Supporting Information

Troponin Aptamer on an Atomically Flat Au Nanoplate Platform for Detection of Cardiac Troponin I

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Figure 1. (a) Schematic illustration of the experimental setup for the synthesis of Au nanoparticles. (b, c) SEM images of Au nanoplates on a sapphire substrate. (d) TEM image of the Au nanoplate. (e) High-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) image of the Au nanoplate. Inset is a selected area electron diffraction (SAED) pattern of the Au nanoplate. (f) Cross-sectional TEM image of Au nanoplate. (g) HRTEM image and SAED pattern of Au nanoplate.
Figure 2. Predicted secondary structure of probe aptamer.
Figure 3. (a) AFM topography image of an atomically flat Au nanoplate. (b) Sectional view of the Au nanoplate ($R_q = 0.15 \text{ nm}$). (c) Surface-height distribution of the Au nanoplate ($S_q = 0.15 \text{ nm}$). (d) Magnified AFM topography image of the Au nanoplate. (e-h) Histogram (e), line-profile roughness (f), line histogram (g), and statistics (g) obtained from the red line in (d).
Figure 4. Three-dimensional AFM image of an aptamer-immobilized Au nanoplate after reaction with cTnI.
Figure 5. Full SERS spectra corresponding to Figure 3a.
Figure 6. Full SERS spectra corresponding to Figure 3b.

Table 1. Comparison of other cTnI detection methods.

| Signal          | Detection Limit | Tested Matrix | Reference |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| Electrochemistry| 1.0 pM          | Buffer        | [1]       |
| Electrochemistry| 700 aM          | Buffer        | [2]       |
| Amperometry     | 1.0 pM          | Serum         | [3]       |
| Fluorescence    | 3.4 pM          | Plasma        | [4]       |
| Fluorescence    | 167 nM          | Serum         | [5]       |
| SERS            | 372 fM          | Buffer        | [6]       |
| SERS            | 210 fM          | Buffer        | [7]       |
| SERS            | 3.76 pM         | Serum         | [8]       |
| SERS            | 1.41 pM         | Buffer        | [9]       |
| SERS            | 4.18 pM         | Buffer        | [10]      |
| SERS            | 33.4 pM         | Buffer        | [11]      |
| SERS            | 100 aM          | Buffer        |           |
| SERS            | 100 fM          | Serum         | This work |
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