

**Electronic Supplementary Information**

Table 1. Effects of Au NCs and their preparation reagents on the relative CL intensity of rhodamine 6G-K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> system.

Added reagents	Relative CL intensity
BSA	5
HAuCl <sub>4</sub>	17
BSA+HAuCl <sub>4</sub>	9
Au NCs	104

Table 2. Comparison of proposed method for the determination of BPA with reported techniques.

Method	Linear range ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Detection limit ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Sample	Reference
CL1	0.8–12	0.31	Polycarbonate	13
CL2	0.3–80	0.08	Plastic	14
ECL1	0.06–80	0.042	Paper	15
ECL2	1–20	0.15	Water	16
ECL3	0.44–22	0.35	Water	17
ECL4	1–16	1	Water	18
ECL5	0.1–11	0.083	Water	19
CL3	0.001–10	0.00012	Water	37
CL4	0.2–10	0.07	Water	This work

Table 3. Tolerance of various species on the determination of BPA.

Species	Tolerance ratio <sup>a</sup>	Species	Tolerance ratio <sup>a</sup>
Na <sup>+</sup>	1000	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	1000
K <sup>+</sup>	1000	C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	500
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	500	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	400
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	500	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	400
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	300	HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	300
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	300	Ethanol	300
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	300	Glucose	500
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	100	Citric acid	100
Cl <sup>-</sup>	1000	Tartaric acid	100
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	1000	Malic acid	100

<sup>a</sup> The ratio of concentration between the interfering substances and BPA,  
i.e. [ion]/[BPA].

Table 4. Determination of BPA in water samples.

Samples	Added ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Found ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Recovery (%)
Tap water	0	ND <sup>d</sup>	
	0.250	0.227	93.0
	0.500	0.482	96.4
Bottled drinking water 1 <sup>a</sup>	0	0.181	
	1.00	1.243	106.2
	2.00	2.197	100.8
Bottled drinking water 2 <sup>b</sup>	0	0.372	
	4.00	4.438	101.7
		4.18 <sup>c</sup>	
	5.00	5.392	100.4
		5.30 <sup>c</sup>	
river water	0	4.724	
	0.400	5.105	95.3
	0.800	5.571	105.9

<sup>a</sup> 5 months, <sup>b</sup> 10 months, <sup>c</sup> contrastive CL method,<sup>37</sup> <sup>d</sup> not detected.