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### Supplementary Information

#### Detection of *Staphylococcus aureus* using acridine orange-doped silica nanoparticles as a fluorescent label

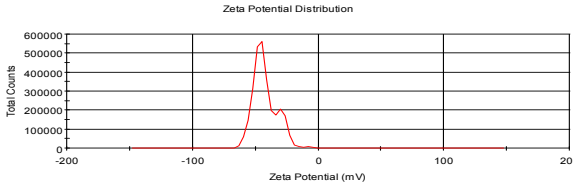
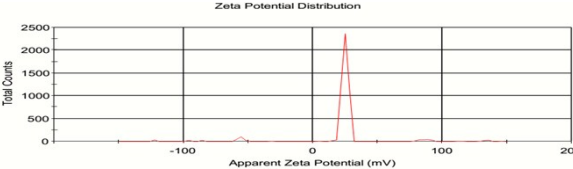
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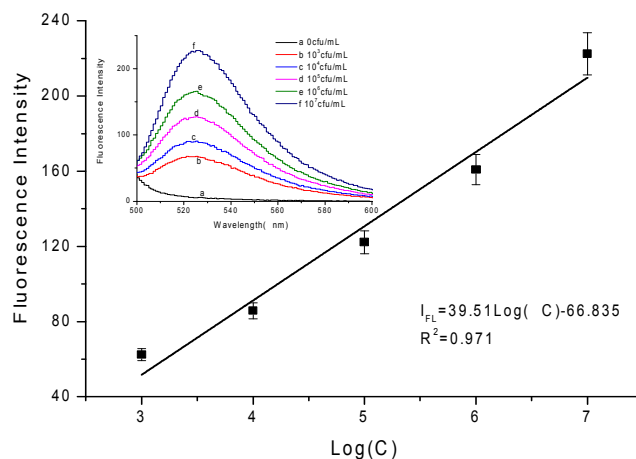
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**Table 1S.** Zeta potential data of AO@SiO<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>2</sub>-AO@SiO<sub>2</sub>

Sample	Potential Distribution	Zeta Potential (mV)
AO@SiO <sub>2</sub>		-42.5±3.16
NH <sub>2</sub> -AO@SiO <sub>2</sub>		1.68±1.24



**Figure 1S.** Standard curve of AO@SiO<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub> labeled *S.aureus* in spiked milk samples. ( $\lambda_{Ex}$ =480nm)