

Hemispherical Platinum: Silver Core: Shell Nanoparticles for miRNA Detection

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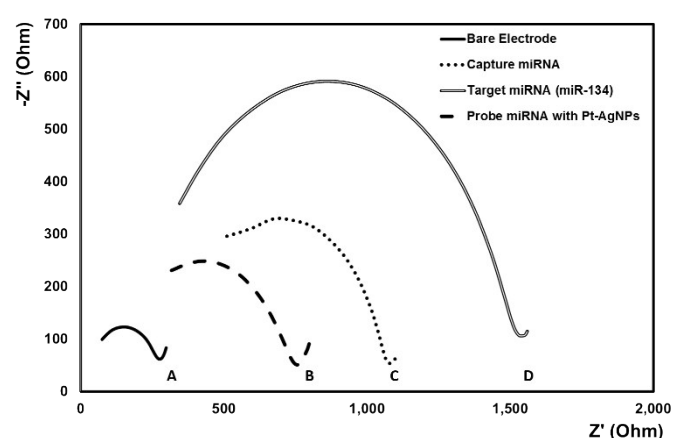
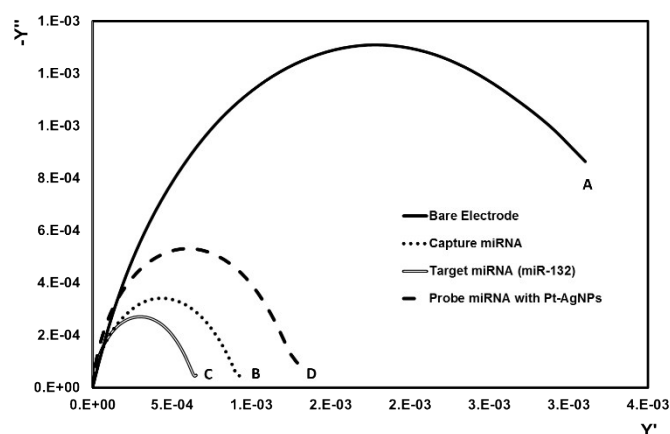


Figure S1: Nyquist plots recorded in 1 mM DPBS (pH 7.4) in the frequency range from 0.01 Hz to 100,000 Hz for a 2 mm diameter electrode (A) after modification with capture strand miRNA (B) and hybridization with the target (C) and platinum: silver core: shell nanoparticles labelled probe sequence (D) where the miR-132 target is 1 μ M.

Figure S2: : Admittance plots recorded in 1 mM



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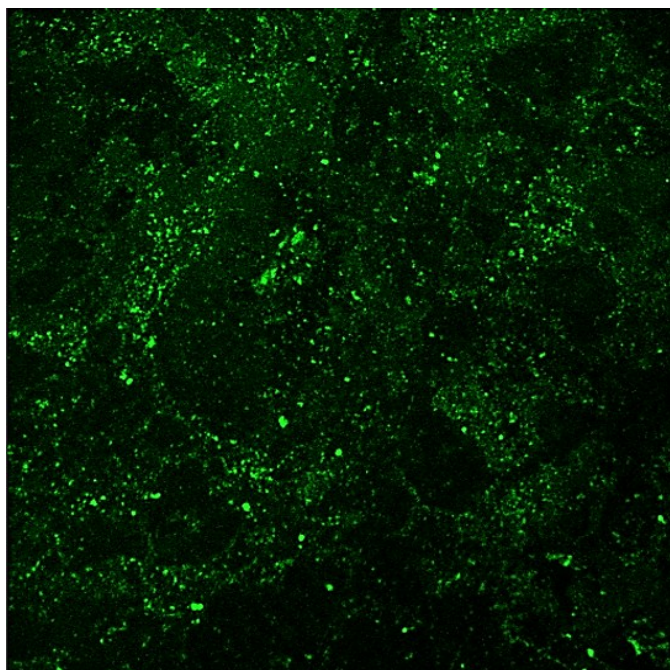


Figure S3: Confocal Fluorescence microscopy image of Hoechst ($2 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ for 15 minutes at room temperature) labelled Capture DNA. Luminescence images were recorded on a Zeiss LSM510 Meta confocal microscope using a $40\times$ oil immersion objective lens (NA 1.4) and a 405 nm laser excitation. Line bar is $10 \mu\text{m}$.

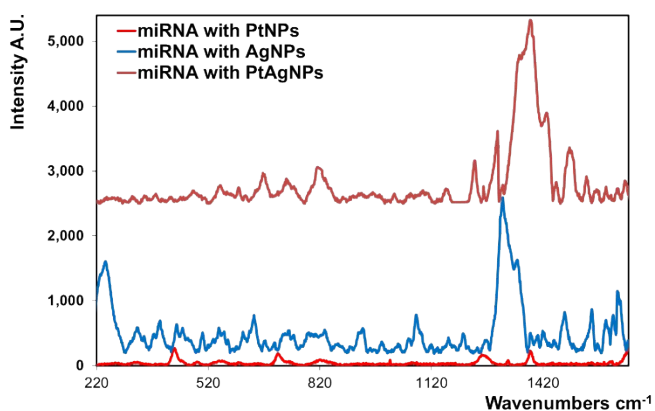


Figure S4: Raman spectra of miR-132 bound on planar gold in the presence (top, offset for clarity) of platinum: silver core: shell nanoparticle, silver (middle) and platinum nanoparticles (bottom).

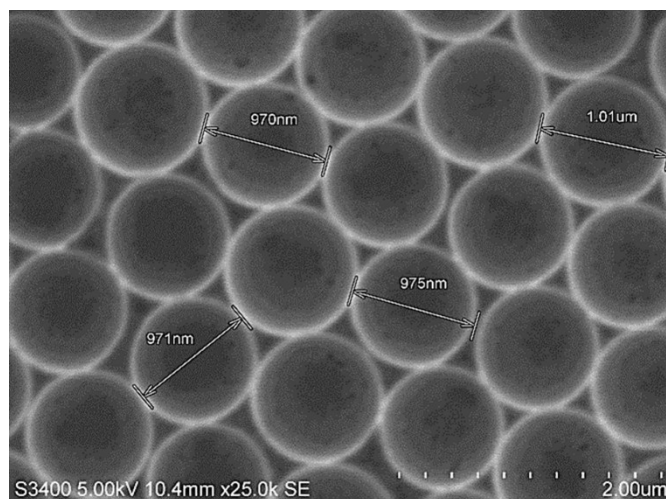


Figure S4: SEM image of the $0.98 \mu\text{m}$ diameter cavity array. A thin layer of polystyrene (PS) spheres was deposited on the silicon wafers coated with 1000 \AA gold (Au) $525 \mu\text{m}$ thickness over a 50 \AA titanium adhesion layer and evaporated over night at room temperature. Images were obtained using a Hitachi S3400n SEM Tungsten system instrument. All images were collected under identical conditions at 5.00 kV accelerating voltage.

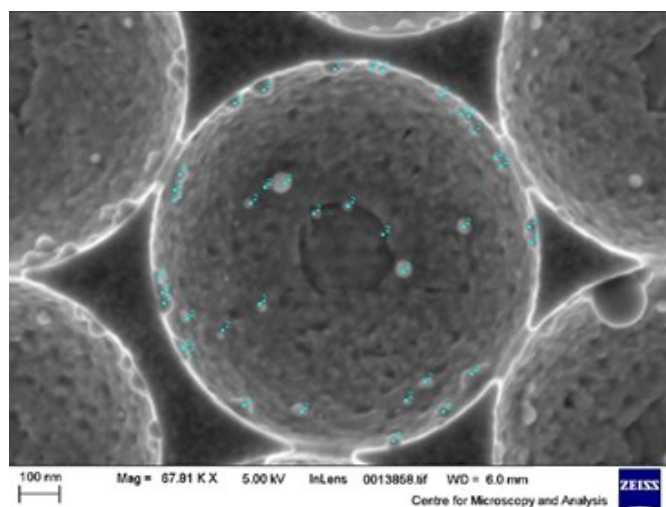


Figure S5: FE-SEM images of the $0.98 \mu\text{m}$ diameter cavity array after modification with capture strand miRNA and hybridization with the target and platinum: silver core: shell nanoparticles labelled probe sequence where the miR-132 target strand concentration is $1 \mu\text{M}$.

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