## Supplementary information for

# Fluorescence-Based Colorimetric Droplet Platform Applied in the Biosensor for the Detection of α-Fetoprotein

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#### **Supplementary Figure S1**



Fig. S1 UV-vis spectra of NAC-capped CdTe QDs, Ru and Ru-Ab. All solutions were prepared in 15 mM PBS buffer at pH 8.0.

### **Supplementary Figure S2**



Fig. S2 The zeta potential of QDs, Ru-Ab and Ru-Ab-AFP from A to C. The concentrations of QDs, Ru-Ab and AFP were  $3 \times 10^{-8}$  M, 1.5 µg/ml and 75 ng/ml, respectively.

### **Supplementary Figure S3**



**Fig. S3** The data of fluorescence recovery of QDs in the absence and presence of AFP under different QDs concentration. The concentrations of QDs were (A)  $1.4 \times 10^{-6}$  M, (B)  $2.1 \times 10^{-6}$  M, (C)  $3.5 \times 10^{-6}$  M. The concentrations of Ru-Ab and AFP were 0.3 mg/ml and 1µg/ml.



**Supplementary Figure S4** 

Fig. S4 The data of fluorescence recovery of QDs in the absence and presence of AFP under different mixing order. The concentrations of QDs, Ru-Ab and AFP were  $3.5 \times 10^{-6}$  M, 0.3 mg/ml

and  $0.01\mu g/ml$ . The VRs of QDs-Ru-Ab was 1:3.

### **Supplementary Figure S5**



Fig. S5 Comparisons of the fluorescence recovery of QDs in the presence of diverse analytes and

AFP. Other experimental conditions were the same as Fig.8.

**Table S1** Comparisons of the linear range, detection limit and detection time of several analytical methods for AFP.

References	Linear range (µg/L)	Detection limit (µg/L)	Detection time (min)	Detection scheme
Anal. Chem. 2006, 78, 1104-1106		11.7	150	Fluorescence Quenching
Anal. Chem. 2009, 81, 8230-8235		1	~ 9	Laser-Induced Fluorescence
Chem. Eur. J. 2009, 15, 4704-4709	0.1-5	0.01	~30	Chemiluminescence
J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 686-688	0.8-45	0.41	~10	PLNPs FRET Inhibition assay
Sens. Actuators, B. 2011, 156, 388-394	0.2-200	0.067	275	Electrochemical immunosensor

Anal. Chim. Acta. 2011, 686,115-120	5-70	2.5	60	Chemiluminescence resonance energy (CRET)
Acs Nano. 2010, 4, 488-494	0.0038-3800 (25fM-25nM)	0.038 (250fM)	1560	Microfluidic Protein Chip and QDs
Lab. Chip. 2010, 10, 3335-3340	0.1		45	3-Dhydrogel pillars chip
Biosens. Bioelectron. 2008, 23, 1319-1325		1	~54	Electrical detection in PDMS-glass microbiochip
Anal. Chim. Acta. 2009, 650, 77-82	0.001-0.5	0.001	1660	Microchip-based ELISA strategy, Chemiluminescence
Biomed.Microdevices. 2009, 11, 213-216	1-800	0.23	15.5	Chemiluminescence
Sens. Actuators, B. 2008, 128, 349-358	0.001-1		20	Fluorescence
Lab. Chip. 2010, 10, 2527-2533	0.001			Capillary electrophoresis
Anal. Biochem, 2009, 388, 306-311		0.1	~10	Electrophoresis
Electrophoresis 2008, 29, 3466–3476	0.001-0.1		55	Microchip-based multiplex electro-immunosensing
This method	0.5-1000	0.06	~4	colorimetric immunosensor in droplet