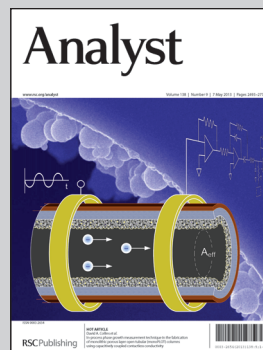


Showcasing research into surface-enhanced photochromism from the Functional Material Chemistry Laboratory of Professor Kenta Adachi at Yamaguchi University, Japan.

**Title:** Surface-enhanced photochromic phenomena of phenylalanine adsorbed on tungsten oxide nanoparticles: a novel approach for “label-free” colorimetric sensing

We report the surface-enhanced photochromic phenomena by L-phenylalanine adsorbed on tungsten(vi) oxide ( $\text{WO}_3$ ) nanoparticles in the aqueous solution. The findings have important implications for the development of photochromic  $\text{WO}_3$  nanoparticles as highly effective colorimetric sensor probes for amino acids and related compounds.

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