Supporting Information

Colorimetric sensing of Chromium(Ⅵ) ions in aqueous solution based on the leaching of protein-stabled gold nanoparticles

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