

## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

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### **A CoOOH nanoflake-based light scattering probe for the simple and selective detection of uric acid in human serum**

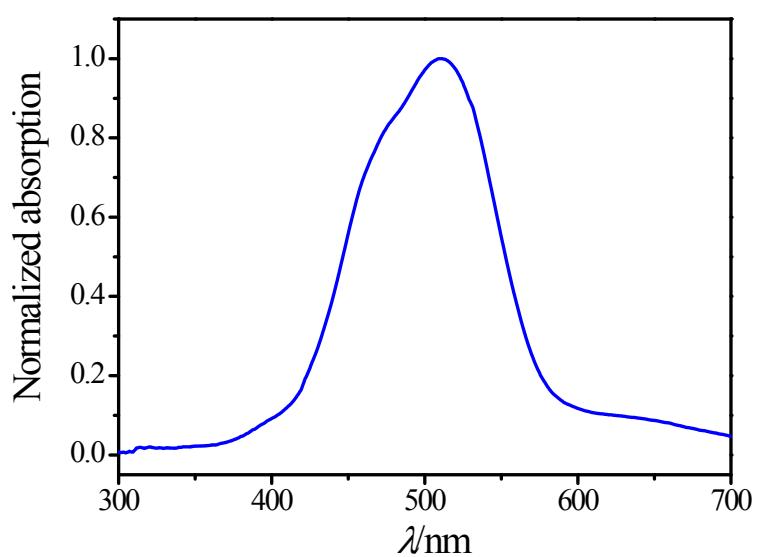
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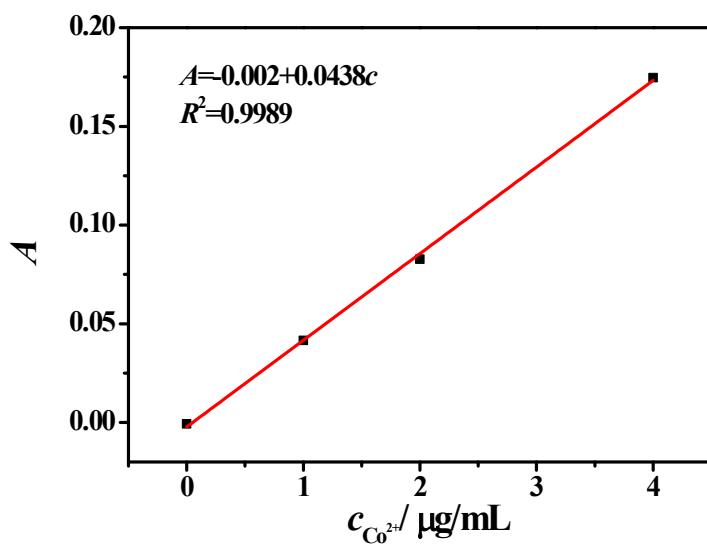
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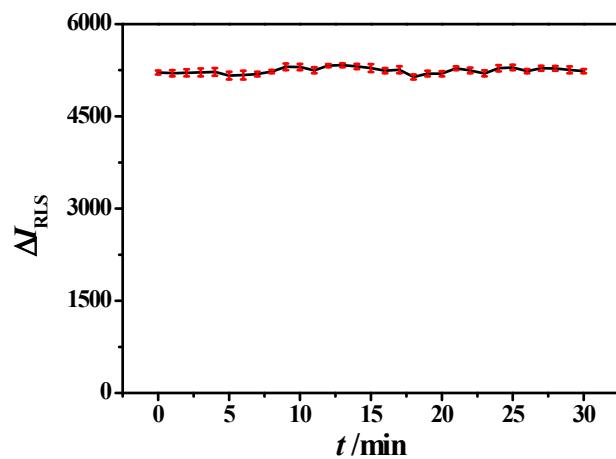
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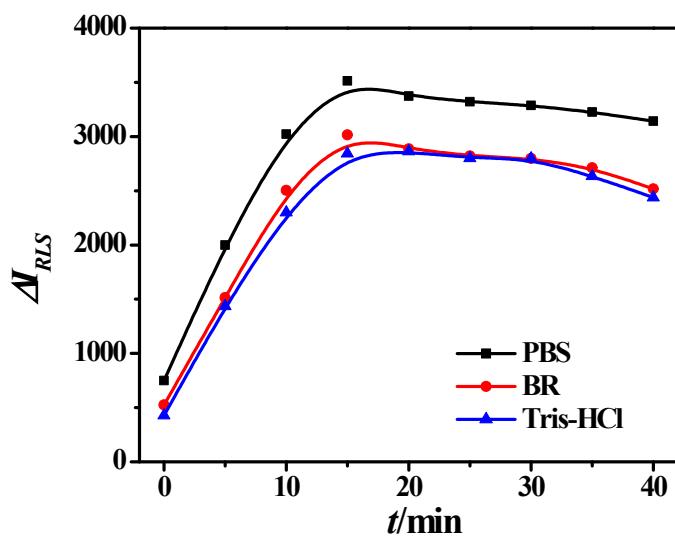
**Fig. S1** The normalized absorption spectrum of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ .



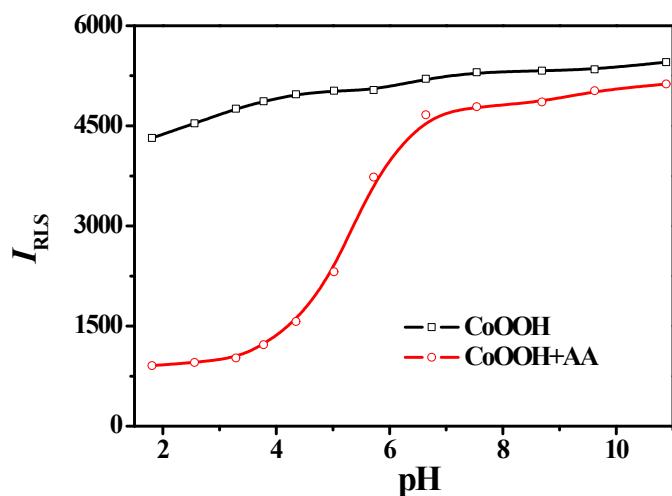
**Fig. S2** The absorption standard linear curve of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  detected by AA-7000 atomic absorption spectrophotometer. Working conditions: Wavelength: 240.7 nm; slit width: 0.2 nm; time constant: 1.0 s; lamp current: 15 mA; photomultiplier voltage: 719 V; flame Type: air- $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ ; fuel flow: 2.2 L/min; oxidant: 15.0 L/min at 160 kPa; burner height: 7.5 mm; delay time: 5 s; measurement time: 5 s.



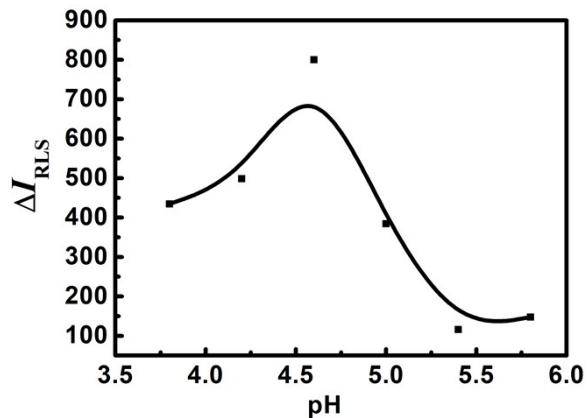
**Fig. S3** The light scattering intensity CoOOH nanoflakes at pH 6.64. Conditions: CoOOH nanoflakes, 8  $\mu\text{M}$ ; pH 6.64.



**Fig. S4** The light scattering intensity change of CoOOH nanoflakes induced by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in different media (PBS, BR and Tris-HCl) at pH 6.64. Conditions: CoOOH nanoflakes, 8 μM; H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 250 μM; pH 6.64; T, 45 °C.



**Fig. S5** The light scattering intensity of CoOOH nanoflakes in the absence or presence of AA in PBS buffer at different pH. Conditions: CoOOH nanoflakes, 8  $\mu\text{M}$ ; AA, 750  $\mu\text{M}$ ; pH 6.64; T, 45  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



**Fig. S6** The light scattering intensity change of CoOOH nanoflakes induced by GSH in PBS buffer at different pH. Conditions: CoOOH nanoflakes, 8  $\mu\text{M}$ ; GSH, 750  $\mu\text{M}$ ; pH 6.64; T, 45  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**Table S1** The free cobalt ions in different samples

Samples	The concentration of free cobalt ions ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )
CoOOH nanoflakes in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.0048
CoOOH nanoflakes in BR buffer (pH 1.81)	0.0259
CoOOH nanoflakes in BR buffer (pH 6.64)	0.0066
CoOOH nanoflakes reacts with $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ in BR buffer (pH 6.64)	4.0500

Working conditions: wavelength: 240.7 nm; slit width: 0.2 nm; time constant: 1.0 s; lamp current: 15 mA; photomultiplier voltage: 719 V; flame type: air- $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ ; fuel flow: 2.2 L/min; oxidant: 15.0 L/min at 160 kPa; burner height: 7.5 mm; delay time: 5 s; measurement time: 5 s.

**Table S2** The comparison of different methods for the determination of UA

Methods	Concentration range	LOD	Real samples	Ref.
Fluorometric assay	2 -300 $\mu\text{M}$	500 nM	Human serum and urine	<sup>1</sup>
Fluorometric assay	5 -100 $\mu\text{M}$	1.7 $\mu\text{M}$	Diluted human serum samples	<sup>2</sup>
Fluorometric assay	0.66-3.3 $\mu\text{M}$	0.044 $\mu\text{M}$	Human urine	<sup>3</sup>
Fluorometric assay	0.05-1.0 $\mu\text{M}$	20 nM	Human urine and serum	<sup>4</sup>
Fluorometric assay	0.7-80 $\mu\text{M}$	120 nM	Human blood	<sup>5</sup>
Fluorometric assay	10-800 $\mu\text{M}$	6.6 $\mu\text{M}$	Human serum	<sup>6</sup>
Fluorometric assay	2-100 $\mu\text{M}$	0.75 $\mu\text{M}$	Diluted serum samples	<sup>7</sup>
Fluorometric assay	0.1–100 $\mu\text{M}$	0.05 $\mu\text{M}$	Human serum and urine	<sup>8</sup>
Fluorometric assay	$1.00 \times 10^{-5}$ - $5.00 \times 10^{-5}$ M	$5.80 \times 10^{-6}$ M	Human urine	<sup>9</sup>
Colorimetric detection	4.5-60 $\mu\text{M}$	1.3 $\mu\text{M}$	Human urine and serum	<sup>10</sup>
Colorimetric detection	10-50 ppm	0.56 ppm	Human blood serum	<sup>11</sup>
Colorimetric detection	1.0-120 $\mu\text{M}$	0.25 $\mu\text{M}$	Human serum	<sup>12</sup>
Colorimetric detection	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ - $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ M	$10 \times 10^{-7}$ M	Human serum	<sup>13</sup>
Colorimetric detection	1.0-40 $\mu\text{M}$	0.24 $\mu\text{M}$	Human serum	<sup>14</sup>
Electrochemical detection	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ - $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ M	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M	Human serum	<sup>15</sup>
Electrochemical method	$5.0 \times 10^{-7}$ - $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$ M	Human serum and urine	<sup>16</sup>
Electrochemical method	6.6-112.4 $\mu\text{M}$	3.1 $\mu\text{M}$	Human urine	<sup>17</sup>
Electrochemical method	5-425 $\mu\text{M}$	1.0 $\mu\text{M}$	----	<sup>18</sup>
Electrochemical method	0.15- 11.4 $\mu\text{M}$	0.07 $\mu\text{M}$	----	<sup>19</sup>
Capillary electrophoresis	10-500 $\mu\text{M}$	3.3 $\mu\text{M}$	Human urine and plasma	<sup>20</sup>
Flow injection	$9.1 \times 10^{-6}$ - $9.1 \times 10^{-2}$ M	0.67 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	Human urine	<sup>21</sup>

capillary electrophoresis with chemiluminescence	$6.0 \times 10^{-7}$ - $3.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M	$3.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M	Human urine	<sup>22</sup>
electrochemiluminescence	$1.62 \times 10^{-8}$ $8.30 \times 10^{-6}$ M	75 pM	porphyra and kelp	<sup>23</sup>
High performance liquid chromatography	0-500 μM	0.04 μM	Human plasma and urine	<sup>24</sup>
Reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography	0.07-10 mg/L	21 μg/L	Human saliva	<sup>25</sup>

‘----’ means none real samples were detected.

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