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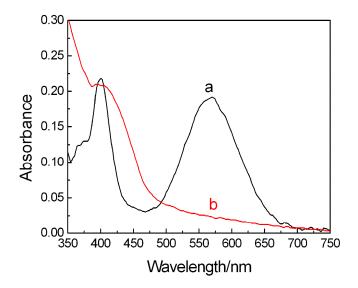
## A one-pot green method for one-dimensional assembly of gold nanoparticles with a novel chitosan-ninhydrin bioconjugate at physiological temperature

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## Figures



**Figure S1.** The progress of species removal in the dialysis process was monitored by UV-vis spectrophotometry. (a) The absorption spectra of solution before dialysis process, (b) The absorption spectra of solution after dialysis process.

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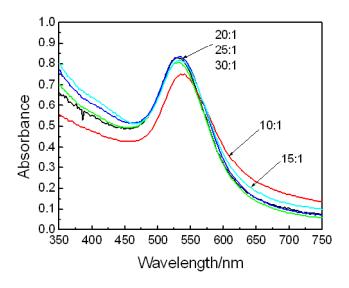
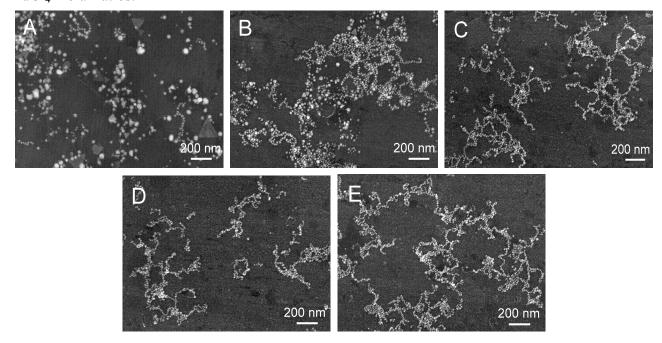


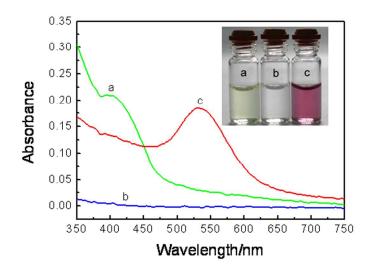
Figure S2. The UV-vis absorption spectra of samples prepared by various CHIT-NH repeat unit to HAuCl<sub>4</sub> molar ratios.



**Figure S3.** SEM micrographs of the CHIT-NH reacted with HAuCl<sub>4</sub> at 37 °C at various molar ratios. The molar ratios of CHIT-NH repeat unit to HAuCl<sub>4</sub> were (A) 10: 1, (B) 15: 1, (C) 20: 1, (D) 25: 1, and (E) 30: 1.



Figure S4. SEM micrograph of the gold NPs capped with citrate.



**Figure S5.** The contrast of UV-vis absorption spectra between CHIT-NH conjugate and chitosan reacted with HAuCl<sub>4</sub> at 37 °C, respectively. (a) CHIT-NH, (b) chitosan reacted with HAuCl<sub>4</sub> (20:1) for 24 h under magnetic stirring, (c) CHIT-NH conjugate reacted with HAuCl<sub>4</sub> (20:1) for 24 h under magnetic stirring. The insert picture is the photography of solution corresponding to the absorption spectra.