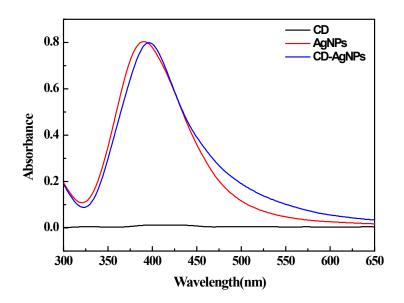
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## **Supplementary information**

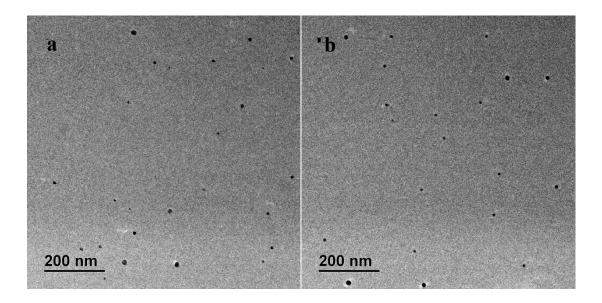
 $\beta$ -cyclodextrin-modified silver nanoparticles as colorimetric probes for direct visual enantioselective recognition of aromatic  $\alpha$ -amino acids

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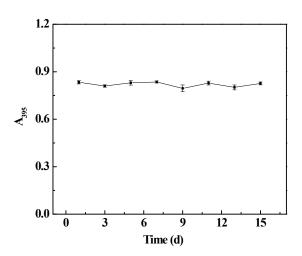
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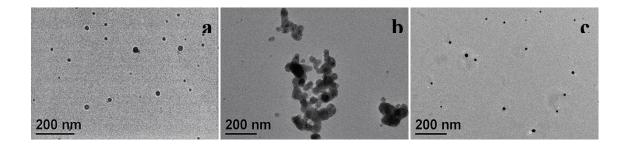
**Figure S1**. UV-vis absorption spectra of CD, AuNPs and  $\beta$ -CD–functionalized AgNPs.



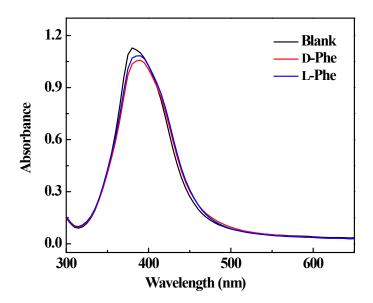
**Figure S2**. TEM images of AgNPs (a) and  $\beta$ -CD functionalized AgNPs (b).



**Figure S3.** Absorption of  $\beta$ -CD-functionalized AgNPs affected by day at 395 nm.



**Figure S4**. TEM images of  $\beta$ -CD functionalized AgNPs (a),  $\beta$ -CD functionalized AgNPs in the presence of 7 mM D-Phe (b), and  $\beta$ -CD functionalized AgNPs in the presence of 7 mM L-Phe (c).



**Figure S5**. Absorption spectra of unmodified AgNPs in the presence of D–Phe or L–Phe. Experiment condition: 100 μL 10 mM PBS buffer (pH 7.0), 240 μL AgNPs (0.17 nM), 60 μL H<sub>2</sub>O, 100 μL Phe (7 mM).

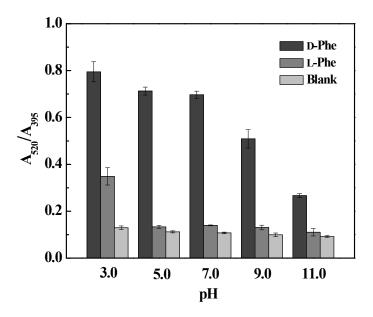
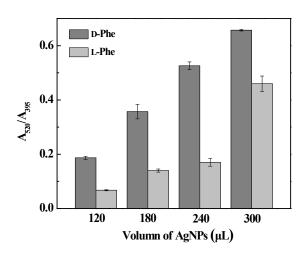
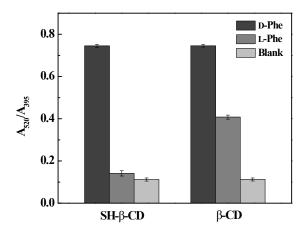


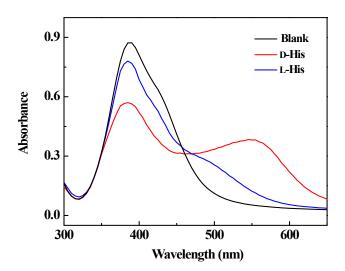
Figure S6. Plots of  $A_{520}/A_{395}$  ratio of  $\beta$ -CD-functionalized AgNPs upon the addition of D- or L-Phe at different pH.



**Figure S7**. Effect of AgNPs amount (0.13 nM) on the absorption ratio  $(A_{520}/A_{395})$  in the presence of D– or L–Phe.



**Figure S8**. Plots of  $A_{520}/A_{395}$  ratio of the AgNPs using SH-β-CD and β-CD as modifying reagent in the presence of D– or L–Phe.



**Figure S9**. UV-vis absorption spectra of  $\beta$ –CD functionalized AgNPs upon the addition of 7 mM D- or L-His.