

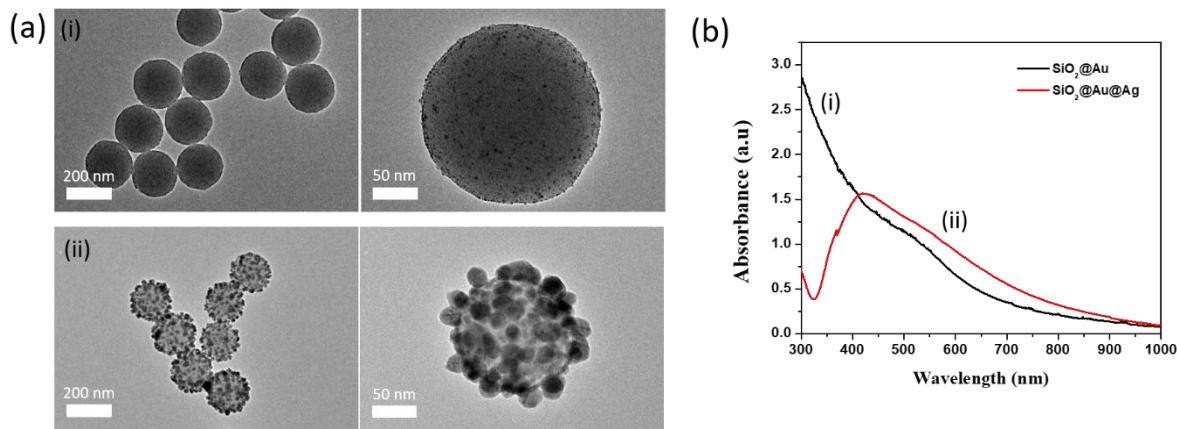
# **Glucose detection of 4-mercaptophenylboronic acid-gold-silver core-shell assembled silica nanostructure by Surface enhanced Raman scattering.**

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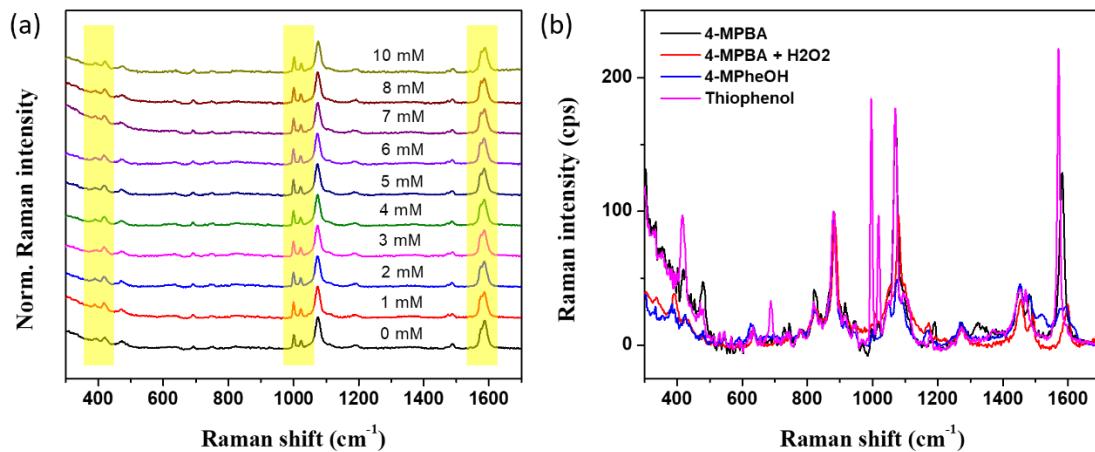
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**Figure S1.** (a) TEM images and (b) UV-Vis spectra of (i)  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}$  (1 mg/mL) and (ii)  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}$  nanostructures (20  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) synthesized at 2 mg  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{NH}_2$  and 300 mM  $\text{Ag}^+$  concentration.

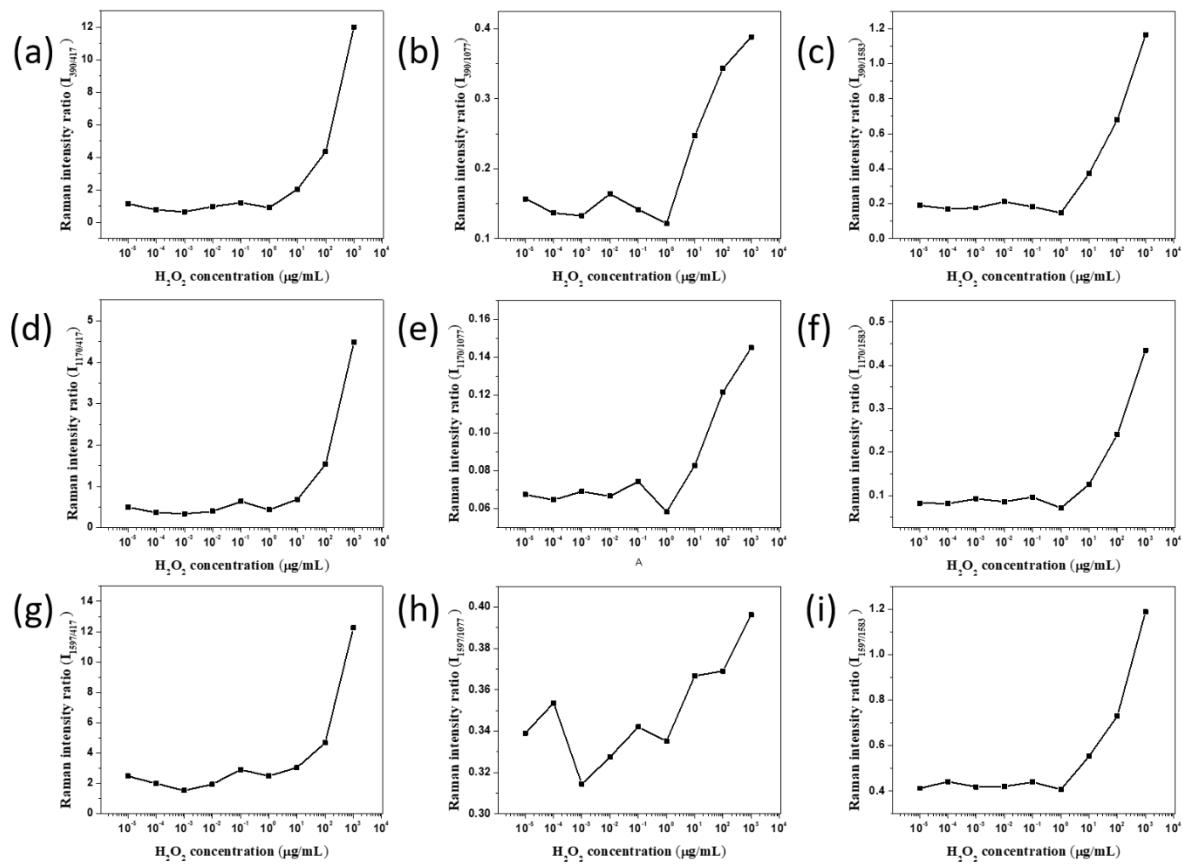


**Figure S2.** (a) SERS spectra of  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}@4\text{-MPBA}$  in PBST containing difference concentration of glucose (0-10 mM). (b) SERS spectra of  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Au}$  in ethanol in the presence of 50  $\mu\text{M}$  4-mercaptophenylboronic acid, 50  $\mu\text{M}$  4-mercaptophenylboronic acid + 1000  $\mu\text{g/mL}$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , 1 mM 4-mercaptophenol, 1 mM thiophenol.

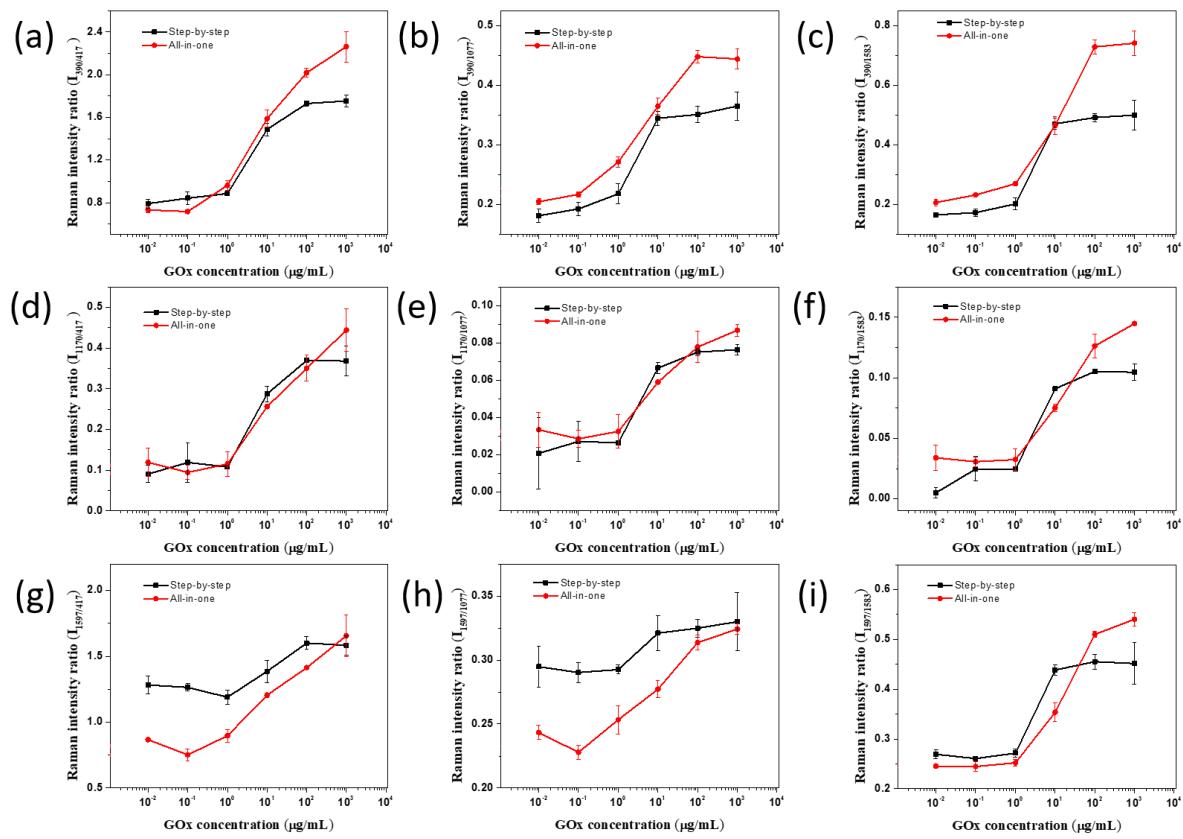
**Table S1.** Raman frequencies and assignments of 4-MPBA and 4-MPheOH in EtOH and PBST

Assignment	4-MPBA in EtOH	4-MPheOH in EtOH	4-MPBA in PBST
8a(a <sub>1</sub> ), $\nu_{CC}$		1597	
	1583	1583	1583
			1578
19a(a <sub>1</sub> ), $\nu_{CC}$	1484	1484	1484
$\nu_{BO}$	1346		
3(b <sub>2</sub> ), $\beta_{CH} + \beta_{BOH}$	1286		
9a(a <sub>1</sub> ), $\beta_{CH} + \beta_{BOH}$	1192		1192
		1170	
1(a <sub>1</sub> ), $\beta_{CCC} + \nu_{CS}$	1077		1077
18a(a <sub>1</sub> ), $\beta_{CH}$			1025
12(a <sub>1</sub> ), $\beta_{CCC}$			999
10a(a <sub>2</sub> ), $\gamma_{CH}$	820	824	824
11(b <sub>1</sub> ), $\gamma_{CH}$	744	744	752
	728		
6a(a <sub>1</sub> ), $\beta_{CCC} + \nu_{CS}$	690		693
$\nu_{CS}$	632	625	638
6b(b <sub>1</sub> ), $\beta_{CCC}$			612
16b(b <sub>1</sub> ), $\beta_{CCC}$	473	473	473
7a(a <sub>1</sub> ), $\beta_{CCC} + \nu_{CS}$	417	417	417
		390	

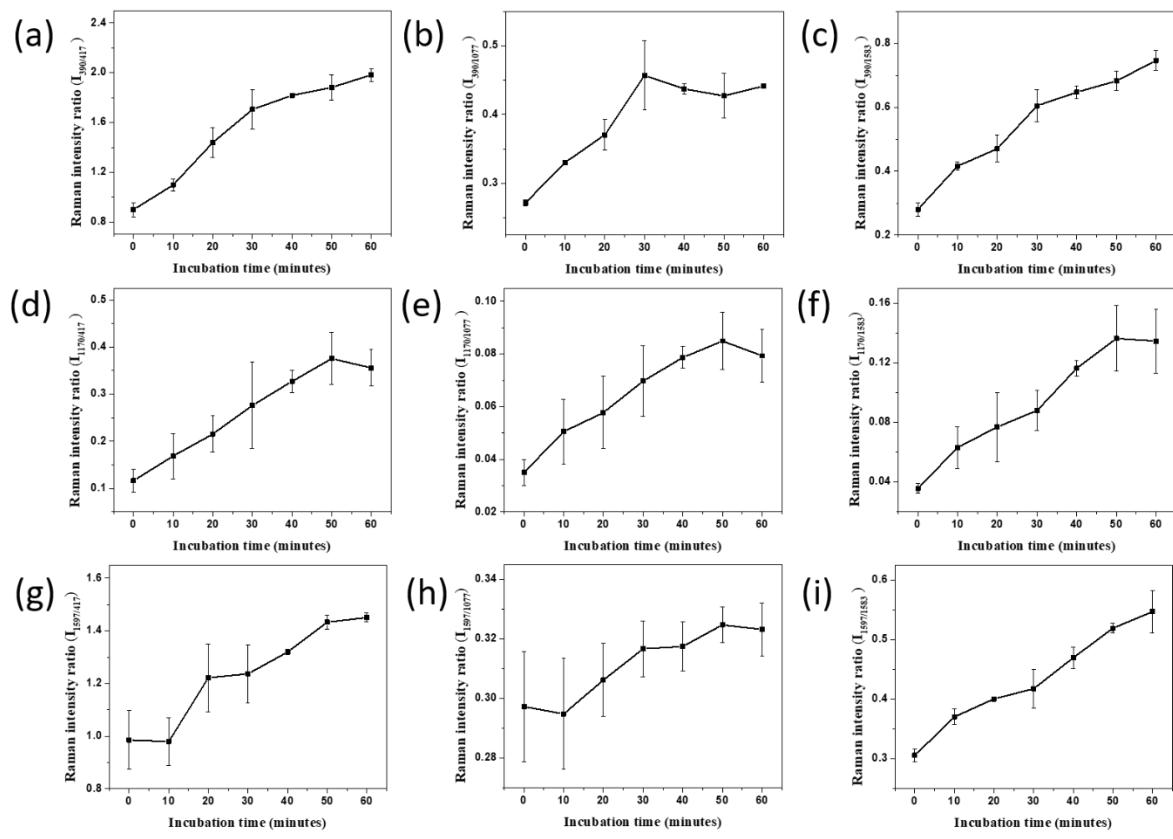
v: stretching;  $\beta$ : in-plane bending;  $\gamma$ : out-plane bending.



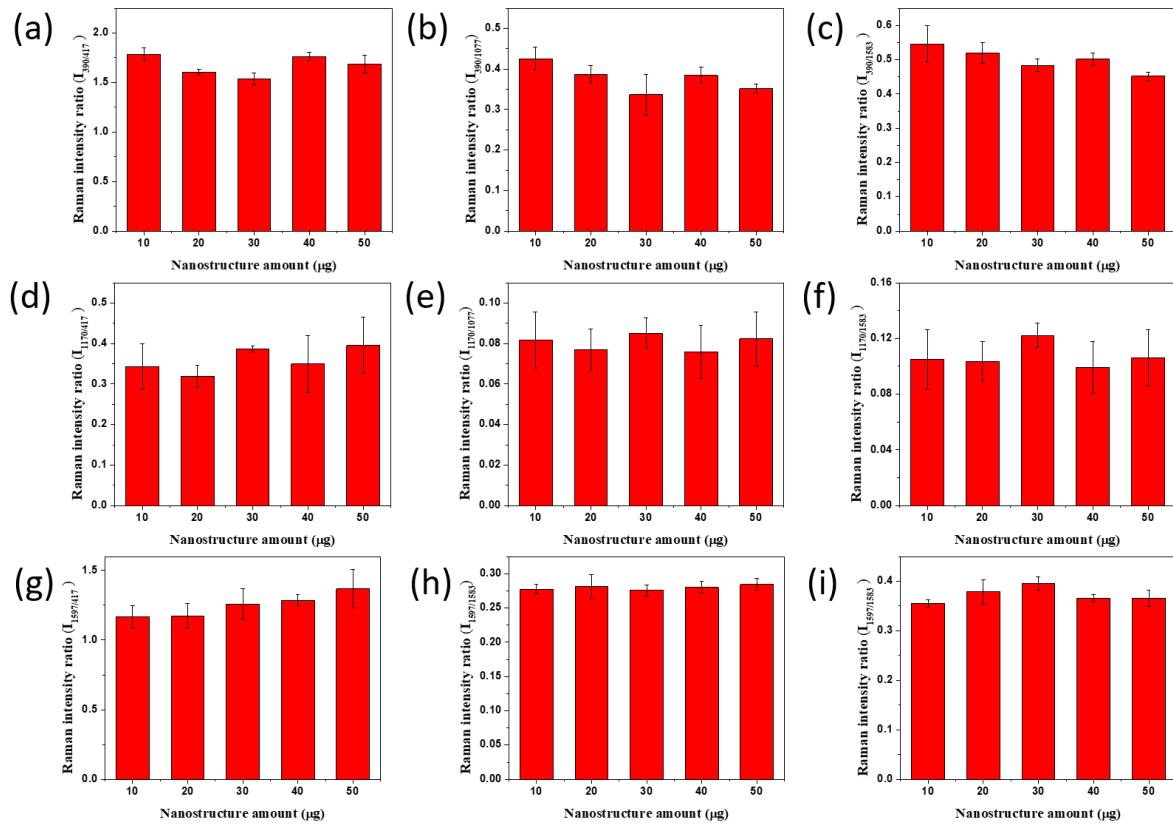
**Figure S3.** Normalized Raman intensity ratio of  $20\ \mu\text{g}\ \text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}@4\text{-MPBA}$  in PBST containing various concentration of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in the range of  $10^{-6} - 10^3\ \mu\text{g/mL}$  at (a) 390/417; (b) 390/1077; (c) 390/1583; (d) 1170/417; (e) 1170/1077; (f) 1170/1583; (g) 1597/417; (h) 1597/1077 and (f) 1597/1583.



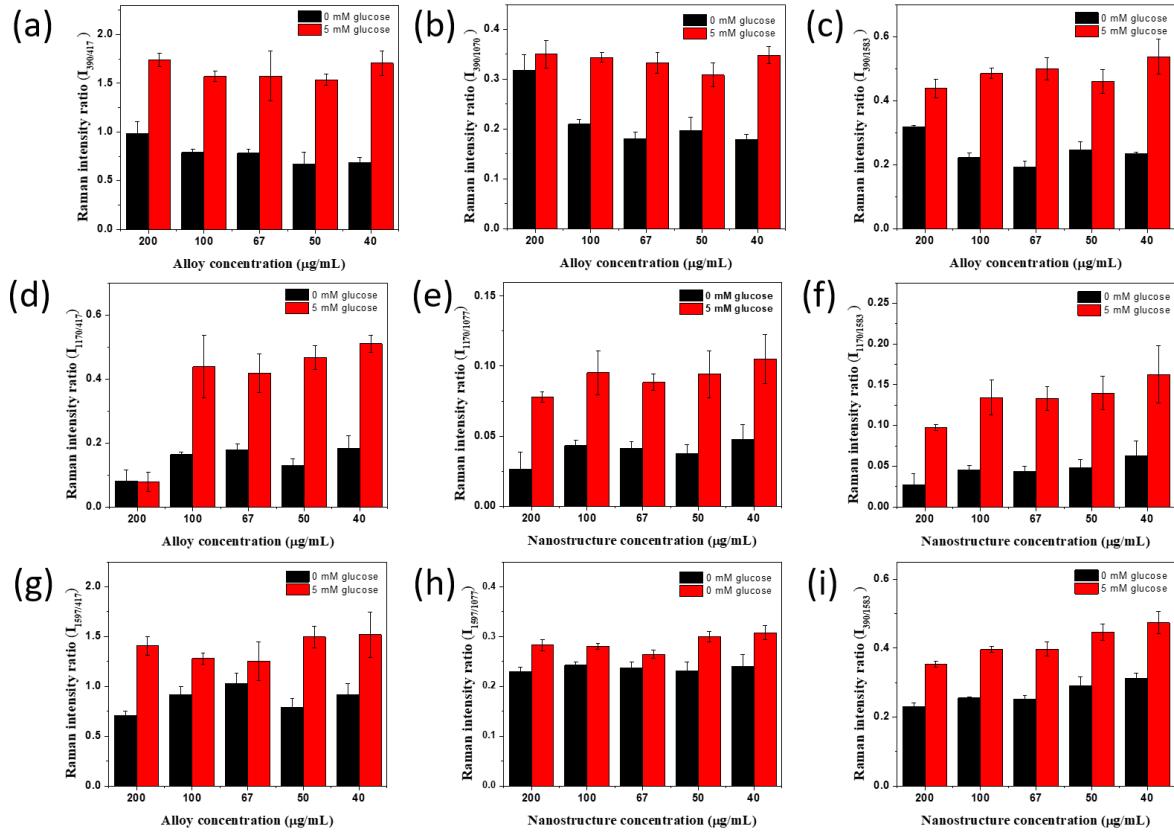
**Figure S4.** Normalized Raman intensity ratio of  $20 \mu\text{g} \text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}@4\text{-MPBA}$  in PBST containing  $5 \text{ mM}$  glucose and difference concentration of glucose oxidase in the range of  $10^{-2} – 10^3 \mu\text{g/mL}$  at (a)  $390/417$ ; (b)  $390/1077$ ; (c)  $390/1583$ ; (d)  $1170/417$ ; (e)  $1170/1077$ , (f)  $1170/1583$ , (g)  $1597/417$ , (h)  $1597/1077$  and (i)  $1597/1583$ .



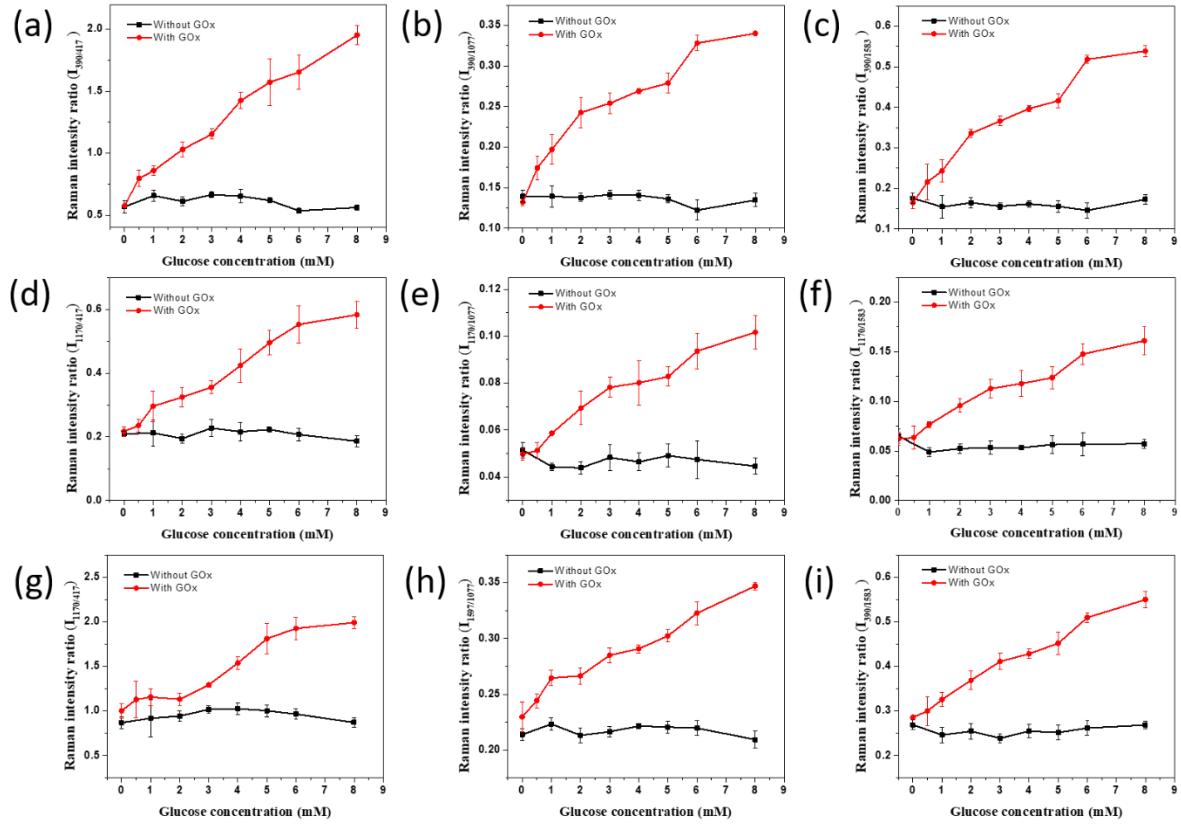
**Figure S5.** Normalized Raman intensity ratio of 20  $\mu\text{g}$  SiO<sub>2</sub>@Au@Ag@4-MPBA in PBST containing 5 mM glucose and 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  glucose oxidase at different incubation time at (a) 390/417; (b) 390/1077; (c) 390/1583; (d) 1170/417; (e) 1170/1077, (f) 1170/1583, (g) 1597/417, (h) 1597/1077 and (i) 1597/1583.



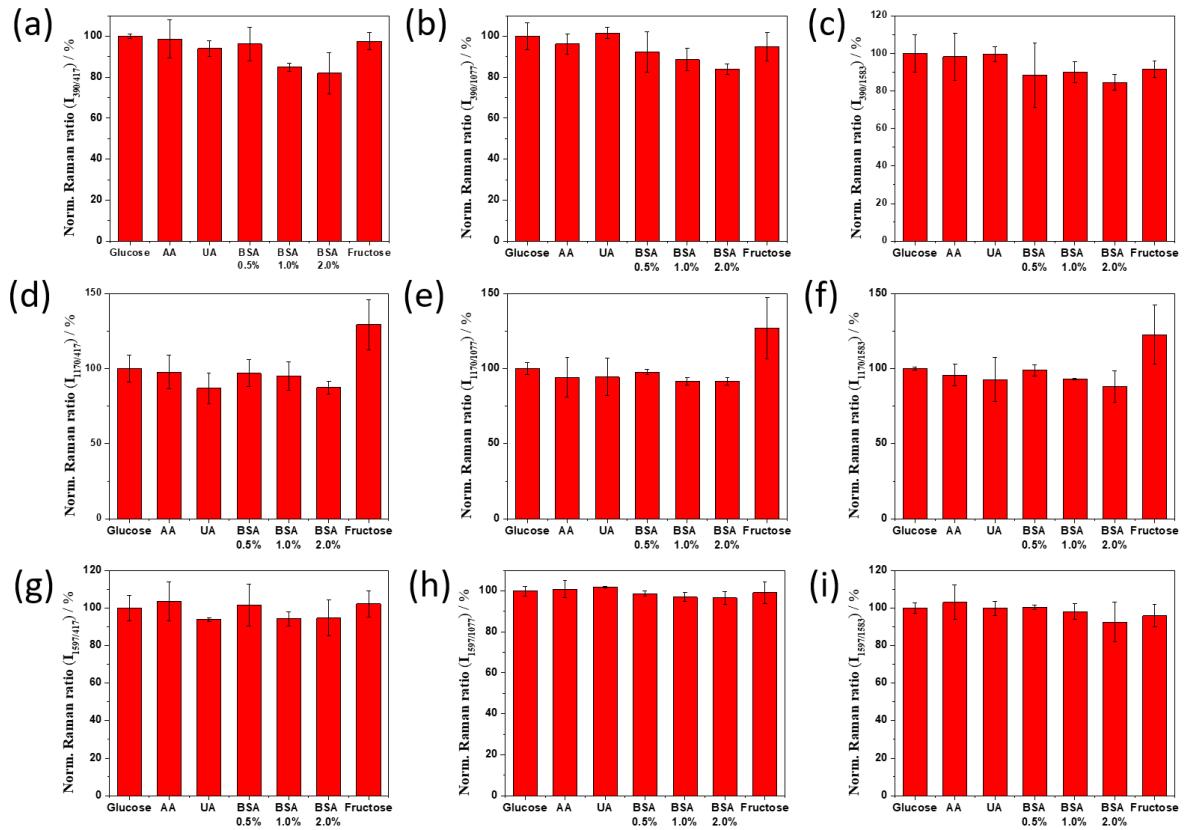
**Figure S6.** Normalized Raman intensity ratio of  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}@\text{4-MPBA}$  using different amount of  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}$  (10 - 50  $\mu\text{g}$ ) in PBST containing 5 mM glucose, 100  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  glucose oxidase for 1 hr at (a) 390/417; (b) 390/1077; (c) 390/1583; (d) 1170/417; (e) 1170/1077, (f) 1170/1583, (g) 1597/417, (h) 1597/1077 and (i) 1597/1583.



**Figure S7.** Normalized Raman intensity ratio of 20 µg SiO<sub>2</sub>@Au@Ag@4-MPBA in PBST containing 5 mM glucose, 100 µg/mL glucose oxidase for 1 h and measure at different concentration of SiO<sub>2</sub>@Au@Ag at (a) 390/417; (b) 390/1077; (c) 390/1583; (d) 1170/417; (e) 1170/1077, (f) 1170/1583, (g) 1597/417, (h) 1597/1077 and (i) 1597/1583.



**Figure S8.** Glucose detection by  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Au}@4\text{-MPBA}$  at optimized condition of  $20 \mu\text{g}$   $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}$ ,  $100 \mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  glucose oxidase concentration for 1h and Raman measurement at  $67 \mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$   $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}$  in PBST at (a) 390/417; (b) 390/1077; (c) 390/1583; (d) 1170/417; (e) 1170/1077, (f) 1170/1583, (g) 1597/417, (h) 1597/1077 and (i) 1597/1583.



**Figure S9.** Effect of interferences on SERS signal of  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}@4\text{-MPBA}$  in 5 mM glucose by  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Au}@4\text{-MPBA}$  at optimized condition of 20  $\mu\text{g}$   $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}$ , 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  glucose oxidase concentration for 1h and Raman measurement at 67  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$   $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}$  in PBST at (a) 390/417; (b) 390/1077; (c) 390/1583; (d) 1170/417; (e) 1170/1077, (f) 1170/1583, (g) 1597/417, (h) 1597/1077 and (i) 1597/1583.

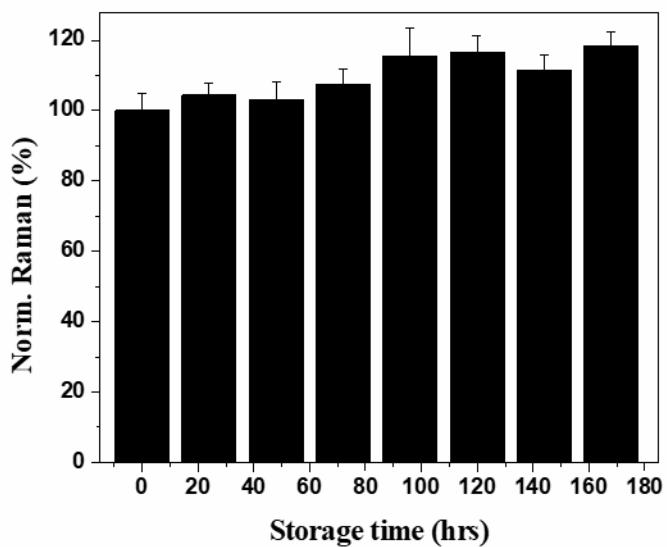


Figure S10. Long-term storage of 200  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$   $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Au}@\text{Ag}@4\text{-MPBA}$  at 4°C in ethanol solution.