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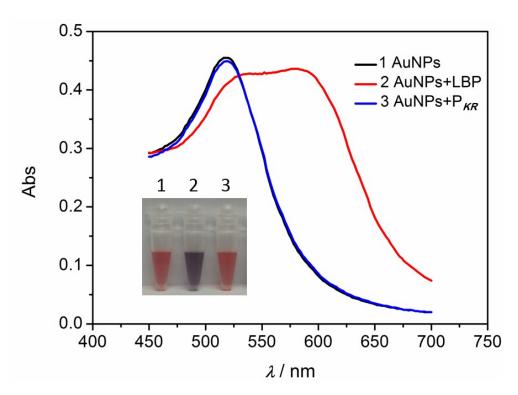
## Colorimetric detection of lipopolysaccharides based on lipopolysaccharides-binding peptide and AuNPs

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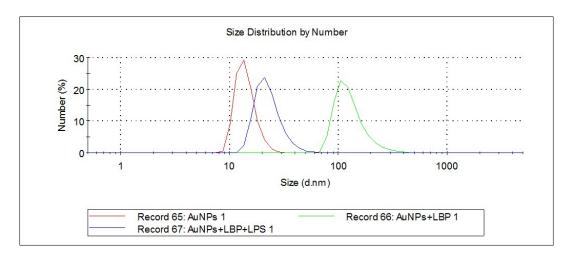
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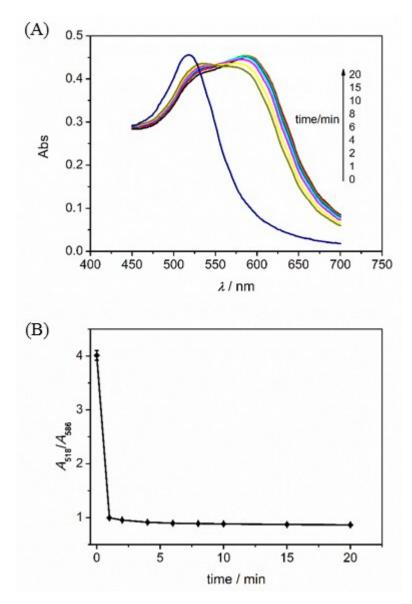
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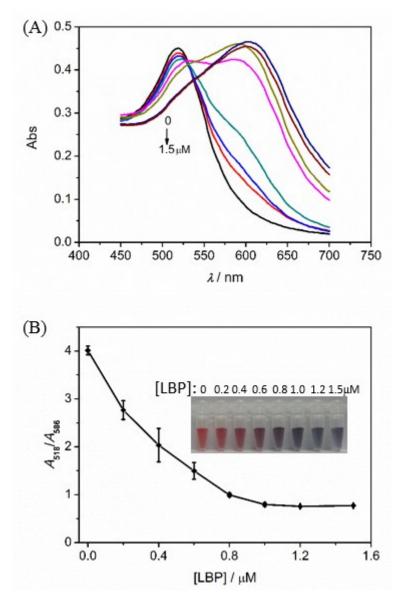
**Figure S1.** Absorption spectra and color changes of AuNPs in (1) assay buffer, (2) LBP solution and (3)  $P_{KR}$  solution and, respectively. The concentrations of the peptide probes are 1.0  $\mu$ M.



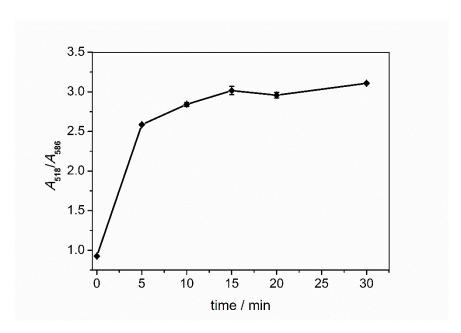
**Figure S2.** Characterization of the peptide and AuNPs assembly by dynamic light scattering (DLS). Red: AuNPs; green: AuNPs treated with LBP; blue: AuNPs treated with LBP and LPS.



**Figure S3.** The absorption spectra of AuNPs (A) and the values of  $A_{518}/A_{586}$  (B) at different times after the addition of 1.0  $\mu$ M LBP.



**Figure S4.** The absorption spectra of AuNPs (A) and the values of  $A_{518}/A_{586}$  (B) with different concentrations of LBP. Inset is the color changes of AuNPs solution with the concentration of LBP increasing.



**Figure S5**. Effects of incubation time between LBP and LPS on the colorimetric responses. The concentrations of LBP and LPS are  $1.0~\mu M$  and  $1.5~\mu M$ , respectively.

Table S1 Comparison of various methods for LPS detection.

Probe	Method	LOD (nM)	Reference
Pyrene derivative	Fluorometric	100	13
Dye labeled peptide	Fluorometric	150	23
Peptide-perylene	Fluorometric	28	24
Peptide/AuNPs	Colorimetric	2	This work