

# Nanostructured Silver-Gold Bimetallic SERS Substrate for Selective Identification of Bacteria in Human Blood

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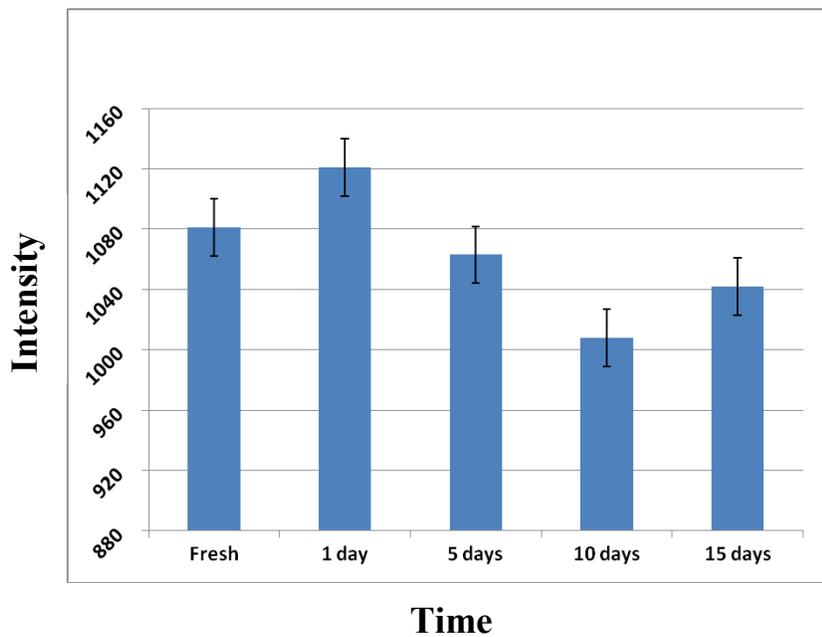
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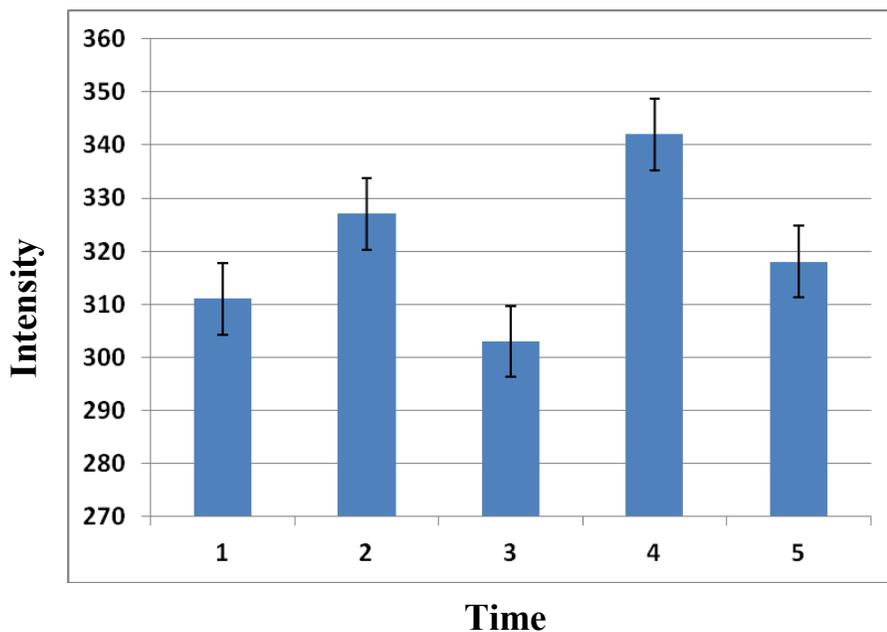
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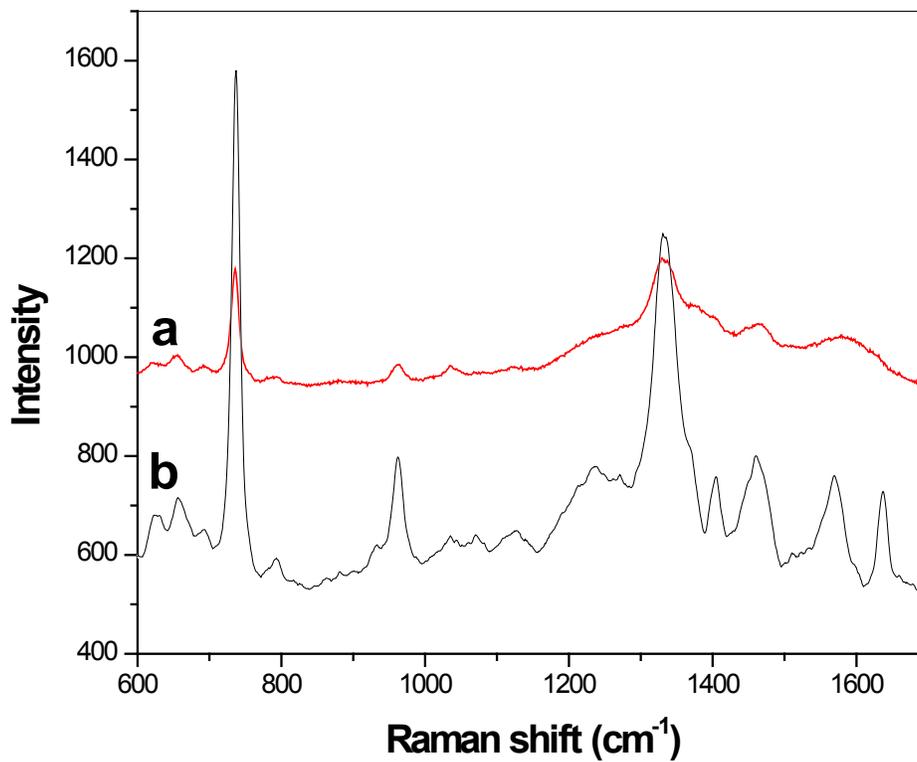
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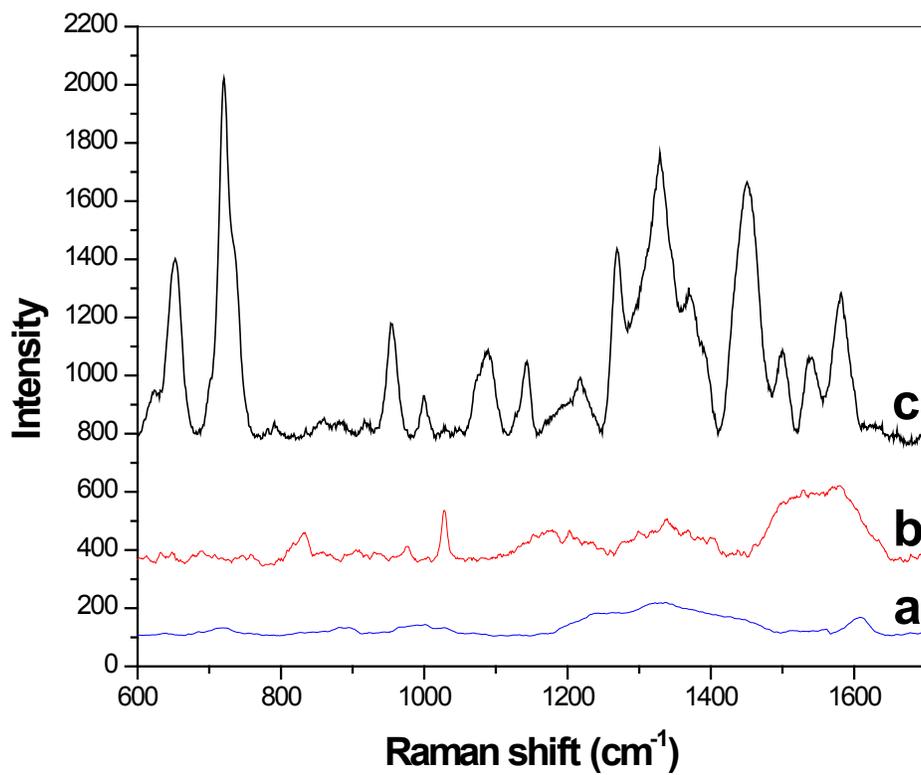
**Fig. S1A.** The bar diagram (with standard error bars) of SERS intensity of the 730 cm<sup>-1</sup> band corresponding to *S. epidermidis* on air-exposed silver-gold bimetallic substrate.



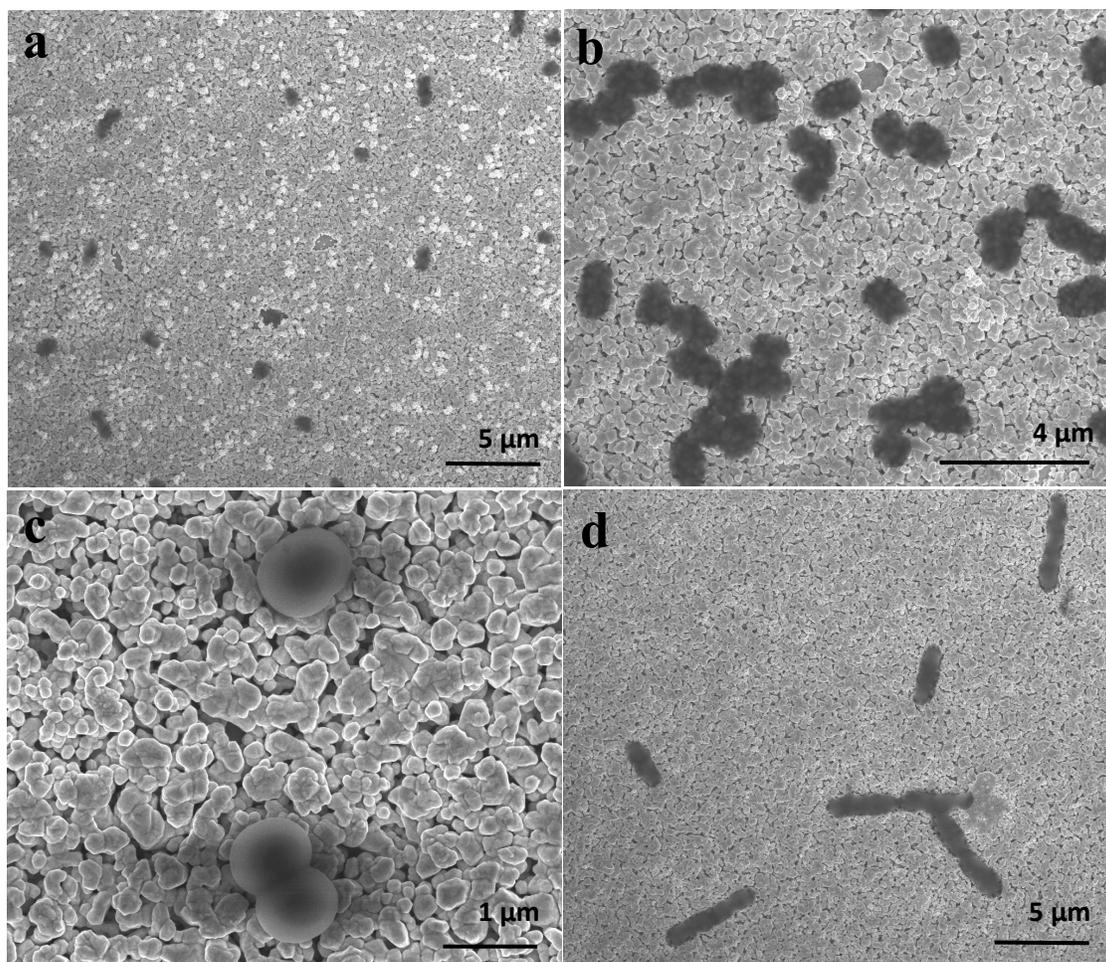
**Fig. S1B.** The bar diagram (with standard error bars) of SERS intensity of the 730 cm<sup>-1</sup> band corresponding to *S. epidermidis* on 5 different bimetallic SERS substrate prepared under identical conditions.



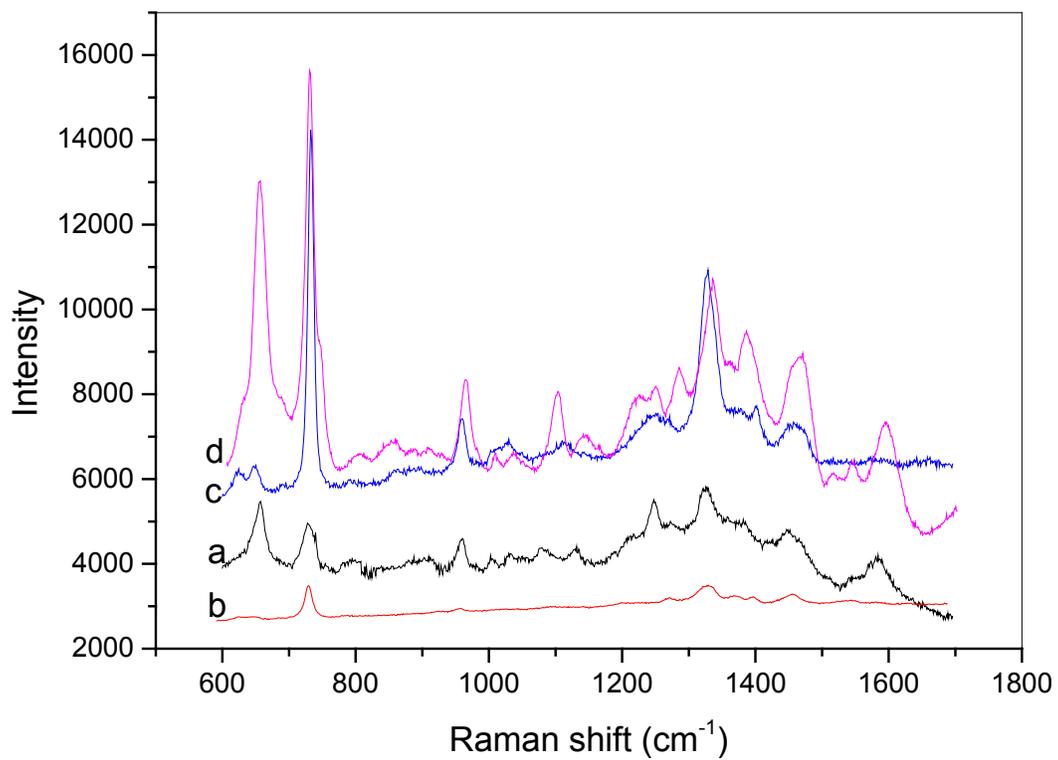
**Fig. S2.** SERS of *S. epidermidis* on (a) rough silver, and (b) Ag-Au bimetallic surface.



**Fig. S3.** SERS spectra of (a) vancomycin, (b) ceftazidime hydrate, and (c) *B. megaterium* on Ag-Au bimetallic surface.



**Fig. S4.** SEM images of (a) *E.coli*, (b) *S. enterica*, (c) *S. epidermidis*, and (d) *B. megaterium* on vancomycin-coated Ag-Au hybrid surface.



**Fig. S5.** Unprocessed SERS spectra of (a) *E.coli*, (b) *S. enterica*, (c) *S. epidermidis* and (d) *B. megaterium* on vancomycin-coated Ag-Au hybrid surface.