## **Electronic supplementary information**

## A Homogeneous Fluorescence Sensing Platform with Water-soluble Carbon Nanoparticles for Detection of MicroRNA and Nuclease Activity

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**Fig. S1** Fluorescence emission spectra of FAM-P in the presence of (a) Tris-HCl buffer; (b) miRNA, CNPs and Tris-HCl buffer; (c) CNPs and Tris-HCl buffer. The concentrations of FAM-P, miRNA, and CNPs were 50 nmol  $1^{-1}$ , 200 nmol  $1^{-1}$ , and 2.0 µg ml<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.



Fig. S2 Fluorescence emission spectra of FAM-P in the presence of (a) CNPs and miRNA target, (b) CNPs, miRNA target and RNase H after incubation at  $37^{\circ}$ C for 30 min. The concentration of FAM-P, miRNA targets, RNase H and CNPs was 50 nmol 1<sup>-1</sup>, 50 nmol 1<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 U and 7.5 µg ml<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.



**Fig. S3** Fluorescence emission spectra of FAM-P in the presence of (a) CNPs, (b) CNPs and DNase I after incubation at  $37^{\circ}$ C for 60 min. The concentration of FAM-P, DNase I and CNPs was 50 nmol  $1^{-1}$ , 50 nmol  $1^{-1}$ , 0.06 U  $\mu$ I<sup>-1</sup> and 7.5  $\mu$ g mI<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.