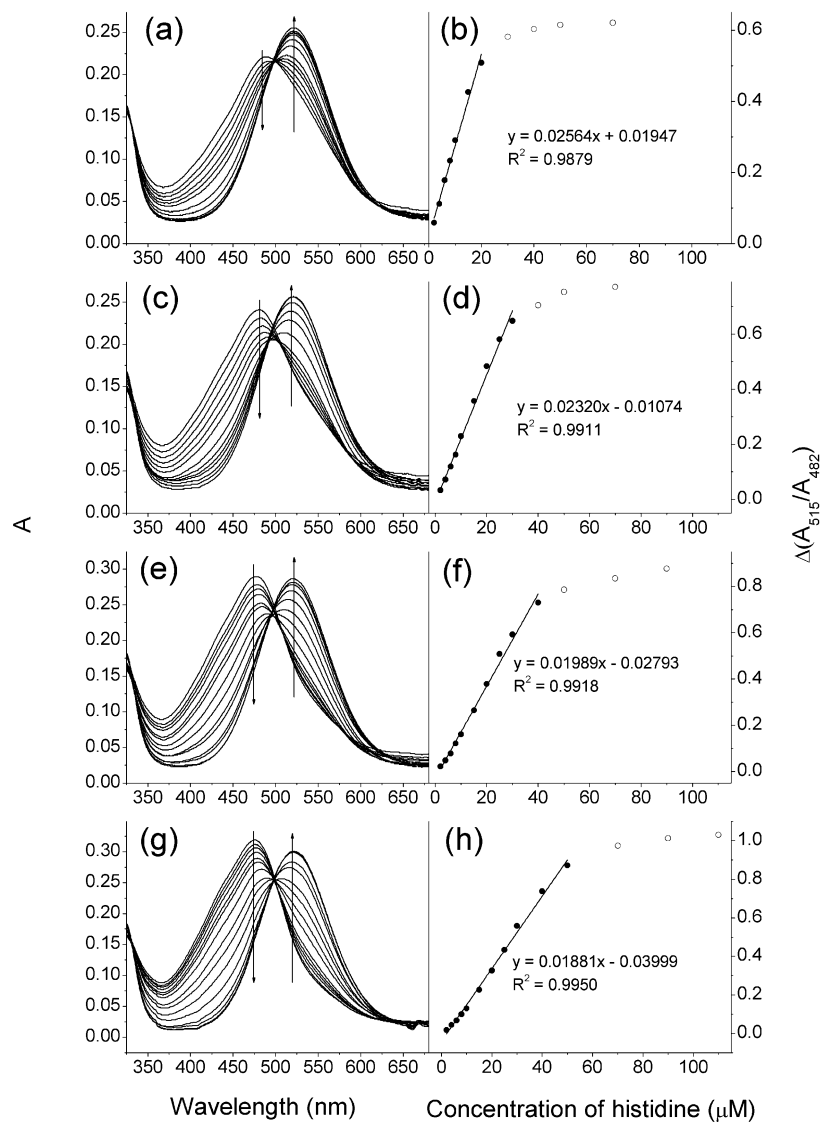


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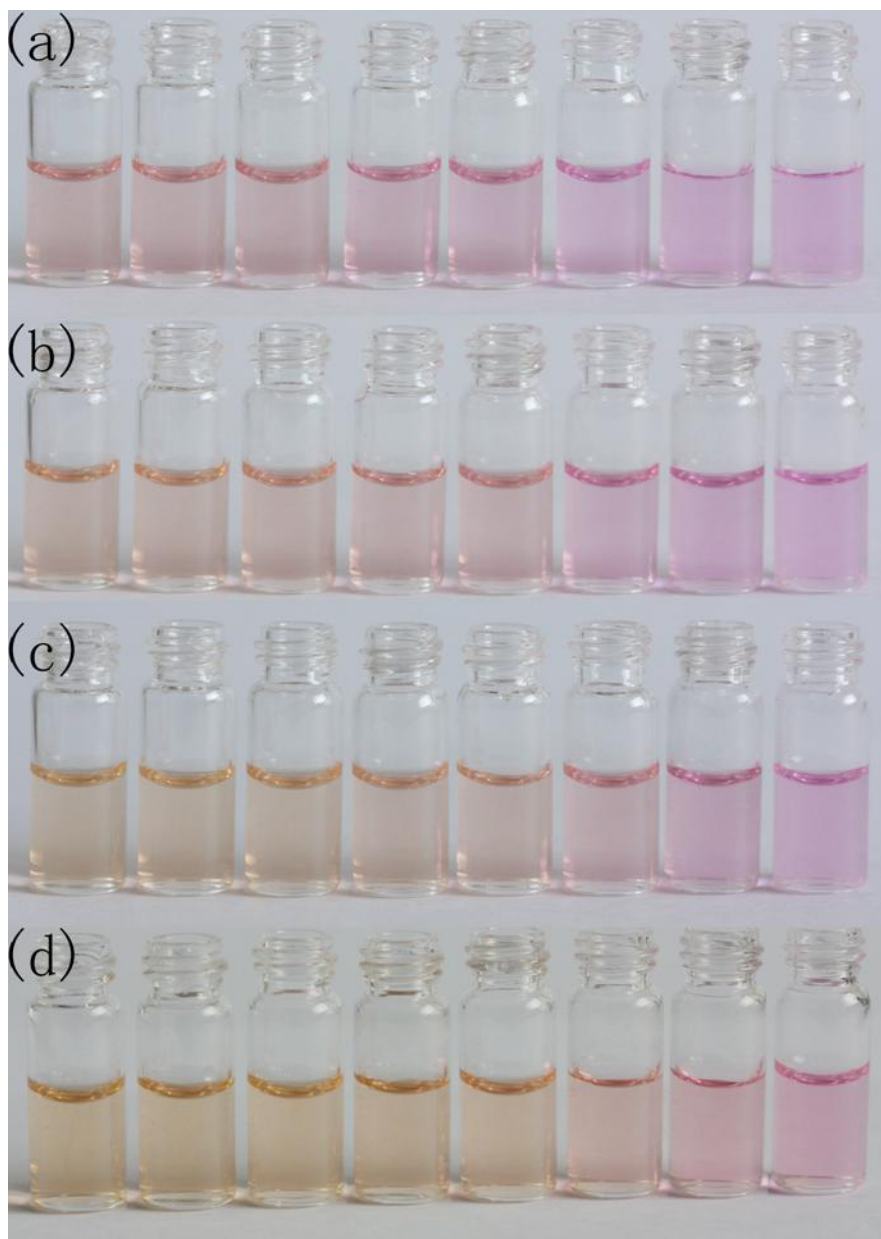
### **An Indicator-Displacement Assay for Naked-Eye Detection and Quantification of Histidine in Human Urine**

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**Figure S1.** Effect of the molar ratio of murexide to  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  on the UV-Vis spectra for histidine titration in Tris-HCl buffer (20 mM, pH 8.0) (a, c, e, g), and the corresponding calibration plots (b, d, f, h). Molar ratio of murexide to  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  : (a, b) 25  $\mu\text{M}/10 \mu\text{M}$ ; (c, d) 25  $\mu\text{M}/15 \mu\text{M}$ ; (e, f) 25  $\mu\text{M}/20 \mu\text{M}$ ; (g, h) 25  $\mu\text{M}/25 \mu\text{M}$ .



**Figure S2.** Effect of the concentration of Ni<sup>2+</sup> on the color change (from yellow to purple) of murexide (25 μM) upon addition of Ni<sup>2+</sup> (0-40 μM) in Tris-HCl buffer (20 mM, pH 8.0). Concentration of Ni<sup>2+</sup> (μM): (a) 10; (b) 15; (c) 20; (d) 25.

**Table S1.** Effect of Co-existing Substances on the Determination of 25  $\mu\text{M}$  Histidine by the Proposed Sensor

substances	concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	response change (%)
$\text{Na}^+$	100000	-6.0
$\text{K}^+$	80000	1.9
$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	50	5.9
$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	20	2.6
$\text{Fe}^{3+}$	2	2.1
$\text{Zn}^{2+}$	1	-9.2
Glucose	1000000	2.0
Urea	100	3.0
Uric acid	5	-0.1
Ascorbic acid	200	3.5
HSA	1.25 ( $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ )	3.5