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# Rapid Fluorescence Quenching Detection of *Escherichia Coli* using Natural Silica-Based Nanoparticles

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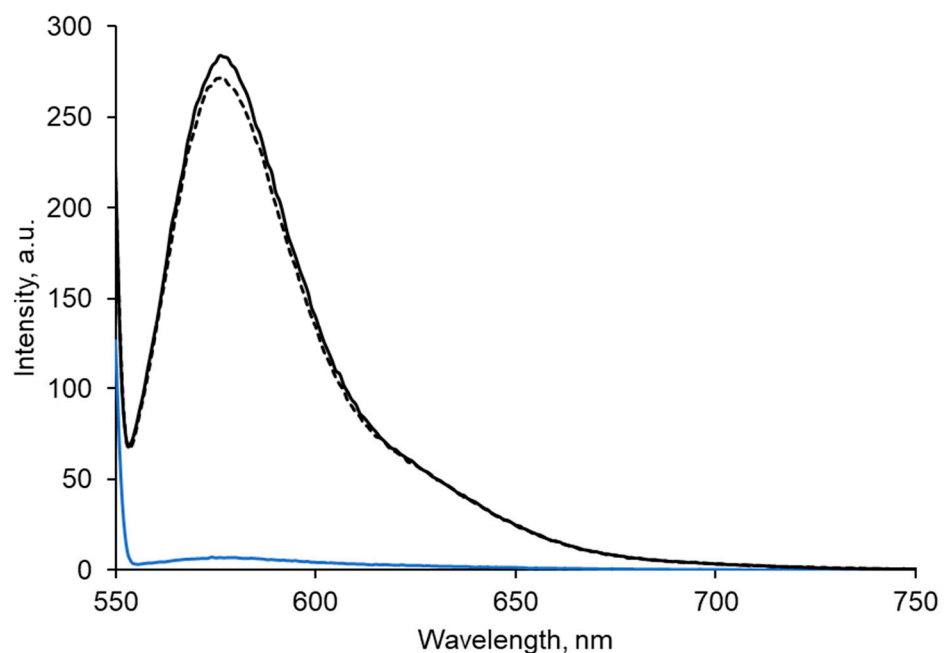
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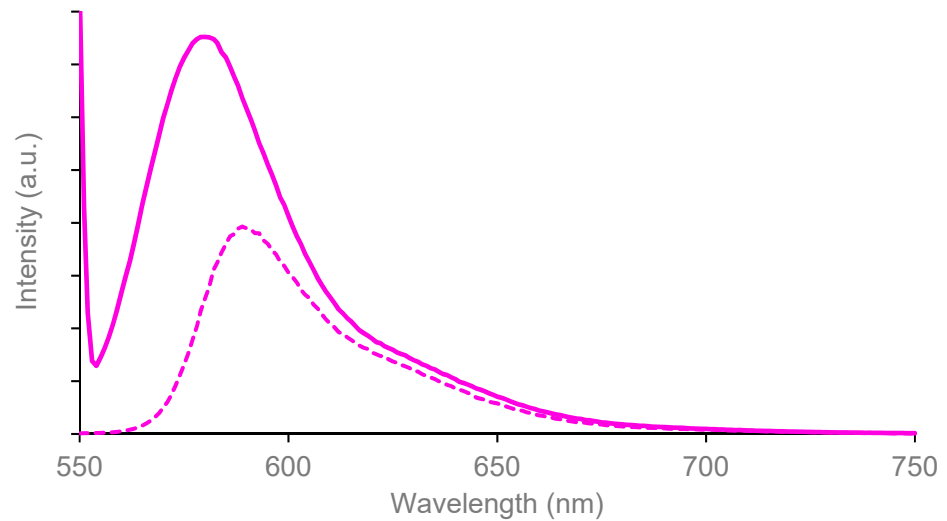
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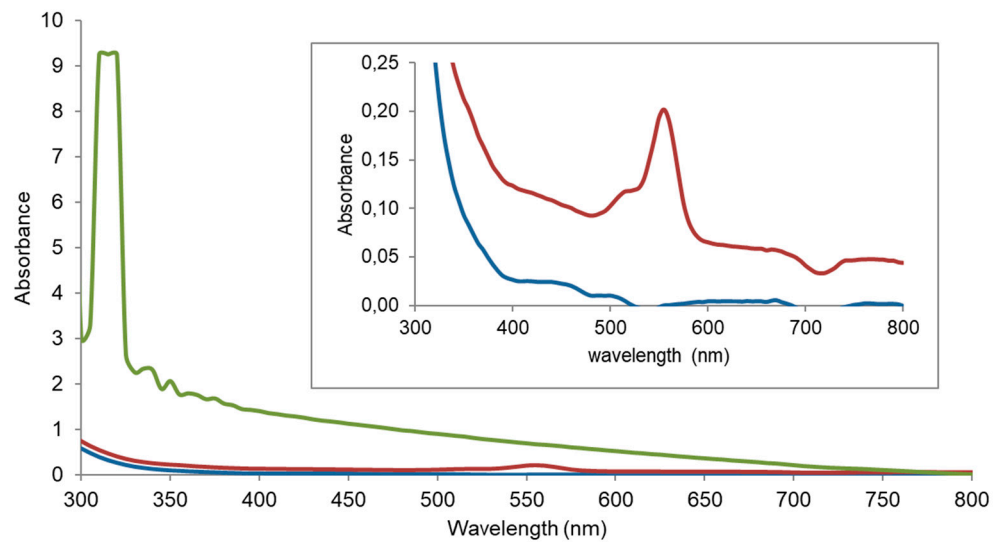
**Figure S1.** Fluorescence spectra of SNP-RB solution before (—) and after 2 hours (---). The fluorescence spectrum of aquadest (—) as the solvent was also measured.

**Table S1.** Specific surface area, pore size, pore volume and nanoparticle size of SNP and SNP-RB samples at reaction temperature of 90°C and aging time of 18 h.

No	Nanoparticles	Specification			
		Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Pore Size (nm)	Pore Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	Nanoparticle size (nm)
1	SNP	44.37	13.86	0.154	135.24
2	SNP-RB	190.23	27.89	1.326	31.54



**Figure S2.** Fluorescence spectra of the nanoparticles samples compared to the fluorophore, Rhodamine-B in H<sub>2</sub>O at the same concentration of  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M. The spectra corresponds to the emission of the fluorescent silica nanoparticles (FSNP) ( ) and Rhodamine-B (---).



**Figure S3.** Absorbance spectra of PBS (blue spectrum), SNP-RB (red spectrum) and SNP-RB in the presence of *E.coli* proteins. Concentration of SNP-RB and *E.coli* was 1 mg/ml and  $1 \times 10^7$  CFU/ml, respectively.

The concentration of SNP-RB solution after detection calculated using the Beer-Lambert equation was 3.56 mg/ml. This concentration value was higher than that before detection of 1 mg/mL, proving that the SNP-RB nanoparticles indeed interact with the bacteria.