

**Supporting Information**

**Enhanced enantioseparation of drugs by capillary electrochromatography with L-cysteine functionalized gold nanoparticles based stationary phase**

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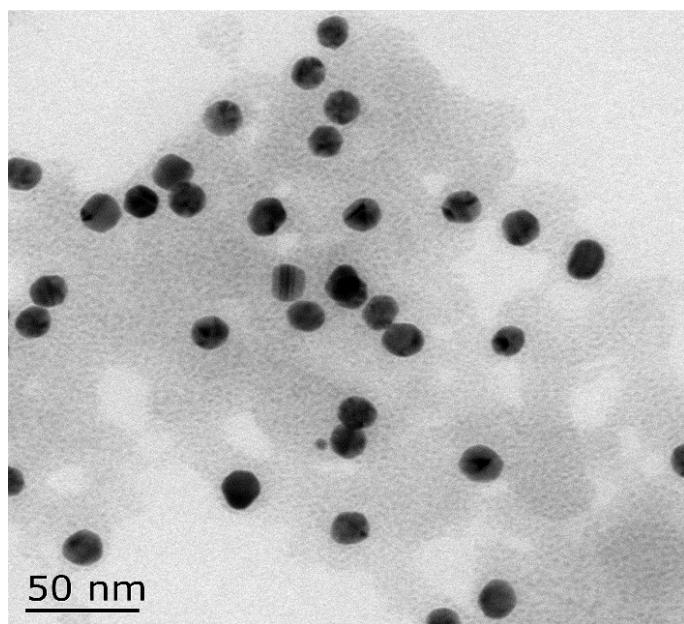


Figure S1 Transmission electron microscopy images of GNPs.

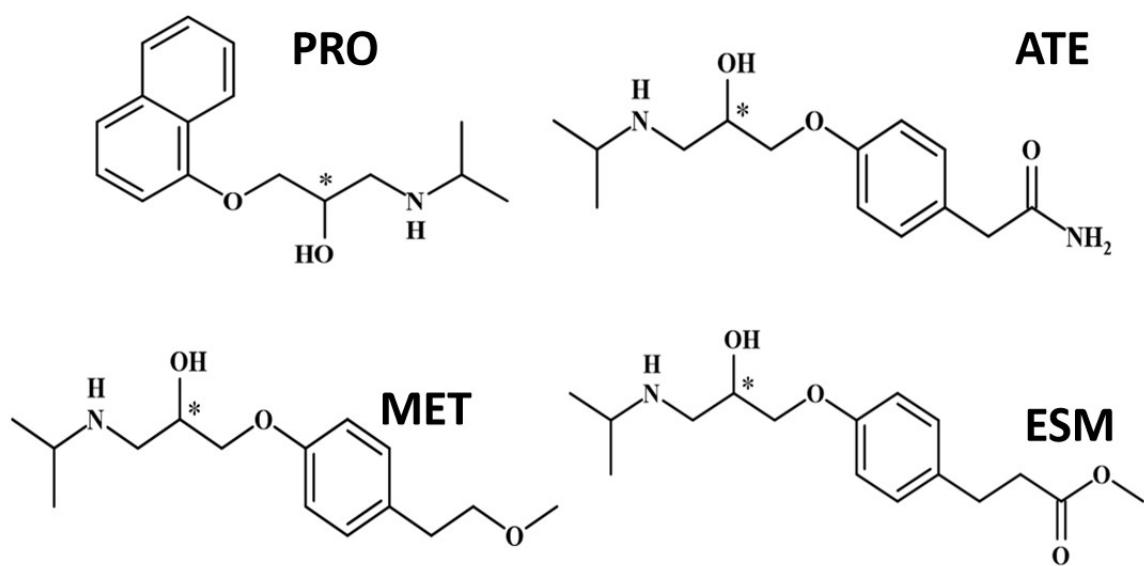


Figure S2 Structures of four analytes

Table S1 Element analyses of bare capillary and L-Cys-GNP-GMA@capillary column by EDS.

| element       | Bare capillary |       |       |    |   | L-Cys-GNP-GMA@capillary |       |       |       |      |   |
|---------------|----------------|-------|-------|----|---|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|---|
|               | column         |       |       |    |   | column                  |       |       |       |      |   |
|               | C              | Si    | O     | Au | S |                         | C     | Si    | O     | Au   | S |
| Atom(%)       | 9.45           | 39.9  | 50.65 | 0  | 0 | 53.09                   | 14.93 | 19.49 | 10.78 | 1.71 |   |
| Element(wt.%) | 5.55           | 54.83 | 39.62 | 0  | 0 | 17.18                   | 11.30 | 8.40  | 61.52 | 1.61 |   |

Table S2 Chiral separation of tested drugs in different columns.

| Drugs | Bare capillary column                   |            | L-Cys-GNP-APTES@capillary column        |            | L-Cys-GNP-GMA@capillary column          |            |
|-------|---|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
|       | t <sub>1</sub> /t <sub>2</sub><br>(min) | Rs/α       | t <sub>1</sub> /t <sub>2</sub><br>(min) | Rs/α       | t <sub>1</sub> /t <sub>2</sub><br>(min) | Rs/α       |
| PRO   | 16.420/16.744                           | 1.27/1.020 | 31.404/32.603                           | 2.49/1.038 | 22.504/24.088                           | 2.91/1.070 |
| ATE   | 16.874/17.168                           | 1.31/1.017 | 33.243/34.537                           | 2.21/1.039 | 22.133/23.707                           | 3.19/1.071 |
| MET   | 16.371/16.672                           | 1.42/1.018 | 31.913/33.141                           | 2.49/1.038 | 21.645/23.162                           | 3.16/1.070 |
| ESM   | 16.599/16.866                           | 1.27/1.016 | 32.214/33.468                           | 2.24/1.039 | 22.580/24.074                           | 2.93/1.066 |

Conditions : fused-silica capillary, L-Cys-GNP-APTES@capillary, L-Cys-GNP-GMA@capillary, 50 cm (41.5 cm effective length) ×75μm id; BGE, 40 mM borax buffer (40% methanol, v/v) containing 120 mM LA; pH 3.0 ; capillary temperature, 20 °C; applied voltage, 16 kV.

Table S3 Effect of buffer pH on enantiomeric separation

| Drugs | Buffer pH                                |                |  |                |  |                |  |                |  |                |
|-------|--|----------------|--|----------------|--|----------------|--|----------------|--|----------------|
|       | 6.5                                      |                | 7.0                                      |                | 7.5                                      |                | 8.0                                      |                | 8.5                                      |                |
|       | t <sub>1</sub> / t <sub>2</sub><br>(min) | Rs/α           |
| PRO   | 22.404/<br>23.173                        | 0.71/<br>1.034 | 21.971/<br>23.044                        | 1.97/<br>1.049 | 22.504/<br>24.088                        | 2.91/<br>1.070 | 22.817/<br>24.348                        | 2.81/<br>1.067 | 23.161/<br>24.752                        | 2.63/<br>1.069 |
|       |  |                |  |                |  |                |  |                |  |                |
| ATE   | 22.214/<br>22.687                        | 1.08/<br>1.021 | 22.318/<br>23.187                        | 2.07/<br>1.043 | 22.133/<br>23.707                        | 3.19/<br>1.071 | 22.103/<br>23.753                        | 2.85/<br>1.075 | 23.453/<br>24.932                        | 2.77/<br>1.063 |
|       |  |                |  |                |  |                |  |                |  |                |
| MET   | 21.509/<br>22.007                        | 1.16/<br>1.023 | 21.782/<br>22.738                        | 2.06/<br>1.044 | 21.645/<br>23.162                        | 3.16/<br>1.070 | 21.232/<br>22.955                        | 2.81/<br>1.081 | 22.326/<br>23.767                        | 2.61/<br>1.065 |
|       |  |                |  |                |  |                |  |                |  |                |
| ESM   | 22.645/<br>23.061                        | 0.98/<br>1.019 | 22.721/<br>23.602                        | 1.94/<br>1.041 | 22.580/<br>24.074                        | 2.93/<br>1.066 | 22.407/<br>23.920                        | 2.75/<br>1.068 | 23.324/<br>25.432                        | 2.63/<br>1.090 |
|       |  |                |  |                |  |                |  |                |  |                |

**Conditions:** applied voltage, 16 kV; BGE, 40 mM borax buffer (40% methanol, v/v) containing 120 mM LA; buffer pH, 6.5-8.5; other conditions as in Table S2.

Table S4 Effect of lactobionic acid concentration on enantiomeric separation

| Drugs | LA concentration(mM) |          |      |          |      |          |      |          |      |          |
|-------|----------------------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|
|       | 75                   |          | 90   |          | 105  |          | 120  |          | 135  |          |
|       | Rs                   | $\alpha$ | Rs   | $\alpha$ | Rs   | $\alpha$ | Rs   | $\alpha$ | Rs   | $\alpha$ |
| PRO   | 1.64                 | 1.034    | 2.20 | 1.056    | 2.64 | 1.066    | 2.91 | 1.070    | 2.75 | 1.068    |
| ATE   | 1.58                 | 1.032    | 2.47 | 1.053    | 2.79 | 1.068    | 3.15 | 1.071    | 2.84 | 1.070    |
| MET   | 1.53                 | 1.034    | 2.36 | 1.055    | 2.51 | 1.065    | 3.16 | 1.070    | 2.80 | 1.067    |
| ESM   | 1.28                 | 1.030    | 2.11 | 1.055    | 2.34 | 1.067    | 2.93 | 1.066    | 2.73 | 1.064    |

**Conditions:** applied voltage, 16 kV; BGE, 40 mM borax buffer (40% methanol, v/v) containing 75-135 mM LA; buffer pH, 7.5; other conditions as in Table S2.

Table S5 reproducibility data for L-Cys-GNP-APTES@capillary and L-Cys-GNP-GMA@capillary

|                           | L-Cys-GNP-APTES@capillary (RSD/ %) |                |                | L-Cys-GNP-GMA@capillary (RSD/ %) |                |                |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                           | Rs                                 | t <sub>1</sub> | t <sub>2</sub> | Rs                               | t <sub>1</sub> | t <sub>2</sub> |
| Intraday (n=6)            | 3.2                                | 3.5            | 3.5            | 3.0                              | 3.5            | 3.8            |
| Interday (n=9)            | 4.4                                | 3.3            | 3.1            | 3.9                              | 3.6            | 3.2            |
| Column-to-column<br>(n=9) | 4.2                                | 4.0            | 3.8            | 4.5                              | 4.7            | 4.1            |
| Interbatch (n=9)          | 4.9                                | 5.2            | 5.1            | 4.3                              | 5.0            | 4.9            |

Conditions : L-Cys-GNP-APTES@capillary, L-Cys-GNP-GMA@capillary, 50 cm (41.5 cm effective length)

×75µm id; BGE, 40 mM borax buffer (40% methanol, v/v) containing 120 mM LA; pH 3.0 ; capillary temperature,

20 °C; applied voltage, 16 kV.