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Gold nanoparticles-based fluorescent turn-on sensor for the selective and sensitive detection of dimethoate

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A simple strategy for the fabrication of a highly selective and sensitive dimethoate probe based on Rhodamine B (RB) functionalized Gold Nanoparticles (AuNPs) was developed. The quenching of fluorescence of RB occurs in the presence of AuNPs in the solution through the Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET) has been observed. In the presence of dimethoate, the FRET-based fluorescence of RB and AuNPs would be gradually recovered for the reason that dimethoate could displace RB molecules on the surface of AuNPs, leading to a significant increase in fluorescence intensity. The fluorescence was used for the detection of dimethoate concentration ranging from 0.005-1.0 ppm (R²=0.989) and recoveries of water and fruit samples were in the range of 101%-116%. This method has excellent selectivity and sensitivity for the detection of dimethoate in the presence of other pesticides. Owing to its high sensitivity, excellent selectivity and convenient procedure, this method will provide a promising alternative for dimethoate screening.

Biography

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