## **Supporting Information**

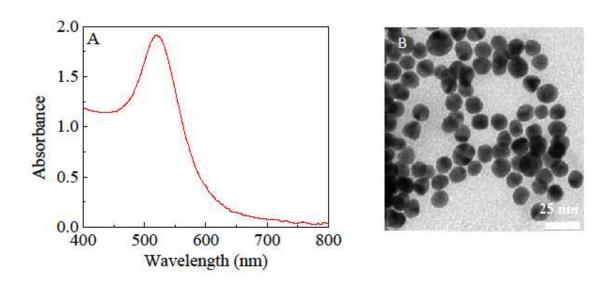
# Probing the Effects of Cysteine Residues on Protein Adsorption onto Gold Nanoparticles using Wild-type and Mutated GB3 Proteins

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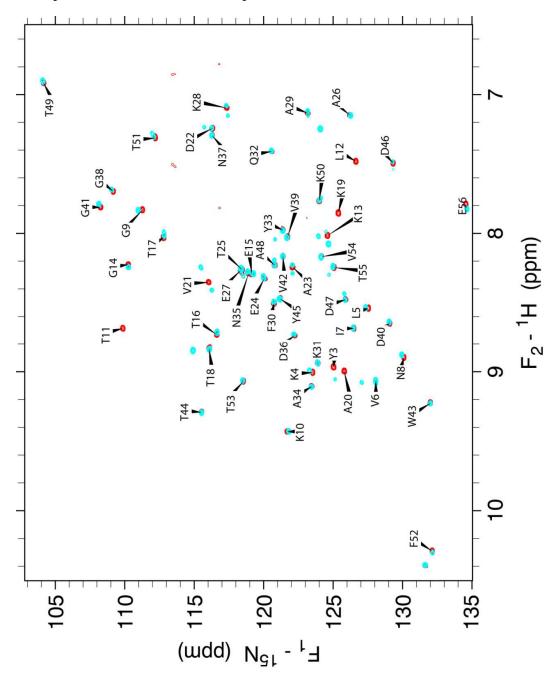
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## S1. TEM image and UV-Vis absorption spectrum of the as-synthesized gold nanoparticles



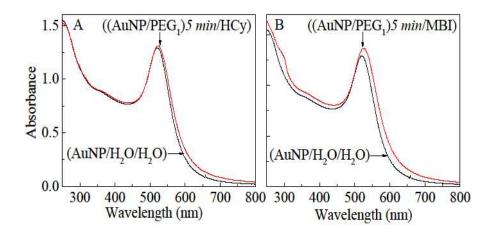
**Figure S1.** (A) UV-Vis spectrum of the two-time diluted AuNPs, and (B) TEM image of the as-synthesized AuNPs.

### S2. Complete <sup>15</sup>N TROSY-HSQC comparison between GB3<sub>0</sub> and GB3<sub>1</sub>



**Figure S2.** Complete <sup>15</sup>N TROSY-HSQC comparison between WT GB3 (red) and T11C K19C (cyan). Only residues near mutation sites show significant shifts, suggesting that the topology of the two proteins are similar.

#### S3. Stability of (AuNP/PEG<sub>1</sub>) mixture upon organothiol adsorption



**Figure S3.** UV-Vis spectra of (A) ((AuNP/PEG<sub>1</sub>)5 *min* /Hcy) and (B) ((AuNP/PEG<sub>1</sub>)5 *min* /MBI). The samples were prepared by mixing equal volume of as-synthesized AuNPs, 30 μM PEG<sub>1</sub>, and 30 μM OTs. The black spectra in both plots were obtained with the AuNP control where the as-synthesized AuNPs were diluted with water by 3 times. ((AuNP/PEG<sub>1</sub>)5 *min* /OT) spectrum was acquired 24 hrs after the OT addition. The lacking of the significant red-shift in the AuNP LSPR peak in the ((AuNP/PEG<sub>1</sub>)5min/OT) samples indicates that the AuNP is stabilized by PEG<sub>1</sub>.