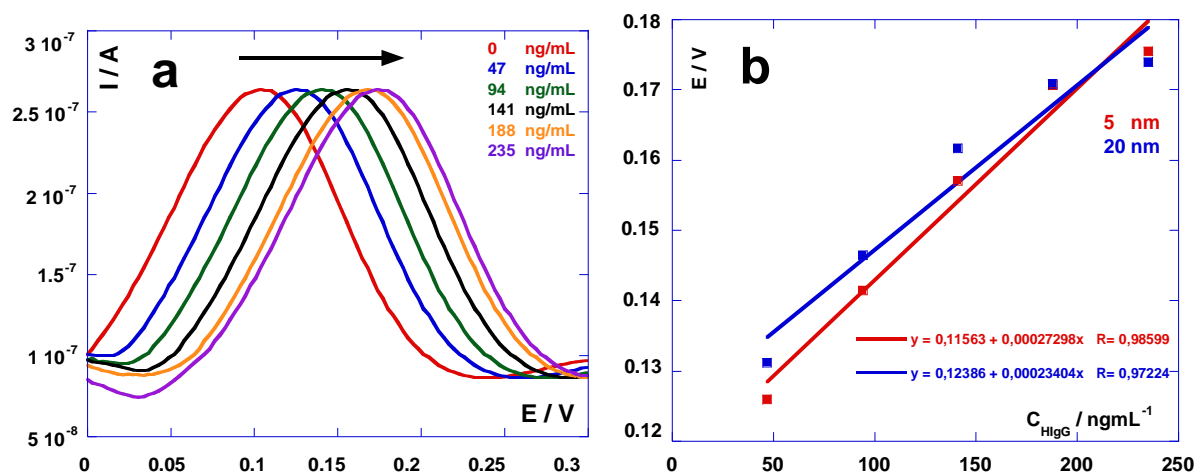
**Fig. S4.2** (a) CV curves of the immunosensor with 141 ng/mL of HIgG at different scan rates from 50 to 170 mV/s in mQ water, (b): the linear dependence of oxidation peak current on the square root of the scan rates.



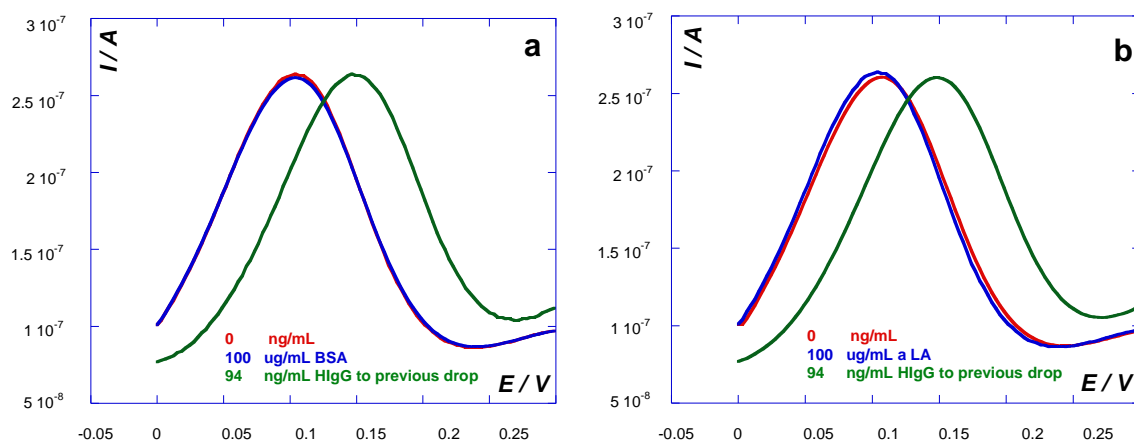
**Fig. S4.3** (a) CV curves of the immunosensor with 188 ng/mL of HIgG at different scan rates from 50 to 170 mV/s in mQ water, (b): the linear dependence of oxidation peak current on the square root of the scan rates.



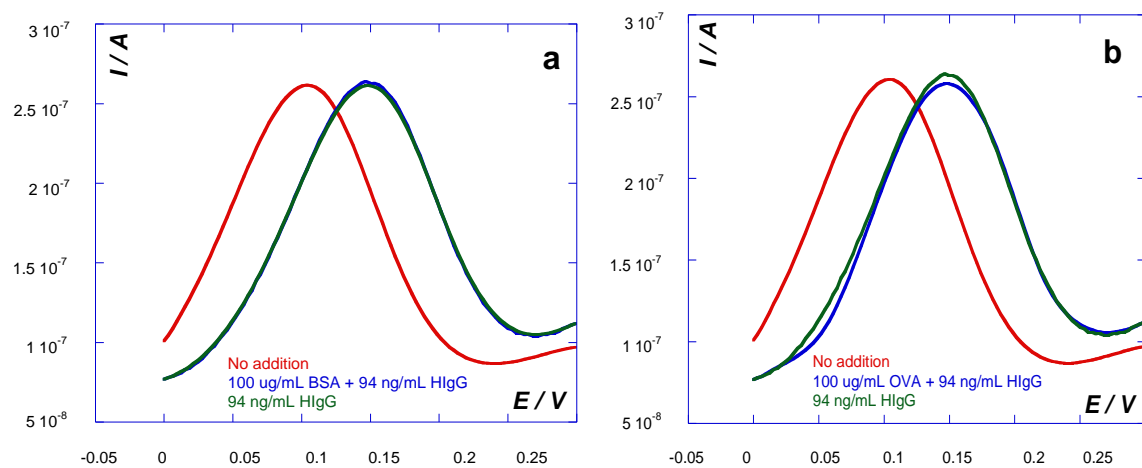
**Fig. S4.4** (a) CV curves of the immunosensor with 235 ng/mL of HIgG at different scan rates from 50 to 170 mV/s in mQ water, (b): the linear dependence of oxidation peak current on the square root of the scan rates.



**Fig. S5** DPV curves evidencing HIgG/ $\alpha$ HIgG Ag/Ab recognition after progressive addition of HIgG (47 ng/mL each time) for 5 nm based immunosensor. (b) Comparison of potential variation versus added IgG amounts and fitting curves for 5 and 20 nm based immunosensors.



**Fig. S6** selectivity study of the immunosensor response, (a) DPV response of HlgG immunosensor to the BSA protein, (b) DPV response of HlgG immunosensor to the  $\alpha$ LA protein.



**Fig. S7** specificity study of the immunosensor response, (a) DPV immunoresponse of HIgG sensor to the BSA protein, (b) DPV immunoresponse of HIgG sensor to OVA protein.