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Supplementary Information for

Colorimetric detection of heparin with high sensitivity based on the

aggregation of gold nanoparticles induced by polymer nanoparticles

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Fig. S1 TEM image (a) and UV-vis absorption spectrum (b) of PNPs. Inset of Fig. S1a is the size distribution graph.



Fig. S2 TEM image (a) and UV-vis absorption spectrum (b) of AuNPs. Inset of Fig.S2a is the size distribution graph.



Fig. S3 UV-vis absorption spectra of AuNPs (a) and the absorbance ratios (A_{520} $_{nm}/A_{675 nm}$) upon addition of different concentrations of PNPs.



Fig. S4 Influence of reaction time on the aggregation of AuNPs produced by PNPs (a) and the detection of Hep (b). The concentration of Hep is 300 nM.



Fig. S5 Influence of temperature (a) and pH value (b) on the detection of Hep. The concentration of Hep is 300 nM.



Fig. S6 Influence of addition order on the detection of Hep. Order 1: PNPs are incubated with Hep and then AuNPs are added (line 1); order 2: pre-incubation of AuNPs and Hep is performed and then PNPs are introduced (line 2); order 3: AuNPs react with PNPs at first and then adding Hep (line 3). The concentration of Hep is 300 nM.

 Table S1. Detection of Hep in Hep sodium injection samples based on PNPs-AuNPs

 system.

Sample –	Concentration of Hep (nM)			Recovery	RSD
	labeled amount*	added amount	found amount	(%)	(n=3, %)
Hep sodium injection 1	100	0	100.1	-	1.3
Hep sodium injection 2	100	10	110.3	102	0.9
Hep sodium injection 3	100	30	129.8	99	1.4
Hep sodium injection 4	100	50	150.3	100.4	1.6

*Note: the labeled amount of Hep in Hep sodium injection without dilution is 52.1 mM; in order to ensure the concentration of Hep in the linear range, the Hep sodium injection is diluted several folds, so the labeled amount of Hep in diluted sample is 100 nM.

Sample —	Concentration	of Hep (nM)	Recovery	RSD
	added amount	found amount*	(%)	(n=3, %)
human serum 1	0	25.2	-	1.3
human serum 2	10	35.4	102	1.2
human serum 3	30	55.5	101	1.6
human serum 4	50	75.6	101	0.9

Table S2. Detection of Hep in human serum samples based on PNPs-AuNPs system.

*Note: the reported concentration of Hep in normal human serum without dilution is about 1.2-1.8 mg/L (equal to 1.86-2.79 μ M);¹ in order to ensure the concentration of Hep in the linear range, the human serum is diluted 100 folds.

Reference

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