

Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)

Application of a SERS-based Lateral Flow Immunoassay Strip for Rapid and Sensitive Detection of Staphylococcal Enterotoxin B

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Fig. S1 Characterizations of HGNS: (a) transmission electron microscope (TEM) images, (b) UV/Vis absorption spectrum and (c) dynamic light scattering distribution of HGNS.

Fig. S2 Dynamic light scattering distributions for (a) physically adsorbed HGNS and (b) chemically conjugated HGNS. The photographic image indicates that chemically conjugated HGNS are favorable for the formation of sandwich immunocomplexes on the LFA strip.

Fig. S3 (a) Calibration curves for ELISA and SERS-based assays. Four parameter logistic fitting equation have been used to obtain the fitting parameters. (b) Linear fitting line for SERS-based assay in the low concentration range.

Fig. S4 Photographic and SERS mapping images of a SERS-based strip biosensor in the presence of SEB, staphylococcus aureus enterotoxin A (SEA), ochratoxin, aflatoxin, and fumonisin: the test zone changed to red only when SEB was present. In addition, SERS mapping image could be also observed only for SEB.

Fig. S5 SERS mapping (a) and photographic (b) images for low concentrations of SEB (500, 100, 50, 10 and 1 ng/mL). Non-specific binding effects were tested for the antigen cocktail solution composed of five different antigens. (c) Assay results quantified via calculations from the calibration fitting curve in Fig 5a.

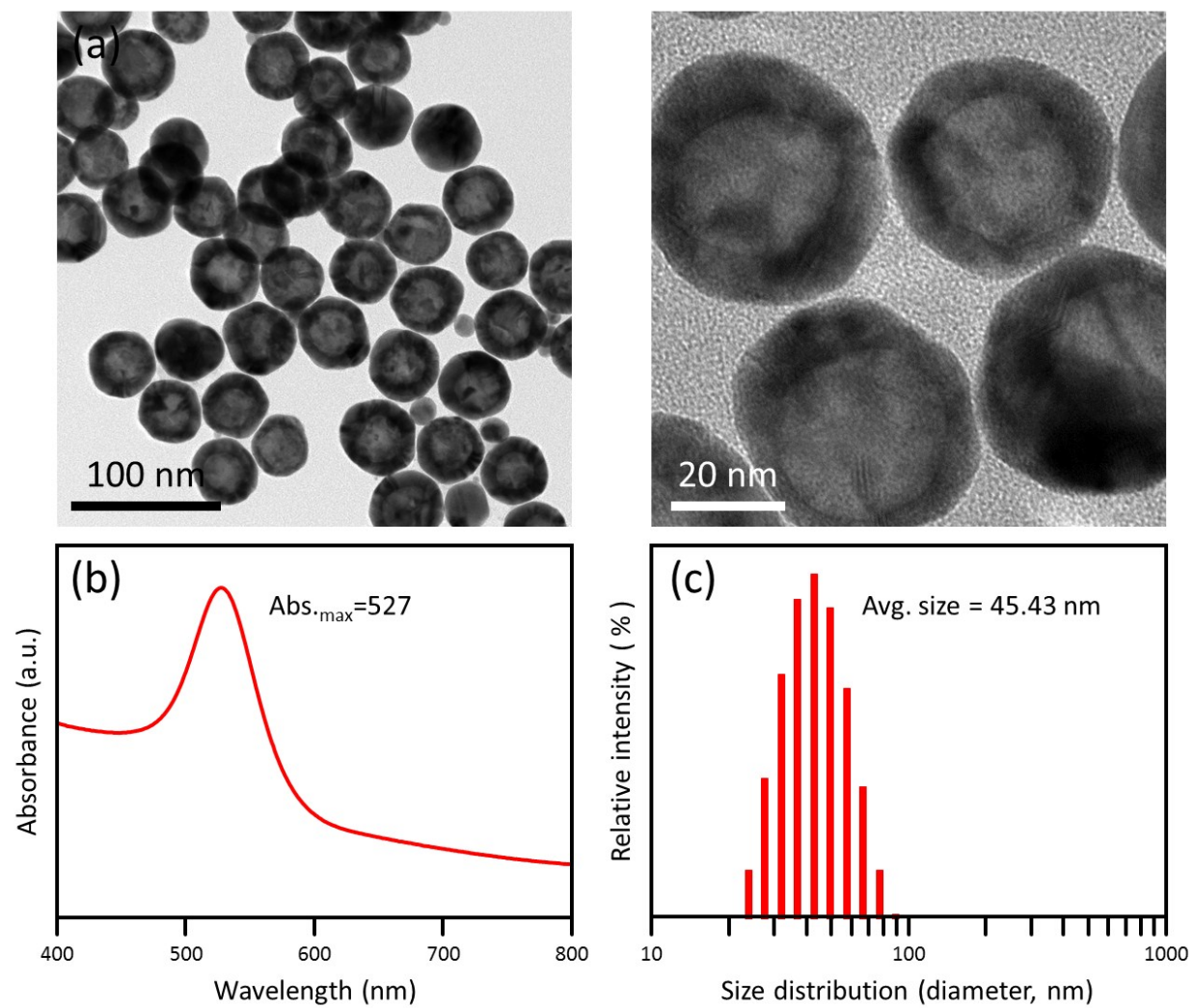


Figure S1

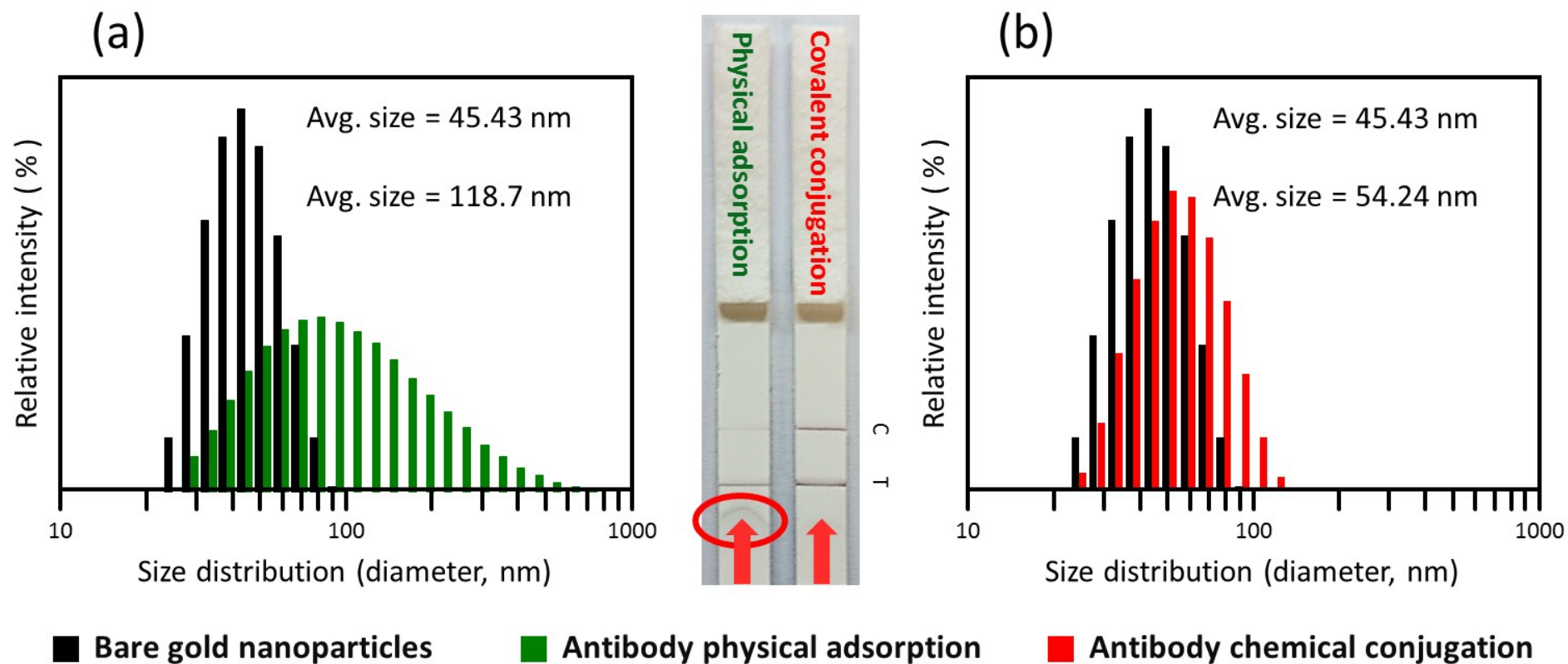
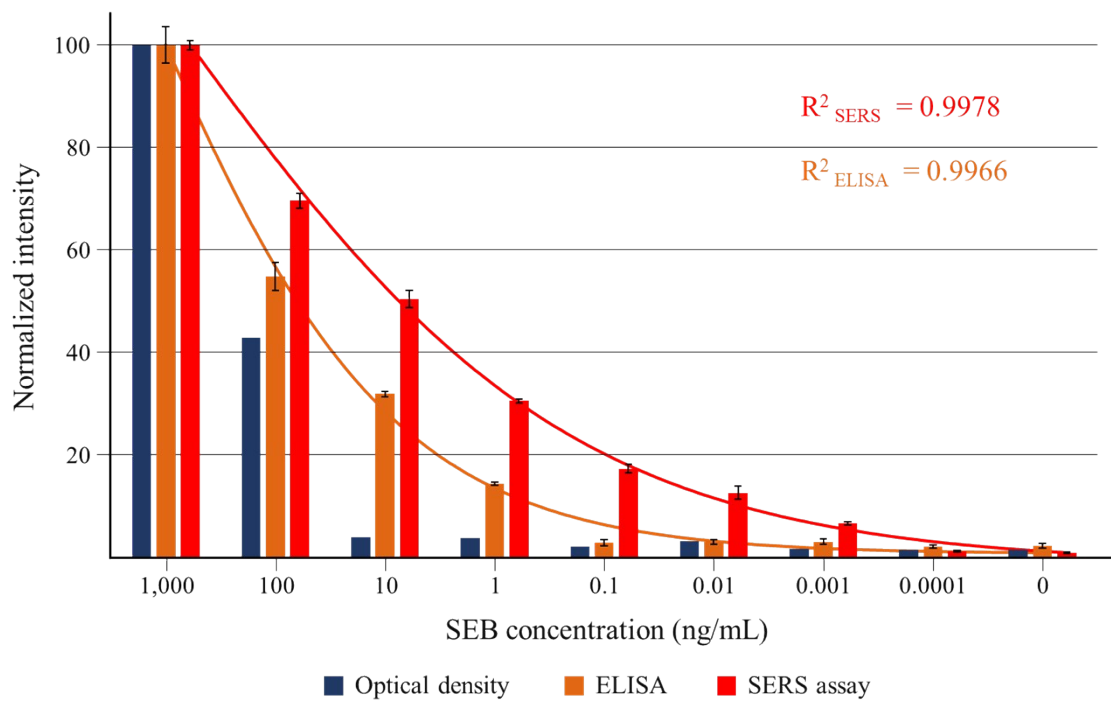


Figure S2

(a)



$$y_{SERS} = y_0 + \frac{a}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right)^b}$$

$$y_0 = -0.3092$$

$$x_0 = 1328.0042$$

$$a = 206.4954$$

$$b = -0.2415$$

$$y_{ELISA} = y_0 + \frac{a}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right)^b}$$

$$y_0 = 1.1066$$

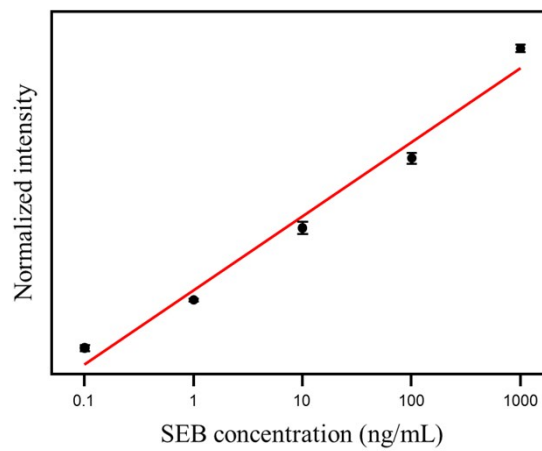
$$x_0 = 2535.7000$$

$$a = 237.0813$$

$$b = -0.3661$$

(b)

< SERS-based assay, linear range >



- Linear range: 1000 ~ 0.1 ng/mL

- Linear curve equation:

$$y = y_0 + ax$$

$$y_0 = 33.1182$$

$$a = 20.4539$$

- Linear curve equation R²: 0.9794

Figure S3

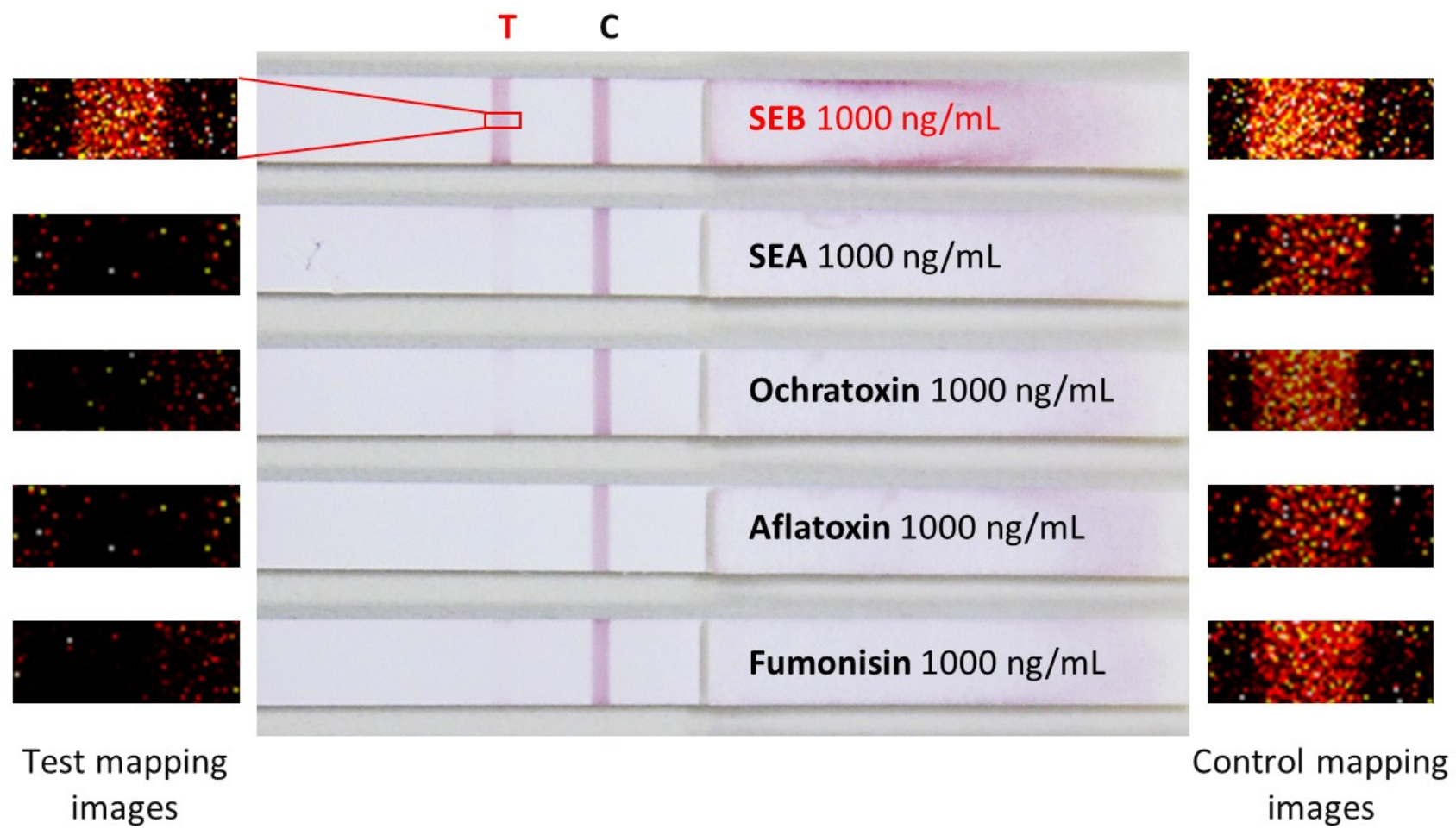


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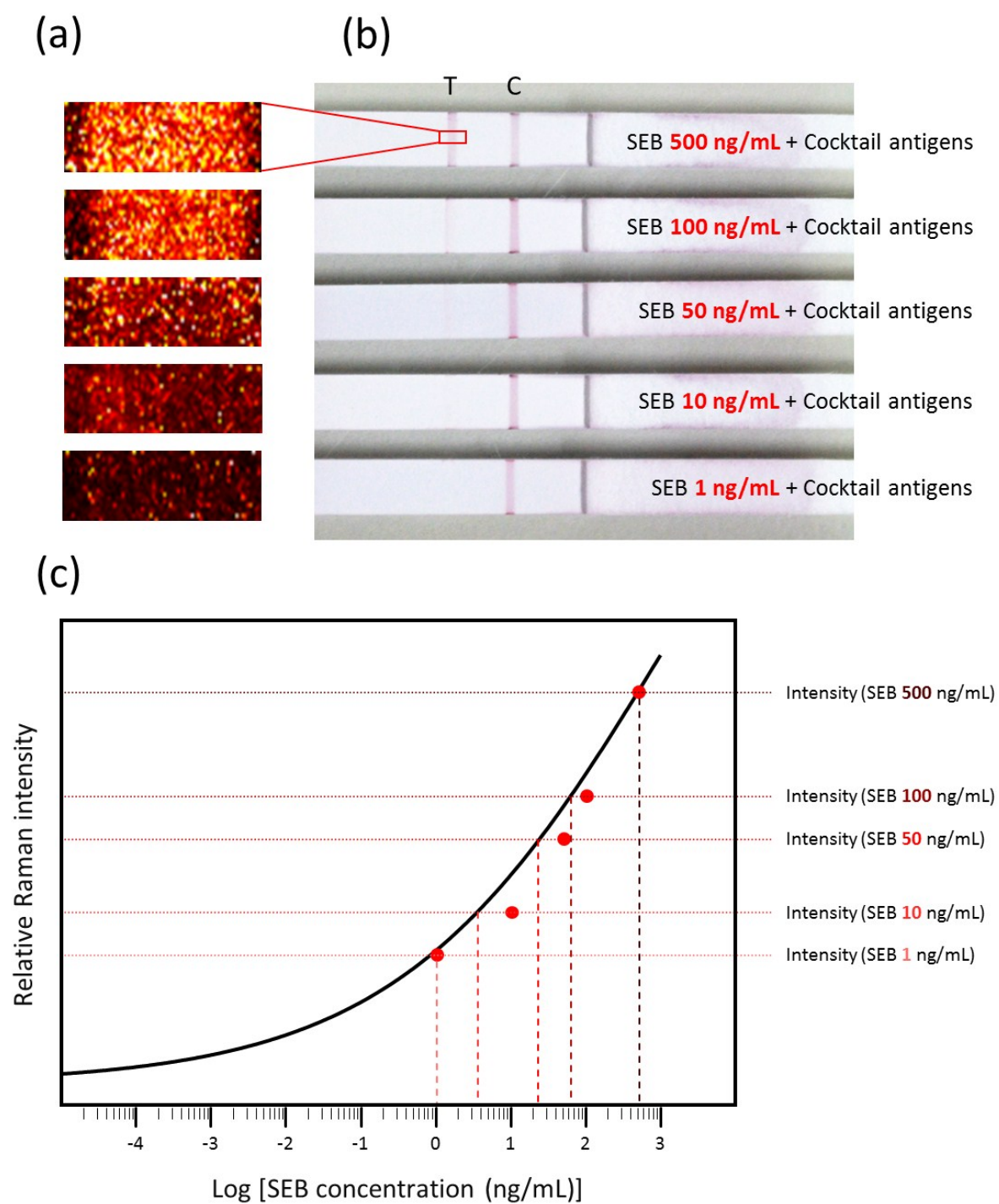


Figure S5

Table S1 Normalized y intensity values for SERS-based assay, ELISA and optical density measurements

SEB(concnetration)	SERS assay				ELISA				Optical density	
	Average intensity	Standard deviation	Normalized intensity	Standard deviation	Average intensity	Standard deviation	Normalized intensity	Standard deviation	Optical intensity	Normalized intensity
1,000 ng/ml	9291.72667	88.81138	100.00000	0.95581	2.15213	0.07695	100.00000	3.57574	415.00000	100.00000
100 ng/ml	6469.38667	133.89288	69.62524	1.44099	1.18038	0.05811	54.84695	2.70007	177.62500	42.80120
10 ng/ml	4687.02333	156.76420	50.44297	1.68714	0.68413	0.01078	31.78835	0.50092	15.99990	3.85540
1 ng/ml	2833.98000	34.29148	30.50004	0.36905	0.30675	0.00654	14.25335	0.30372	15.62500	3.76506
0.1 ng/ml	1606.79000	76.46555	17.29270	0.82294	0.06116	0.01313	2.84184	0.61010	8.68800	2.09349
0.01 ng/ml	1170.00278	123.75443	12.59188	1.33188	0.06313	0.00882	2.93315	0.40976	12.93800	3.11759
0.001 ng/ml	613.83067	25.47608	6.60621	0.27418	0.06525	0.01025	3.03189	0.47609	6.68800	1.61157
0.0001ng/ml	107.71638	9.45085	1.15927	0.10171	0.04575	0.00565	2.12581	0.26243	6.00000	1.44578
0.0 ng/ml	84.34740	11.06853	0.90777	0.11912	0.04825	0.00924	2.24197	0.42948	6.43800	1.55133