## Supporting Information for

# Simultaneous Detection and Removal of Formaldehyde at Room Temperature: Janus Au@ZnO@ZIF-8 Nanoparticles 

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Fig. S1 TEM image of Au NRs. Scale bar represents 100 nm


Fig. S2 TEM image of Au NRs@ZnO@ZIF-8 obtained by increasing the concentration of HMIM from 0.03 M (the samples shown in main text) to 0.3 M , at a 5 min and $\mathbf{b} 2$ h. Scale bars in a and brepresent 250 nm


Fig. S3 TEM image of Au NRs@ZnO@ZIF-8 obtained at a $50 \mathrm{~min}, \mathbf{b} 1 \mathrm{~h}, \mathbf{c} 2 \mathrm{~h}, \mathbf{d} 8 \mathrm{~h}$, and $\mathbf{e} 24 \mathrm{~h}, \mathbf{f}$ XRD patterns for these five stages. Scale bar represents 300 nm


Fig. S4 TEM image of $\mathrm{Au} @ \mathrm{ZnO} @ Z$ IF- 8 obtained at 48 h ; scale bar represents 400 nm . ZIF-8 which once coated on ZnO disappeared and transformed into larger crystals, which could be one of the most visual evidences for the Ostwald ripening during the ZIF-8 growth process, especially considering that the deprotonation rate is 0 at this stage (i.e., no more coordination between $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ and HMIM)


Fig. S5 Dynamic response-recovery of a Sample I to HCHO and b its selectivity performance to interferes (RH from 0 to $100 \%$, toluene concentration from 1 to 50 ppm ), c Sample III


Fig. S6 a TEM image of $\mathrm{ZnO} @$ ZIF-8 (without Au NRs) which was synthesized under the same conditions with Sample II, and $\mathbf{b}$ its sensing performance to HCHO. Scale bar represents 200 nm .

