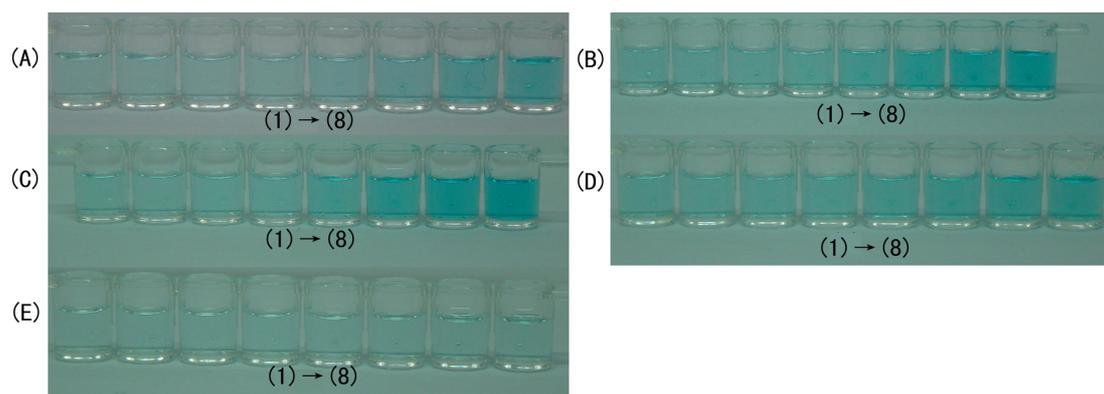


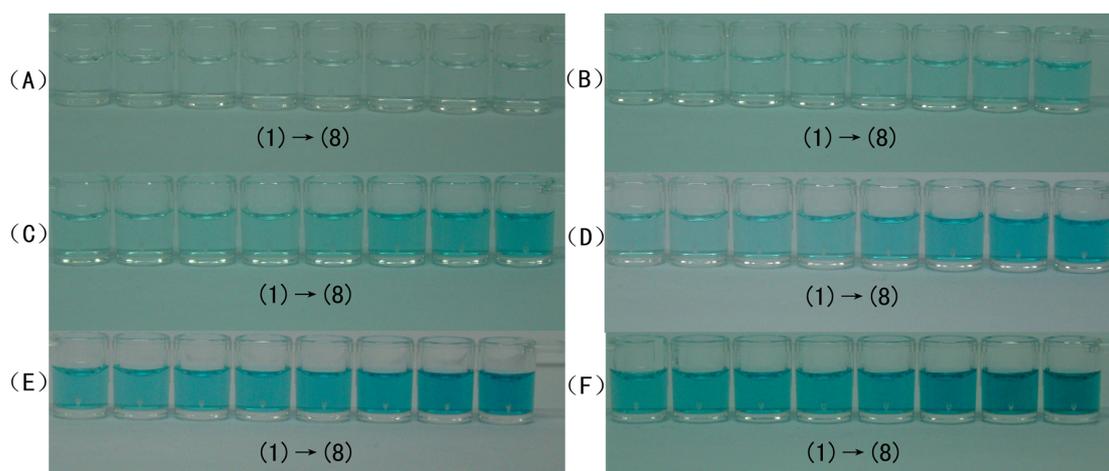
# Supplementary information

## Potassium-sensitive G-quadruplex DNA for sensitive visible potassium detection

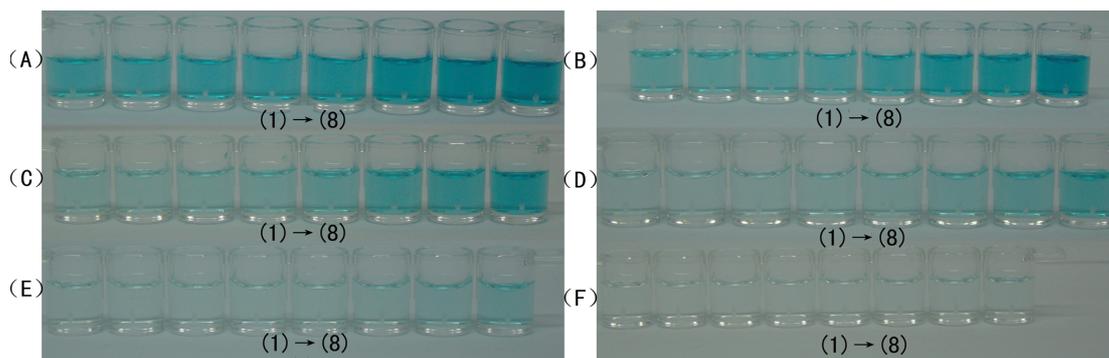
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**Fig. S1** Photographs of the TMB-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reaction system catalyzed by hemin-PS5.M DNAzyme in the presence of Tris-MES buffer (25 mM MES) of different pH. Conditions: (1) blank, (2) 250 nM K<sup>+</sup>, (3) 1.25 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (4) 2.5 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (5) 5 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (6) 12.5 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (7) 25 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (8) 50 μM K<sup>+</sup>; (A) pH = 3.20, (B) pH = 4.50, (C) pH = 5.10, (D) pH = 5.90, (E) pH = 6.80; TMB, 266 μM in Tris-MES buffer; H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 794 μM; DNA, 500 nM; hemin, 500 nM.



**Fig. S2** Photographs of the TMB-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reaction system catalyzed by hemin-PS5.M DNAzyme in the presence of different concentrations of hemin. Conditions: (1) blank, (2) 250 nM K<sup>+</sup>, (3) 1.25 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (4) 2.5 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (5) 5 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (6) 12.5 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (7) 25 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (8) 50 μM K<sup>+</sup>; (A) 50 nM hemin, (B) 100 nM hemin, (C) 250 nM hemin, (D) 500 nM hemin, (E) 1 μM hemin, (F) 2.5 μM hemin; TMB, 266 μM in Tris-MES buffer (25 mM MES, pH = 5.10); H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 794 μM; DNA, 500 nM.



**Fig. S3** Photographs of the TMB-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reaction mixture catalyzed by hemin-PS5.M DNAzyme in the presence of different concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Conditions: (1) blank, (2) 250 nM K<sup>+</sup>, (3) 1.25 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (4) 2.5 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (5) 5 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (6) 12.5 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (7) 25 μM K<sup>+</sup>, (8) 50 μM K<sup>+</sup>; (A) 7.94 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, (B) 3.97 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, (C) 1.59 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, (D) 794 μM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, (E) 397 μM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, (F) 79.4 μM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; TMB, 266 μM in Tris-MES buffer (25 mM MES, pH = 5.10); hemin, 500 nM; DNA, 500 nM.