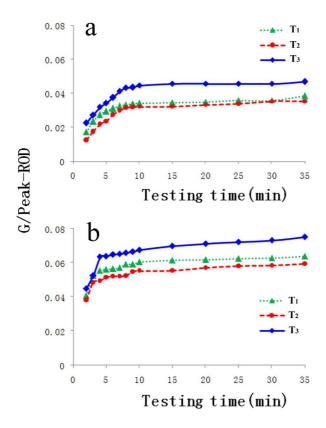


Figure 1. Transmission electron micrograph (a) and visible spectrum (b) of the colloidal gold solution.



**Figure 2.** The trend of color intensity in the test lines versus times with 0.01M phosphate buffer. (a) Test strips made with three conjugate pads; (b) Test strips made with a single conjugate pad. T<sub>1</sub> (BSA–SM<sub>2</sub>), T<sub>2</sub> (SDZ–BSA) and T<sub>3</sub> (SQX–BSA) represent the competitors for SM<sub>2</sub>, SDZ and SQX, respectively. Each value represents the mean of four replicates.