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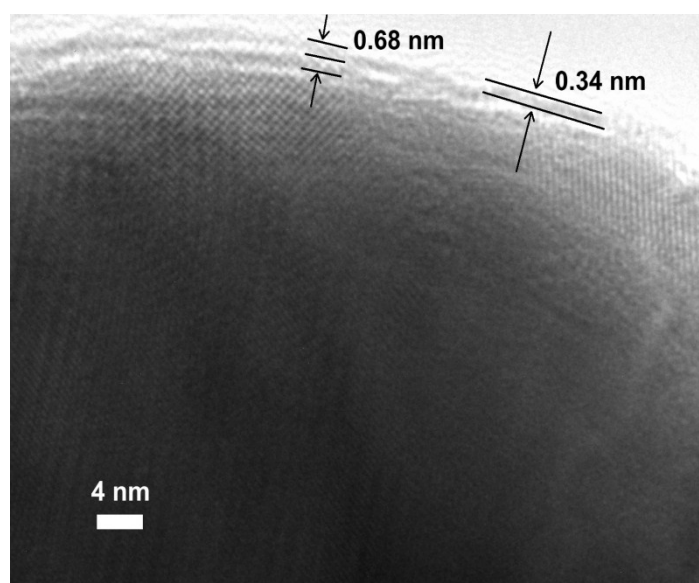
**High performance SERS active substrates fabricated by directly  
growing graphene on Ag nanoparticles**

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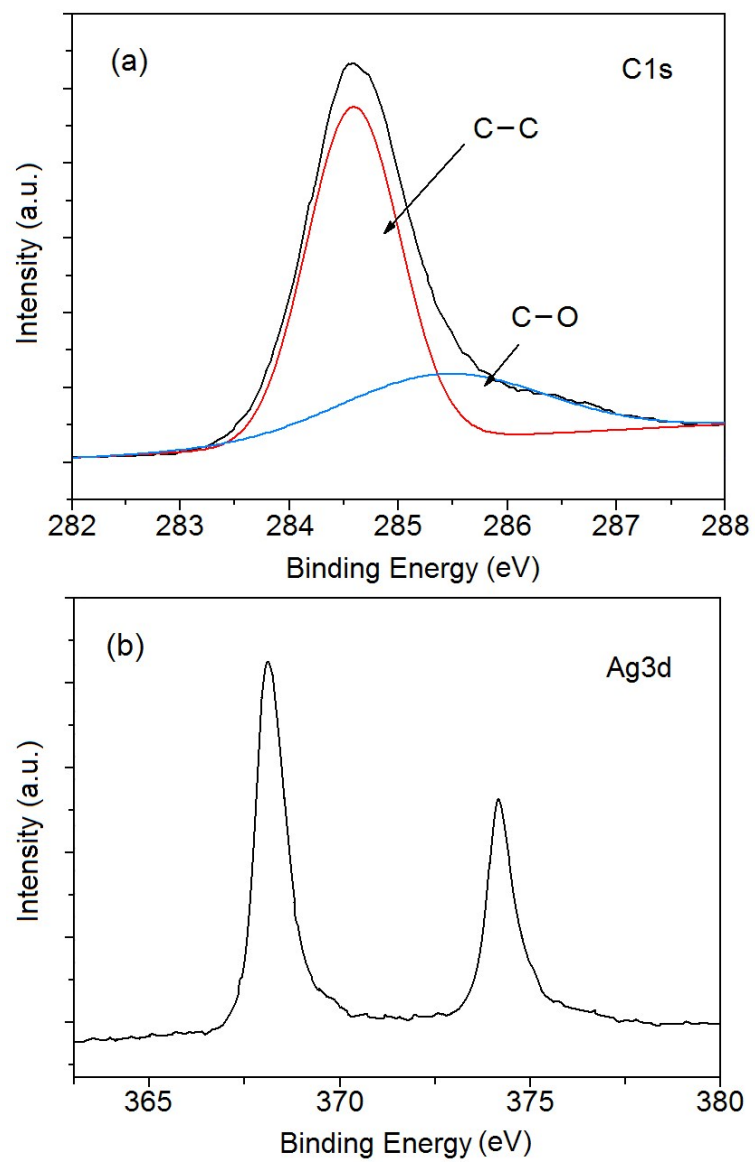
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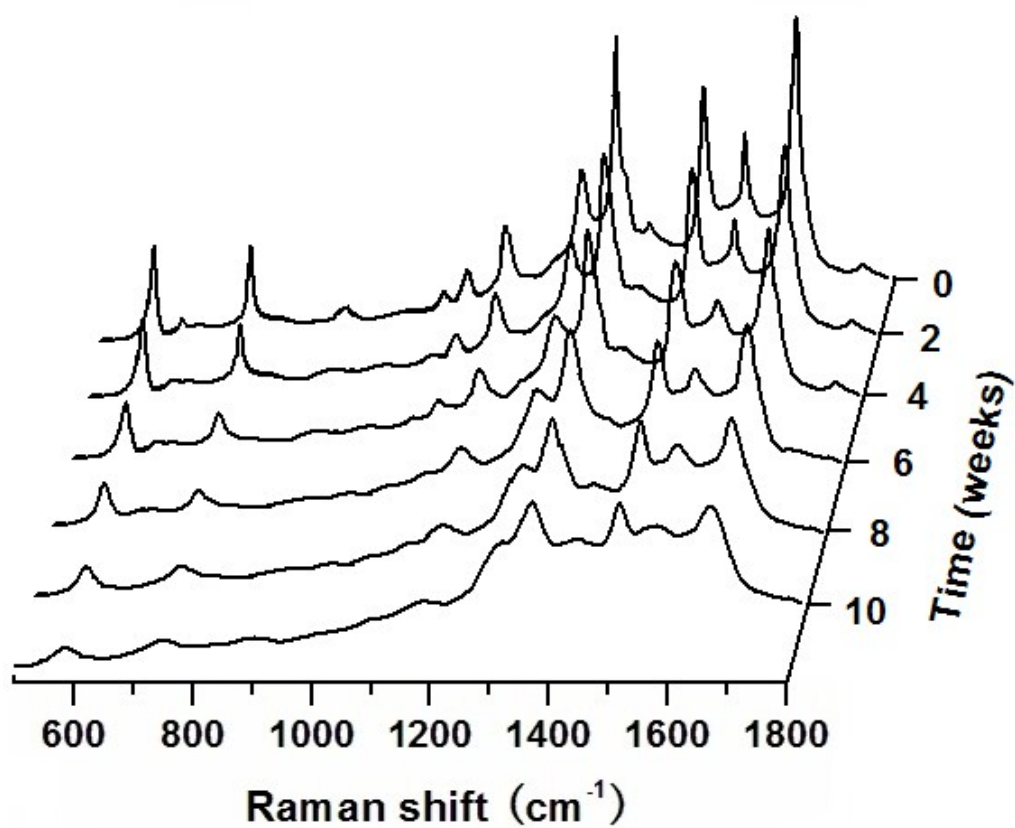
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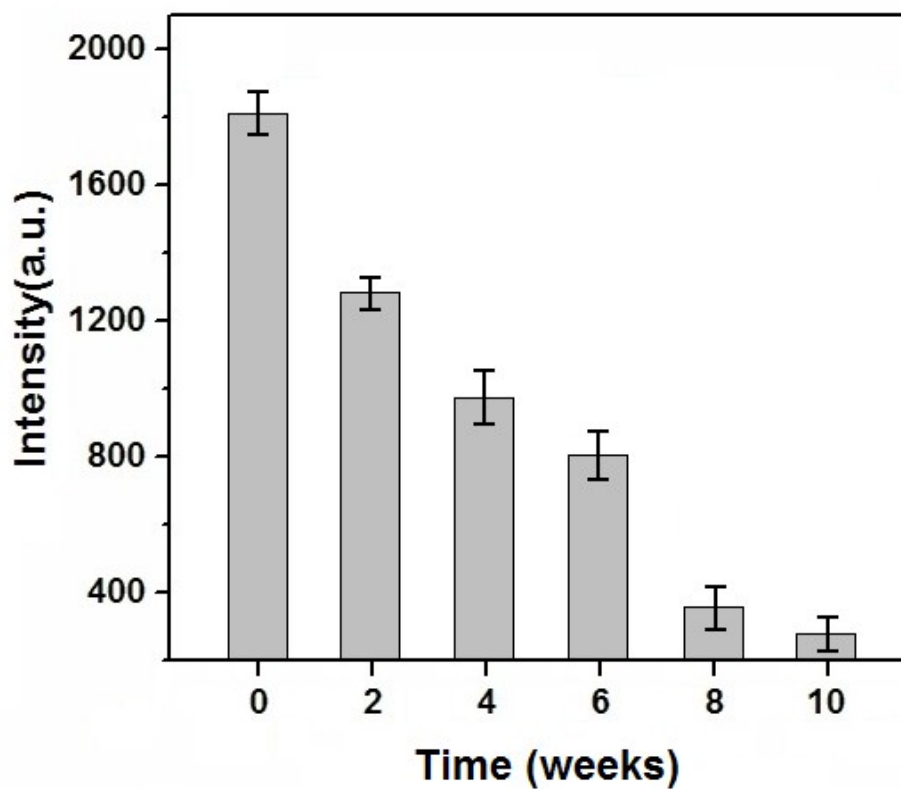
**Figure S1.** HRTEM image of G/AgNPs nearby interface of graphene and AgNPs.



**Figure S2.** XPS of G/Ag NPs. (a)  $C_{1s}$  peak of G/AgNPs. (b)  $Ag_{3d}$  peak for G/AgNPs.



**Figure S3.** SERS spectra of  $10^{-7}$  M R6G were recorded from bare AgNP substrates stored over a number of weeks under ambient conditions.



**Figure S4.** Intensity of 10<sup>-7</sup> M R6G recorded from bare AgNP substrates versus stored time based on the measurement at 613 cm<sup>-1</sup> over 10 weeks. Error bars show the standard deviations.