## Supporting Information

## A highly selective and sensitive fluorescence probe for lactate dehydrogenase based on the ultrabright adenosine monophosphate capped gold nanoclusters

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Fig. S1 (A) Typical TEM image and (B) Au 4f XPS spectra of AuNCs@AMP.



**Fig. S2** The fluorescence stability of AuNCs@AMP (3.0 mg/L) in PBS (20 mM, pH = 7.4), being incubated at  $37 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and room temperature (r. t.), respectively, for several circulatory.



Fig. S3 A) The time-course fluorescence spectra of AuNCs@AMP (3.0 mg/L) in the absence and presence of rLDH (2.0  $\mu$ M) in PBS (20 mM, pH = 7.4) at 37 °C; B) The corresponding fluorescence intensity (480 nm) changes at 37 °C and room temperature (r. t.), respectively, as well as the control experiment of AuNCs@AMP without rLDH ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm).



**Fig. S4** A) The fluorescence spectra of AuNCs@AMP (0.30 mg/L) in PBS (20 mM, pH = 7.4) in the absence and presence of different amount of rLDH (5.0–200 nM); B) the corresponding fluorescence intensity of AuNCs@AMP *vs* the concentration of rLDH; inset is the enlargement for the range of 0-10 nM.



Fig. S5 A) The fluorescence spectra of AuNCs@AMP (3.0 mg/L) in the absence and presence of rLDH (2.0  $\mu$ M) together with the indicated proteins (2.0  $\mu$ M) in PBS (20 mM, pH = 7.4); B) The corresponding fluorescence intensity of AuNCs@AMP at 480 nm in the absence and presence of proteins.



Fig. S6 The time-course fluorescence spectra of AuNCs@AMP (3.0 mg/L) in the absence and presence of GSH (10.0  $\mu$ M) in PBS (20 mM, pH = 7.4;  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 328 nm).



Fig. S7 The Uv-vis absorption spectra of AuNCs@AMP (30 mg/L) in the absence and presence of different amount of GSH in PBS (20 mM, pH = 7.4).



**Fig. S8** The fluorescence spectra of AuNCs@AMP (3.0 mg/L) in the absence and presence of rLDH or the modified rLDH (mLDH, 2.0  $\mu$ M) in PBS (20 mM, pH = 7.4;  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 328 nm). The modified rLDH was prepared by mixing 20 equiv. 2-maleimidoacetic acid with rLDH for 60 min before use.



**Fig. S9** A) The fluorescence spectra of AuNCs@AMP (3.0 mg/L) before and after adding different amount of HLDH (5.0–160 nM) in PBS (20 mM, pH = 7.4;  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 328 nm); B) The corresponding fluorescence intensity dependence of AuNCs@AMP on the concentrations of HLDH, which showed a linear response.



Fig. S10 A) The fluorescence spectra of AuNCs@AMP (3.0 mg/L) before and after adding different amount of rLDH (50–4000 nM) in the diluted fetal calf serum (1% in 20 mM PBS, pH = 7.4;  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 328 nm); B) The fluorescence intensity dependence of AuNCs@AMP on the concentrations of rLDH; inset is the enlargement for the range of 0–400 nM.

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Samples	<b>Detection range</b>	<b>Detection limit</b>	Ref.
Molecular beacon DNA molecule		40 U/L	21
Porous silicon microcavities	160–6500 U/L	80 U/L	22
Pyruvate + NADH	50–1200 U/L	31 U/L	23
CdTe/CdS QDs	150–1500 U/L	75 U/L	24
CdTe quantum dots	250–6000 U/L		25
CdSe quantum dots	200–2400 U/L		26
AuNCs@AMP	8.0–400 U/L	0.8 U/L	this work

Table S1 Comparison of different materials for the determination of LDH.