

Supplementary Information

Facile synthesis of $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ with enhanced peroxidase-like activity for colorimetric detection of glutathione and L-cysteine

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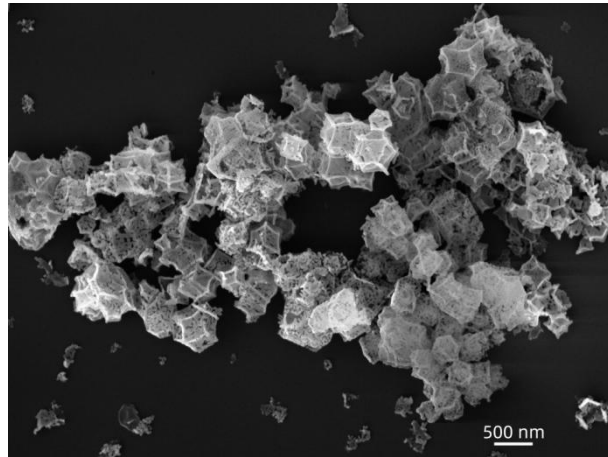


Fig.S1 The FESEM image of Co_3O_4 .

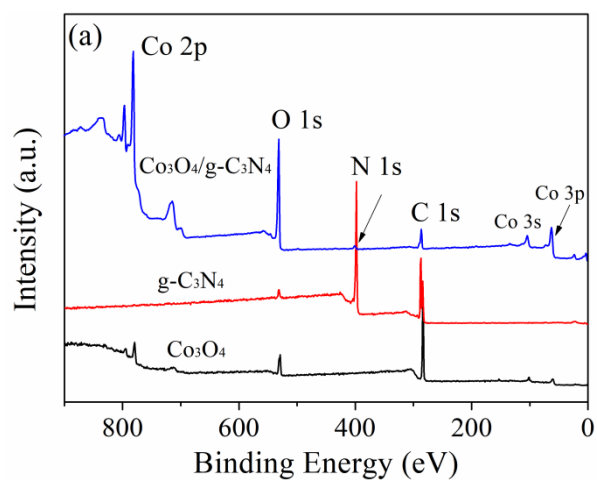


Fig.S2 The survey scan spectrum of Co_3O_4 , $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ and $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$.

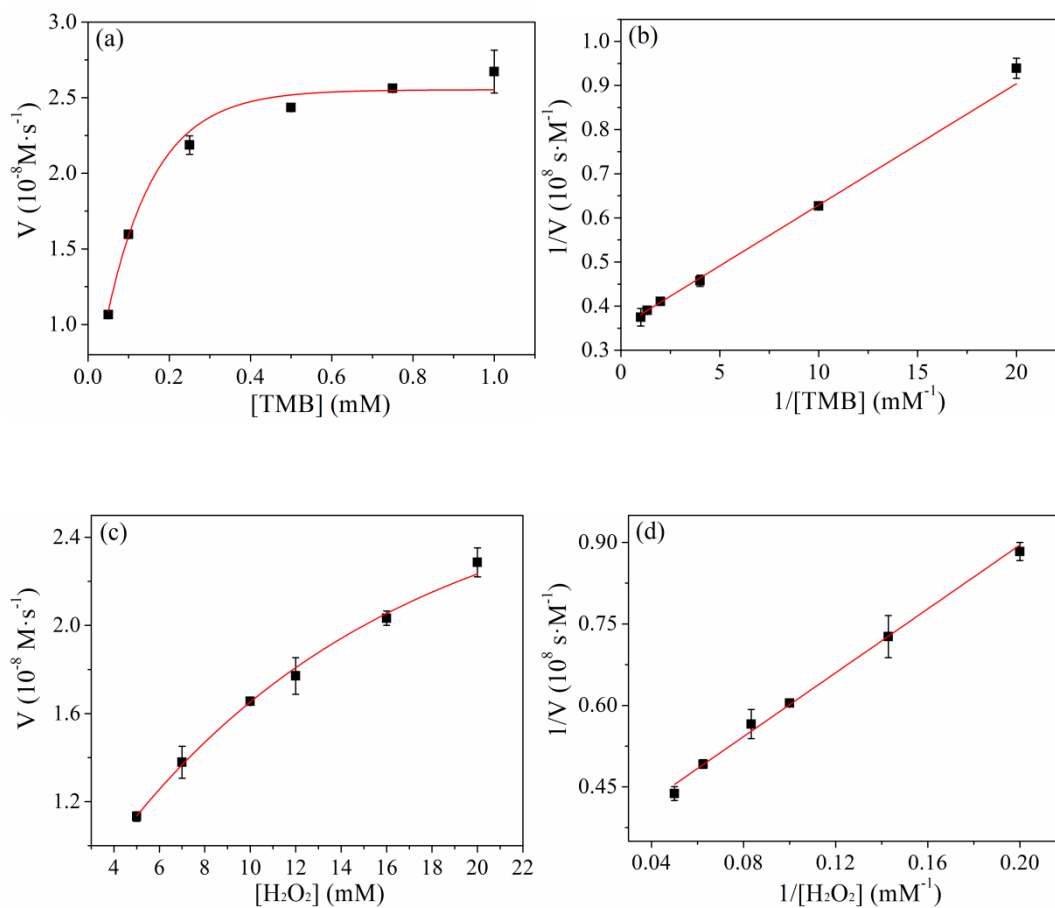


Fig.S3 Peroxidase kinetic analysis of Co_3O_4 : (a) Variation of TMB at the concentration of H_2O_2 fixed at 10.0 mM; (b) The Lineweaver-Burk plots corresponding to (a); (c) Variation of H_2O_2 at the concentration of TMB fixed at 0.5 mM; (d) The Lineweaver-Burk plots corresponding to (c).

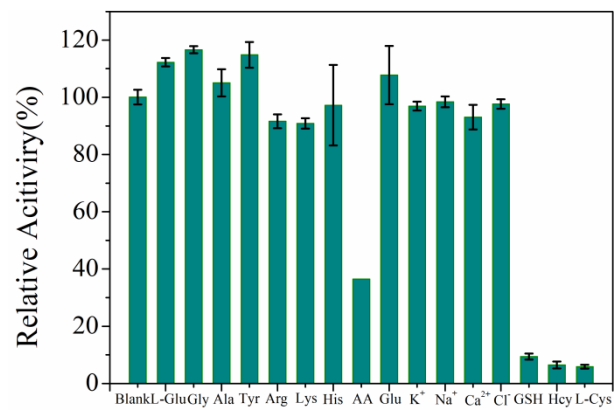


Fig.S4 The selectivity of colorimetric detection system developed based on the $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ nanoenzyme with different substances.

Table S1 Comparison of detection performance for GSH or L-Cys in current reports

Nanozymes	GSH		L-Cys		Ref
	Linear Range	LOD	Linear Range	LOD	
Co ₃ Fe-MMOF	0.012~0.2 mM	0.07 mM			[1]
Cu@Co-MOFs	1~1200 μM	0.72 μM			[2]
m-CuS	1~20 μM 20~300 μM	0.1 μM			[3]
Sr-MnO ₂	5~40 μM	0.46 μM			[4]
MIL-88A(Fe)	0~40 μM	0.15 μM			[5]
Co-N-C			0.1~10 μM	0.1 μM	[6]
Cu-BPTZ-POM/g-C ₃ N ₄ (3)			0.1~30 μM	0.047 μM	[7]
Fe,N-GQDs			0.5~50 μM	0.14 μM	[8]
L-His@AuNCs			1~7 μM	0.8 μM	[9]
Co-HPNC@NC			1~40 μM 40~110 μM	0.17 μM	[10]
Co ₃ O ₄ /g-C ₃ N ₄	0~30 μM	0.54 μM	1~30 μM	0.52 μM	This work

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