Supplementary Information

Selective and colorimetric detection of Ba²⁺ ions in aqueous solutions using 11-mercaptoundecylphosphonic acid functionalized gold nanoparticles

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