## **Electronic supplementary information (ESI)**

## Gold Nanorods for Sensing of Oligopeptides Using Localized Surface Plasmon Resonances and Surface-Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry

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Concentration of Angiotensin / M	Density of Angiotensin on the ITO Plate / mol cm <sup>-2</sup>	Peak Position / nm	Peak Shift / nm	
0	0	850		
0.5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	887	37	
0.25 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.25 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	888	38	
0.01 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-13</sup>	888	38	
0.05 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>-13</sup>	884	34	Plate A
0	0	854		
1 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-14</sup>	885	31	
0.5 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>-14</sup>	884	30	
0.1 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>	878	24	
_0.05 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>	886	32	
_0.01 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-16</sup>	883	29	
0.005 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>-16</sup>	884	30	Plate B
0	0	844		
1 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-17</sup>	865	21	
0.5 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>-17</sup>	863	19	
0.1 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-18</sup>	866	22	
0.01 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-19</sup>	863	19	Plate C





Fig. S1 SEM images of the nanorod-ITO plate.



Fig. S2 Mass spectra of the nanorod-ITO plates onto which angiotensin solutions (100  $\mu$ L) were placed. (a) 0.5  $\mu$ M, (b) 0.25  $\mu$ M, (c) 10 nM, (d) 5 nM, (e) 1 nM, (f) 0.5 nM, (g) 0.1 nM, (h) 50 pM, (i) 10 pM, (j) 5 pM, (k) 1 pM, (l) 0.5 pM, (m) 0.1 pM, and (n) 0.01 pM.



Fig. S3 Microscope images of droplets on an APTES-treated ITO plate and a nanorod-ITO plate.