

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Highly Stable Colorimetric Aptamer Sensor for Ochratoxin A through
Optimizing the Sequence with the Covalent Conjugation of Hemin**

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1. Binding affinity of EAD2-hemin complex

500 nM hemin was prepared in 100 mM phosphate buffer (pH 6.7) with 200 mM NaCl, 20 mM MgCl₂, and 5 mM KCl. Two additional adenosines were added on the 5'-end of original EAD2 sequence. EAD2 was dissolved in same buffer as used for hemin. Hemin and EAD2 mixtures with 6 different molar ratio were mixed and stood for at least an hour, and the dissociation constant (K_d) for the DNA-hemin complexes was determined by plotting the absorbance changes of hemin (0.5 μ M) at 404nm against DNA concentrations (0 -10 μ M). The K_d for EAD2 was determined to be 770 nM.

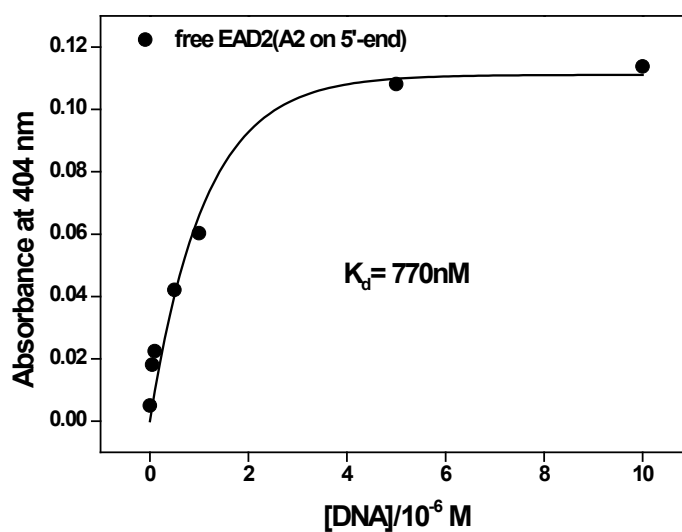


Figure S1. A plot for obtaining the dissociation constant for EAD2-hemin

2. A plot of enzymatic reaction velocities of OHD₀

Each sample was dissolved in 100 mM phosphate buffer with 200 mM NaCl, 20 mM MgCl₂, and 5 mM KCl. Absorbance was measured for initial 5 min in each experiment. [OHD₀] = 500 nM, [hemin] = 1.5 μM.

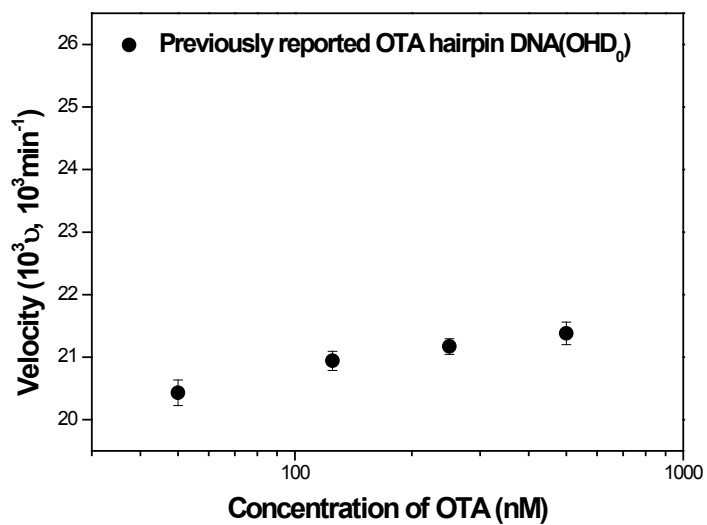


Figure S3. A plot of enzymatic reaction velocities of OHD₀ against different OTA concentration.

3. Linear plots of enzymatic velocities of a few OHD₁ derivatives

Each sample was dissolved in 100 mM phosphate buffer with 200 mM NaCl, 20 mM MgCl₂, and 5 mM KCl. Absorbance was measured for initial 5 minutes in each experiment.

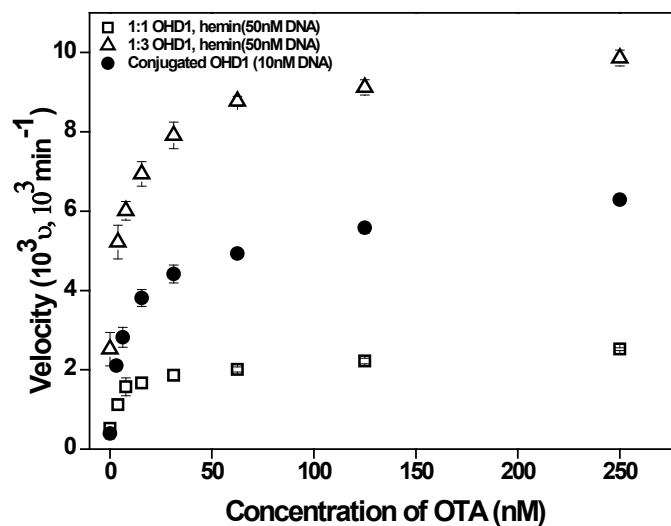


Figure S3. The linear plot of enzymatic velocities of OHD₁ with various hemin conditions