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## **Supporting Information**

## Colorimetric assay of Hg<sup>2+</sup> based on the inhibition of peroxidase

## mimetic activity of gold nanoclusters induced by Hg<sup>2+</sup>

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**Fig. S1** Effects of (A) pH, (B) TMB concentration, (C)  $H_2O_2$  concentration, (D) reaction time between TMB and  $H_2O_2$ , and (E) incubation time of  $Hg^{2+}$  on the peroxidase-like activity of AuNCs. Error bar represents the standard deviation (n=3). Experimental conditions: TMB concentration: 20 mM,  $H_2O_2$  concentration: 1.96 M,  $Hg^{2+}$  concentration: 1  $\mu$ M, pH=4.6.