

## Supporting information

### **Nanochannel based sensor for the detection of lead ions in traditional Chinese medicine**

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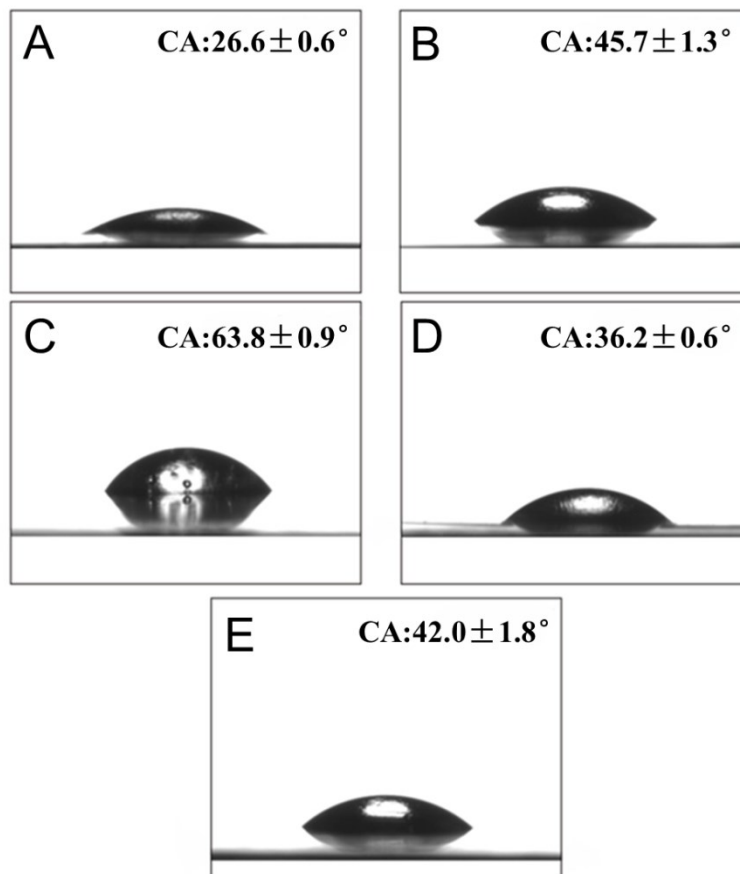
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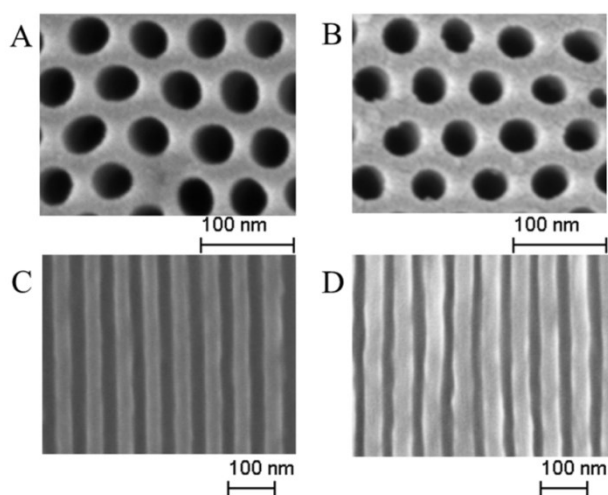
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**Fig. S1.** Contact angle characterizations of the PAAM: bare (A), APTES and GA modification (B and C respectively), peptide-modification (D) and  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  binding (E).



**Fig.S2.** SEM images of PAAM (A and B from vertical view, C and D from sectional view). Bare (A and C), peptide-modified PAAM (B and D).

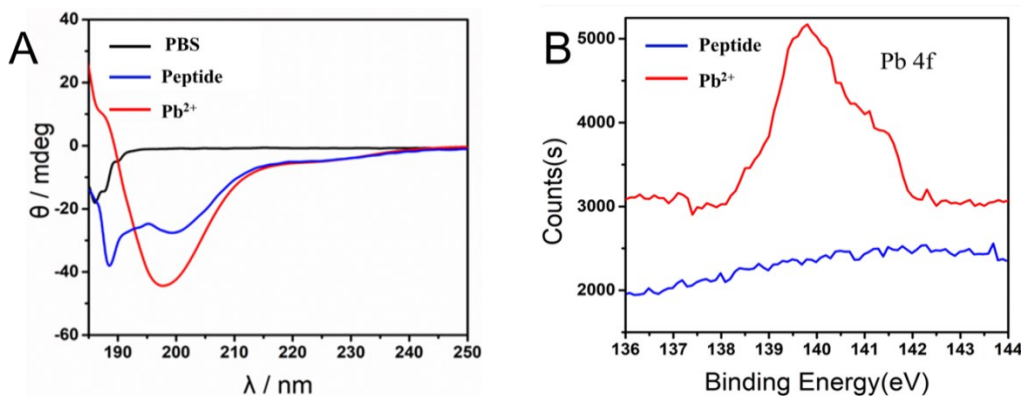


Fig. S3. (A) The CD spectra of PBS (black), peptide (blue), and peptide in the presence of  $Pb^{2+}$  (red). The concentrations of peptide and ions were 50 and 100  $\mu M$ , respectively. (B) Narrow survey of lead element XPS analysis of peptide (blue) and peptide in the presence of  $Pb^{2+}$  (red).

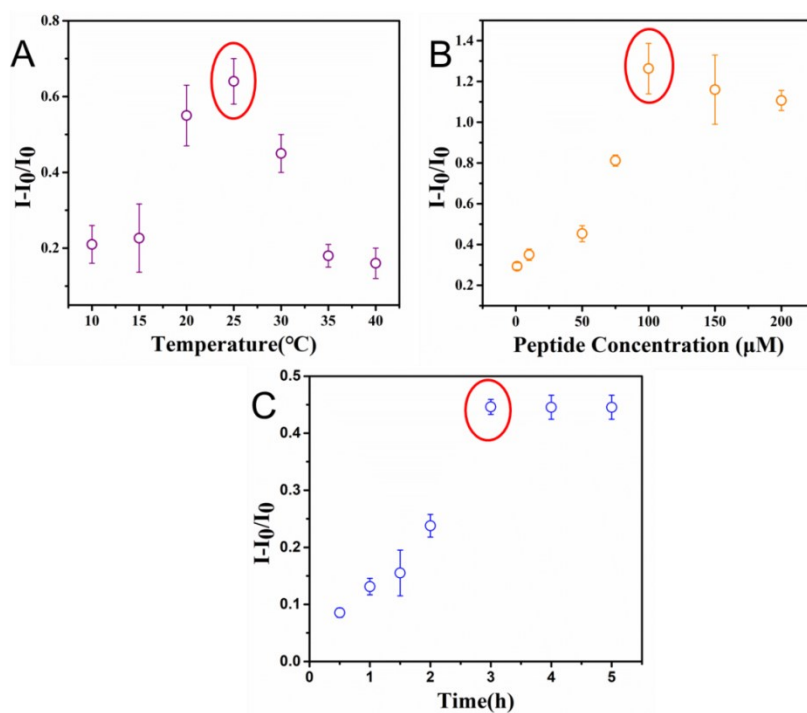


Fig. S4. The optimization of (A) modification temperature, (B) peptide concentration, (C) modification time. The assays were all carried out in the modification buffer (5 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM KCl).  $I_0$  and  $I$  were measured at -1 V.

**Table S1. Comparison of analytical performance for peptide modified  
nanochannelsensors**

| <b>Materials (Methods)</b>  | <b>LOD</b>   | <b>Reference</b> |
|---|--------------|------------------|
| Multiwalled carbon nanotubes  | 0.02 $\mu$ M | 1                |
| EDTA PANI/SWCNTs  | 1.65 $\mu$ M | 2                |
| Nanocomposite modified<br>electrode   |              |                  |
| Doped carbon dots   | 9.64 $\mu$ M | 3                |
| Fluorescence probe  | 50nM         | 4                |
| Carbon dots fluorescence sensor   | 2.2 $\mu$ M  | 5                |
| Fluorescence sensor based on<br>Graphene quantum dots and gold<br>Nanoparticles | 16.7 nM      | 6                |
| Porous Ce-Zr oxide nanospheres  | 6 nM         | 7                |
| Interlocked hexagonal   | 25 nM        | 8                |
| Peptide-modified nanochannel<br>sensor  | 5 nM         | This work        |

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