

## Electronic Supplementary Information

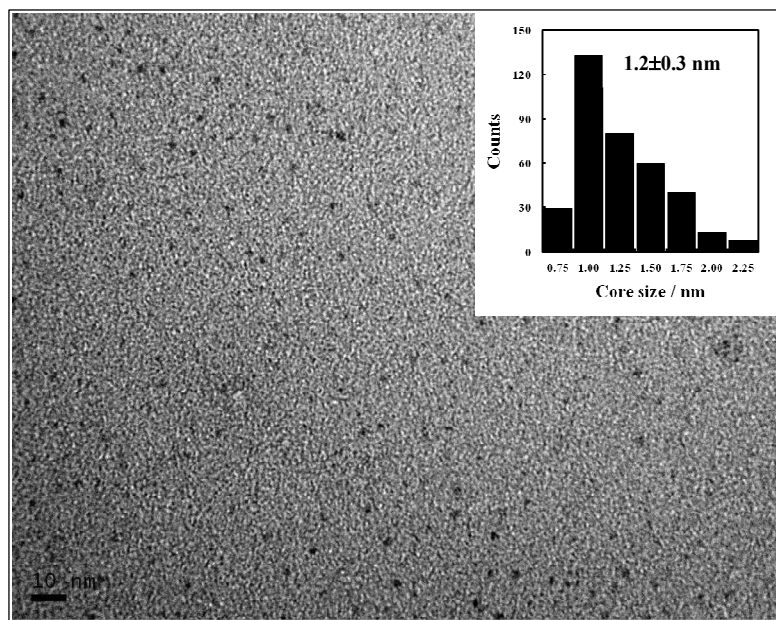
# Selective determination of dopamine using quantum-sized gold nanoparticles protected with charge selective ligands

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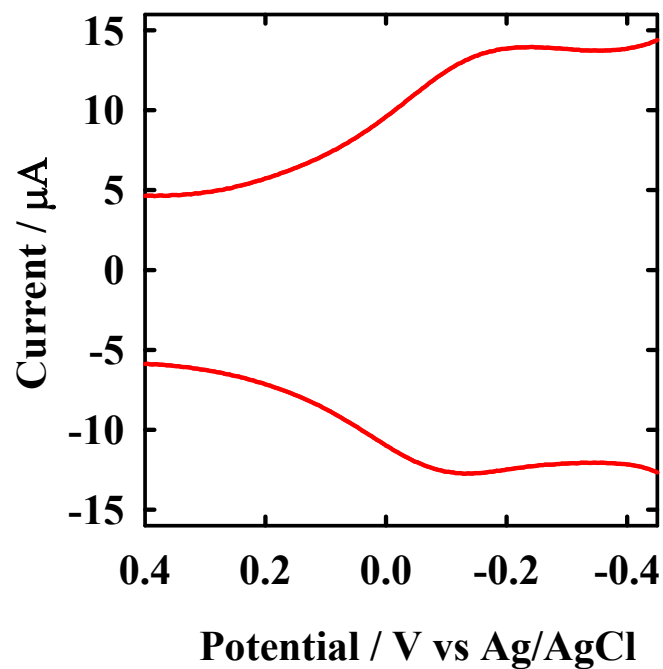
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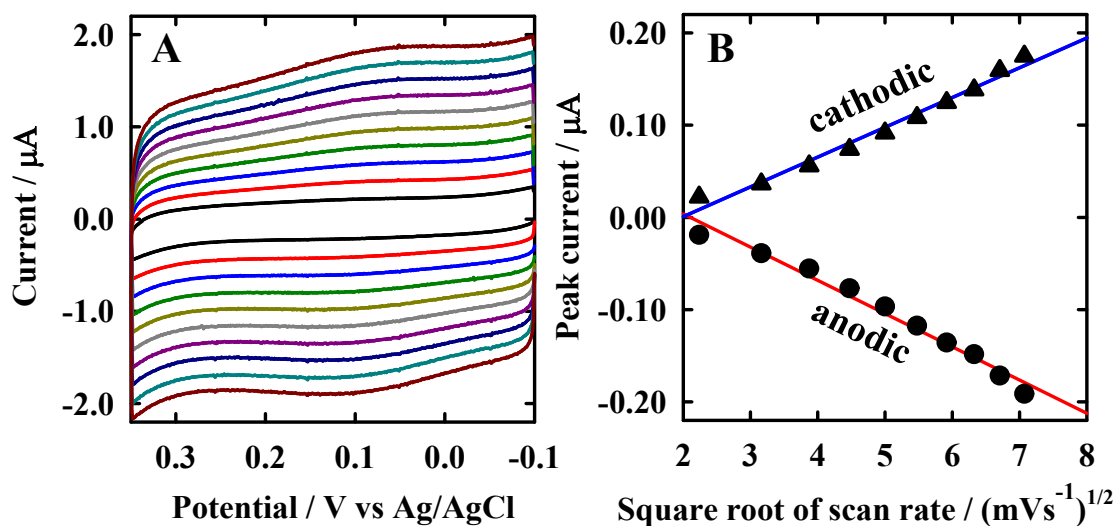
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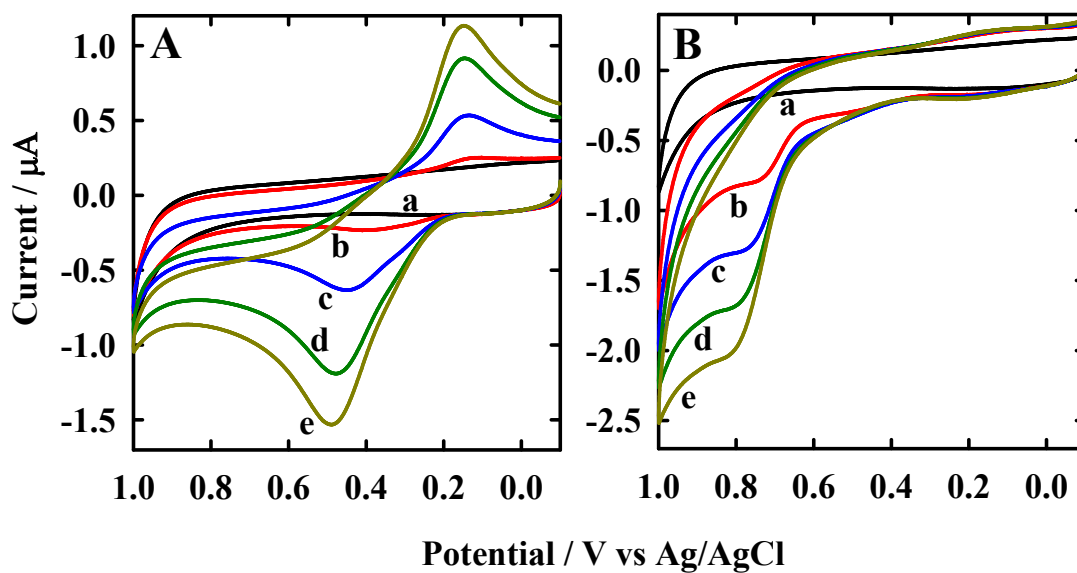
**Fig. S1** TEM image of the synthesized GS-Au<sub>25</sub>. The inset shows the histogram illustrating the core size distribution.



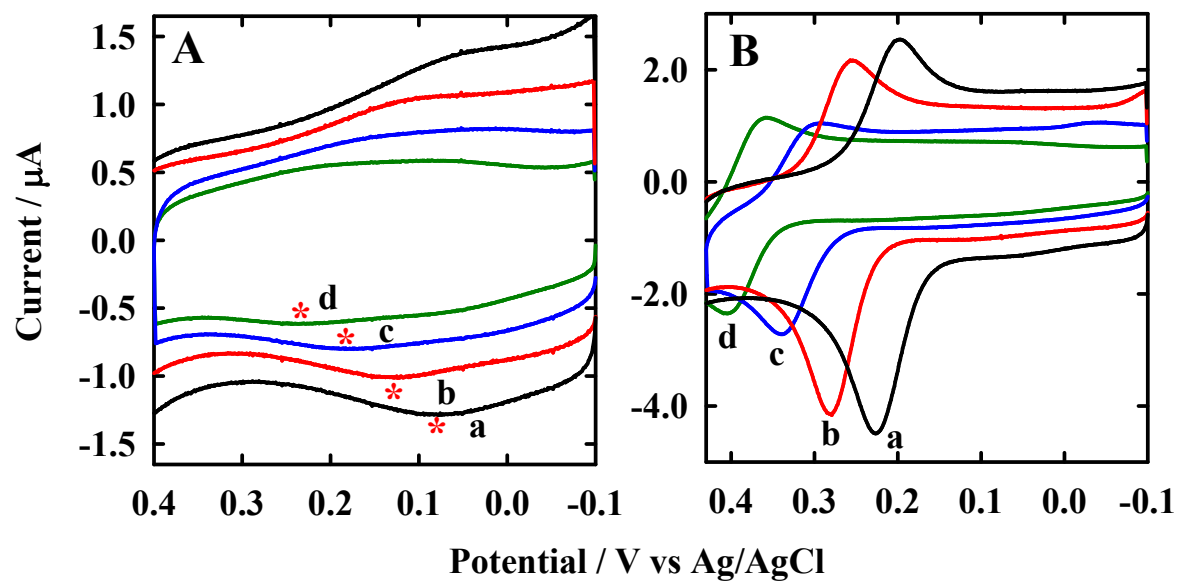
**Fig. S2** SWV of 1 mM GS-Au<sub>25</sub> dissolved in 0.1 M KCl at GCE working electrode.



**Fig. S3** (A) CVs of GS-Au<sub>25</sub>ME at varying scan rates (inner to outer voltammograms correspond to 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup> respectively). (B) Dependence of anodic and cathodic peak currents on the square root of scan rate.



**Fig. S4** CVs demonstrating the oxidation of (A) DA and (B) AA at the bare GCE: curves a-e correspond to CVs in the presence of 0, 1, 5, 10, and 15  $\mu$ M of analyte, respectively.



**Fig. S5** CVs of GS-Au<sub>25</sub>ME in the absence (A) and presence (B) of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  DA in 0.1 M KCl at different pHs (maintained using phthalate buffer). Curves a to d correspond to CVs recorded at pH 6, 5, 4 and 3, respectively, and \* represents the peak position.