

**Figure S1**. FT-Raman spectra recorded from the drop-cast films of crystal violet (1), crystal violet bound gold (2) and silver nanoparticles on silicon substrates.

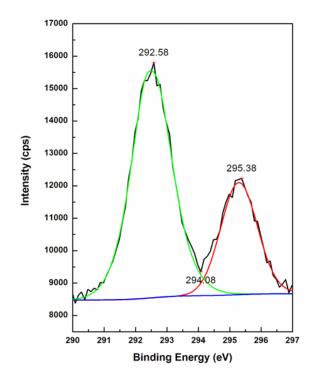
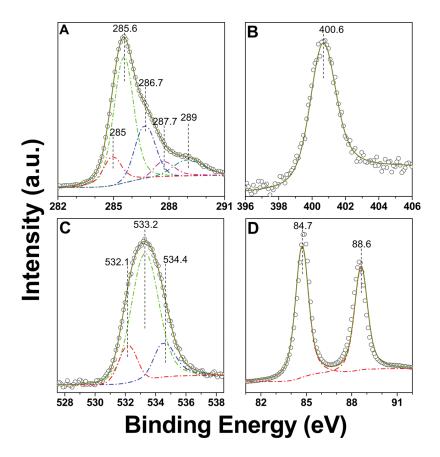


Figure S2. K2p core level spectra recorded from tyrosine reduced silver nanoparticles formation



**Figure S3**. XPS spectra core level spectra (A) C 1s, (B) N 1s, (C) O 1s and (D) Au 4f of tyrosine reduced AuNPs on gold substrate.