## DNA-gold Nanozyme Modified Paper Device for Enhanced Colorimetric Detection of Mercury Ions Supplementary Material

## Preparation of AuNPs

The AuNPs were prepared by sodium citrate reduction method[1], as follows: the conical flask of the composite material was soaked in aqua regia for 24 h and then washed with ultrapure water. Briefly, in a conical flask, 2.5 mL 4g/L HAuCl<sub>4</sub> was added into 97.5 mL ultrapure water, and heated to boiling while stirring. Then 2 mL of sodium citrate solution (1.0 %) was quickly added into the above mixture solution with vigorous stirring. After the burgundy was observed, the solution continued to be heated for 10 min, and then cooled down at room temperature, and stored at 4 °C for later use.

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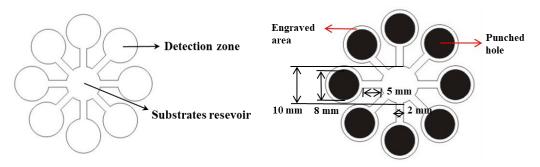
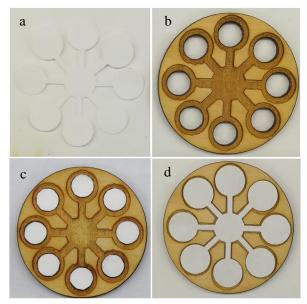


Fig. S1. Designed pattern of (a) paper chip and (b) base of the paper device.



**Fig. S2.** Photographs of paper-based device. (a) paper chip; (b) wood base; (c) wood base filled with wicking pad and (d) paper device.

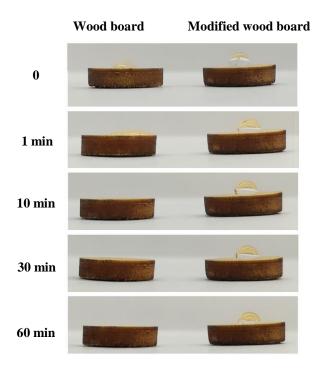
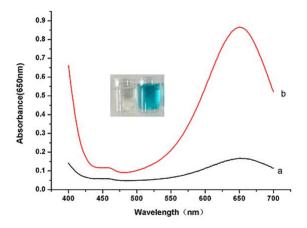


Fig. S3. Photograph of a water drop on wood board surface



 $\label{eq:Figure 4.} \begin{tabular}{ll} Figure 4. UV- vis absorption spectra of TMB-H2O2 reaction. (a) DNA-AuNPs without Hg^{2+}; (b) DNA-AuNPs with Hg^{2+} \end{tabular}$ 

Table S1 Comparison of paper-based devices for the detection of Hg<sup>2+</sup> reported in literatures

Method	Reaction substrate	Detection probe	LOD of naked eye (nM)	Application	Reference
colorimetry	filter paper	AgNPs	600	drinking water	[2]
colorimetry	NC membrane	AuNPs-antibody	8.0	-	[3]
Fluorescence	filter paper	Rhodamine 6G	4980	-	[4]
colorimetry	NC membrane	AuNPs-DNA	6.0	tap water	[5]
colorimetry	filter paper	AuNPs	500	tap water	[6]
colorimetry	filter paper	AuNPs	50	tap water lake water	Our work

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