

## SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION

### Limitations for colorimetric aggregation assay of metal ions and ways of their overcoming

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### Numerical simulation of the system

For numerical simulation using the COPASI software, the following parameters were used:

>Model

>Biochemical

>Compartments

>Probe

Details: Simulation Type – fixed

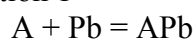
Contained Species – A, A2Pb, APb, APbA, Pb

>Species

Name	Simulation Type	Initial Concentration (mmol/ml)
A	Reactions	1e-05
APb	Reactions	0
Pb	Reactions	1e-07
A2Pb	Reactions	0
APbA	Reactions	0

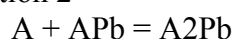
>Reactions:

>Reaction 1



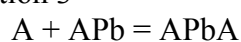
Rate Law: Mass action (reversible)

>Reaction 2



Rate Law: Mass action (reversible)

>Reaction 3



Rate Law: Mass action (reversible)

>Parameter Overview

k1(Reaction 1) ml/(mmol*s)	k2(Reaction 1) 1/s	k1(Reaction 2) ml/(mmol*s)	k2(Reaction 2) 1/s	k1(Reaction 3) ml/(mmol*s)	k2(Reaction 3) 1/s
10000	0.01	10000	0.01	10000	0.01

>Mathematical

>Differential equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d([A] \cdot V_{\text{compartment}})}{d t} &= -V_{\text{compartment}} \cdot ((10000 \cdot [A] \cdot [Pb] - 0.01 \cdot [APb])) \\ &\quad - V_{\text{compartment}} \cdot ((10000 \cdot [A] \cdot [APb] - 0.01 \cdot [A2Pb])) \\ &\quad - V_{\text{compartment}} \cdot ((10000 \cdot [A] \cdot [APb] - 0.01 \cdot [APbA])) \\ \frac{d([APb] \cdot V_{\text{compartment}})}{d t} &= +V_{\text{compartment}} \cdot ((10000 \cdot [A] \cdot [Pb] - 0.01 \cdot [APb])) \\ &\quad - V_{\text{compartment}} \cdot ((10000 \cdot [A] \cdot [APb] - 0.01 \cdot [A2Pb])) \\ &\quad - V_{\text{compartment}} \cdot ((10000 \cdot [A] \cdot [APb] - 0.01 \cdot [APbA])) \\ \frac{d([Pb] \cdot V_{\text{compartment}})}{d t} &= -V_{\text{compartment}} \cdot ((10000 \cdot [A] \cdot [Pb] - 0.01 \cdot [APb])) \\ \frac{d([A2Pb] \cdot V_{\text{compartment}})}{d t} &= +V_{\text{compartment}} \cdot ((10000 \cdot [A] \cdot [APb] - 0.01 \cdot [A2Pb])) \\ \frac{d([APbA] \cdot V_{\text{compartment}})}{d t} &= +V_{\text{compartment}} \cdot ((10000 \cdot [A] \cdot [APb] - 0.01 \cdot [APbA])) \end{aligned}$$

>Tasks

>Time course

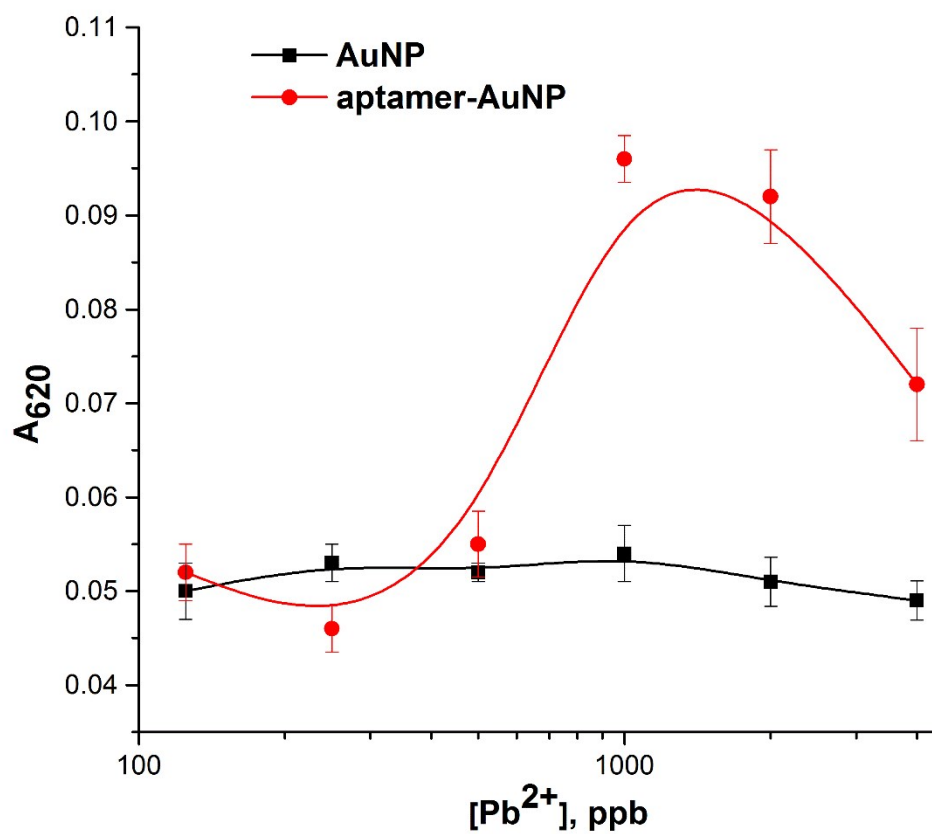
Duration (s) – 300, Interval size (s) – 3, Intervals – 100

>Parameter scan

Object – [Pb]<sub>0</sub>

Intervals – 100, min – 1e-07, max – 4e-05

Task – Time course



**Fig. S1.** Optical density versus  $Pb^{2+}$  ion concentration ( $n=3$ ). Red curve corresponds to the gold nanoparticles conjugated with aptamer, black curve (below) corresponds to native citrate-capped gold nanoparticles