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Supporting Information

Poly (N-Isopropylacrylamide)-co-(Acrylic Acid) Microgel/Ag Nanoparticle Hybrids for the Colorimetric Sensing of H_2O_2

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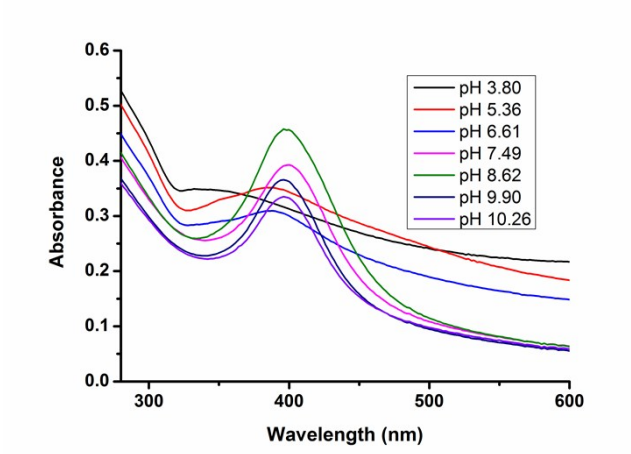

Figure S1. The effect of Ag NP synthesis solution pH on the optical properties of the resultant pNIPAm-co-AAc/Ag NP hybrid microgels. As can be seen, the optimal synthesis pH was 8.62.

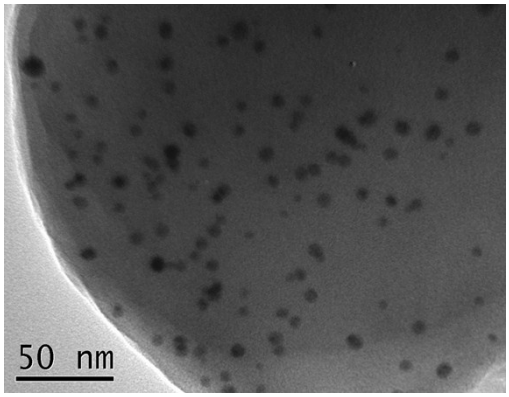

Figure S2. TEM image of Ag NPs in the hybrid microgels. The microgel network contained Ag NPs with diameters of ~ 5 nm.

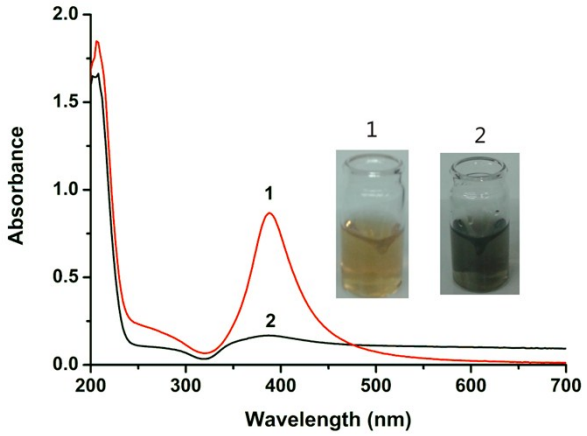

Figure S3. UV-Vis absorption spectra of the Ag NPs prepared without adding pNIPAm-co-AAc microgels. 1. Fresh Ag NPs, 2. Ag NPs stored after 5 minutes.