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## Appendix A. Supplementary Information for

Chromium scavenging ability of Silver Nanoparticles in Human Erythrocytes, real samples and its effect on Catalase Enzyme.

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Fig. S1: Fourier Transform infrared spectrum of 6-aminopenicillanic acid.



Fig. S2: Fourier Transform infrared spectrum of freeze dried 6APA-AgNPs separated from the mother liquor after centrifugation at 15000 rpm for 30 minutes.



Figure S3: Modulation of absorption spectrum of synthesized functional conjugates of silver with 6-aminopenicillanic acid (150  $\mu$ M) upon the addition of 7 and 27 mM, 2 and 3 M of NaCl in water.



Figure S4: Modulation in Surface plasmon resonance of 6APA-AgNPs on storage for 20 days.



Figure S5: Modulation in Surface plasmon resonance of 6APA-AgNPs on refluxing the freshly prepared sample for 1 hour.



Figure S6: Benesi-Hildebrand plot for 1:1 complexation of 6APA-AgNPs (133.3  $\mu$ M) with Cr(VI). All values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  Standard Deviation. Error bar represents the standard deviation for three readings.



Figure S7: Benesi-Hildebrand plot for 1:2 complexation of 6APA-AgNPs (133.3  $\mu$ M) with Cr(VI).The association constant evaluated by equation 2 is (K= 862 M<sup>-2</sup>). All values are expressed as mean ± Standard Deviation. Error bar represents the standard deviation for three readings.



Figure S8: Modulation of surface plasmon resonance of functional conjugate of silver with 6-aminopenicillanic acid (142.8  $\mu$ M) at various pH.



Figure S9: Spectral response of 6APA-AgNPs-Chromium (VI) complex at various pH.



Fig. S10: Fourier Transform infrared spectrum of freeze dried 6APA-AgNPs-Cr (VI) complex separated from the mother liquor after centrifugation at 15000 rpm for 30 minutes.