

Supporting Information

Modulating *in situ* fluorogenic reaction for the label-free ratiometric detection of biothiols

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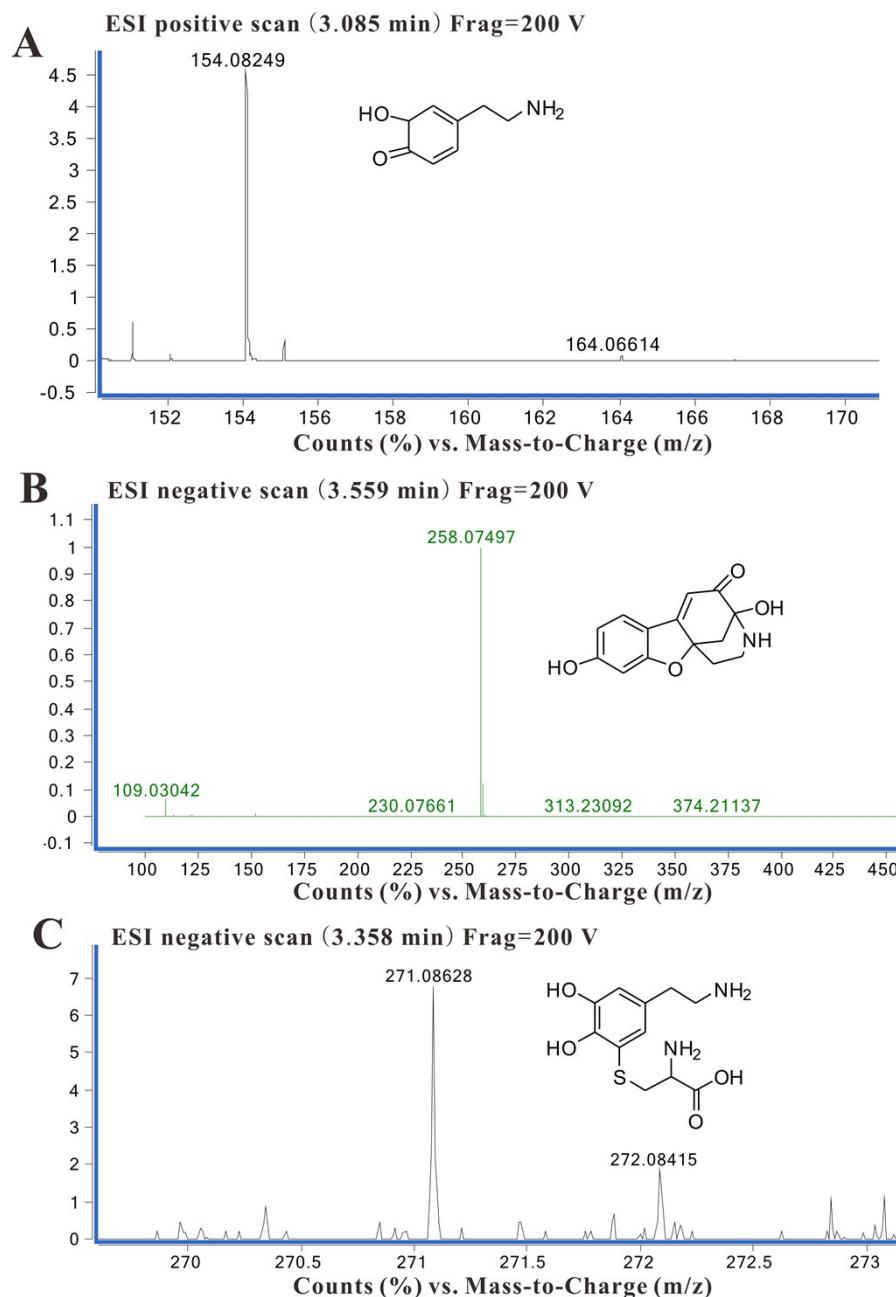


Fig. S1. ESI-Mass spectra of the resultant solution of (A) dopamine, (B) dopamine and resorcinol and (C) dopamine and Cys in alkaline PB, respectively.

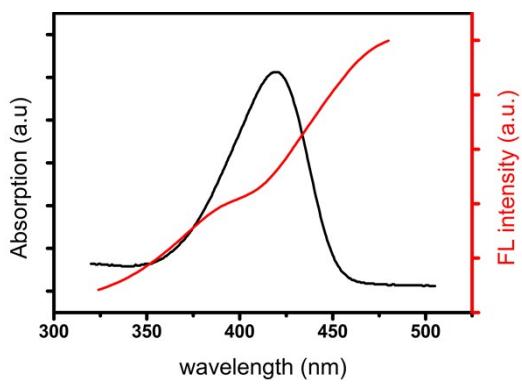


Fig. S2. UV–vis absorption spectrum (black line) of azamonardine and fluorescence excitation spectrum (red line) of MPA-CdTe QDs.

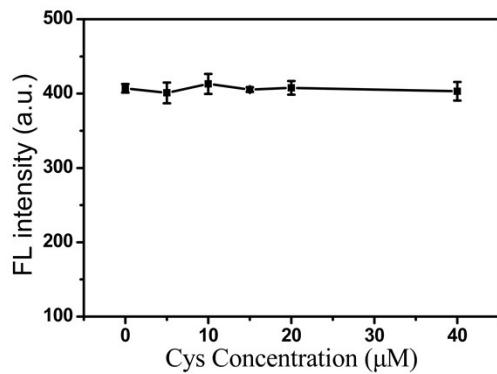


Fig. S3. The fluorescence intensity of MPA-CdTe QDs in response to different concentrations of Cys (0–40 μ M).

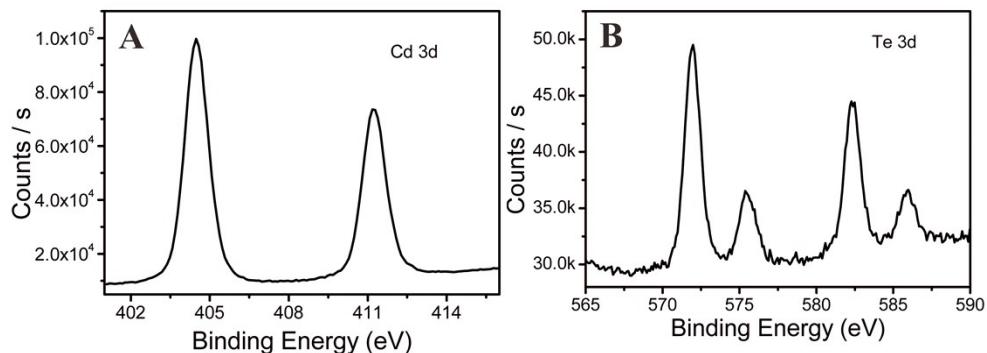


Fig. S4. XPS spectra of Cd 3d (A) and Te 3d (B) for the MPA-CdTe QDs.

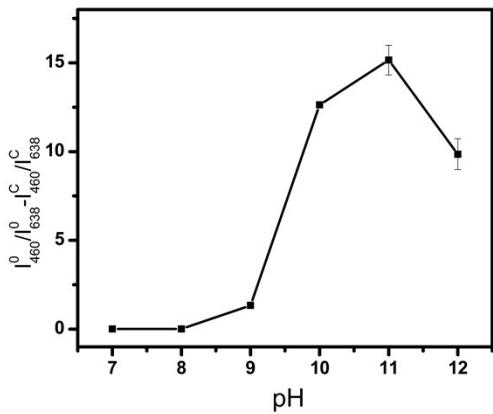


Fig. S5. Response of the proposed method in the presence of Cys (10 μM) in different pH PB solution (I_{460}^0 / I_{638}^0 was the fluorescence intensity ratio of azamonardine to MPA-CdTe QDs in the absent of Cys while I_{460}^C / I_{638}^C was the fluorescence intensity ratio of azamonardine to MPA-CdTe QDs in the present of Cys).

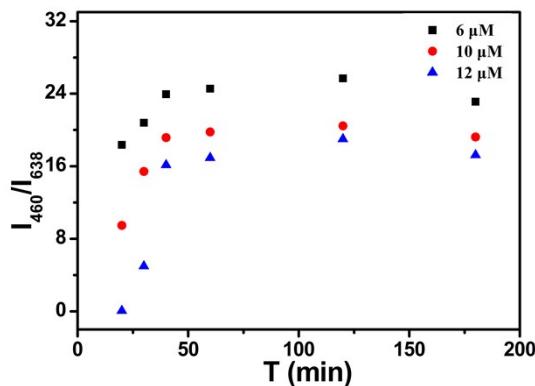


Fig. S6. The fluorescence intensity ratio (I_{460}/I_{638}) as a function of incubation time with different concentrations of Cys (6 μM , 10 μM , 12 μM) in PB solution (pH 11, 20 mM).

Table S1. Comparison of different methods for Cys determination.

Method	Linear range (μM)	Detection limit (μM)	Reference
ECL	1.3-35	0.87	1
PEC	100-800, 60-500	12.8, 12.6	2
Amperometry	1.3-720.8	0.8	3
Fluorescence	0.3-3.0	0.1	4
Fluorescence	10-100	1	5
Luminescence	0-120	1.26	6
Fluorescence	30-200	1.4	7

Fluorescence	2-12	0.6	This work
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