

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### FIGURE S1

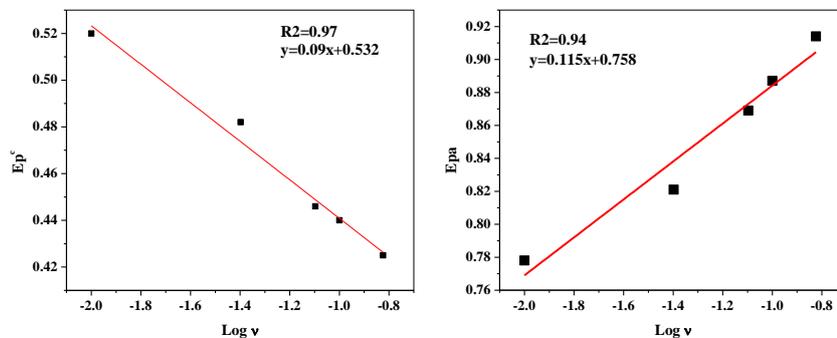


Fig S1:  $E_p$  Vs  $\log v$  plots for anodic and cathodic peaks under UPD condition.

### FIGURE S2

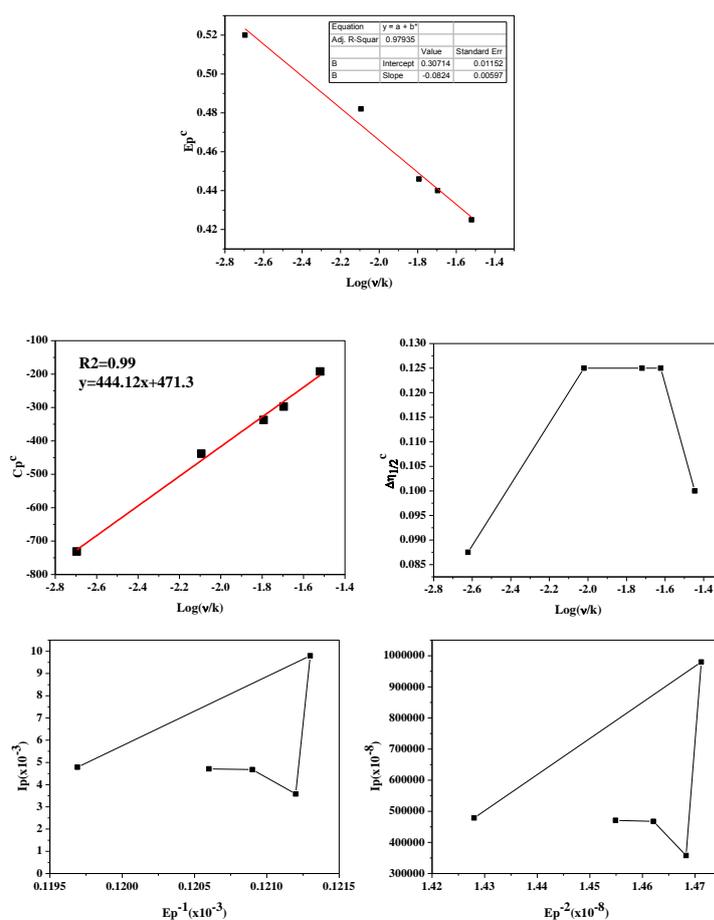


Fig S2:  $I_p - E_p$  plots ie,  $I_p$  Vs  $E_p^{-1}$  and  $I_p$  Vs  $E_p^{-2}$

### FIGURE S3

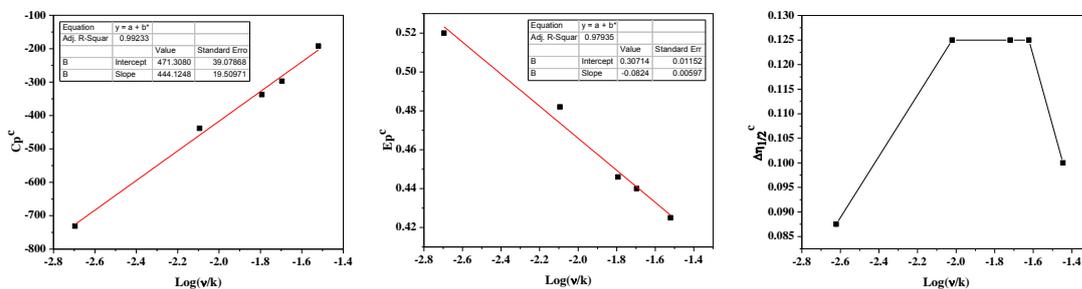


Fig S3:  $C_p^c$ ,  $E_p^c$ ,  $\Delta\eta_{1/2}^c$  Vs logv plots for cathodic peaks under OPD conditions

### FIGURE S4

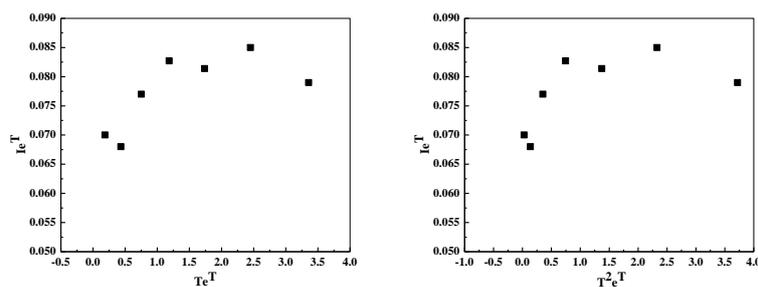


Fig S4 : I-T plots for UPD process ie  $I(e^T)$  Vs  $T(e^T)$  &  $I(e^T)$  Vs  $T^2(e^T)$

### FIGURE S5

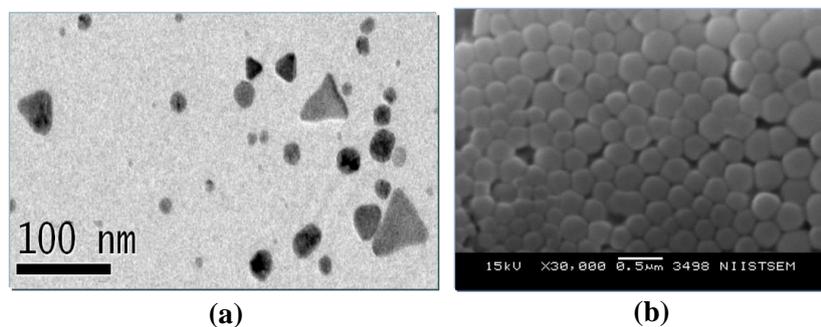


Fig S5: SEM images of potentiostatically synthesized Au atomic clusters from 50mM CTAB (a) and 50mM CTAB + 1mM cysteine (b) at 1.1V for 30 minutes (over potential dissolution-deposition region).

## FIGURE S6

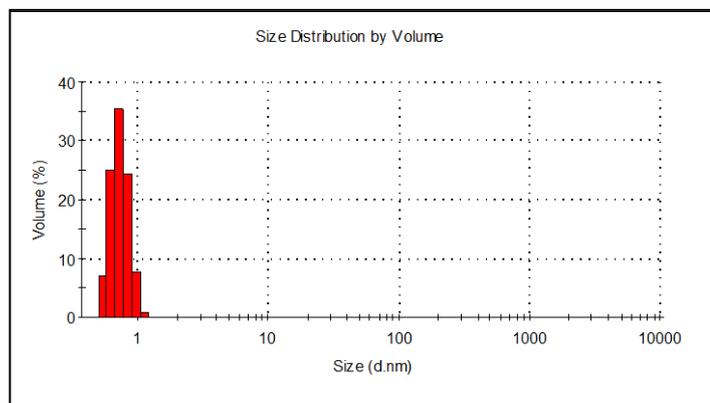


Fig S6: Dynamic light scattering studies of Au atomic clusters (dispersed in CTAB solution) synthesized from 50mM CTAB and 1mM cysteine under OPDD condition

## FIGURE S7

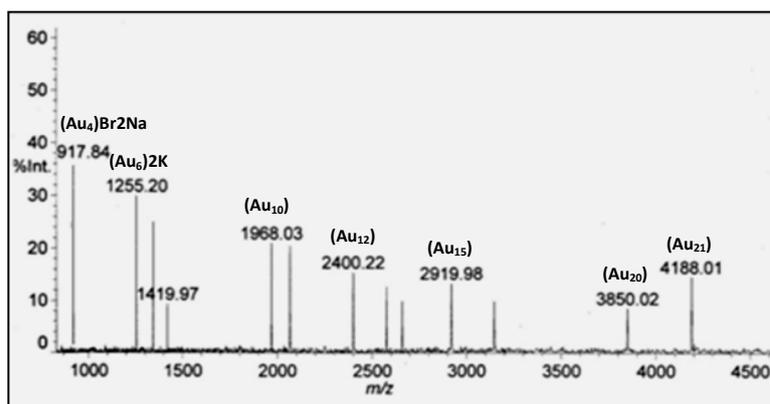


Fig S7: MALDI-TOF-MS spectra of Au clusters synthesized in presence of 50mM CTAB & 1 mM Cysteine under potentiostatic conditions at a potential of 1.1 V for 30 min.

## FIGURE S8

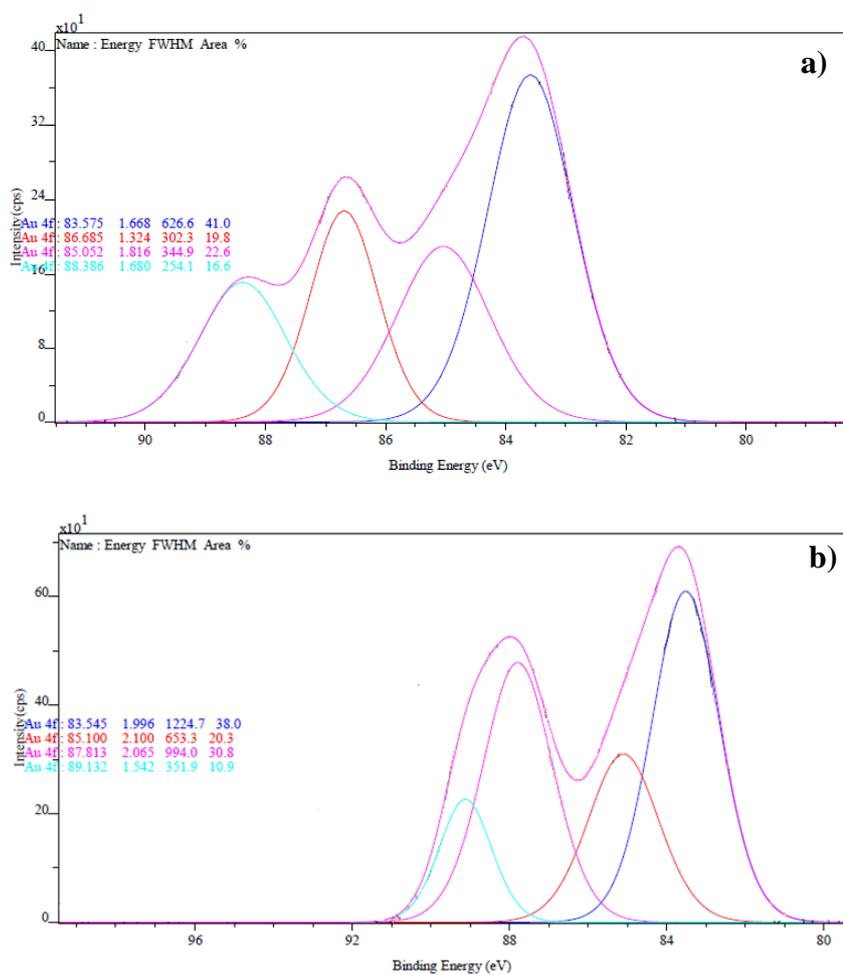


Fig S8: a) XPS spectra of Au clusters synthesized in presence of 50mM CTAB & 1 mM Cysteine under UPD condition b) OPD condition