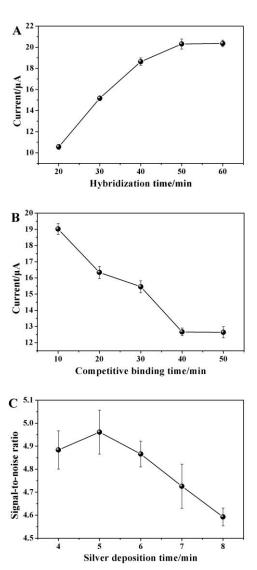
## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## A novel aptamer-based competition strategy for ultrasensitive electrochemical detection of leukemia cells

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## Optimization of the detection conditions



**Fig. S1.** (A) Effect of incubation time on hybridization between  $Fe_3O_4$  MNP-bound aptamers and AuNP-conjugated cDNA. (B) Effect of incubation time on CCRF-CEM cells  $(1.0\times10^4\,\text{mL}^{-1})$  competing with AuNP-conjugated cDNA to bind preferentially to  $Fe_3O_4$  MNP-bound aptamers. (C) Signal-to-noise ratio of different silver deposition times. The error bars represent RSD from three independent experiments.