## **Supplementary information**

## Highly Sensitive and Selective SERS Substrates with 3D Hot Spot Buildings for Rapid Mercury Ions Detection

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## **Supplementary Figures:**



**Fig. S1** The extinction spectra of Au NPs solution with different sizes (16 nm; 45 nm; 55 nm and 80 nm), the resonance spectrum peak gradually redshifts as nanoparticle size increases, which agrees with the Mie theory.



**Fig. S2** The morphologies of 3D hot spot buildings in the capillaries; (A) 16 nm Au NPs, (B) 45 nm Au NPs, (C) 55 nm Au NPs and (D) 80 nm Au NPs.



**Fig. S3** (A) the SERS spectra of CV obtained from 20 sites on capillaries (B) RSD values for the peak intensity of CV at 1173cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1617 cm<sup>-1</sup> on capillaries.



**Fig. S4** The Raman spectra changes of 4-Mpy molecule before and after capturing  $Hg^{2+}$ , the peak at 1092 cm<sup>-1</sup> should be assigned to pyridine breathing vibration of 4-Mpy, which would be affected significantly by 4-Mpy adsorption configuration.



Fig. S5 Normalization rate of  $Hg^{2+}$  adsorption reaching saturation state.