## **Supplementary Information**

## Comprehensive Studies to Improve Ultrasensitive Detection of HIV p24 Antigen.

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**Figure S1.** Relative fluorescence of different sized particles at the same weight concentration (50/.1 ug/mL) of different particle sizes. The y-axis, %RFU, is the percent relative fluorescence intensity of the sample as a function of an internal control.



Figure S2. Excitation and Emission of RITC (top), Excitation and Emission of FITC (bottom)



Figure S3. Photostability of FITC-SiO<sub>2</sub>-OH and RITC-SiO<sub>2</sub>-OH stored at 4 <sup>o</sup>C.



**Figure S4.** Functional stability of FITC (top) over three weeks, and functional stability of RITC (bottom) for 3 weeks.



Figure S5. Confocal microscopy images of the FITC-SiO2-PEG5k-TZ/TCO nanoparticle layers