

## Supporting Information for

### Microscale droplets covered by amphiphilic gold nanoparticles with various ligand ratios and concentrations

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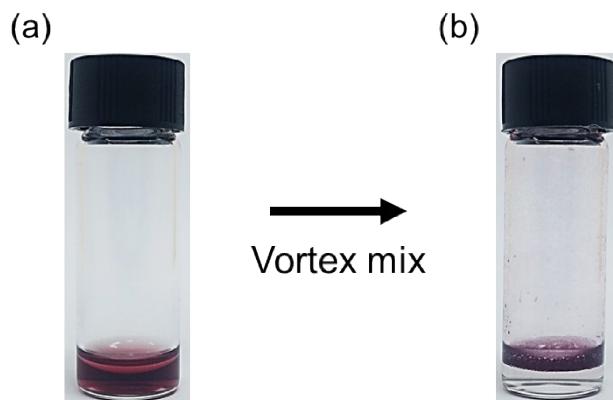


Figure S1. The hexane-water mixtures containing AuMUA/ODT NPs. (a) AuMUA/ODT NPs were initially dissolved in the water phase. (b) After gently vortex mixing for 15 min, the AuMUA/ODT NPs migrated to the hexane-water interface forming the hexane droplets covered with the AuMUA/ODT NPs.

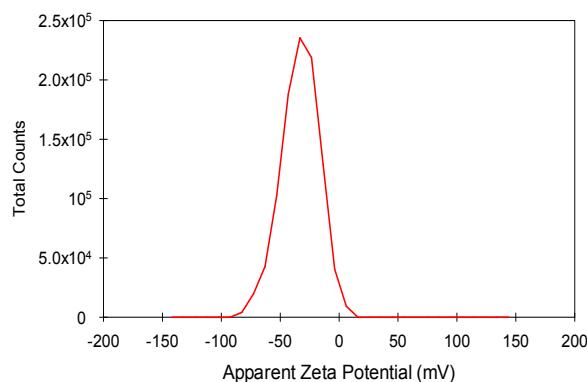


Figure S2.  $\zeta$  potential distributions for 1 mM of amphiphilic AuNPs at  $\chi^{\text{ODT/MUA}}_{\text{surface}} = 0.41$ .

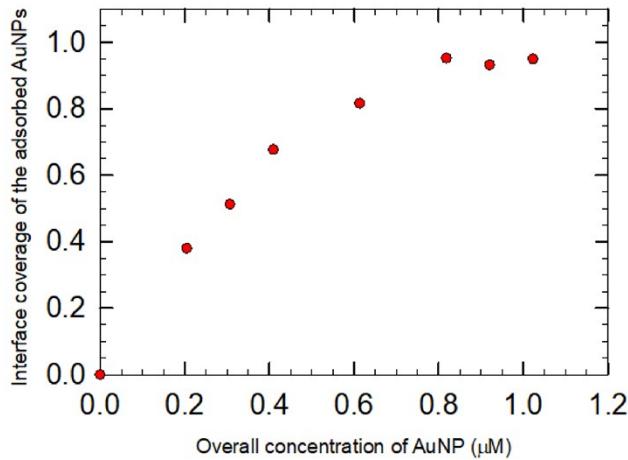


Figure S3. The estimated values of interface coverage of AuNPs as a function of overall concentration of AuNPs.

Table S1. Absorbance peaks of AuMUA/ODT NPs remaining in the water phase with varying  $\chi_{\text{ODT/MUA surface}}^{\text{ODT/MUA}}$  before and after vortex mixing. The extent of the AuNP adsorption at the hexane-water interface was calculated based on the absorbance peak.

$\chi_{\text{ODT/MUA surface}}^{\text{ODT/MUA}}$	Absorbance peak of AuMUA/ODT NPs in the water phase		The extent of the AuNP adsorption at the hexane-water interface (%)
	Before vortex mixing	After vortex mixing	
0	0.31	0.31	0
0.09	0.31	0.16	48
0.22	0.31	0.12	61
0.41	0.31	0.050	84
0.59	0.31	0.031	90

Table S2. The summary of CIELAB analysis.

Figure number	$a^*$ for droplets	$a^*$ for solvent	$\Delta a^*$
4a	$2.0 \pm 0.7$	$4.1 \pm 0.4$	-2.1
4b	$1.3 \pm 0.2$	$0.0 \pm 0.1$	1.3
4c	$3.5 \pm 0.6$	$-0.1 \pm 0.3$	3.6
4d	$6.3 \pm 0.7$	$2.3 \pm 0.4$	4.0
6a	$3.6 \pm 0.4$	$-0.1 \pm 0.5$	3.6
6b	$6.4 \pm 1.1$	$5.8 \pm 0.3$	0.6
9c	$6.4 \pm 0.7$	$2.6 \pm 0.3$	3.8

Table S3. The concentration (mM on an atom basis) of AuNPs that migrated to the hexane-water interface depending on the overall concentration (mM on an atom basis) of AuNPs.

Concentration of the overall AuNPs (mM)	Absorbance peak of AuMUA/ODT NPs in the water phase		The concentration of the migrated AuNPs to the hexane-water interface (mM on an atom basis)
	Before vortex mixing	After vortex mixing	
1	0.31	0.050	0.85
1.5	0.46	0.11	1.15
2	0.61	0.15	1.51
3	0.92	0.36	1.84
4	1.22	0.57	2.13
4.5	1.37	0.74	2.07
5	1.52	0.87	2.13