## **Supporting Information**

## Colorimetric assay based on arginine-functionalized gold

## nanoparticles for detection of dibutyl phthalate in Baijiu samples

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**Fig. S1** Absorbance ratio of different AuNPs to ARG ratio (A) different reaction time (B) in the presence of 1.0 mg • L<sup>-1</sup> DBP(n=3).



**Fig. S2** TEM images of (a) AuNPs, (b) ARG-AuNPs and (c) the aggregation of ARG-AuNPs induced by DBP.



Fig. S3 Zeta potential value of the ARG-AuNPs (red bar) and ARG-AuNPs in the presence of 1.0 mg  $\cdot$  L<sup>-1</sup> DBP (blue bar)(n=3).



Fig. S4 size distribution graph of ARG-AuNPs (red line) and ARG-AuNPs in the presence of  $1.0 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  DBP (blue line).



**Fig. S5.** (A) Effect of NaCl concentrations on the absorption ratio  $(A_{690}/A_{530})$  of ARG-AuNPs in the absence (black line), presence (red line) of 1.0 mg • L<sup>-1</sup> DBP and different value of absorbance ratio between the two cases (blue line),(n=3) (B) The influence of temperature on ARG-AuNPs and(n=3) (C) Effect of incubation time in the presence of 1.0 mg • L<sup>-1</sup> DBP,(n=3) (D) Dependence of the pH on the absorption ratio  $(A_{690}/A_{530})$  of ARG-AuNPs in the absence (red bar), presence (blue bar) of 1.0 mg • L<sup>-1</sup> DBP and different value of absorbance ratio between the two cases (blue line), (n=3).



**Fig.S6** Schematic diagram of the hydrogen bond interaction between the functionalized molecule arginine on the surface of AuNPs and DBP.