



Sensitive detection of organophosphorus pesticides based on the localized surface plasmon resonance and fluorescence dual-signal readout

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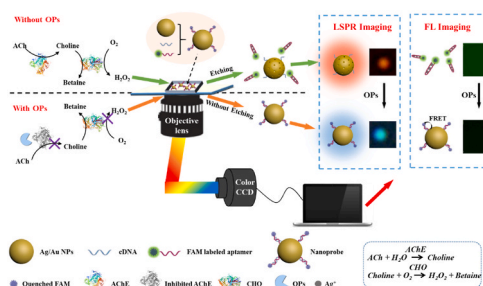
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HIGHLIGHTS

- A novel LSPR/FL dual-signal visual biosensor is firstly reported for OPs detection.
- Ag/Au NPs-based multifunctional nanoprobe is designed with dual-readout performance.
- H₂O₂ act as a bifunctional moderator to change the LSPR/FL signal of nanoprobe.
- Two distinct LSPR/FL spectra and color changes increased the OPs detection accuracy.
- This work hold great potential for OPs detection in real sample.

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ABSTRACT

In this work, a dual-signal visual biosensor was designed for organophosphorus pesticides (OPs) detection using DNA functionalized Ag/Au bimetallic nanoparticles (Ag/Au NPs) as multifunctional nanoprobe. The dual-signal detection strategy was based on the inhibition of enzyme-induced H₂O₂ generation by OPs in the detection solution containing acetylcholinesterase (AChE), choline oxidase (CHO), acetylcholine (ACh) and nanoprobe. H₂O₂ produced by enzyme-catalyzed reaction could trigger the etching of Ag and dissociation of carboxy-fluorescein (FAM)-labeled aptamer from the nanoprobe, resulting in significant localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR) and fluorescence (FL) signal responses. In the presence of OPs, AChE activity was inhibited to disrupt the enzymatic generation of H₂O₂, which allowed to simultaneously quantitative measure OPs through the LSPR peak shifts and FL intensity variations of the nanoprobe. The LSPR/FL dual-signal biosensor showed great selectivity and sensitivity for OPs detection. In addition, two distinct colour changes were visually observed to match the LSPR/FL spectra signal responses, which was a feasible means for visual analysis of OPs. Consequently, the work provided a dual-signal visual biosensor via the combination of multifunctional nanoprobe, and had significant potential to monitor pesticide residue with high anti-interference capability and detection accuracy.

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1. Introduction

Organophosphorus pesticides (OPs) have been used extensively to increase the quality of agriculture produce and minimize the loss of crops [1,2]. In spite of significant economic benefits in food production, the inevitable OPs residues result in various unavoidable adverse effects and persistent damage on environment, ecosystem, and human health [3,4]. For instance, OPs could accumulate in the human body, resulting in irreversible harm to multiple organs even at trace levels [5,6]. Consequently, establishment of a rapid and ultrasensitive assay for OPs is an urgent demand for human safety. A variety of detection methods have been developed to identify OPs such as capillary electrophoresis, chromatography, mass spectrometry, fluorescence (FL), colorimetric, and chemiluminescence techniques with excellent performance [7–11]. However, most methods are single-signal sensors which can be influenced by many factors like instrument conditions, environmental fluctuations and interference, giving rise to false-positive or false-negative problems in practical applications.

In recent years, the construction of dual-signal sensor through the combination of two different signal readout for a single target determination has attracted considerable attention, which greatly improve the anti-interference capability and detection accuracy for practical application [12–17]. Currently, several dual-signal biosensors to pesticides have been proposed based on the integration of surface-enhanced Raman scattering (SERS), electrochemiluminescence (ECL), FL and colorimetric techniques [18–20]. For example, Zhao et al. designed a colorimetric/SERS dual-signal sensor using gold nanoparticles coupled with polymers for atrazine sensitive detection in apple juice [21]. He et al. designed a dual-signal ECL nanoprobe using L-CdS QDs as cathodic and c-PFBT NPs as anodic probe for OPs analysis [22]. These dual-signal biosensors have enabled good selectivity, high sensitivity, multi-response, and accurate detection for pesticides, owing to the self-calibration and mutual verification by two different signals. In addition, Zha et al. proposed a FL/colorimetric dual-modal immunosensor with o-phenylenediamine and gold nanostars as reaction substrates for detecting chloroacetamide [23]. Liang et al. established a FL/colorimetric dual-signal visual sensor for malathion detection using gold nanoparticles and carbon quantum dots as nanoprobe [24]. The FL/colorimetric sensor is a pioneering way for pesticides detection based on two kind of color changes, which possess advantages like dual-signal visualization, prompt response, small sample dose demand, and easy operation. However, these reported dual-signal sensor commonly utilizes two individual readout probes, which might complicate the manipulation procedure and led to unpredictable interference. Besides that, the relatively low sensitivity and weak signal readout of colorimetric technique still restrict the trace detection of pesticides residues. Therefore, the combination of novel optical technologies and design of a multimodality nanoprobe with dual-readout performance for OPs visualization detection are particularly promising.

As a novel visual detection technique, the localized surface plasmon resonance technique (LSPR) has garnered considerable attention in biochemical detection and cell imaging with high signal-to-noise ratio and remarkable optical performance [25–27]. The LSPR signal is closely related to the nanoparticle size, morphology, composition, and surrounding dielectric environment [28,29]. Additionally, the LSPR technique can recognize scattering light of nanoparticle at single particle level, which provide higher spatiotemporal resolution and sensitivity than those of traditional average measuring technique [30,31]. Noble metal nanoparticles are ideal LSPR nanoprobe owing to their good biocompatibility, low toxicity, strong scattering signal and photostability [32,33]. Moreover, due to the feasible functionalization and strong capability of signal transduction, numerous noble metal nanoparticles-based FL nanoprobe have been developed for visualization biosensor [34,35]. These unique characteristics of noble metal nanoparticles enable the possibility of building a multimodality nanoprobe with LSPR and FL dual-signal readout for visualization

detection.

Based on the above, we have developed a LSPR and FL dual-signal biosensor for rapid detection and imaging of OPs using DNA-functionalized Ag/Au bimetallic nanoparticles (Ag/Au NPs) as multifunctional nanoprobe. Bimetallic nanoparticles exhibit superior chemical and physical properties to monocomponent nanoparticles, which can greatly improve the detection selectivity and sensitivity. The established LSPR/FL biosensor was firstly reported for visual detection of OPs based on a multifunctional nanoprobe integrating two kinds of signal changes, which could obtain multiscale information for accurate quantify of OPs.

2. Experimental

2.1. Reagents

Acetylcholine chloride (ACh), acetylcholinesterase (AChE), choline oxidase (CHO), bis(*p*-sulfonatophenyl)phenylphosphine (BSPP), chlorpyrifos (a model for OPs detection), ascorbic acid (AA) were obtained from Sigma-aldrich (China). 10 mM of PBS phosphate buffer buffer solution (pH 7.4), Ag⁺ aptamer: 5'-FAM- CCT CCC TCC TTT TCC ACC CAC C -3' and complementary DNA (cDNA): 5'-SH-GGT GGG TG-3' were obtained from Sangon Biotech (China). Hydroxylamine hydrochloride (NH₂OH•HCl), trisodium citrate, chloroauric acid tetrahydrate (HAuCl₄•4H₂O), hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), silver nitrate (AgNO₃) and other reagents were purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent (China).

2.2. Apparatus

UV-vis spectra were performed with a Shimadzu UV-2450 spectrophotometer (Japan). Transmission microscope (TEM) images were recorded on a JEOL JEM-2100 (Japan). An Olympus microscope IX73 equipped with a 60X objective lens (NA = 0.7), a dark-field condenser (0.8 < NA < 0.92) and a colour charge coupled Olympus DP80 CCD (Japan) were acquired for Dark field measurements (DFM) images and fluorescence (FL) images. LSPR scattering spectra were operated with a FERGIE spectrometer and IX73 using a Princeton 400BR EMCCD as detector (USA). FL spectra were acquired on a Horiba FluoroMax-4 spectrophotometer (USA).

2.3. Preparation of Ag/Au bimetallic nanoparticles and nanoprobe

The template silver nanoparticles (Ag NPs) was according to previous method: briefly, AgNO₃ (0.125 mL, 0.2 M) solution was added to 50 mL of water with vigorous stirring. After boiling, sodium citrate (3 mL, 1%) solution was added, followed by addition of AA (2 mL, 0.1 M) solution. After heating for 8 min, centrifugation and washing, the resultant Ag nanoparticles was re-dispersed in water.

The preparation of Ag/Au NPs was according to previous method [36]: the above prepared Ag NPs solution (1.5×10^{11} particles mL⁻¹, 5 mL) was diluted with water (5 mL), after boiling, HAuCl₄ (0.1 wt%, 100 μL) and NH₂OH•HCl (20 mM, 100 μL) was added and stirred for 8 min. The Ag/Au NPs was thus obtained and stored (4 °C) for the follow experiment.

For cDNA and aptamer coupling, BSPP was added to Ag/Au NPs (1 mL) solution, and incubation at room temperature overnight. Then, BSPP modified Ag/Au NPs was mixed with cDNA (5 μL, 100 μM) and rocked 48 h. After washing, aptamer (5 μL, 100 μM) was added and incubated for 5 h. The cDNA and aptamer co-functionalized Ag/Au NPs nanoprobe was re-dispersed in PBS buffer (1 mL, pH 7.4) and stored (4 °C) for further uses.

2.4. Determination OPs by LSPR and FL

Different concentrations of pesticides (20 μL) were mixed with AChE (20 μL, 0.8 mU mL⁻¹) and incubated for 30 min at 37 °C. After that, CHO

(20 μL , 10 mU mL^{-1}) and ACh (40 μL , 0.2 mM) were added for 30 min. Later, as-synthesized nanoprobe (100 μL , 0.1 nM) was added and reacted at room temperature for 30 min. The LSPR spectra of the resulting mixtures were obtained with our previous method [37,38]. The FL spectra of the resulting mixtures were obtained with excitation at 495 nm. Meanwhile, an inverted microscope was used for the DFM and FL imaging.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Characterizations of the nanoprobe

Ag/Au NPs were prepared with Ag NPs as template, and using colloid seed-mediated replacement and deposition reactions. The template Ag NPs with 50 nm of average diameter had an extinction peak of 430 nm (Fig. S1 and S2). TEM image displayed that Ag/Au NPs had a uniform size, good monodispersity, hollow and intact with mostly round shape (Fig. 1A). UV-vis spectra showed that the obtained Ag/Au NPs possessed a maximum absorption peak of 465 nm. After cDNA and aptamer coupling on the Ag/Au NPs via Au-S bond and DNA hybridization, the as-prepared DNA functionalized nanoprobe had two characteristic absorption peaks: 260 nm corresponding to the absorbance of DNA, and 465 nm attributing to the absorbance of Ag/Au NPs (Fig. 1B). The successful DNA surface modification of nanoprobe was also confirmed by a more negative charge than the Ag/Au NPs (Fig. 1C) using Zeta potential measurements. The LSPR signal of nanoprobe was corroborated by Dark-field imaging and LSPR scattering spectra. An apparent cyan scattering light was observed in the Dark-field image due to the LSPR performance of Ag/Au NPs (Fig. 1D). The LSPR scattering spectra of the both nanoprobe and Ag/Au NPs exhibited an evident LSPR peak at 500 nm, indicated that the DNA assembly had negligible LSPR changes (Fig. 2A). A strong fluorescence at 518 nm of FAM-labeled aptamer could be observed, but the fluorescence at 518 nm of nanoprobe was decreased dramatically (Fig. 2B). The quenched FL of nanoprobe was due to the fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET) process

between Ag/Au NPs (acceptor) and FAM (donor). All these observations demonstrated the successful formation of the nanoprobe.

3.2. Feasibility of OPs detection using the nanoprobe

The principle for OPs detection was produced in Scheme 1. The thiolated cDNA and FAM-labeled aptamer were modified on Ag/Au NPs to obtain nanoprobe, which emitted cyan scattering light and quenched FL. When ACh was added to AChE + nanoprobe, or CHO + nanoprobe solution, no LSPR shift and FL changes were observed, indicating that H_2O_2 could not be created by single enzyme catalytic reaction (Figs. S3 and S4). Upon addition of ACh to AChE + CHO + nanoprobe, AChE hydrolyze ACh to form choline that was subsequently oxidized by CHO to generate H_2O_2 . H_2O_2 etched Ag in nanoprobe, which caused the change of the local dielectric environment, making a tremendous LSPR peak shift from 500 to 635 nm along with scattering color change from cyan to red (Fig. 2A and C). Meanwhile, the generated Ag^+ would react with its aptamer to form Ag^+ -Apt complex [39], which led to the discharge of aptamer on the nanoprobe and the recovering of FL at 518 nm (Fig. 2B). When OPs were mixed with AChE, and then added CHO, ACh and nanoprobe, AChE activity was irreversibly inhibited by OPs and decreased the generation of choline [5,9], thus preventing the production of H_2O_2 to etch Ag. As a result, the scattering color and the LSPR peak remained unchanged or change slightly (Fig. 2A and C). At the same time, the existence of OPs led to almost no fluorescence (Fig. 2B). Control experiment was evaluated using cDNA and aptamer co-functionalized Ag NPs and Au NPs with diameter of 50 nm instead of Ag/Au NPs. Notably, DNA functionalized bimetallic Ag/Au NPs as nanoprobe exhibited improved optical performance for LSPR sensing, because of the more distinct color difference (Fig. 2C).

The etching Ag by the enzymatic cascade reaction was demonstrated by TEM analysis and energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) measurement. As expected, the as-prepared nanoprobe was a complete shell with the elements coexisting Au/Ag bimetallic nature (89 atom% Ag and 11 atom% Au) before enzymatic reaction occurred (Fig. 3A). After

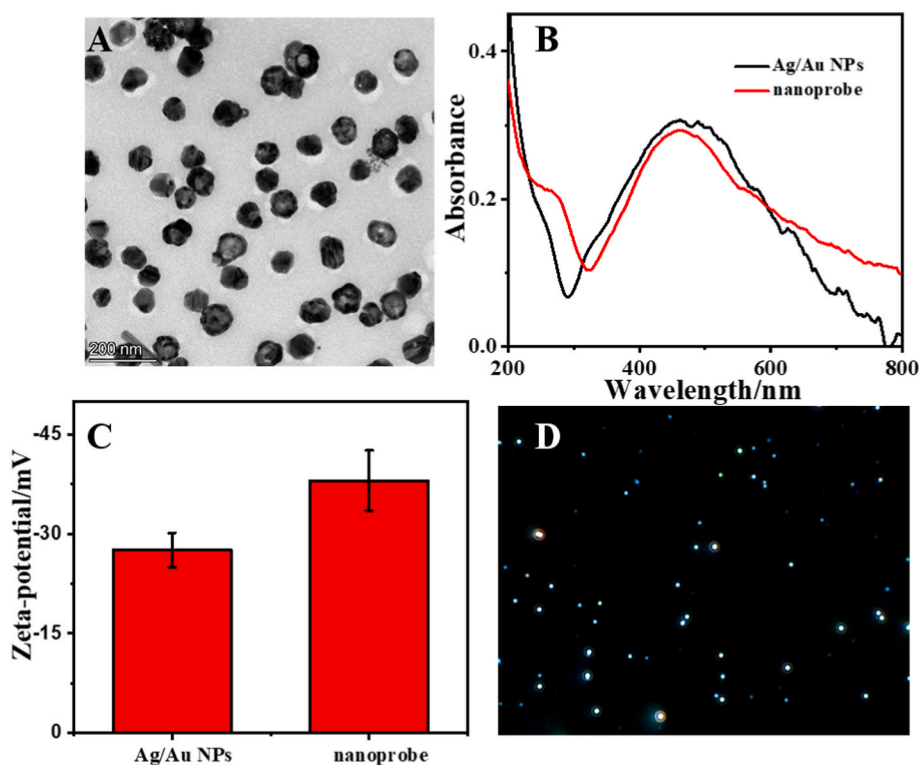


Fig. 1. (A) TEM images of Ag/Au NPs. (B) UV-vis spectra of Ag/Au NPs and nanoprobe. (C) Zeta potentials of Ag/Au NPs and nanoprobe. (D) Dark-field images of nanoprobe.

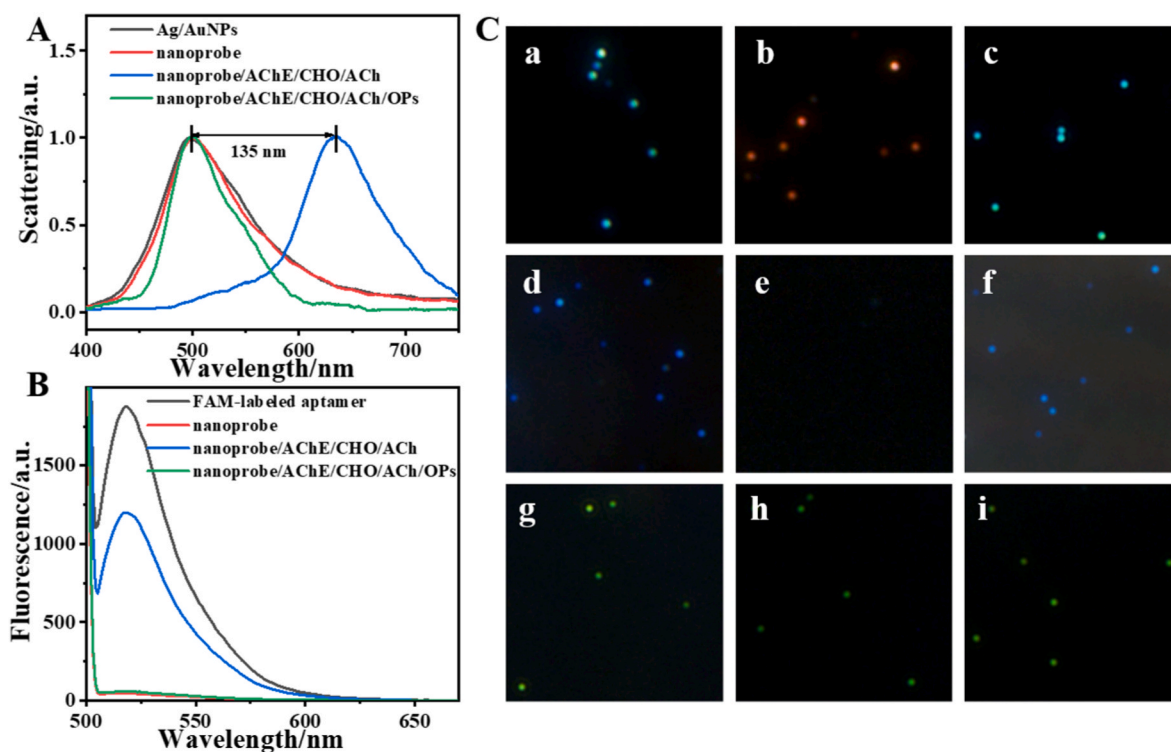
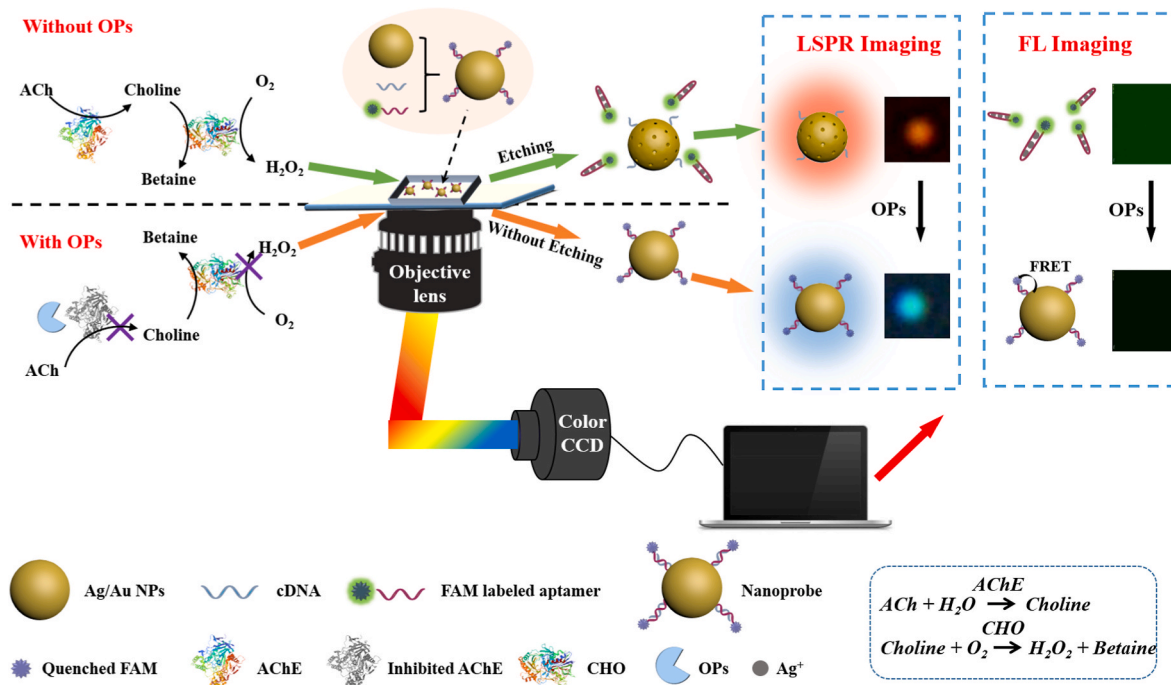


Fig. 2. (A) LSPR scattering spectra (B) Fluorescence spectra of Ag/Au NPs, aptamer, nanoprobe, nanoprobe + AChE + CHO + ACh and nanoprobe + AChE + CHO + ACh + OPs. (C) Dark-field images of (a) nanoprobe, (b) nanoprobe + AChE + CHO + ACh, (c) nanoprobe + AChE + CHO + ACh + OPs, (d) DNA functionalized Ag NPs, (e) DNA functionalized Ag NPs + AChE + CHO + ACh, (f) DNA functionalized Ag NPs + AChE + CHO + ACh + OPs, (g) DNA functionalized Au NPs, (h) DNA functionalized Au NPs + AChE + CHO + ACh, (i) DNA functionalized Au NPs + AChE + CHO + ACh + OPs. $C_{AChE} = 0.8 \text{ mU mL}^{-1}$, $C_{CHO} = 10 \text{ mU mL}^{-1}$, $C_{ACh} = 0.2 \text{ mM}$, $C_{OPs} = 500 \text{ ng mL}^{-1}$.



Scheme 1. Schematic illustration of the OPs dual-signal sensor.

incubating with AChE and adding CHO and ACh, EDX analysis of the nanoprobe also showed that the Ag percentage (77 atom % Ag and 23 atom % Au) was lower than that of the nanoprobe, indicating that the enzyme induced H_2O_2 etching process (Fig. 3B). In the presence of OPs,

the corresponding TEM displayed similar morphology as nanoprobe itself, but the Ag percentage (88 atom% Ag and 12 atom% Au) was slightly lower than that of the nanoprobe (Fig. 3C), indicating the successful inhibition of the activity of AChE by OPs. Furthermore, the

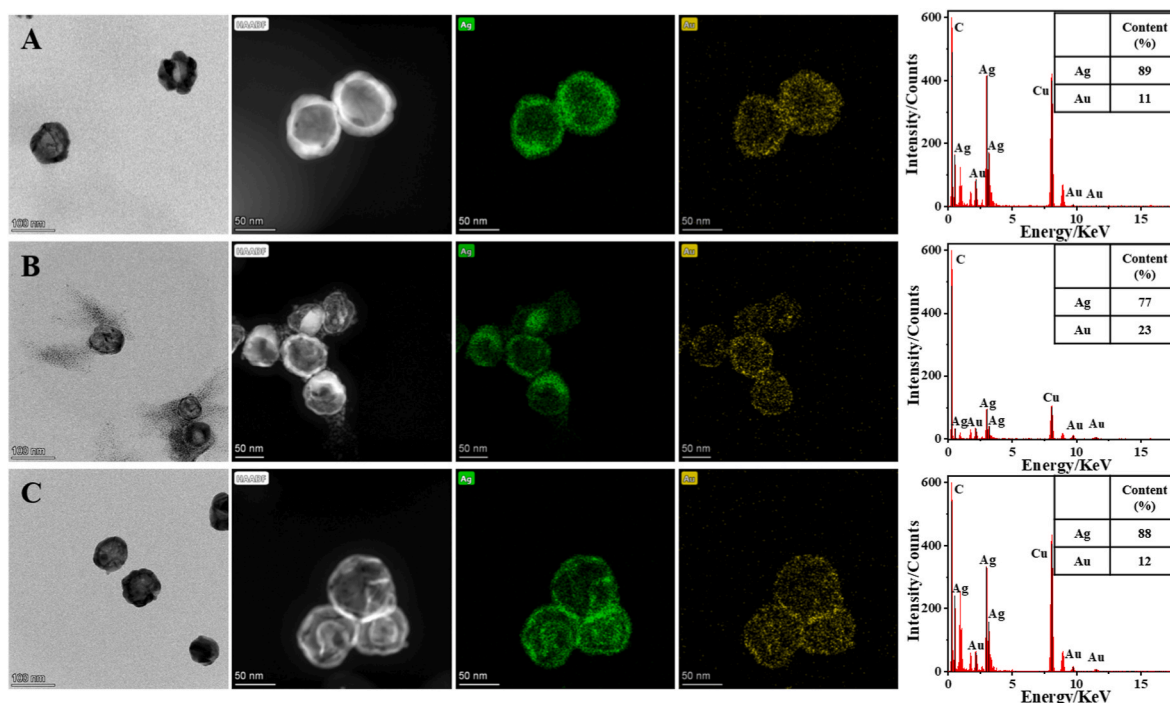


Fig. 3. TEM images, medium angle annular dark field images, TEM elemental mappings of Ag and Au, and corresponding EDX spectra of (A) nanoprobe, (B) nanoprobe + AChE (0.8 mU mL^{-1}) + CHO (10 mU mL^{-1}) + ACh (0.2 mM), (C) nanoprobe + AChE (0.8 mU mL^{-1}) + CHO (10 mU mL^{-1}) + ACh (0.2 mM) + OPs (500 ng mL^{-1}).

inhibition efficiency of AChE activity depended on the concentration of OPs and the reaction time. This allowed us to develop a sensing strategy to detect and image of OPs based on nanoprobe and LSPR/FL dual-signal monitoring.

3.3. The optimization of important parameters

Several important experimental parameters were evaluated to obtain the best performance for OPs analysis, including AChE concentrations, incubation time, and pH of detection solution were evaluated. Various concentrations of AChE were added into nanoprobe + CHO + ACh solution to evaluate the effects of AChE concentrations. As shown from the LSPR and FL spectra, the peak shift and FL intensity was increased in the presence of $0\text{--}0.8 \text{ mU mL}^{-1}$ of AChE, and more AChE would resulted in the peak shift and FL intensity leveled off (Figs. S5 and S6). Therefore, 0.8 mU mL^{-1} of AChE was adopted for OPs assay. In addition, after incubation of OPs with AChE and then added into nanoprobe + CHO + ACh, both the LSPR peak shift and quenched FL intensity remarkably increased and achieve the maximum at pH 7.4 (Figs. S7 and S8). Therefore, pH 7.4 was an optimal buffer solution condition. On other hand, the LSPR peak shift increased with reaction time, and peak shift leveled off after 20 min (Fig. S9). And the quenched fluorescence intensity in sensing system at 518 nm reached maximum and leveled off after 30 min (Fig. S10). Thus, 30 min was chosen as optimal reaction time for OPs determination.

3.4. Detection of OPs using LSPR and FL spectra

The OPs dose-dependent response was investigated by scattering spectra and DFM images. With the increase of OPs concentration ($0\text{--}500 \text{ pg mL}^{-1}$), the LSPR peak of an individual nanoprobe in the detection solution blue-shifted from 635 nm to 500 nm (Fig. 4A). The peak shifts of nanoprobe were linearly with OPs concentration range from 1 to 500 pg mL^{-1} with a detection limit of 0.33 pg mL^{-1} ($S/N = 3$). The linear equation could be expressed by $Y = 19.80 + 41.45 \log(X)$ with $R^2 = 0.969$, Y and X represented the peak shift of nanoprobe in detection

solution and OPs concentration, respectively (Fig. 4B). Simultaneously, the scattering color of the nanoprobe in the detection solution changed from red to green and to cyan finally (Fig. 4C). The remarkable scattering color changes initiated by OPs proposed a prominent capacity and novel LSPR visualization detection method for OPs. To explore the selectivity of the proposed method toward OPs detection, other pesticides including imidacloprid, clothianidin, deltamethrin, thiamethoxam, pymetrozine and acetamiprid should be tested, respectively. No obvious color changes and only small peak shifts were noticed upon introduction of the above control pesticides, which confirmed the good selectivity of the proposed LSPR sensing strategy for OPs detection (Fig. 4D).

Meanwhile, the FL spectra and corresponding FL images was also used to explore the OPs concentration response to aptamer discharge on nanoprobe. Upon the OPs concentration increase, the fluorescence intensity gradually decreased, which was a result of the highly specific aptamer- Ag^+ binding to dissociate FAM-labeled aptamer from the nanoprobe (Fig. 5A). The calibration curve in Fig. 5B had a linear relationship between the detection solution FL intensity (F) and the concentrations of OPs (c) over a range of $5\text{--}500 \text{ ng mL}^{-1}$. The linear equation could be represented as $F = 1289.63 - 467.43 \log(c)$. The detection limit for OPs was 1.67 ng mL^{-1} with $R^2 = 0.988$. Moreover, the green fluorescence of the detection solution faded away with the increase of OPs (Fig. 5C). The noticeable fluorescence color changes of the FRET-based FL sensing method showed a rapid and simple strategy for OPs visual detection. Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves were performed by using “non-OPs” as negative and “OPs” as positive. As shown in Fig. 5D, the area under the ROC curve (AUC) value was 0.979, representing the excellent OPs discrimination ability of the detection technique. The detection selectivity was studied further by the comparison of the fluorescence quenching value ($\Delta F = F - F_0$) with the addition of OPs and other pesticides. F and F_0 was the fluorescence intensity of the detection solution before and after the addition of OPs or other pesticides. As shown in Fig. S11, the FL signal changes of other pesticides were negligible, indicating the high specificity of the proposed FL sensing strategy for OPs detection. To demonstrate the

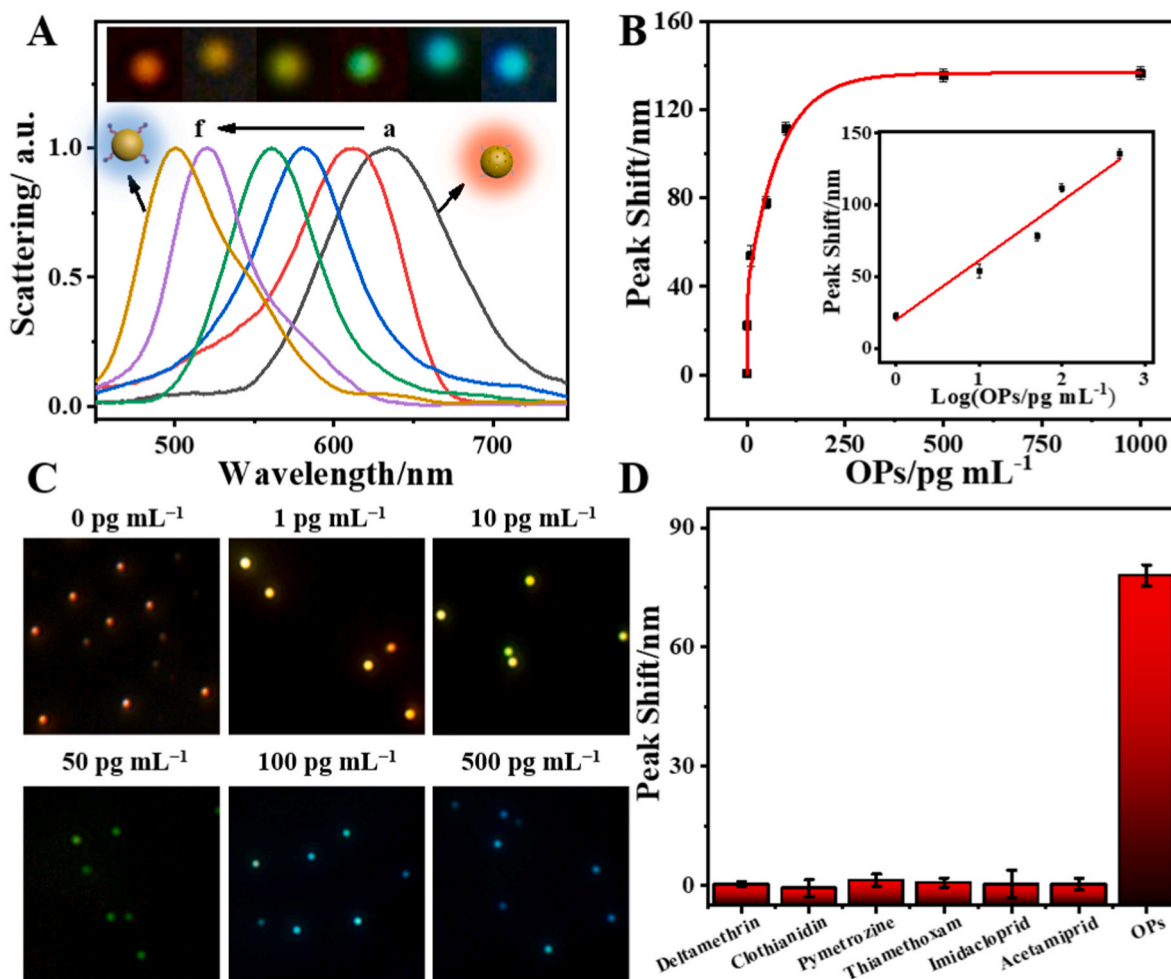


Fig. 4. (A) LSPR scattering spectra and Dark-field images of an individual nanoprobe + AChE (0.8 μM) + CHO (10 μM) + ACh (0.2 mM) upon exposure to OPs (a to f: 0, 1, 10, 50, 100, and 500 pg mL^{-1}). (B) Linear relationship at OPs concentration range from 1 to 500 pg mL^{-1} . (C) Corresponding Dark-field images of nanoprobe + AChE (0.8 μM) + CHO (10 μM) + ACh (0.2 mM) + OPs (OPs concentrations: 0, 1, 10, 50, 100, and 500 pg mL^{-1}). (D) Selective experiment of nanoprobe + AChE (0.8 μM) + CHO (10 μM) + ACh (0.2 mM) with OPs (50 pg mL^{-1}) and interferences (5 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$).

universality, other common OPs including demeton, malathion, dichlorvos, parathion and dimethoate were also selected for detection. From the corresponding LSPR peak shifts and fluorescence quenching value of nanoprobe in Figs. S12 and S13, these OPs possess different inhibition ability toward AChE for the disparities of molecular characteristics. Therefore, the established dual-signal sensor could be applied for most of OPs detection. Moreover, the analytical performance of the developed dual-signal method was compared with other reported methods (Table S1). Both the sensing modes exhibited higher or comparable sensitivities relative to most other existed sensors. The dual-signal sensor provided more options for OPs detection, and double checked the results to reduce the background interference and improve the accuracy than single-signal sensor. Furthermore, the dual-signal sensor combined LSPR and FL signal could be used for simultaneous visualization assay, and was beneficial to the sensitive and rapid OPs detection.

3.5. Accuracy assay of OPs using real samples

To evaluate the practical application of the developed sensor, a standard addition means of OPs was used for water samples from Nanjing City. The collected tap water and lake water were centrifuged for 20 min and filtered with a 0.22 μm membrane filter before spiked with different concentrations of OPs. Results were shown in Table 1, the recoveries for OPs using the LSPR technique varied from 91% to 96%

with the relative standard deviation (RSD) less than 5.8%. Meanwhile, the FL technique also showed good precision for spiked OPs with the recoveries ranging from 92% to 98% and the RSD lower than 3.2%. The high recovery and accuracy of the proposed LSPR/FL dual-signal OPs sensor indicated a good feasibility and great potential for real samples detection.

4. Conclusions

In conclusion, the work produced a novel LSPR/FL dual-signal strategy for the detection of OPs. Based on the inhibition activity of AChE by OPs to prevent the enzymatic H_2O_2 generation, the interruption of Ag etching and FAM-labeled aptamer releasing processes from nanoprobe were applied for OPs detection with LSPR and FL method. The nanoprobe LSPR shift and FL intensity variation before and after AChE inhibition by OPs was achieved for OPs quantitatively measuring. Meanwhile, OPs visualization imaging was remarkably improved for two distinguishable scattering and fluorescence color changes in detection solution. The established LSPR/FL biosensor for OPs detection was successfully applied in real water sample with high sensitivity and selectivity. Therefore, the dual-signal visual detection strategy clearly demonstrated great potential for pesticides residues quantitative and visual screening.

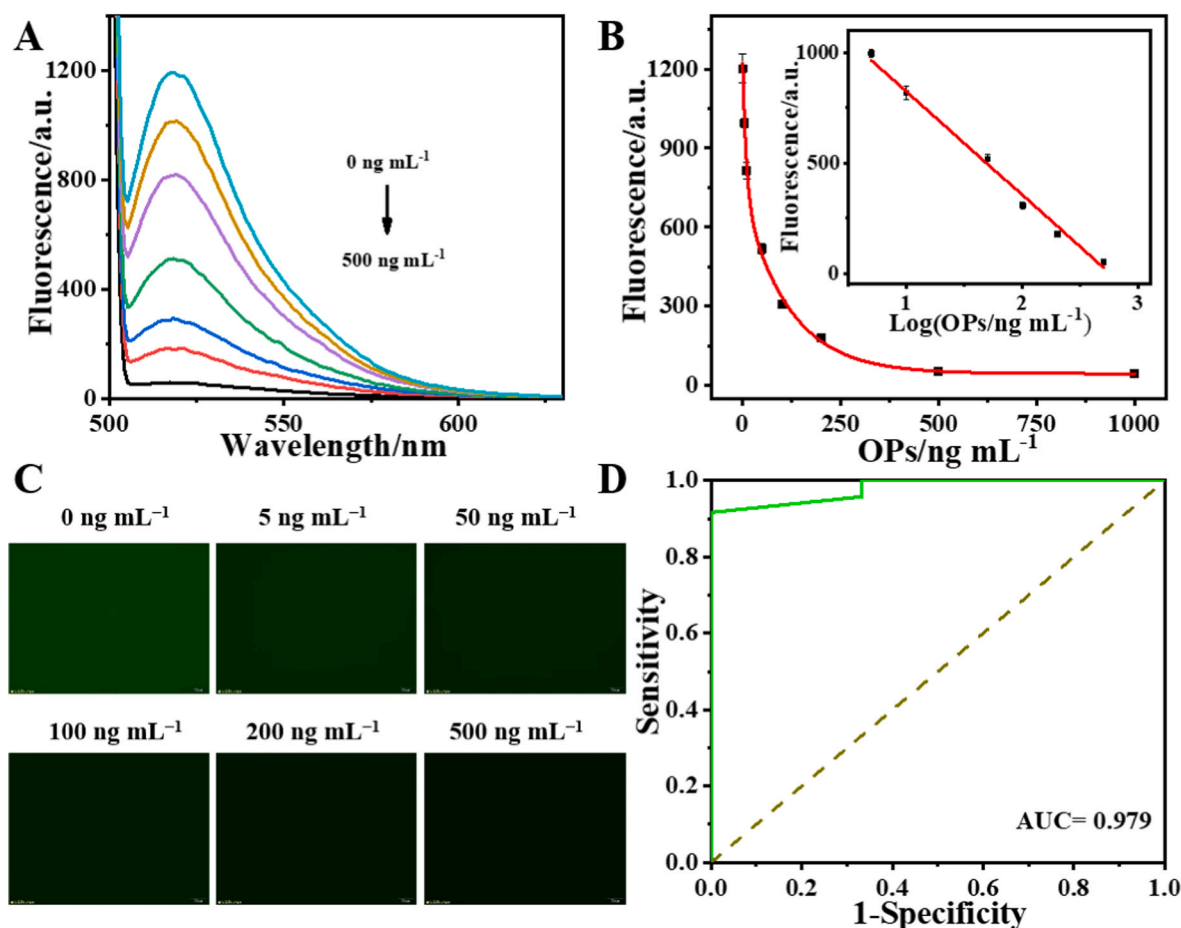


Fig. 5. (A) Fluorescence spectra of nanoprobe + AChE ($0.8 \mu\text{M mL}^{-1}$) + CHO ($10 \mu\text{M mL}^{-1}$) + ACh (0.2 mM) upon exposure to OPs ($0, 5, 10, 50, 100, 200$, and 500 ng mL^{-1}). (B) Linear relationship at OPs concentration from 5 to 500 ng mL^{-1} . (C) Corresponding fluorescence images of nanoprobe + AChE ($0.8 \mu\text{M mL}^{-1}$) + CHO ($10 \mu\text{M mL}^{-1}$) + ACh (0.2 mM) + OPs (OPs concentrations: $0, 5, 50, 100, 200$, and 500 ng mL^{-1}). (D) The corresponding ROC analysis for the discrimination of OPs.

Table 1

Assay results for OPs detection in real water samples ($n = 3$).

Samples	LSPR				FL			
	Added (pg mL^{-1})	Found (pg mL^{-1})	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	Added (ng mL^{-1})	Found (ng mL^{-1})	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
Lake water	10	9.3	93	3.3	10	9.4	94	2.5
	100	96	96	5.8	100	97	97	3.2
	500	480	96	3.5	500	490	98	2.0
Tap water	10	9.1	91	4.0	10	9.2	92	3.2
	100	92	92	2.7	100	94	94	2.7
	500	476	95	1.3	500	482	96	2.0

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