## **Supplemental Information**

## Distance-based paper device combined with headspace extraction for determination of cyanide

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**Fig. S1** The effect of AuNPs for the Au@Ag NPs synthesis with the different concentration of AuNPs at (a) 0.500, (b) 0.250 and (c) 0.125 with the response signal of  $CN^{-}$  10 mg L<sup>-1</sup>



**Fig. S2** The effect of AgNO<sub>3</sub> for the Au@Ag NPs synthesis with the different concentration of AgNO<sub>3</sub> at (a) 500, (b) 800, (c) 1,000, (d) 1,500 and (e) 2,000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> on the distance-based paper device with the response signal of CN<sup>-</sup> 10 mg L<sup>-1</sup>



Fig. S3 Detection time for  $CN^{-}$  on distance-based device in the range of 0 - 50 minutes with

 $CN^{-}~10~mg~L^{-1}$ 



Fig. S4 Lifetime of CN<sup>-</sup> on distance-based device



Fig. S5 Calibration curve for  $CN^-$  determination in the range of  $1 - 40 \text{ mg } L^{-1}$ 

Table S1	Determination	of CN <sup>-</sup> i	in water	samples

Samplas	Spiked level CN <sup>-</sup> found   (μg L <sup>-1</sup> ) (μg L <sup>-1</sup> )		Recovery
Samples -			(%)
	0	N.D.	
Seawater	70	$70 \pm 4.0$	100
	500	$536\pm40.3$	107
	0	N.D.	
Drinking water	70	$70 \pm 4.0$	100
	500	$540 \pm 11.8$	108
Tap water 1	0	N.D.	
	70	$68 \pm 4.0$	97
	500	$466\pm40.2$	93
	0	N.D.	
Tap water 2	70	$70 \pm 4.0$	100
	500	$470\pm40.5$	94
	0	N.D.	
Tap water 3	70	$68 \pm 4.0$	97
	500	$536\pm40.1$	107

*N.D.* = *not detected*