

## Supporting Information for

### Place & Play SERS: sample collection and preparation-free surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy

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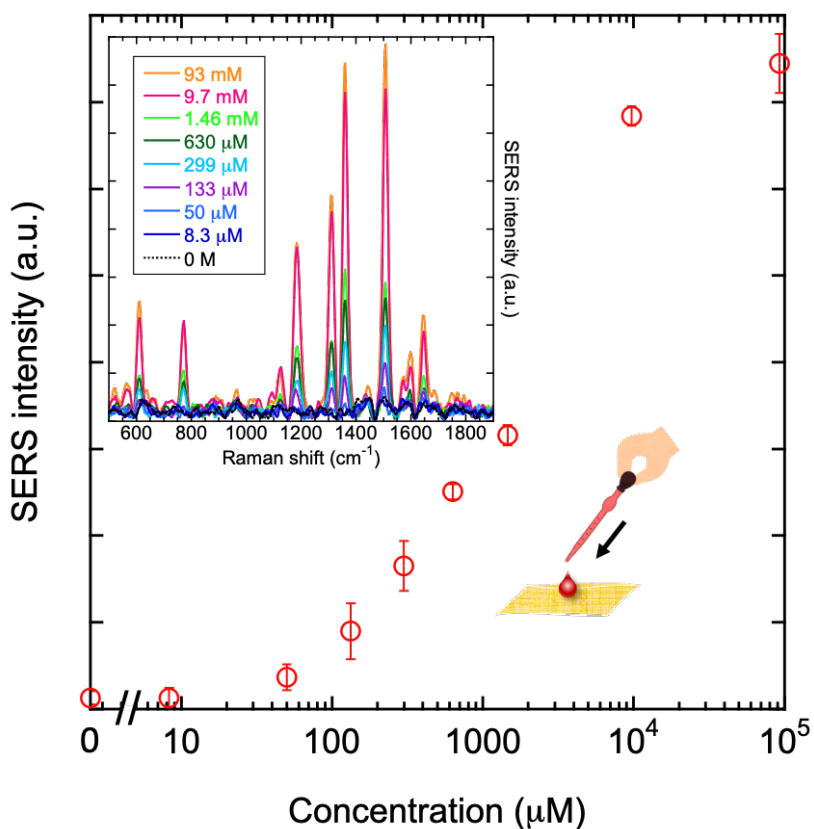
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**Fig. S1** SERS peak intensity of an R6G solution at  $1360\text{ cm}^{-1}$  on the top surface of the gold/PVA nanomesh substrate, with a thickness value of  $10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , at various concentrations, obtained with the wearable Raman spectrometer (WSERS-785, BaySpec). Error bars indicate the standard deviations of repeated measurements ( $n = 3$ ). The inset presents the SERS spectra of an R6G solution at various concentrations on the top surface of the gold/PVA nanomesh substrate, obtained with the wearable Raman spectrometer. The analyte was optically interrogated from the top surface at an excitation power of  $8\text{ mW}$  at  $785\text{ nm}$  for an exposure time of  $5\text{ s}$ . The limit of detection ( $100\text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ) was found to be comparable to that on a conventional SERS substrate obtained with the same wearable Raman spectrometer.