

Fig. S1 UV-vis absorption spectra of (a) Au NPs and (b) Au@Pt NPs.

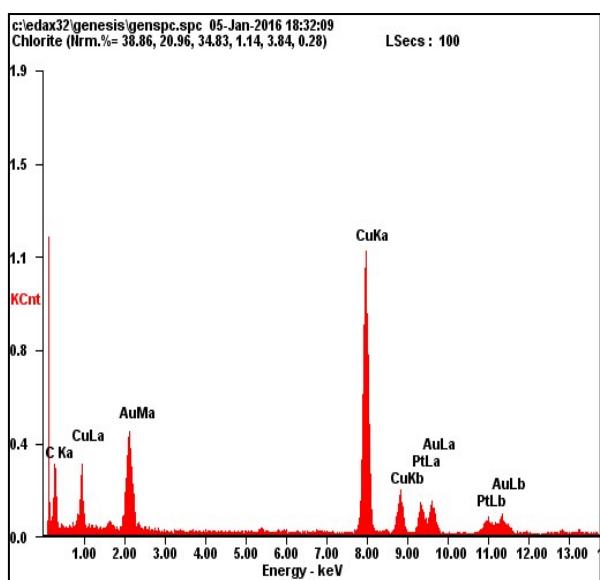
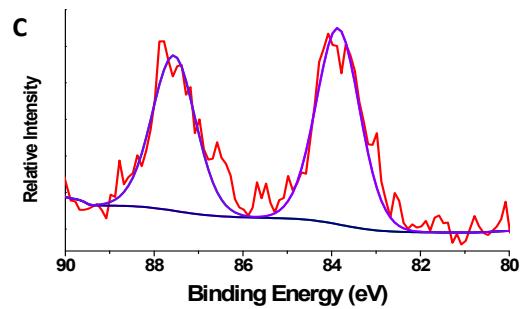
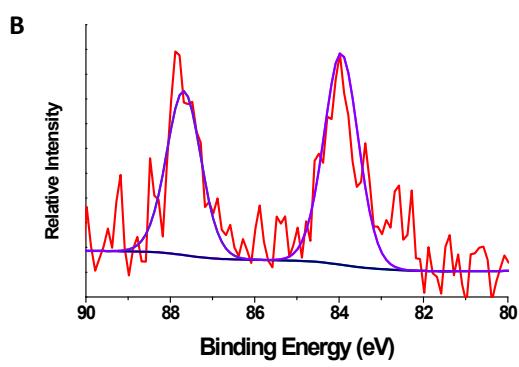
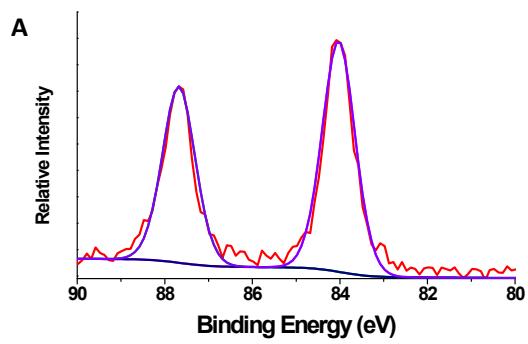


Fig. S2 EDX spectrum of Au@Pt NPs.



In Fig. S3 XPS spectra of Au 4f region of Au@Pt NPs before (A) and after incubated with Hg²⁺ (B) and Ag⁺ (C).

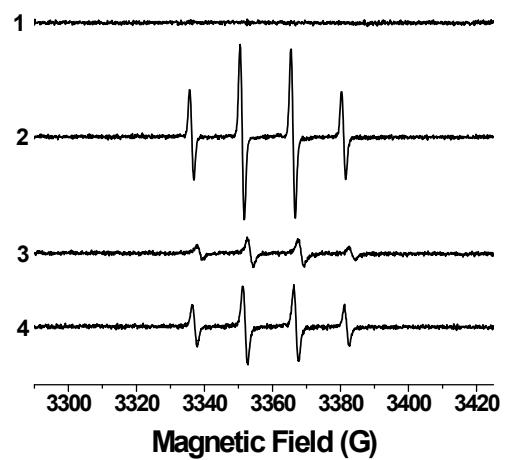


Fig. S4 EPR measurements of DMPO-•OH adduct in the absence and presence of Ag^+ . (a) DMPO; (b) DMPO+0.7 M H_2O_2 ; (c) DMPO+0.7 M H_2O_2 +1.2 nM Au@Pt NPs; (d) DMPO+0.7 M H_2O_2 +1.2 nM Au@Pt NPs +5.0 μM Ag^+ .

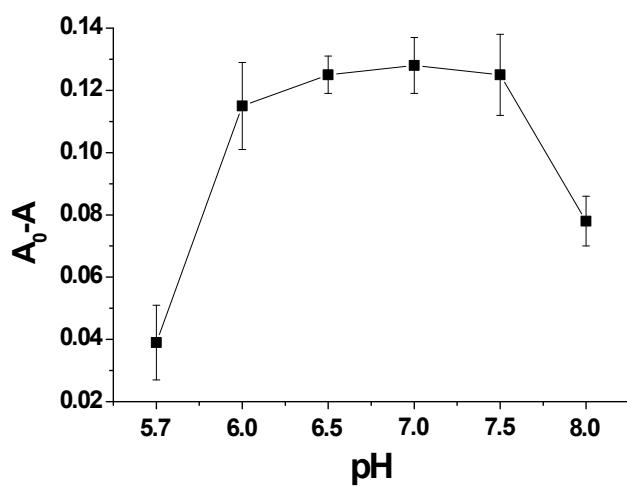


Fig. S5 Effect of pH value on the detection of Hg^{2+} .

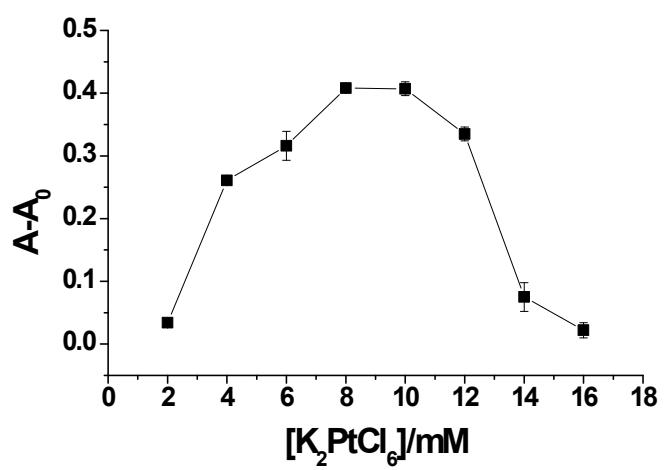


Fig. S6 Effect of K_2PtCl_6 concentration on the detection of Hg^{2+} .

Table S1 Comparison of different methods for detection of Hg^{2+} and Ag^+

Method	Linear range	LOD	Ref
Colorimetric assay based on Tween 20-Au NPs	Hg^{2+} : 200 -800 nM Ag^+ : 400 -1000 nM	100 nM 100 nM	1
Colorimetric assay based on Tween 20-Au NPs	Hg^{2+} : 0.5 -10 μM Ag^+ : 1.0. -8.0. μM	5.0 nM 10 nM	2
Colorimetric assay based on AgNPRs ^a	Hg^{2+} : 200 -800 nM Ag^+ : —	5.0 nM —	3
Colorimetric assay based on Ag/Pt NCs	Hg^{2+} : 10 -200 nM Ag^+ : —	5.0 nM —	4
Colorimetric assay based on Fu-Au NPs ^b	Ag^+ : 20 -100 nM Hg^{2+} : —	12 nM —	5
BSA@AuNCs ^c	Ag^+ : 0.5-10 μM Hg^{2+} : —	0.2 μM —	6
FL ^d based on ONPCRs ^e	Hg^{2+} : 2 nM - 60 μM Ag^+ : 5 nM -80 μM	0.68 nM 1.73 nM	7
EIS ^f based on immobilized DNA	Hg^{2+} : 0.1nM-10 μM Ag^+ : 100 -800 nM	0.1 nM 10 nM	8
FL based on cytidine - stabilized Au NCs	Hg^{2+} : 30 nM-16 μM Ag^+ : 10 nM - 6 μM	30 nM 10 nM	9
FL based on assembly of DNA	Hg^{2+} :100 nM -2 μM Ag^+ : 100 nM -2 μM	100 nM 100 nM	10
FL based on multi- walled carbon nanotube	Hg^{2+} : 20 -150 nM Ag^+ : 20 -150 nM	15 nM 18 nM	11
FL based on Rhodamine B Selenolactone	Hg^{2+} : 30 nM-16 μM Ag^+ : 10 nM- 6 μM	30 nM 10 nM	12
FL Based on WS ₂ Nanosheet	Hg^{2+} : 6.0-450.0 nM Ag^+ : 5.0-500.0 nM	3.3 nM 1.2 nM	13
Colorimetric assay based on Au@Pt NPs	Hg^{2+} : 10-200.0 nM Ag^+ : 5.0-100.0 nM	3.5 nM 2.0 nM	This work

^a Silver nanoprisms;

^b AuNPs modified with furfuryl alcohol;

^c Bovine serum albumin stabilized gold nanoclusters;

^d Fluorescent method;

^e Oxygen-doped, nitrogen-rich, photoluminescent polymer carbon nanoribbons;

^f Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy.

Table S2 Recovery experiments of Hg²⁺and Ag⁺ in real samples

Sample	Metal ions	Spiked amount (nM)	Found amount (nM)	Recovery (%)	RSD (n=3, %)
1	Hg ²⁺	20	21.5	107.5	3.6
	Ag ⁺	450	402.1	100.5	2.9
2	Hg ²⁺	50	49.3	98.6	4.2
	Ag ⁺	450	412.5	91.7	3.3
3	Hg ²⁺	150	144.5	96.3	2.3
	Ag ⁺	450	457.1	101.6	2.8
4	Hg ²⁺	200	201.3	100.6	2.4
	Ag ⁺	30	32.5	108.3	5.2
5	Hg ²⁺	200	186.8	93.4	2.6
	Ag ⁺	100	105.5	105.5	3.2
6	Hg ²⁺	200	183.4	91.7	4.3
	Ag ⁺	450	448.3	99.6	3.4

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