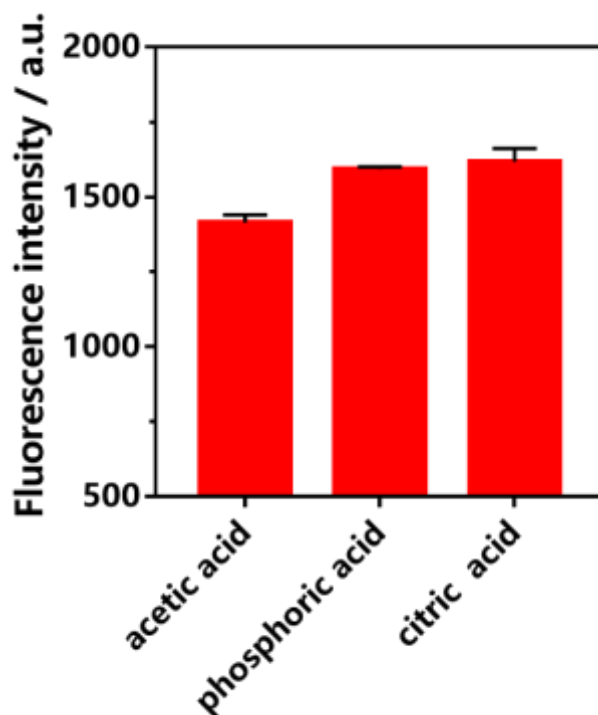


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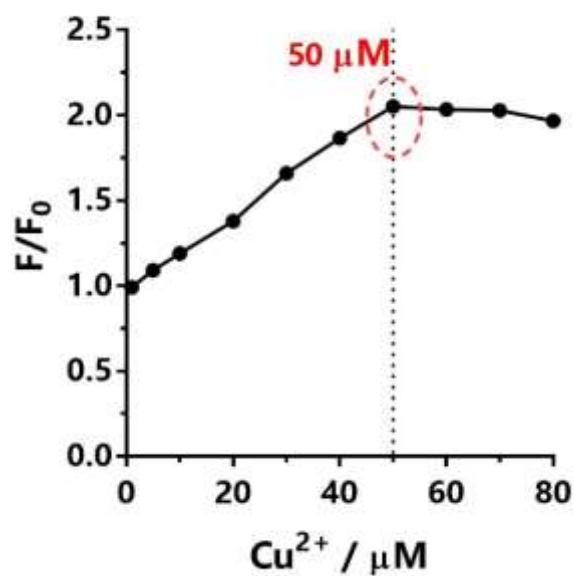
## Label-free non-invasive fluorescent pattern discrimination of thiols and chiral recognition of cysteine enantiomers in biofluids using bioinspired copolymers-Cu<sup>2+</sup> hybrid sensor array regulated by pH

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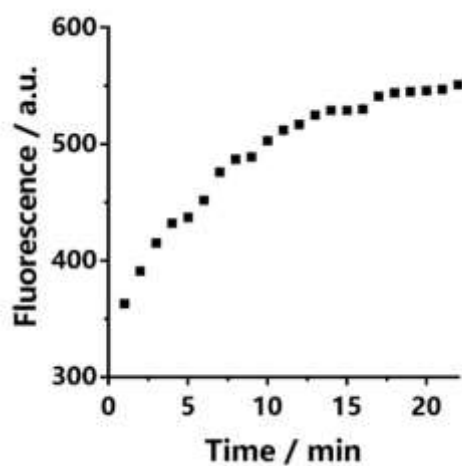
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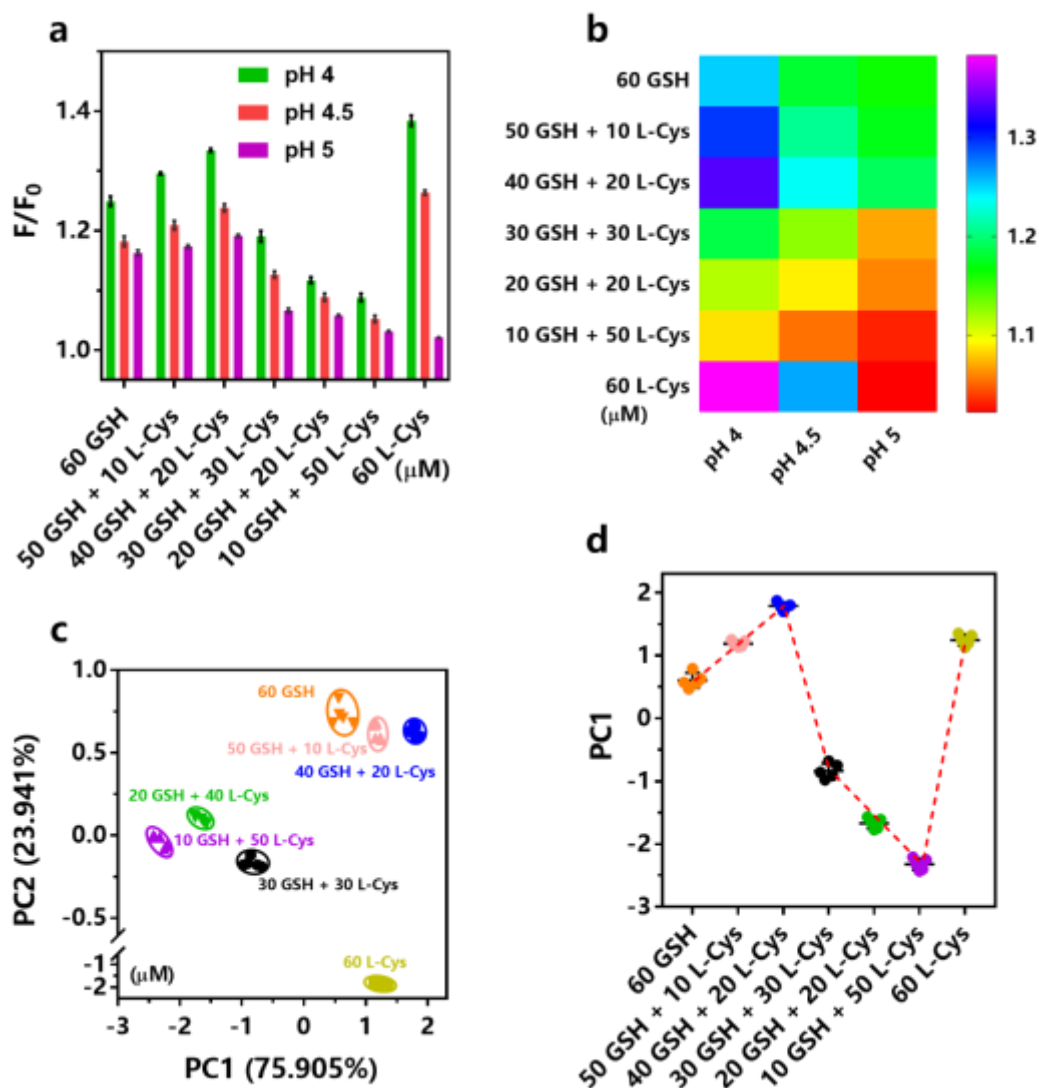
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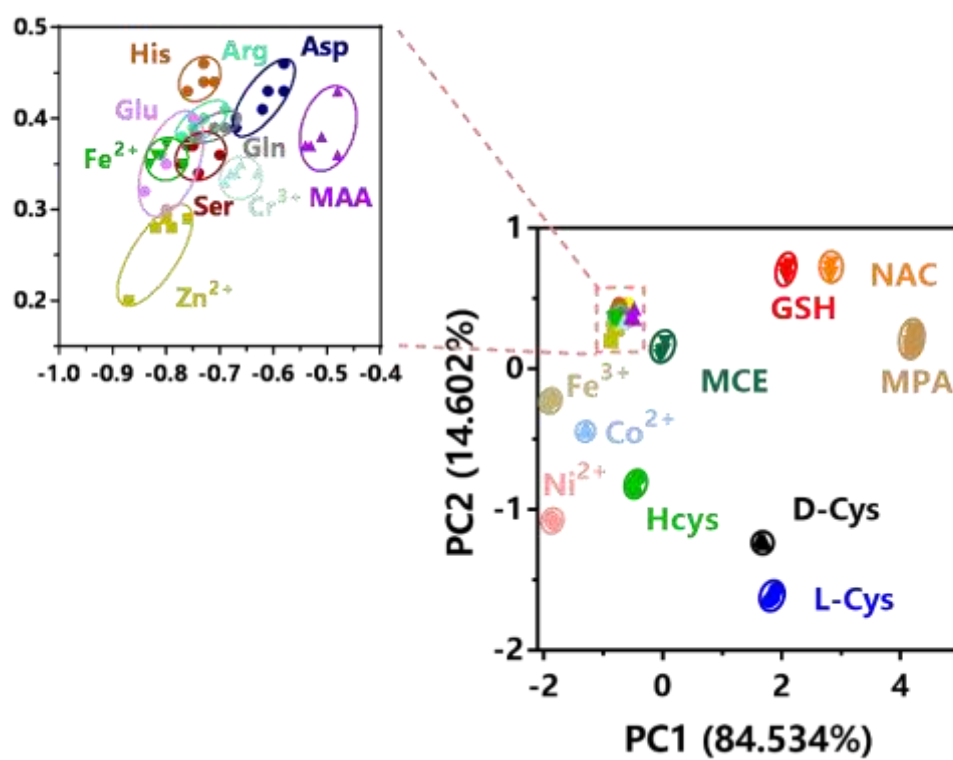
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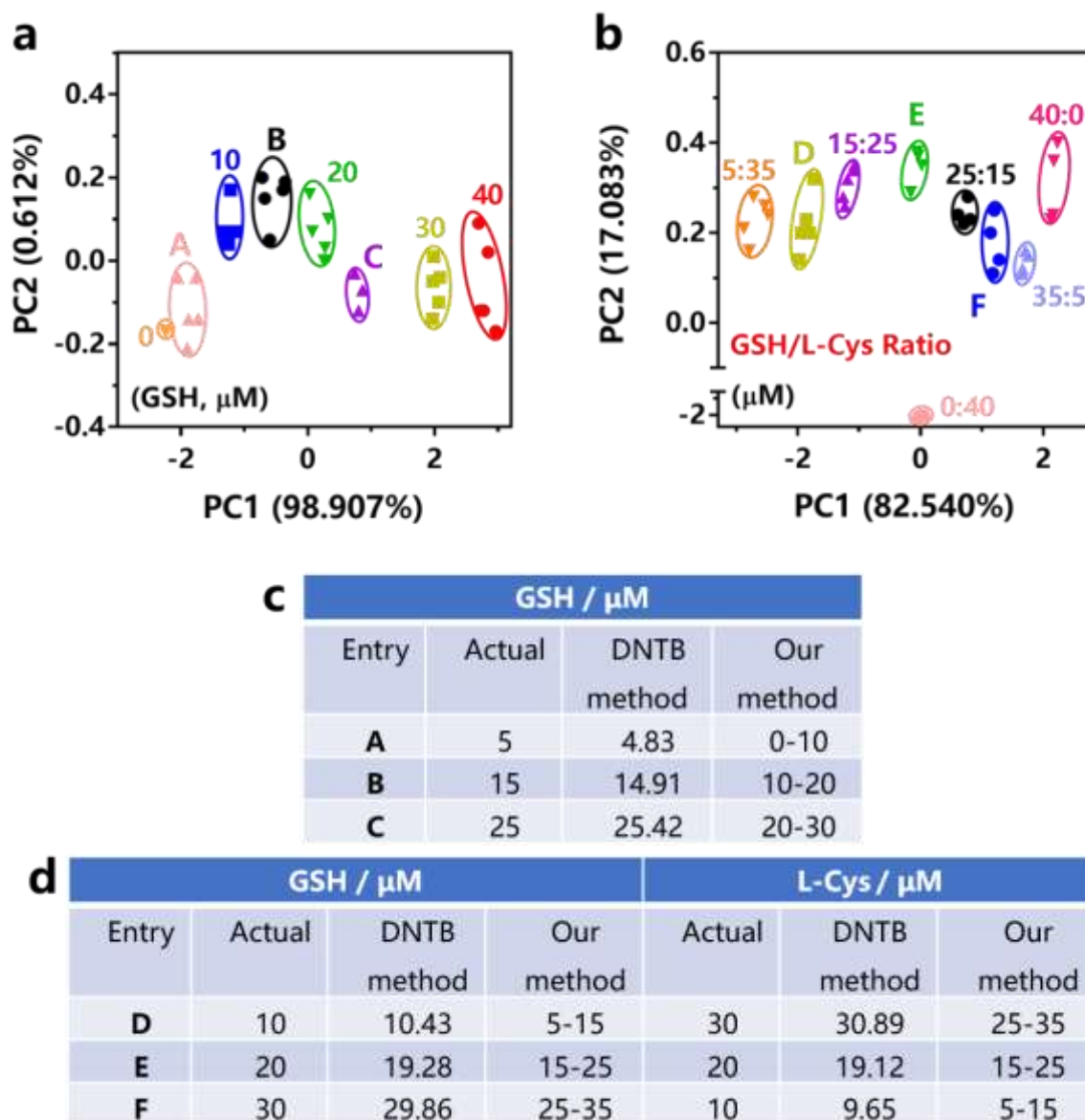
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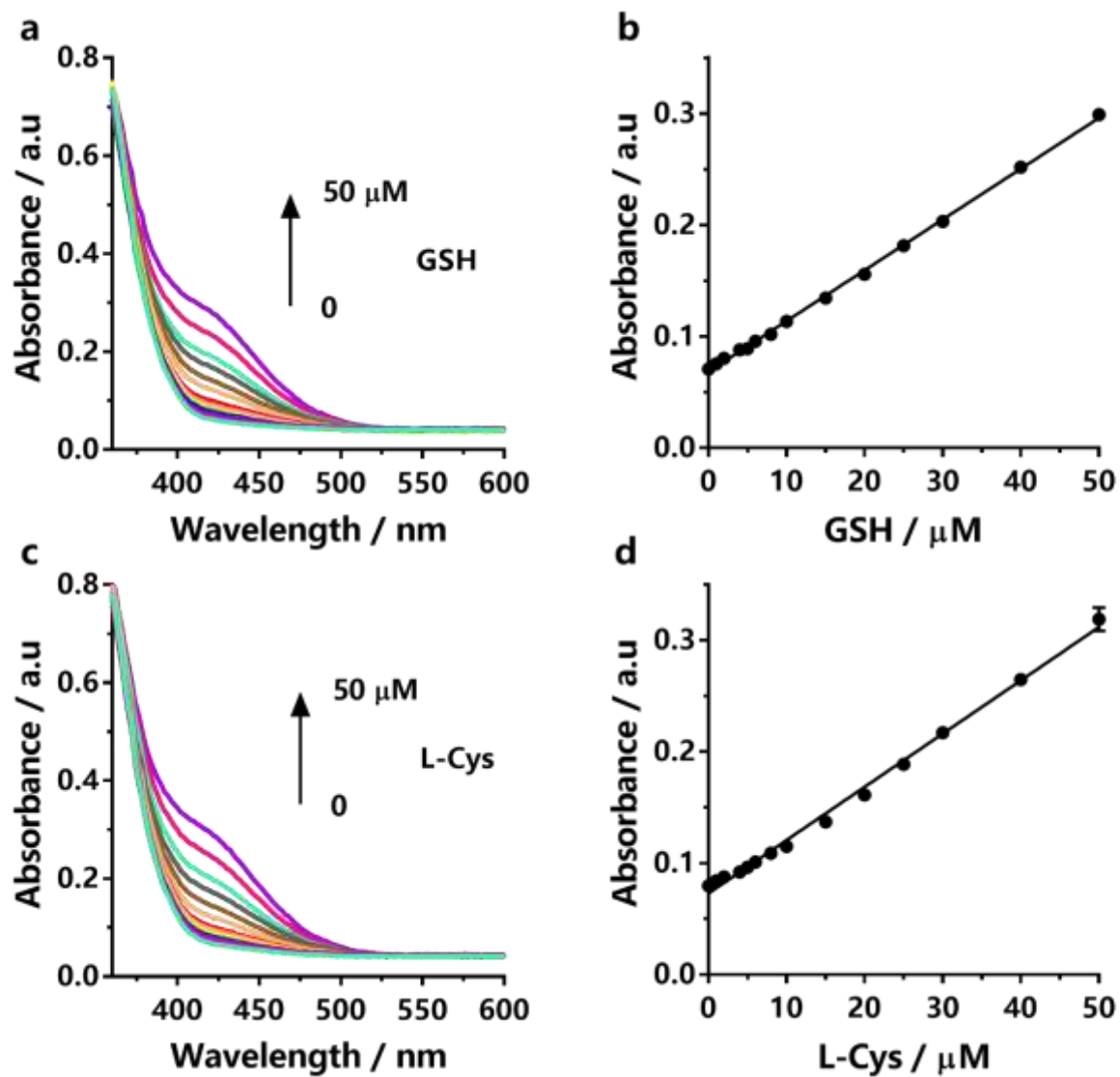
**Figure S4.** (a) Pattern responses to the mixtures comprising of GSH and L-Cys in aqueous solution. (b) Heat map derived from the fluorescence intensity of PDA/PEI<sub>48</sub>-Cu<sup>2+</sup> sensors towards different mixtures of GSH and L-Cys. (c) Canonical score plots for the fluorescence response patterns obtained with PDA/PEI<sub>48</sub>-Cu<sup>2+</sup> sensors different mixtures of GSH and L-Cys. (d) Plot of PC1 vs the mixtures of GSH and L-Cys with different molar ratios indicated.



**Figure S5.** Pattern responses of PDA/PEI<sub>48</sub>-Cu<sup>2+</sup> sensors towards amino acids and metal ions.



**Figure S6.** (a) Pattern response to the different spiked concentrations of GSH in saliva samples. (b) Pattern response to the mixtures comprising of GSH and L-Cys in saliva samples. Tables show the analytical performances of PDA/PEI<sub>48</sub>-Cu<sup>2+</sup> sensors toward (c) various concentrations of GSH and (d) mixtures of GSH and L-Cys compared with that to DTNB methods.



**Figure S7.** (a) (c) UV spectra of the DTNB method toward the detection of GSH and L-Cys; (b) (d) Plots of absorbance at 412 nm toward increasing concentration of GSH and L-Cys.