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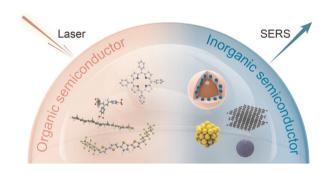
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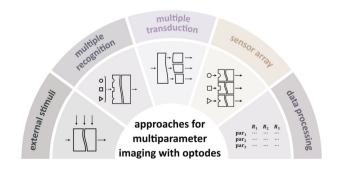
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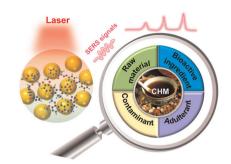


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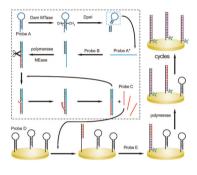


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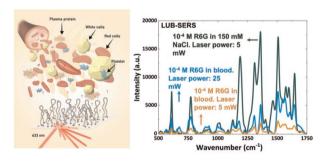


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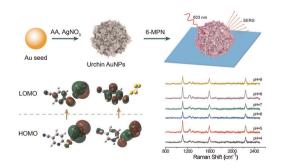
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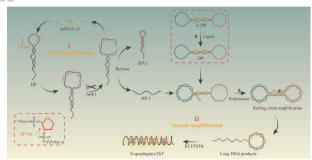
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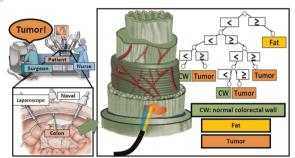
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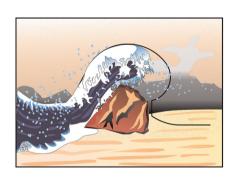
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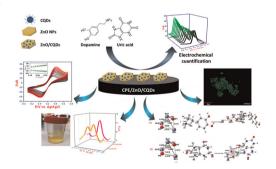
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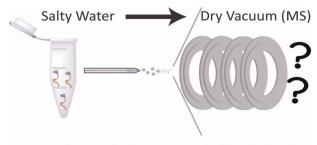
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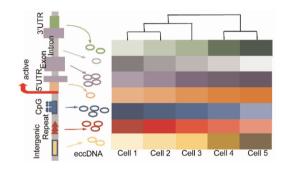
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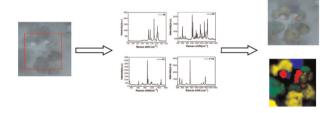
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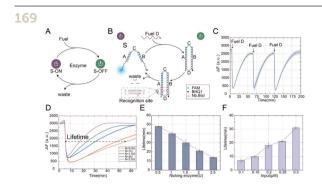


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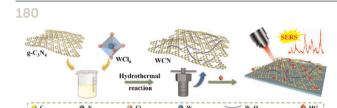
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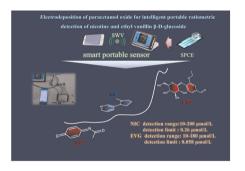
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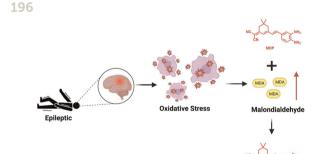
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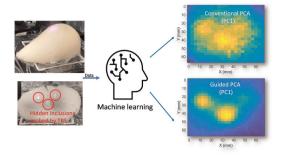
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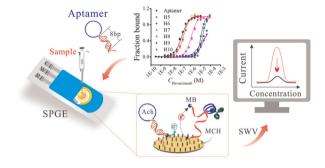
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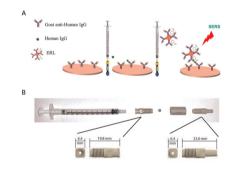
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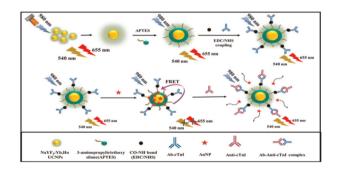
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Contaminated water

SERS

Chitosan

Contaminated water

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