Supplementary data

Ultrasensitive detection of mRNA extracted from cancerous cells achieved by DNA rotaxane-based cross rolling circle amplification

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No.	Description	Sequences(5'-3')				
1-1	cDNA specific for ACTB	CGGATCGGCAAAGGCGAGGCTCTGTGCTCGCGGGGGCGGACGCGGTCTC				
		GGCGGT				
1-2	cDNA specific for TERT	CGTCCCAGGGCACGCACACCAGGCACTGGGCCACCAGCGCGCGGAAAG				
		CCGCCG				
1-3	cDNA specific for MYC	CTGCTATGGGCAAAGTTTCGTGGATGCGGCAAGGGTTGCGGACCGCTG				
		GCTGGG				
1-4	cDNA specific for ERBB2	TGCAGGAAGGACAGGCTGGCATTGGTGGGCAGGTAGGTGAGTTCCAGG				
		TTTCCC				
2	biotinylated primer-I	biotin-AGCACAGAGCCTCGCC				
3	linear DNA rod-I	CAGGGATTTTTATCCCTGCGCGTCCGCCCCGCGAGCACAGAGCCTCGCC				
		TTTGCCGATCCGGAACTAATTTTTTAGTTCTTT				
4	circle template-I	TGTGCTCGCGTTTCTCCTCATCTTTGACTTCCCCTTCCCAACCCGCCCTA				
		CCCCTCCTCATCTTTGACTTCCCCTTTTTGGCGAGGCTC				
5	release-DNA-I	AAGGGGAAGTCAAAGATGAGGAGTTT				
6	biotinylated primer-II	biotin-CATCTTTGACTTCC				
7	linear DNA rod-II	CAGGGATTTTTATCCCTGCTCCTCATCTTTGACTTCCCCTTGAACTAATT				
		TTTTAGTTCTTT				
8	circle template-II	AAAGATGTTCCGCGAGCACAGAGCCTCGCCTTTGCCCCCAACCCGCCCT				
		ACCCCCGCGAGCACAGAGCCTCGCCTTTGCCTTGGAAGTC				
9	release-DNA-II	GGCAAAGGCGAGGCTCTGTGCTCGCGGTTT				
10	DNA primer	ATCATCCATGGTGAGCTGGCGGCGG				
^a Fon	^a Font colors correspond to the line colors in the schemes.					

Table S1. Oligonucleotides used in the expriments^a

Nondenaturing PAGE Results of RT-PCR. PCR products of standard cDNA samples and RT-PCR products of *ACTB* extracted from MCF-7 cells were detected by nondenaturing PAGE (15%) (Fig. S1), whose data were analyzed by VisionWorks[®]LS Image Acquisition and Analysis software (Ultra-Violet Products Ltd., cambridge, UK). The calibration curve is shown in Fig. S2.



Fig. S1. The sensitivity of PCR for detection of cDNA that is specific for *ACTB*. M: Marker; lanes $1 \sim 7$: differently diluted cDNA template $(10^2, 10^3, 10^4, 10^5, 10^6, 10^7, 10^8, 10^9, 10^{10}, 10^{11}$ copies per reaction).



Fig. S2. Standard curve of the PCR products of cDNA. Synthetic cDNA input ranges from 10^2 copies per reaction to 10^8 copies per reaction in PCR.

Table S2. Comparison of the Proposed C-RCA-Based Method with the RT-PCR Method for the

No ^[a]	The proposed C-RCA method	RSD	RT-PCR method	RSD
	(copies per cell)	(%)	(copies per cell)	(%)
1	117	3.1	138	1.8
2	100	2.3	129	1.6
3	128	3.5	144	1.2

Detection of ACTB in MCF-7 Cells

^[a] Each sample is analyzed in triplicate, and the results are the average values.