

## Supporting Information

### **Fenton-like reaction system with an analyte-activated catfish effect for enhanced colorimetric and photothermal dopamine bioassay**

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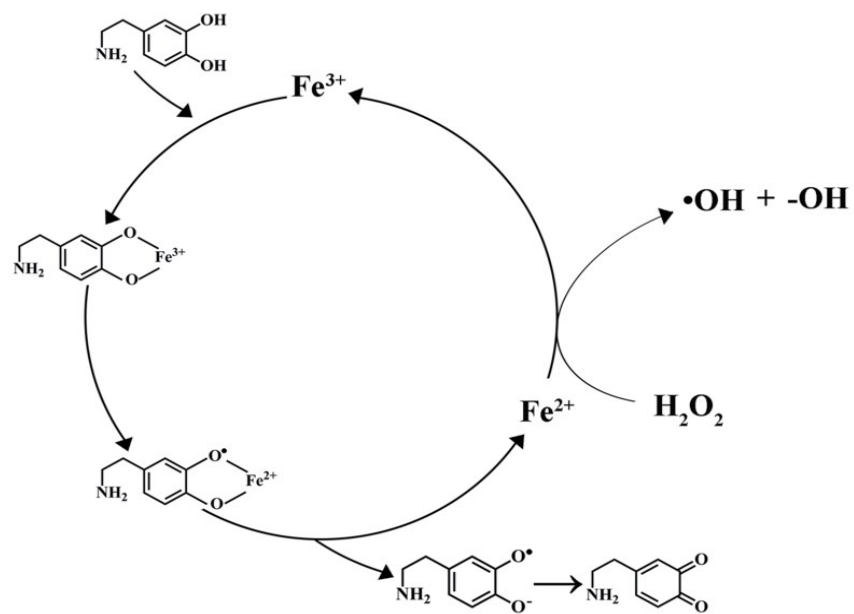
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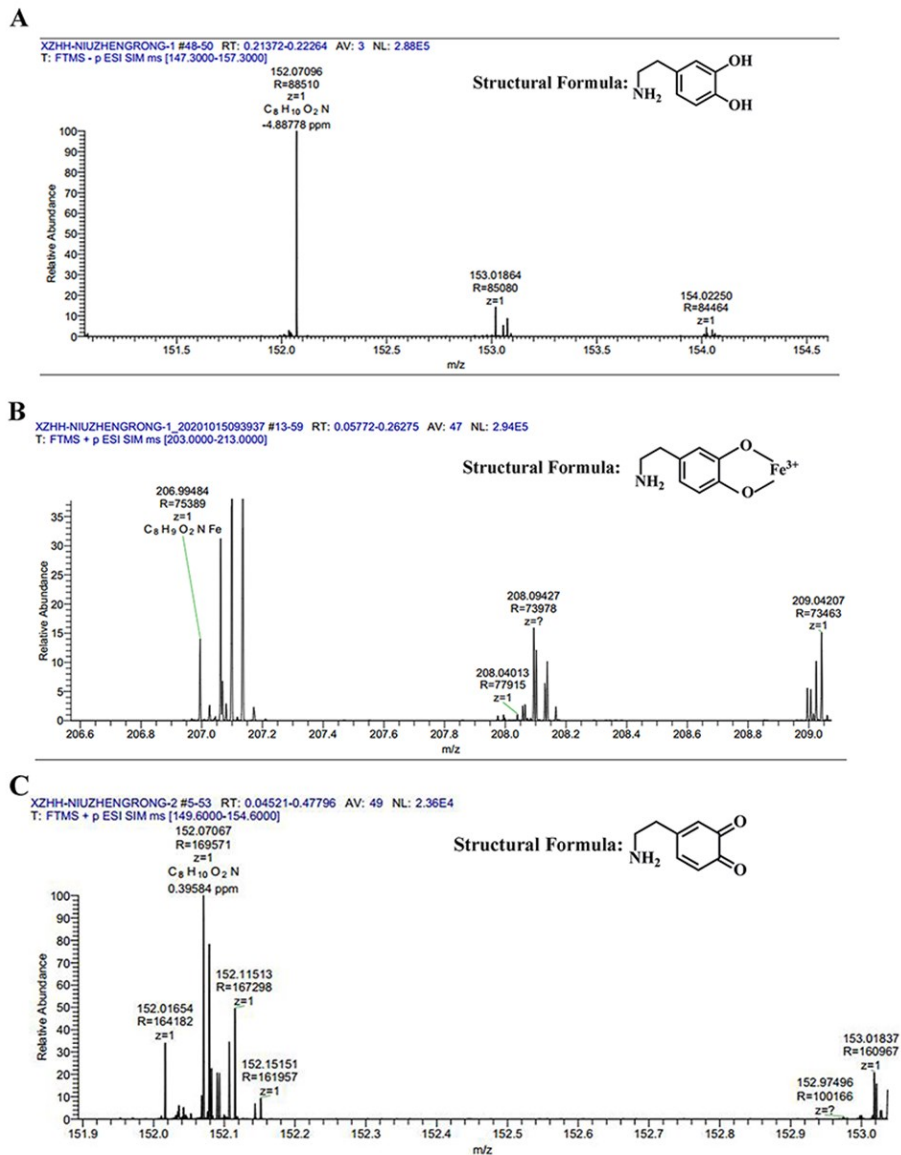
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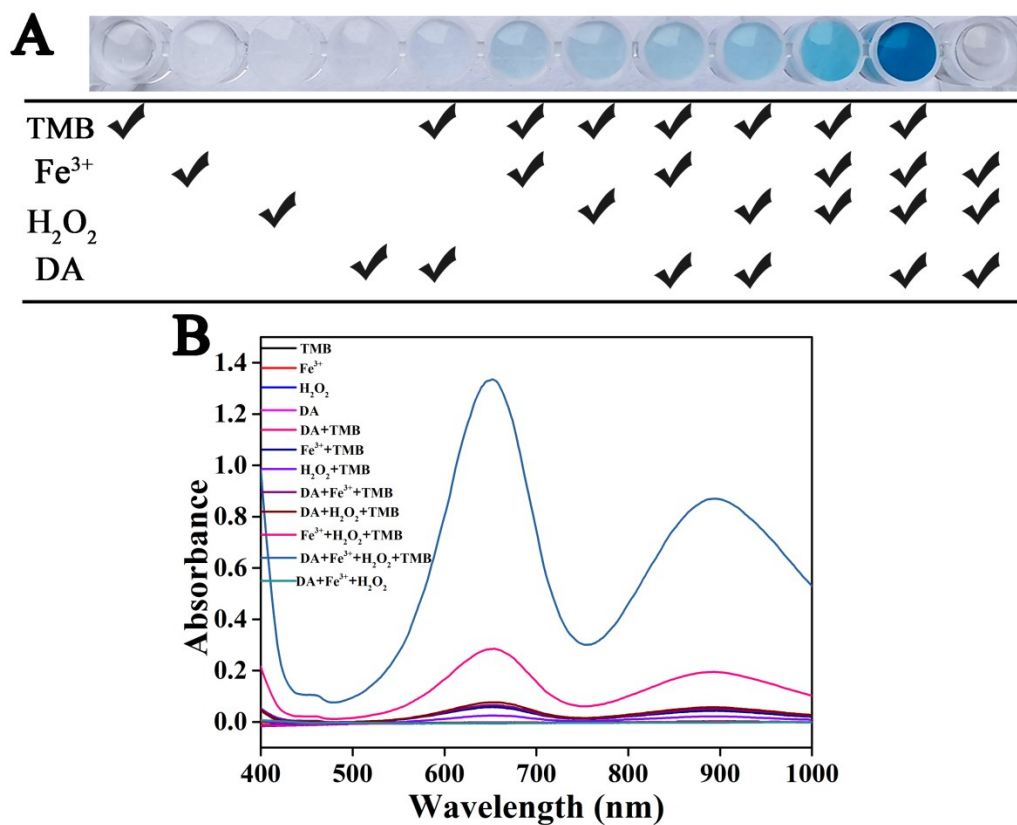
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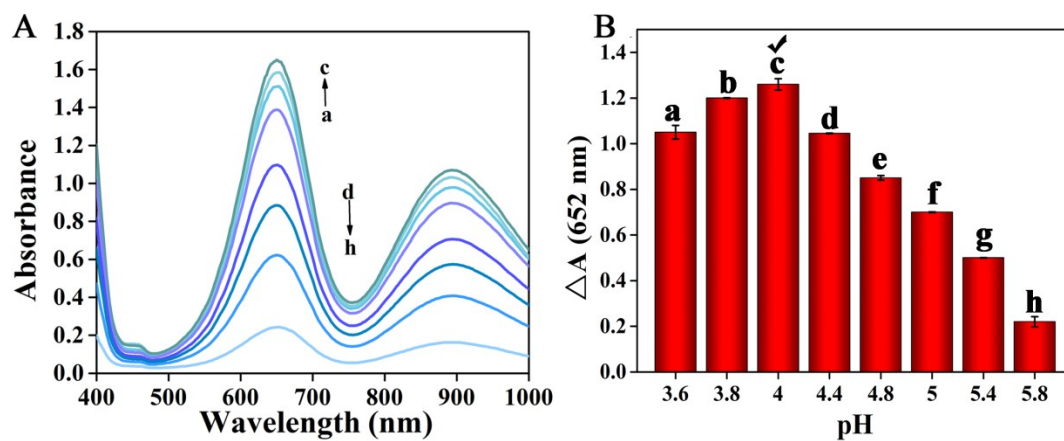
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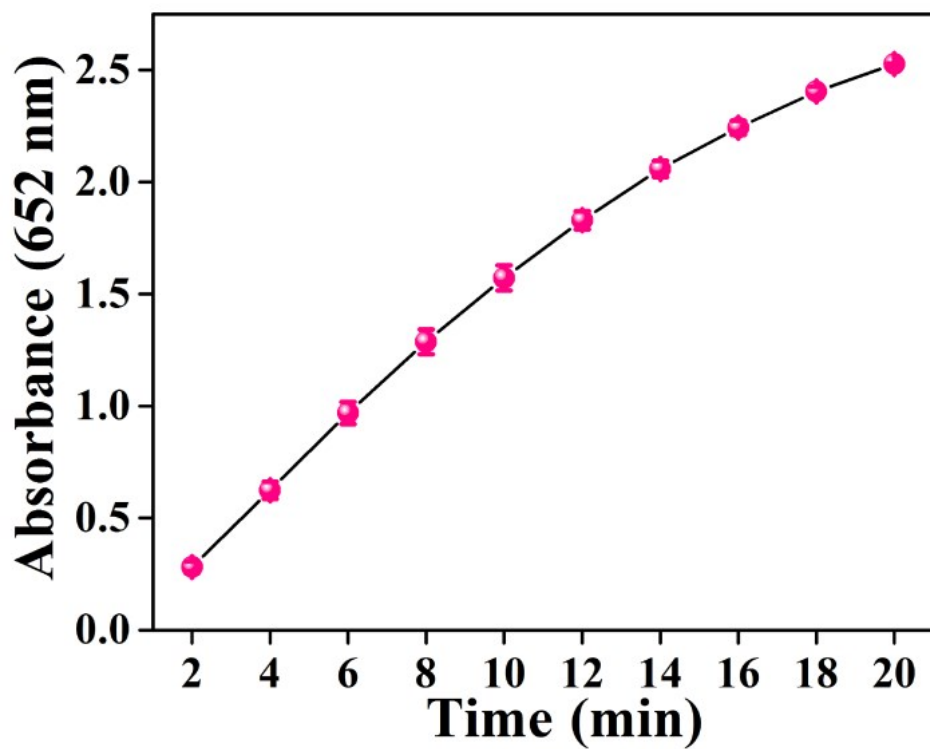
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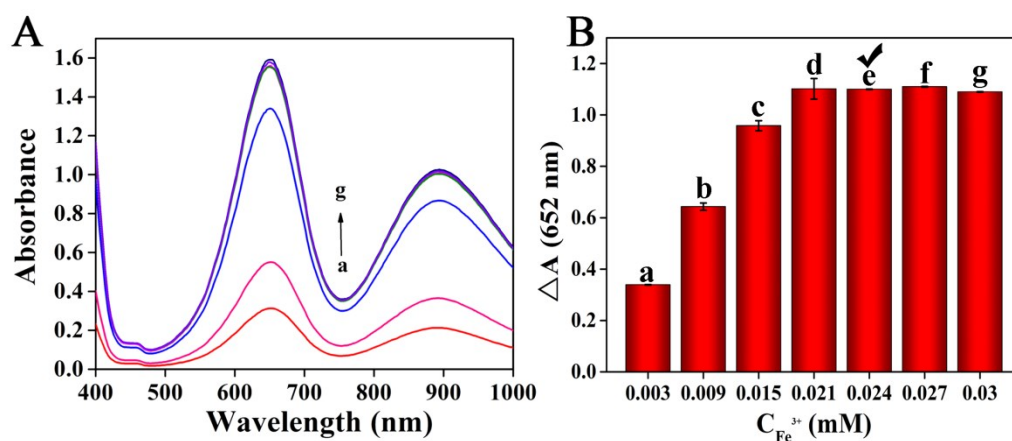
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**Fig. S4.** Effect of pH on the TMB oxidation in Fenton-like reaction system. (A) Vis-NIR absorption spectra under different pH and (B) the histogram of corresponding absorbance at 652 nm vs pH (a-h: 3.6, 3.8, 4, 4.4, 4.8, 5, 5.4 and 5.8).

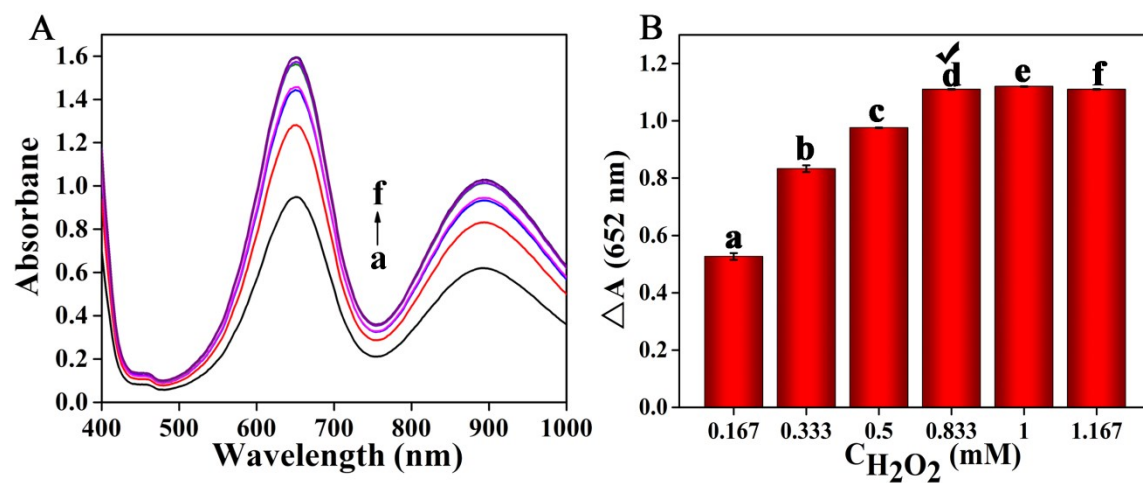


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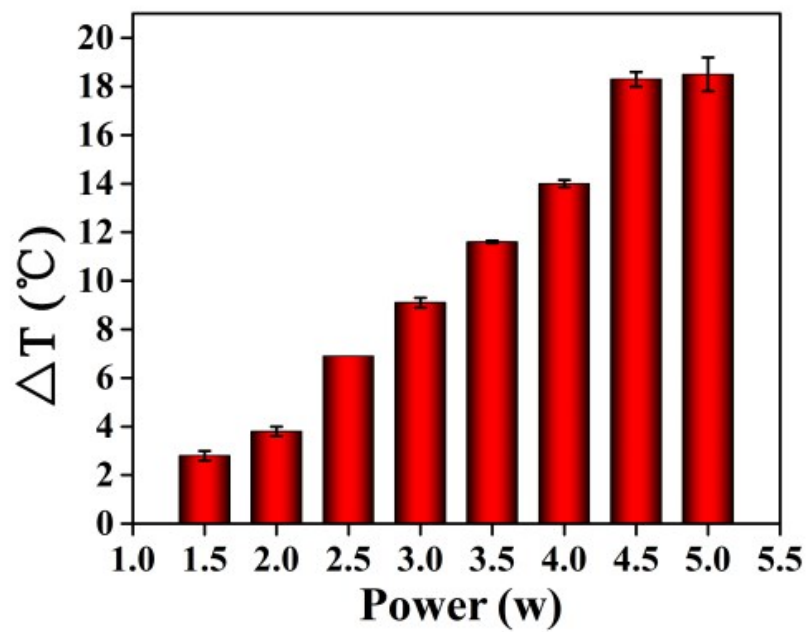


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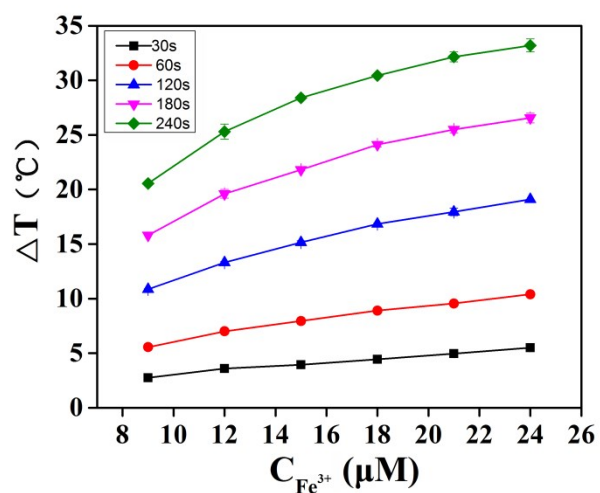




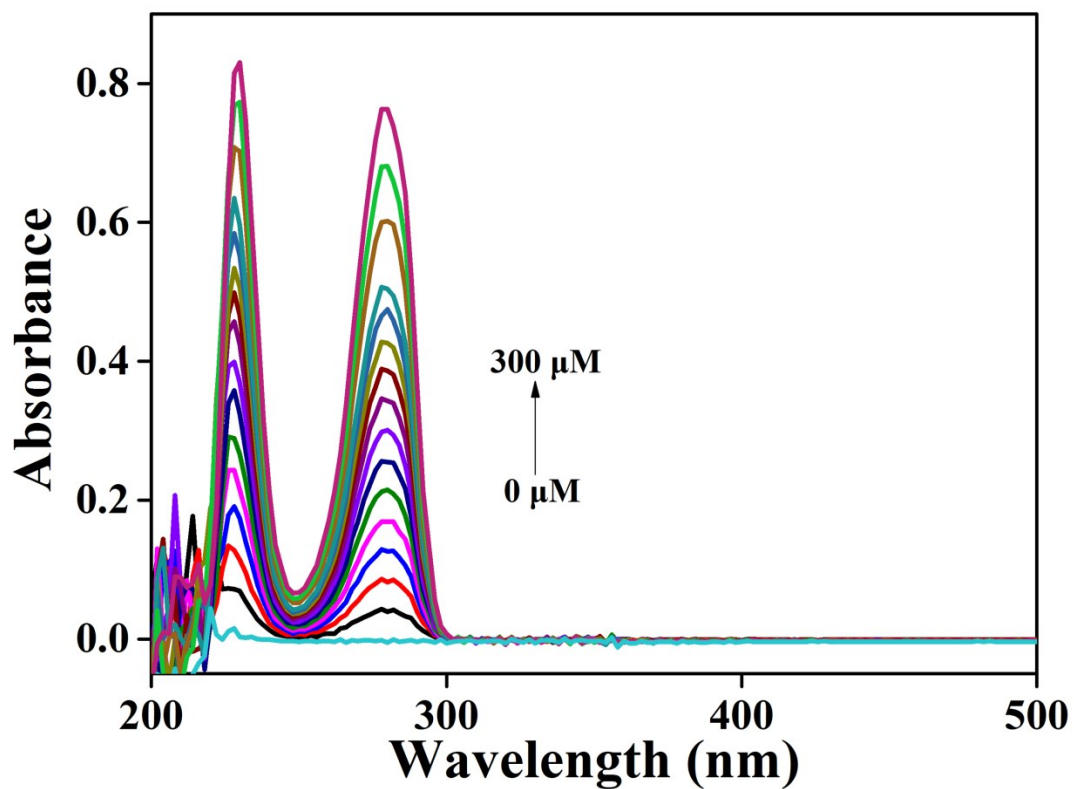
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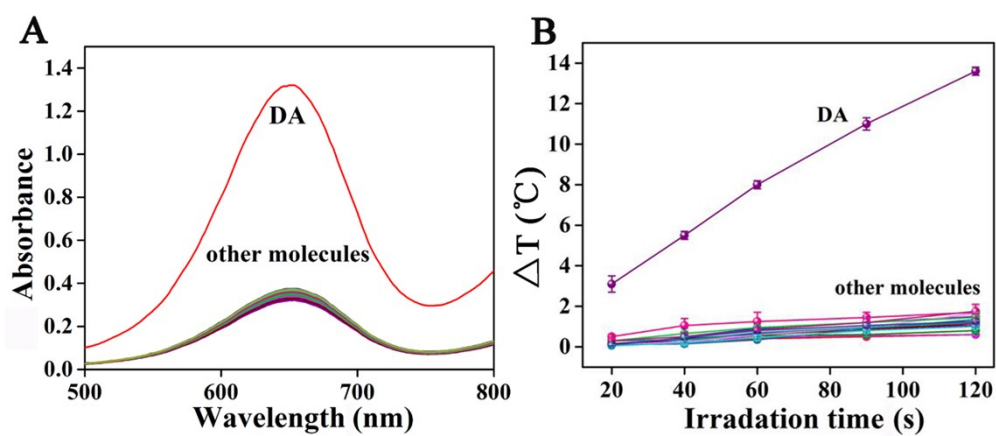
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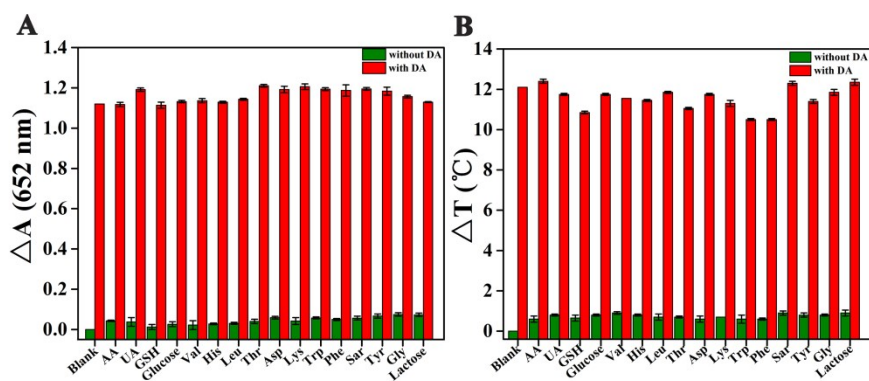
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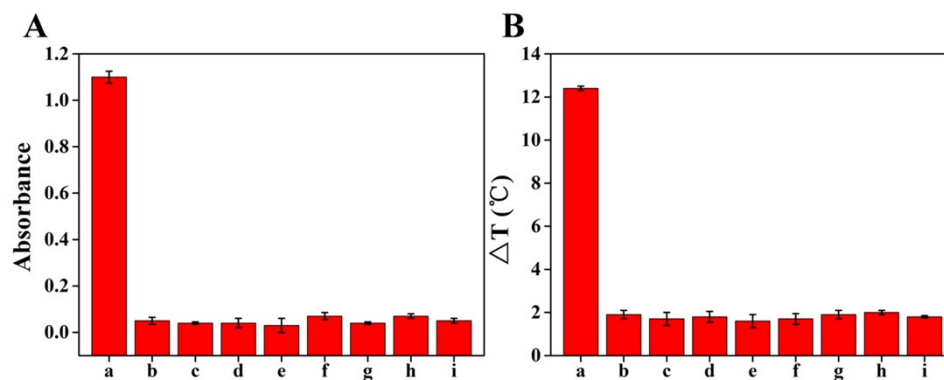
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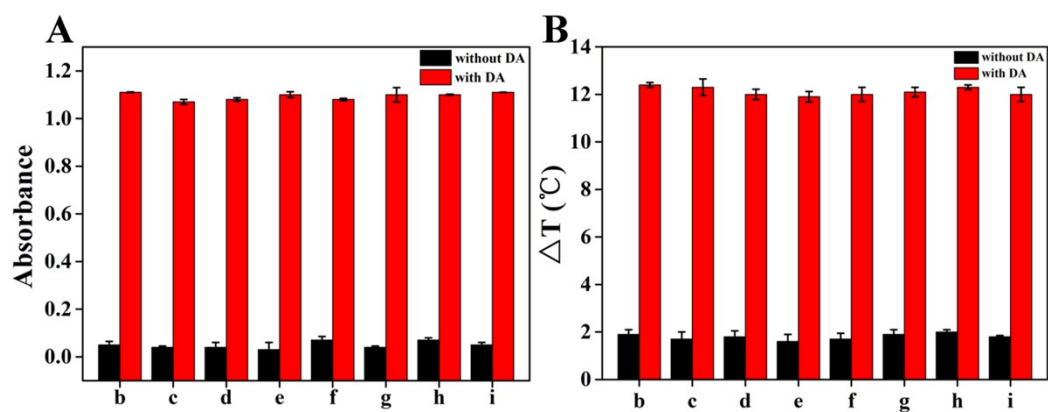
**Fig. S11** (A) Vis absorption spectrum of the proposed reaction system in the presence of DA and other common interferences and (B) the corresponding temperature changes of the proposed reaction system in the presence of DA and other common interferences within irradiation times ranging from 20 to 120 s. The final concentrations of DA, AA, UA, and GSH were 4  $\mu$ M and other interfering compounds were 40  $\mu$ M.



**Fig. S12.** The  $\Delta A$  (652 nm) and  $\Delta T$  ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) of the proposed Fenton-like reaction system in the presence of dopamine and AA, UA, GSH, Glucose, Val, His, Leu, Thr, Asp, Lys, Trp, Phe, Sar, Tyr, Gly and Lactose (4  $\mu\text{M}$  for DA, AA, UA, and GSH, 40  $\mu\text{M}$  for other interfering compounds). Green bar: TMB+interfering compounds; Red bar: TMB+interfering compounds+DA.

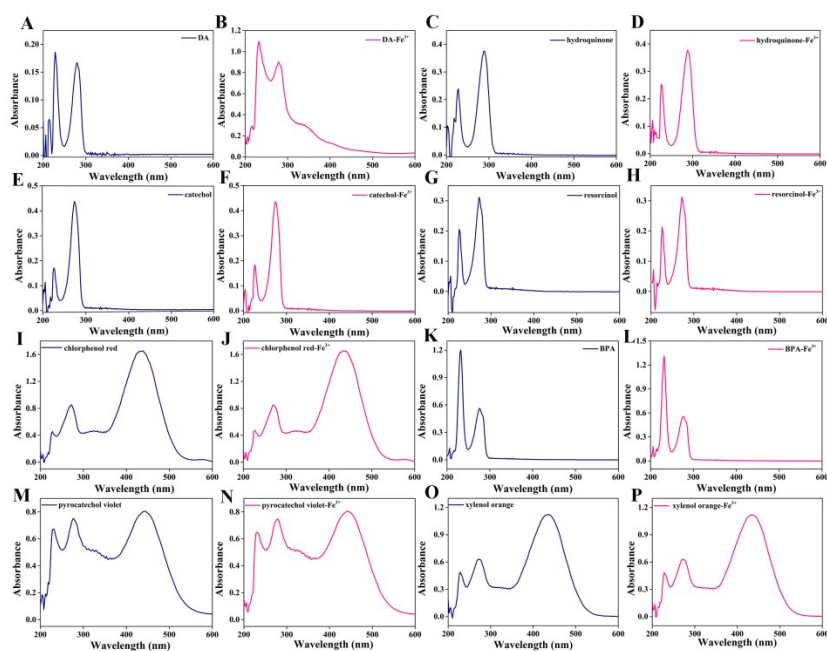


**Fig.S13** (A) Histogram of the absorbance value of the proposed reaction system in the presence of DA and other common interferences contained two phenolic hydroxyl group. (B) Histogram of the temperature change of the proposed reaction system in the presence of DA and other common interferences contained two phenolic hydroxyl group (a-i: DA, hydroquinone, catechol, resorcinol, chlorphenol red, BPA, pyrocatechol violet, xylenol orange and blank, 4  $\mu\text{M}$  for DA, 40  $\mu\text{M}$  for other interfering compounds).



**Fig.S14** The absorbance value and  $\Delta T$  ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) of the proposed Fenton-like reaction system in the presence of dopamine, hydroquinone, catechol, resorcinol, chlorphenol red, BPA, pyrocatechol violet, xylenol orange and blank, ( $4 \mu\text{M}$  for DA,  $40 \mu\text{M}$  for other interfering compounds. Blank bar: TMB+interfering compounds; Red bar: TMB+interfering compounds+DA.





**Fig. S15** The UV-Vis spectra of (A) DA; (B) DA-Fe<sup>3+</sup>; (C) hydroquinone; (D) hydroquinone-Fe<sup>3+</sup>; (E) catechol; (F) catechol-Fe<sup>3+</sup>; (G) resorcinol; (H) resorcinol-Fe<sup>3+</sup>; (I) chlorphenol red; (J) chlorphenol red-Fe<sup>3+</sup>; (k) BPA; (L) BPA-Fe<sup>3+</sup>; (M) pyrocatechol violet; (N) pyrocatechol violet-Fe<sup>3+</sup>; (O) xylenol orange; (P) xylenol orange-Fe<sup>3+</sup>.

**Table S1. Comparison of different sensors for dopamine detection**

Sensing system	Method	Reader	Detection range ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ )	Detection limit (nmol/L)	Ref.
BSA-AuNCs	Colorimetry and fluorometry, "light off"	Ultraviolet spectrophotometer Fluorospectro photometer	0.01-1	10	[1]
ZnO QDs	Fluorometry	Fluorospectro photometer	0.05-10	12	[2]
BSA-AuNCs/ $\text{Cu}^{2+}$	Fluorometry	Fluorospectro photometer	0–3.5	100	[3]
FITC/GOs	Fluorometry	Fluorospectro photometer	0.2 -2	200	[4]
AuNRs/ $\text{Ag}^+$	Colorimetry	Ultraviolet spectrophotometer	0.2–12	47	[5]
Dopamine-promoted fenton-like reaction	Colorimetry Photothermal	Ultraviolet spectrophotometer Thermometer	0.1-4 0.1-4	47 91	This work

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