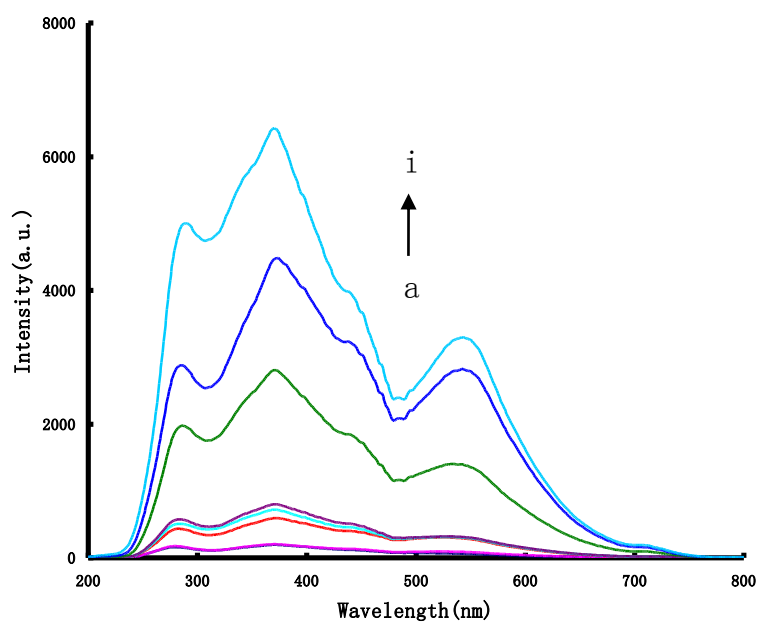


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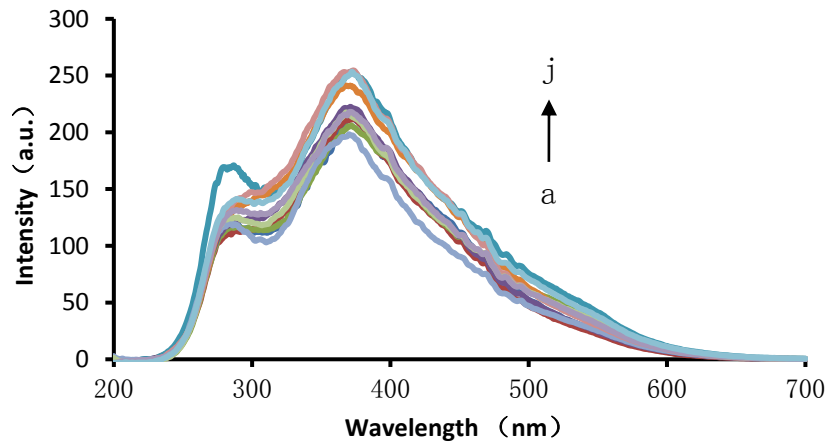
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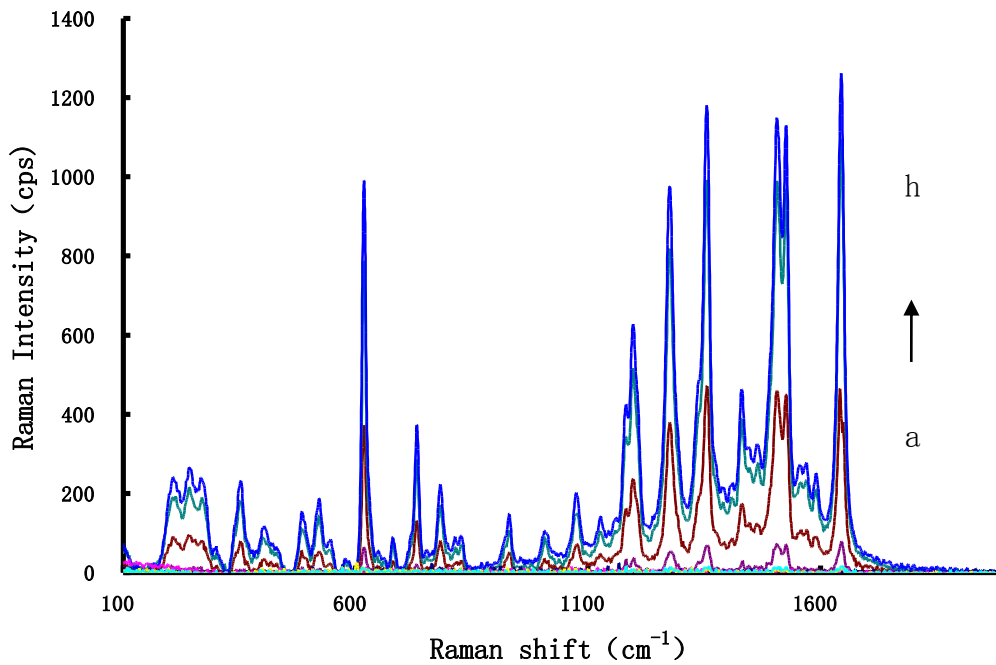
**Figure S1** RRS spectra of the AgNPs-HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> nanocatalytic system

(a) 4.48 μmol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub> + 0.67 mmol/L HCl + 3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; (b) a + 3.3 ng/mL AgNPs; (c) a + 6.6 ng/mL AgNPs; (d) a + 13.3 ng/mL AgNPs; (e) a + 33.2 ng/mL AgNPs; (f) a + 99.5 ng/mL AgNPs; (g) a + 133 ng/mL AgNPs; (h) a + 57 ng/mL AgNPs; (i) a + 265 ng/mL AgNPs.



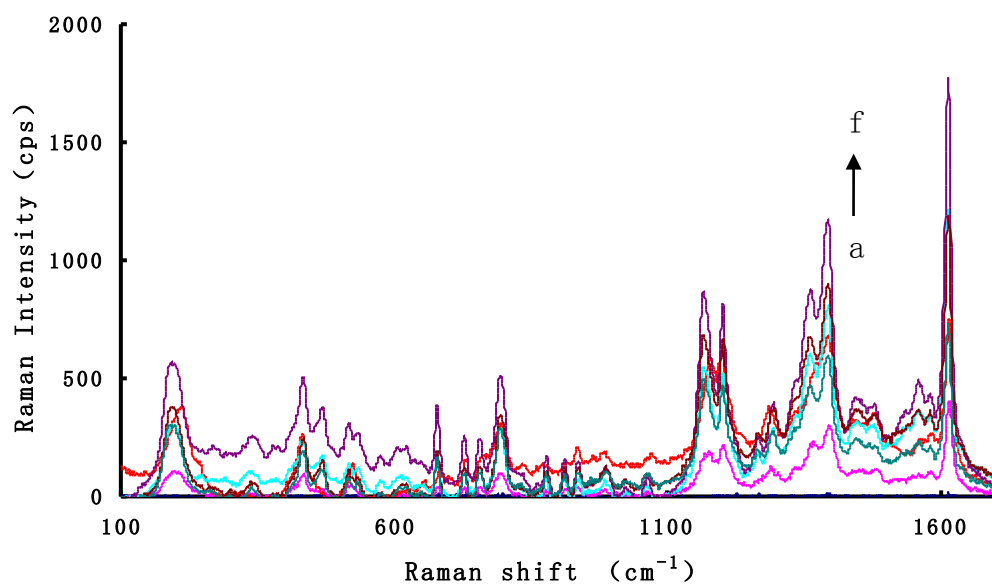
**Figure S2** RRS spectra of the  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ -AuNP<sub>c</sub>-HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system

(a) 38 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub> + 4.48  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  HAuCl<sub>4</sub> + 0.67 mmol/L HCl + 3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 15 min at room temperature; (b) a + 0.013  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (c) a + 0.17  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (d) a + 0.67  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (e) a + 0.83  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (f) a + 1.17  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (g) a + 1.33  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (h) a + 3  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (i) a + 6  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (j) a + 12  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>.



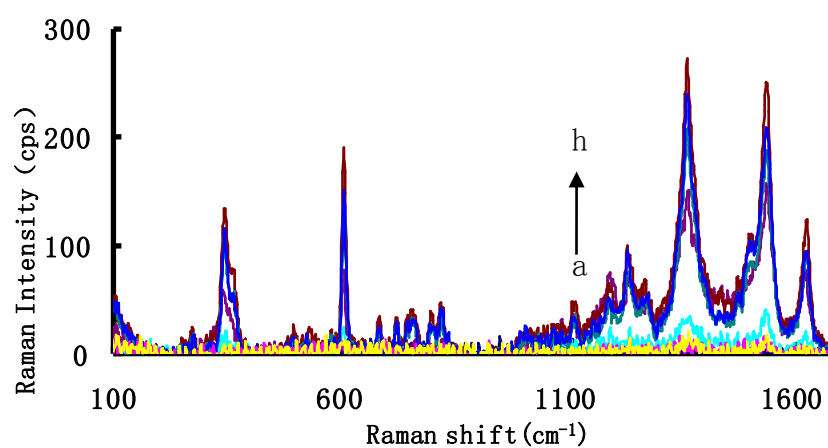
**Figure S3** SERS spectra of the AuNP<sub>b</sub>-HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-RhS system

(a) 4.48  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  HAuCl<sub>4</sub> + 0.67 mmol/L HCl + 3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + 0.70  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  RhS (b) a + 3.8 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (c) a + 19 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (d) a + 38 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (e) a + 95 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (f) a + 190 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (g) a + 380 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (h) a + 456 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>;



**Figure S4** SERS spectra of the AuNP<sub>b</sub>-HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-VBB system

(a) 4.48 μmol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>+0.67 mmol/L HCl+3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> +1.3 μmol/L VBB (b) a+19 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (c) a+38 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (d) a+95 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (e) a+190 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (f) a+285 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>;



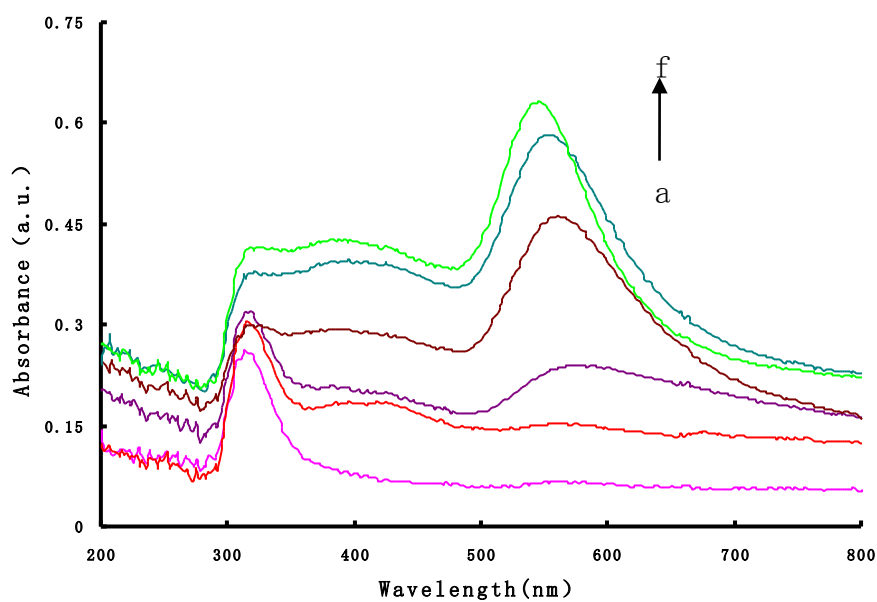
**Figure S5** SERS spectra of the AuNP<sub>b</sub>-HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>- Safranin T system

(a) 4.48 μmol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>+0.67 mmol/L HCl+3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> +6.7 mmol/L Safranin T (b) a+3.8 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (c) a+19 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (d) a+38 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (e) a+95 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (f) a+190 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (g) a+295 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>; (h) a+380 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>;



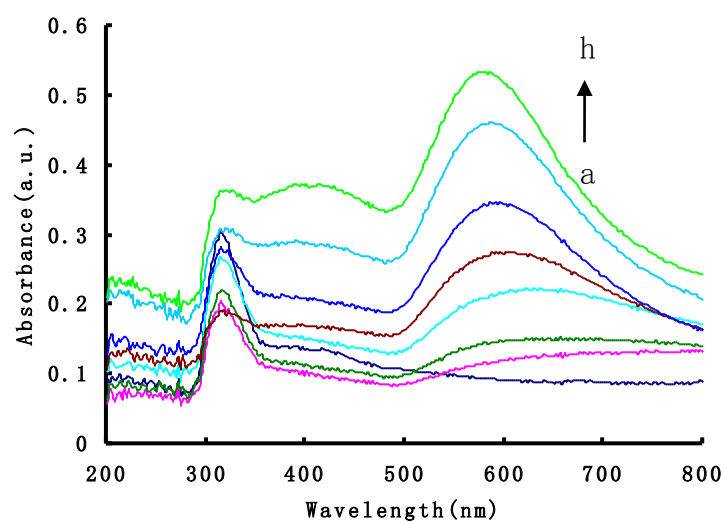
**Figure S6** The color change of the AuNP<sub>6</sub>-HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system

(a) 4.48 μmol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>+0.67 mmol/L HCl+3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; (b) a+19 ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>; (c) a+95 ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>; (d) a+285 ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>; (e) a+380 ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>; (f) a+760 ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>.



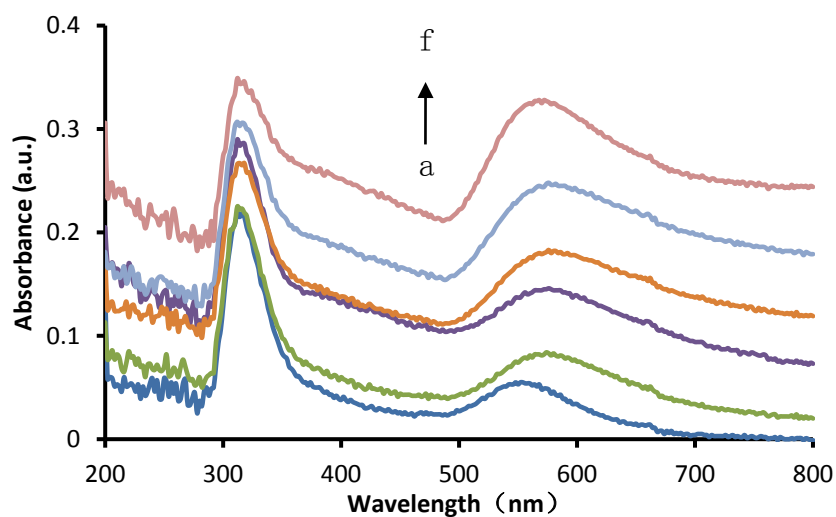
**Figure S7** Absorption spectra of the AuNP<sub>6</sub>-HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system

(a) 4.48 μmol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>+0.67 mmol/L HCl+3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (b) a+9.5 ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>; (c) a+38 ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>; (d) a+133 ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>; (e) a+190 ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>; (f) a+380 ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>.



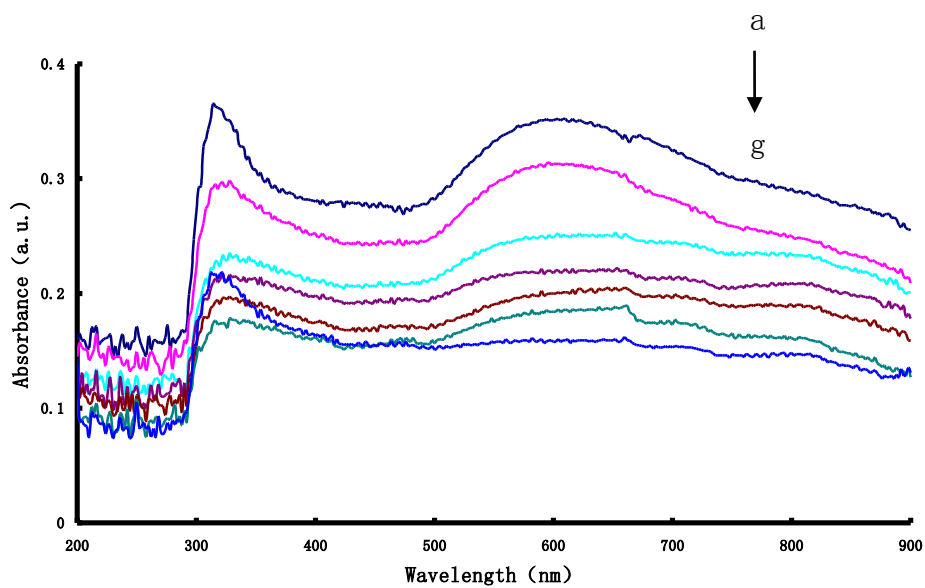
**Figure S8** Absorption spectra of the AuNP<sub>c</sub>-HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system

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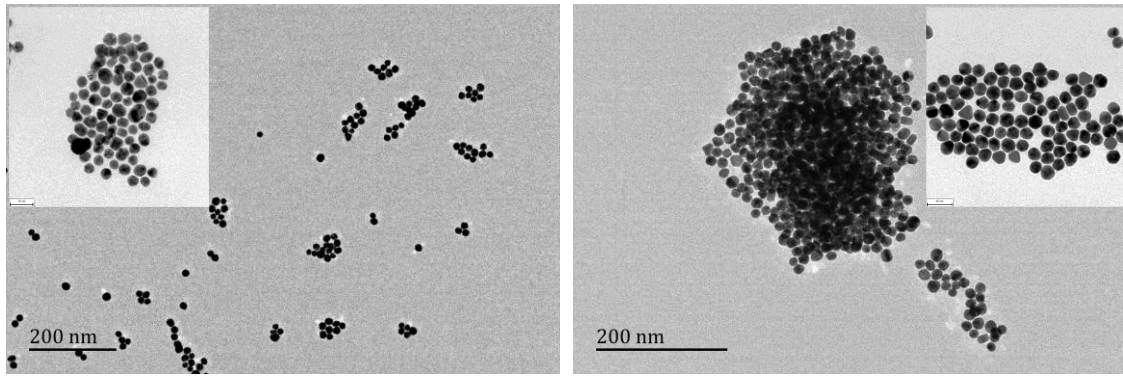
**Figure S9** Absorption spectra of the AgNP<sub>c</sub>-HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system

(a) 4.48 μmol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>+0.67 mmol/L HCl+3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (b) a+13 ng/mL AgNP<sub>c</sub>; (c) a+60 ng/mL AgNP<sub>c</sub>; (d) a+100 ng/mL AgNP<sub>c</sub>; (e) a+166 ng/mL AgNP<sub>c</sub>; (f) a+265 ng/mL AgNP<sub>c</sub>



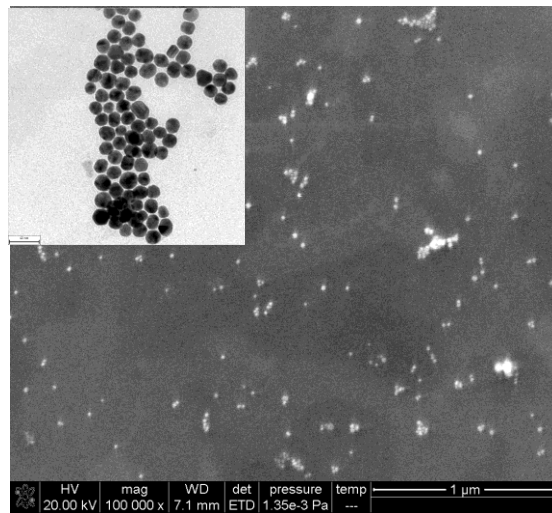
**Figure S10** Absorption spectra of the  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ -AuNP<sub>c</sub>-HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system

(a) 38ng/mL AuNP<sub>c</sub> + 4.48  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  HAuCl<sub>4</sub> + 0.67 mmol/L HCl + 3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (b) a + 0.5  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (c) a + 0.83  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (d) a + 1.00  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (e) a + 1.33  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (f) a + 2.00  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (g) a + 2.33  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>; (h) a + 2.67  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Hg<sup>2+</sup>.



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Figure S11. The TEM images for AuNP<sub>b</sub>(a), AuNP<sub>c</sub>(b) and Ag NPs (c).

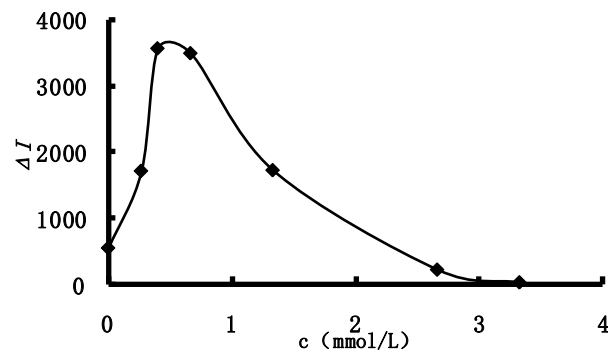
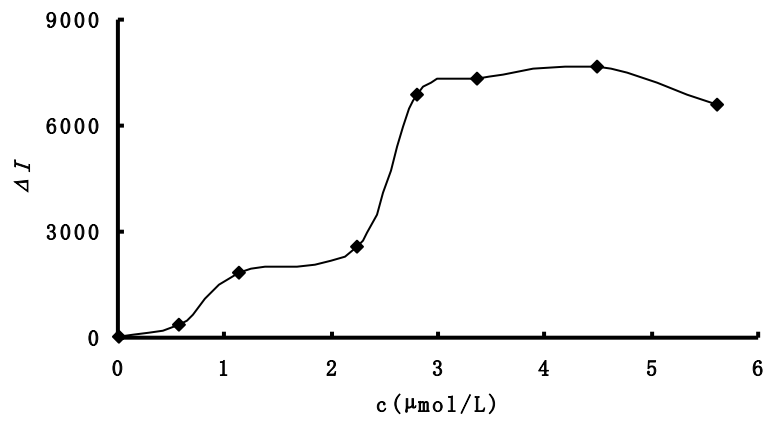


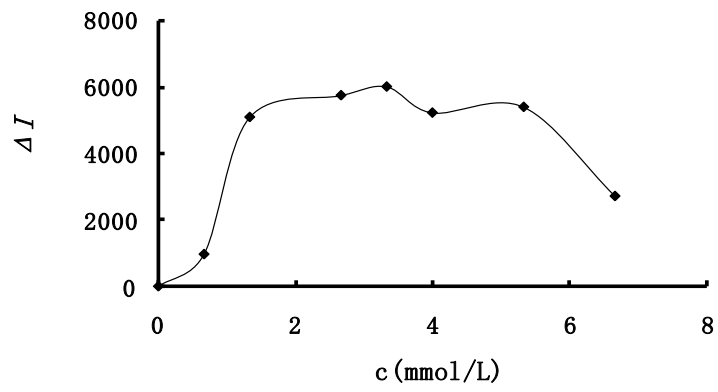
Figure S12 Effect of HCl concentration

2.24 μmol/L H<sub>2</sub>AuCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> HCl-3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-152 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>;



**Figure S13** Effect of HAuCl<sub>4</sub> concentration

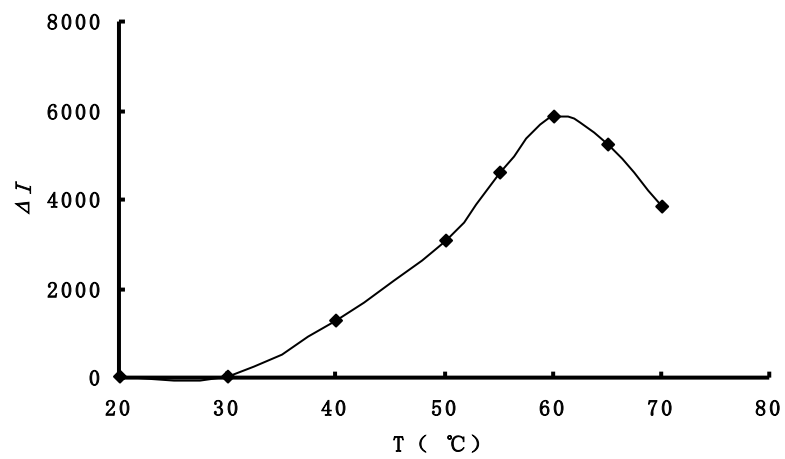
HAuCl<sub>4</sub>- 0.67mmol/L HCl-3.33mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-152ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>.



**Figure S14** Effect of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration

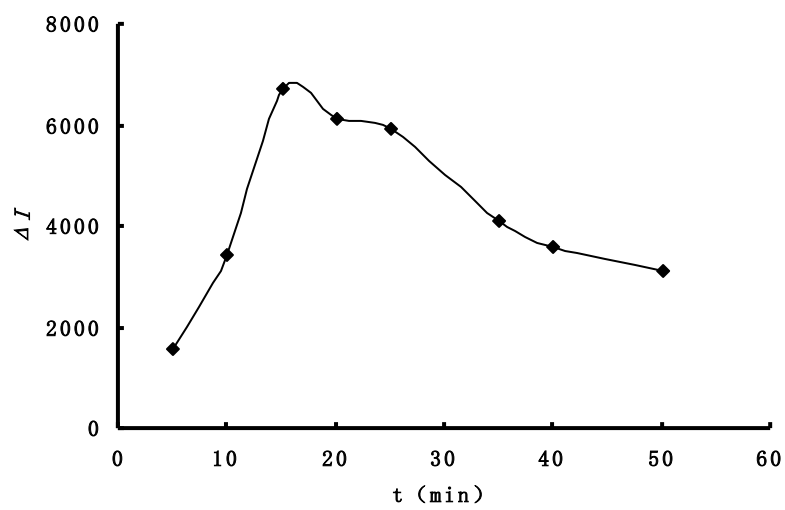
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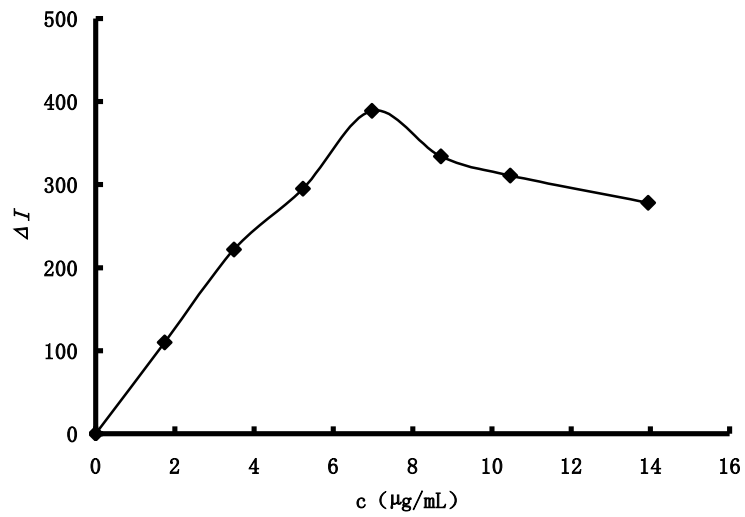
**Figure S15** Effect of temperature

4.48 $\mu$ mol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>- 0.67mmol/L HCl-3.33mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-152ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>;



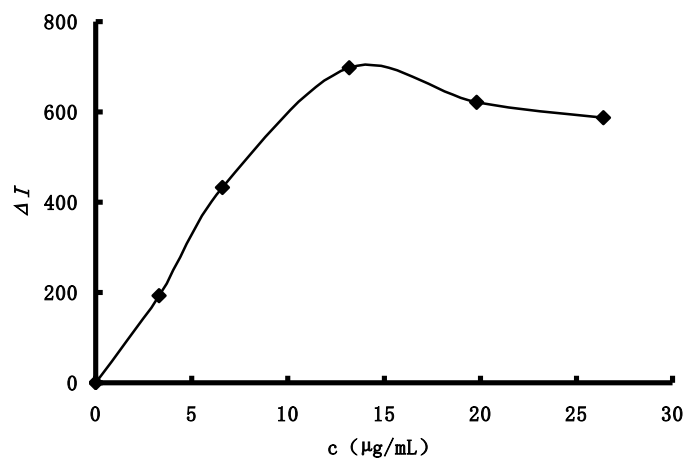
**Figure S16** Effect of heating time

4.48 $\mu$ mol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>- 0.67mmol/L HCl-3.33mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-152ng/mL AuNP<sub>6</sub>;



**Figure S17** Effect of RhS SERS probe concentration

4.48µmol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>- 0.67mmol/L HCl-3.33mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-190ng/mL AuNP<sub>1</sub>-RhS;



**Figure S18** Effect of VBB SERS probe concentration

4.48µmol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>- 0.67mmol/L HCl-3.33mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-190ng/mL AuNP<sub>1</sub>-VBB;

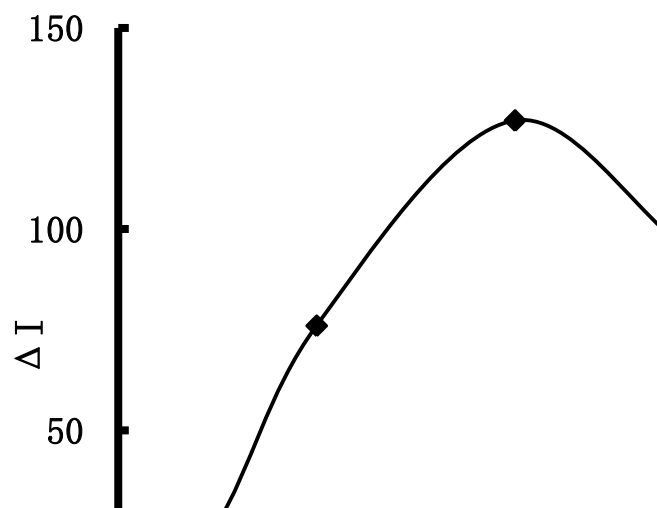


Figure S19 Effect of safranin T SERS probe concentration.

4.48 μmol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>- 0.67 mmol/L HCl-3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-190 ng/mL AuNP<sub>b</sub>- safranin T.

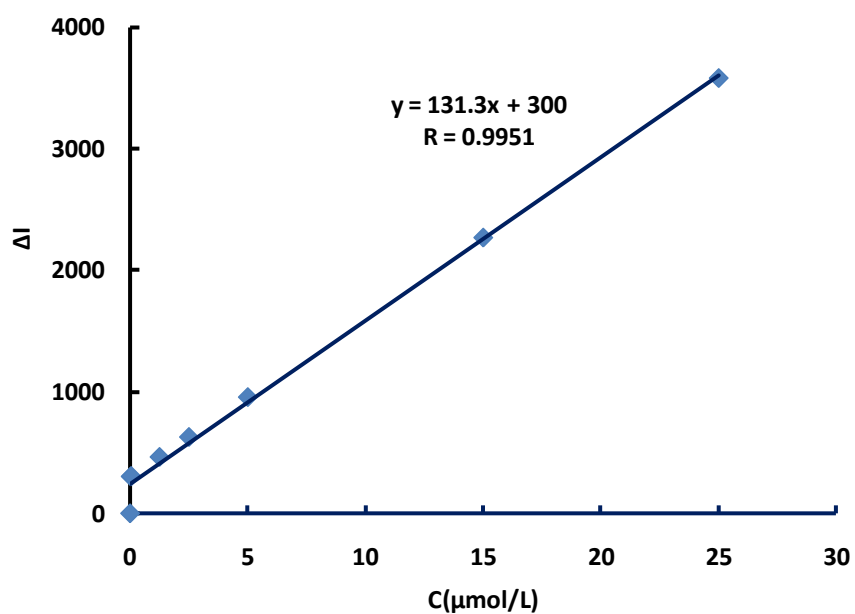
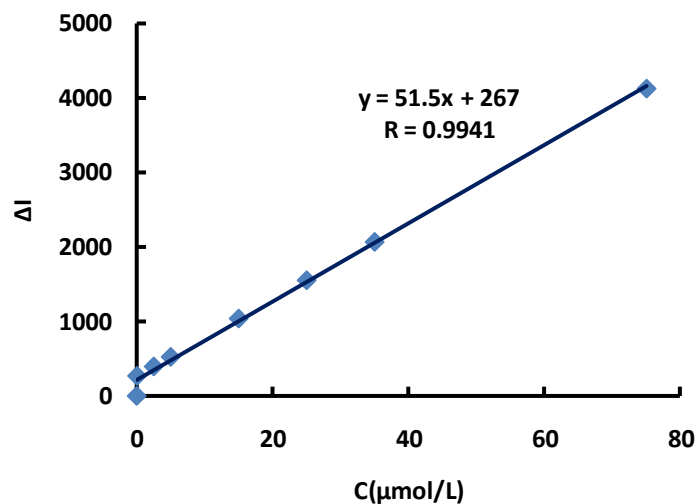
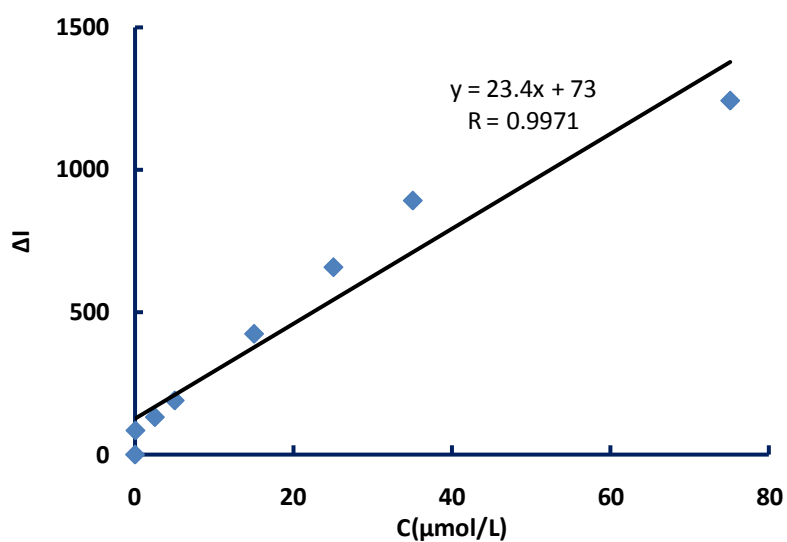


Figure S20 Working curve for RRS detection of AuNP<sub>b</sub>

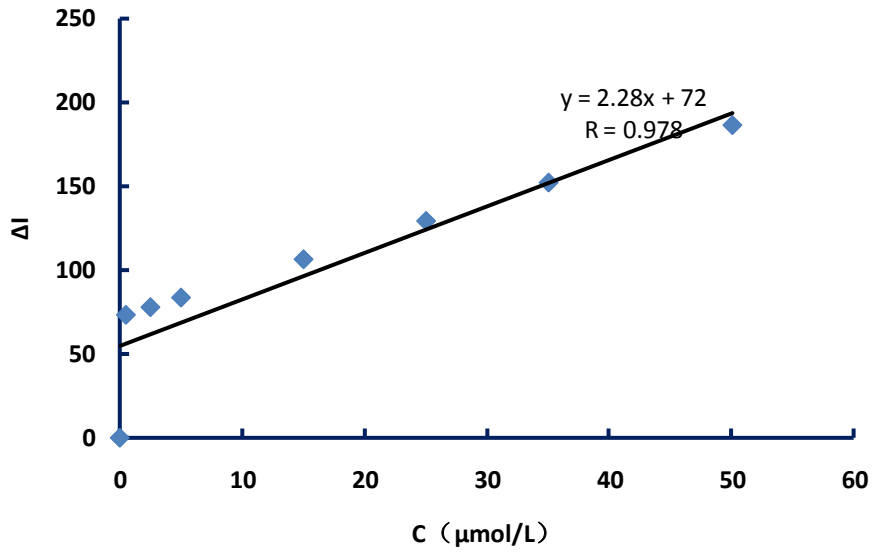
4.48 μmol/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub>-0.67 mmol/L HCl-3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-AuNP<sub>b</sub>.



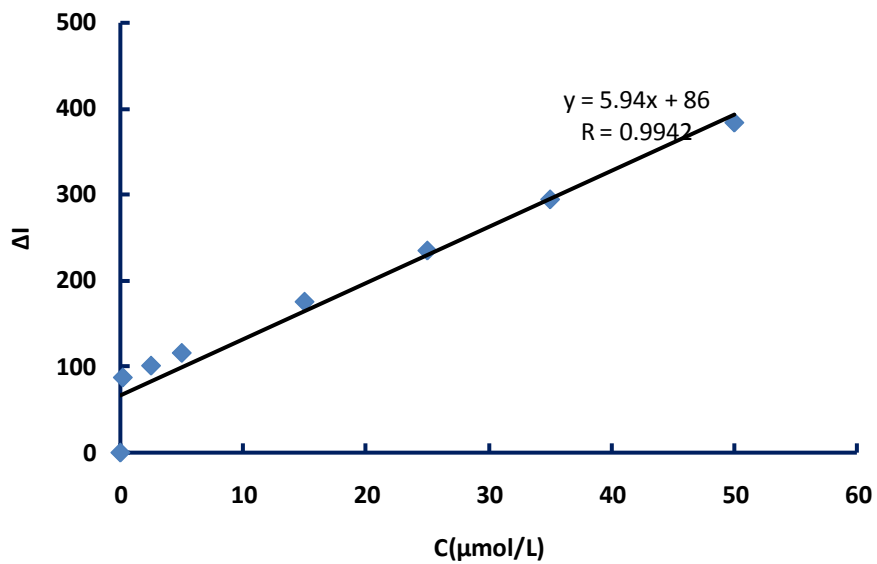
**Figure S21 Working curve for SERS detection of AuNP<sub>c</sub>**  
4.48 μmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-AuNP<sub>c</sub>, 0.67 mmol/L HCl, 3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 4.48 μmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-AuNP<sub>c</sub>.



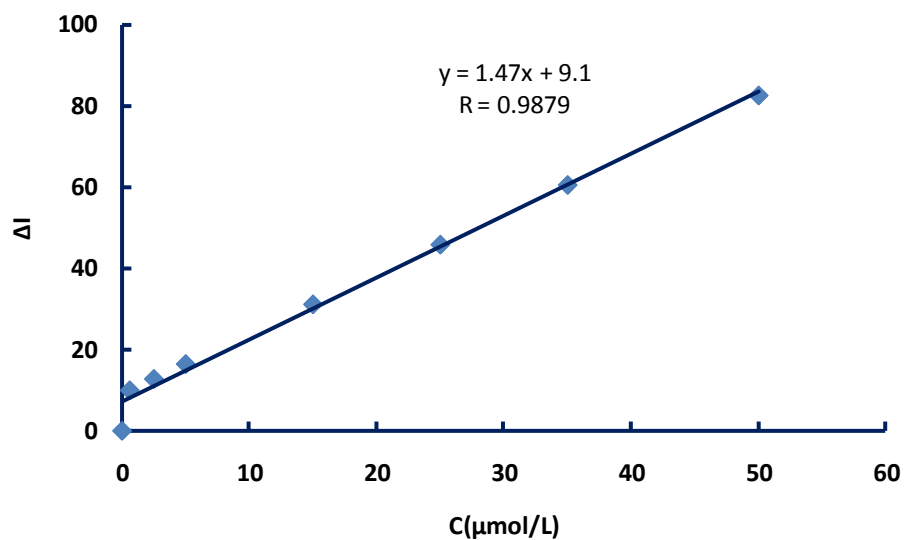
**Figure S22 Working curve for SERS detection of AgNP**  
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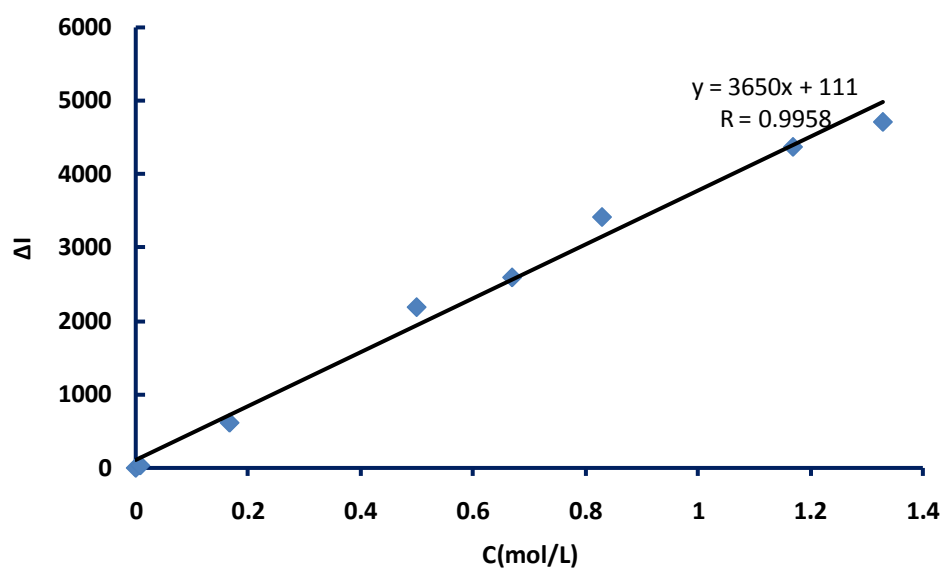
**Figure S23 Working curve for SERS detection of AuNP<sub>b</sub> with RhS probe**  
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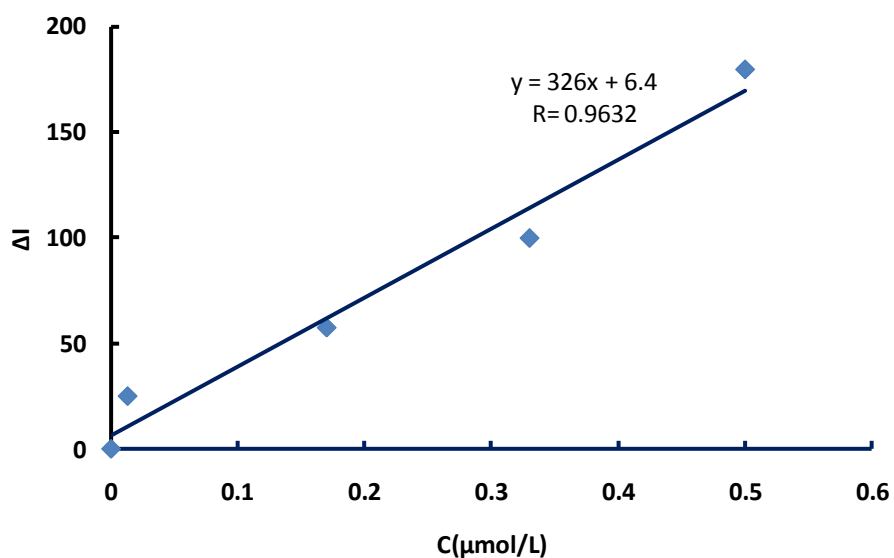
**Figure S24 Working curve for SERS detection of AuNP<sub>b</sub> with VBB probe**  
 4.48 μmol/L H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-0.67 mmol/L HCl-3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-AuNP<sub>B</sub>-1.3 μmol/L VBB



**Figure S25 Working curve for SERS detection of AuNP<sub>b</sub> with safranin T probe**  
 4.48 μmol/L H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-0.67 mmol/L HCl-3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-AuNP<sub>B</sub>-6.7 mmol/L safranin T.

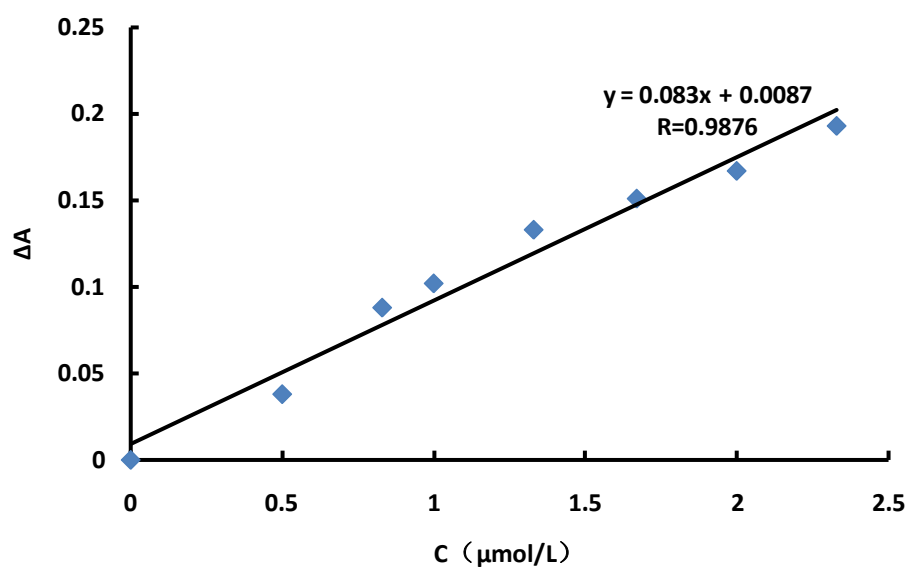


**Figure S26 Working curve for RRS detection of Hg<sup>2+</sup>.**  
 4.48 μmol/L H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>+0.67 mmol/L HCl+3.33 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-38 ng/mL AuNP<sub>B</sub>-Hg<sup>2+</sup>



**Figure S27 Working curve for SERS detection of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ .**

4.48 μmol/L  $\text{HAuCl}_4$  + 0.67 mmol/L  $\text{HCl}$  + 3.33 mmol/L  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  - 38 ng/mL  $\text{AuNP}_B$  - 1.3 μmol/L VBB -  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$



**Figure S28 Working curve for Abs detection of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ .**

4.48 μmol/L  $\text{HAuCl}_4$  + 0.67 mmol/L  $\text{HCl}$  + 3.33 mmol/L  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  - 38 ng/mL  $\text{AuNP}_B$  -  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$

**Table S1** Results for the determination of Hg<sup>2+</sup> in water samples (n=5)

<b>Sample</b>	<b>Hg<sup>2+</sup> content (nmol/L)</b>	<b>Added Hg<sup>2+</sup> (nmol/L)</b>	<b>Found Hg<sup>2+</sup> (nmol/L)</b>	<b>Recovery (%)</b>	<b>RSD (%)</b>	<b>AAS (nmol/L)</b>
Tap	13.8	10	10.2	102	5.2	13.4
River	16.8	10	9.70	97.0	4.8	17.2
Pond	21.5	10	9.85	98.5	4.5	23.1