## Supporting Information

## Colorimetric sensing of Chromium(VI) ions in aqueous solution based on the leaching of

## protein-stabled gold nanoparticles

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