

## Supporting Information

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## Substrate modulation of the activity of an artificial nanoesterase made of peptide-functionalized gold nanoparticles\*\*

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**Figure S1**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum in  $D_2O$  of the C8-TEG functionalized nanoparticles (top) and Au-PEP nanoparticles (bottom), i.e. the nanoparticles obtained after the exchange process.



**Figure S2**. Kinetic runs for the cleavage of Z-Leu-PNP in the presence of Au-PEP ([catalyst]=  $1.4 \times 10^{-5}$  M) at different substrate concentrations. The hydrolysis in absence of catalysts is also reported as a reference.



Figure S3. Representative HR-TEM image of Au-PEP nanoparticles.