

## Electronic Supplementary Information

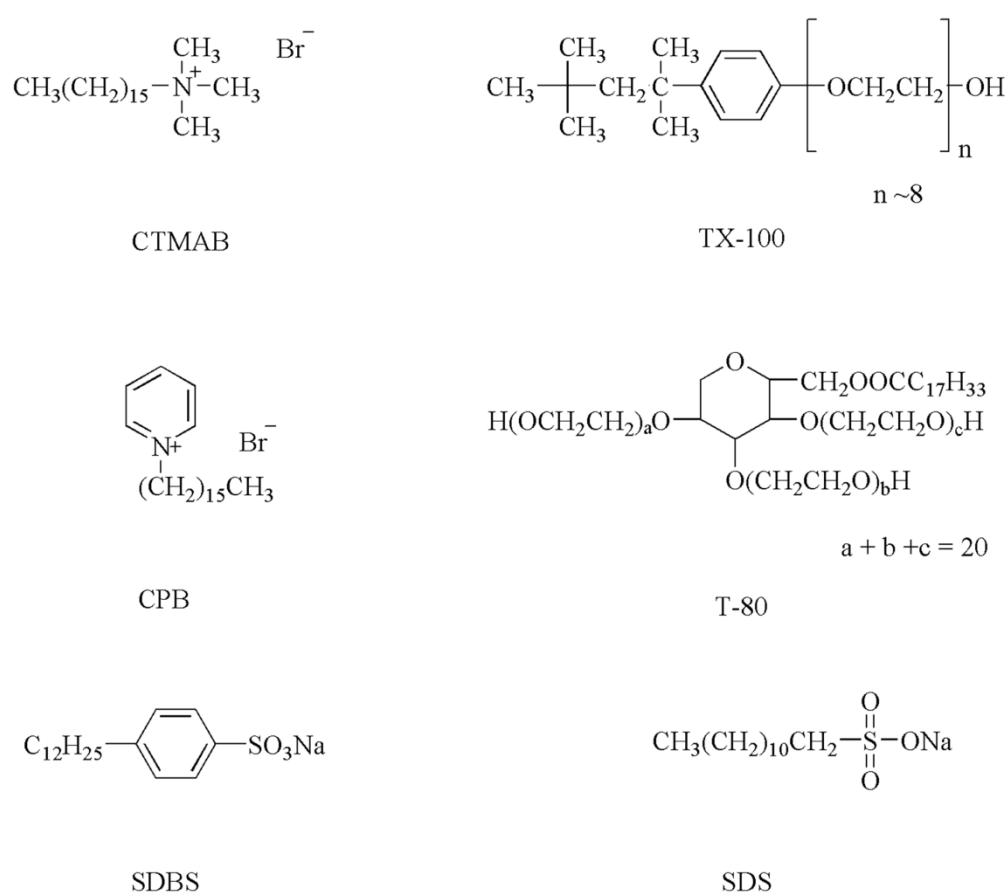
### A Resonance Rayleigh Light Scattering Detection of DNA

### Hybridization Based on Interaction between DNA and Surfactants

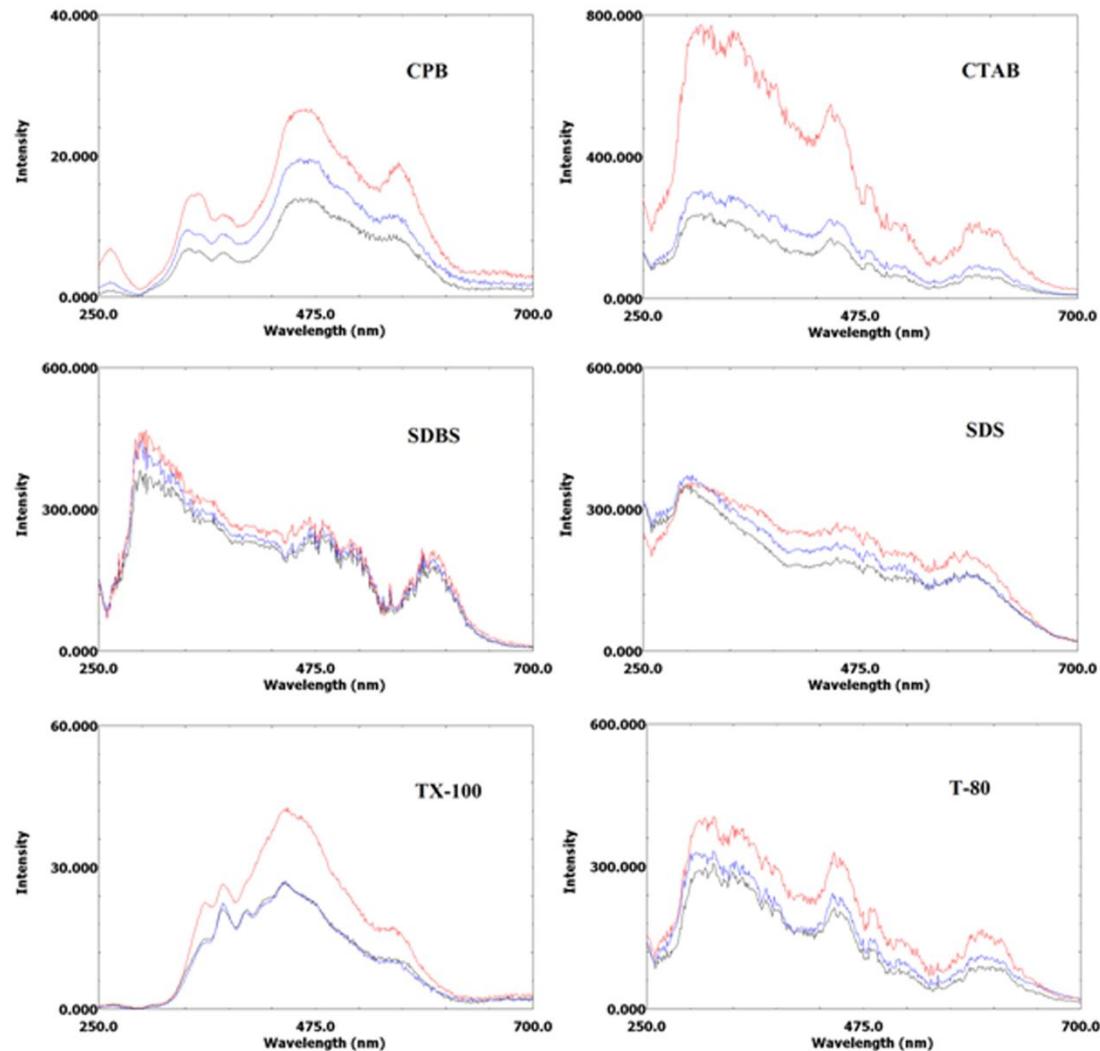
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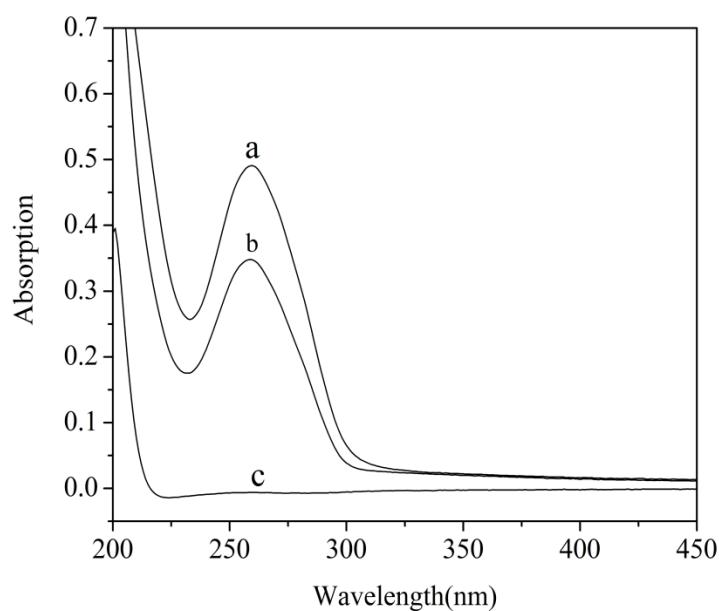
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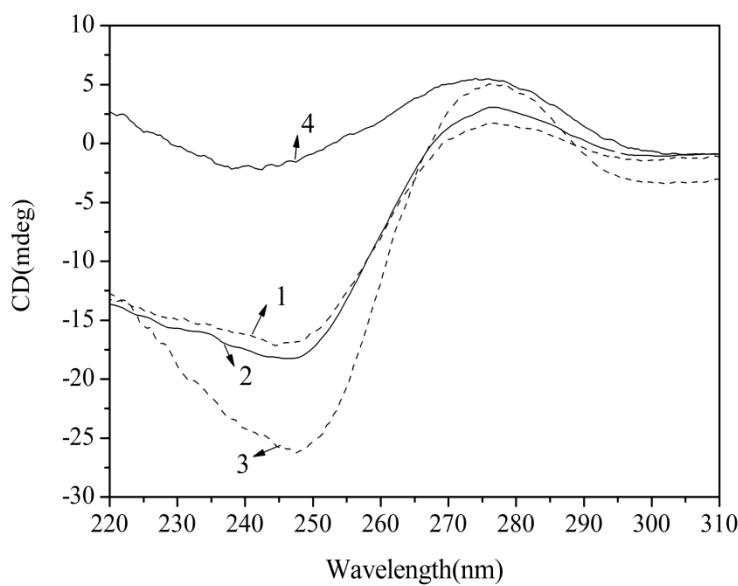
**Fig.S1** The Molecular structure of six surfactants



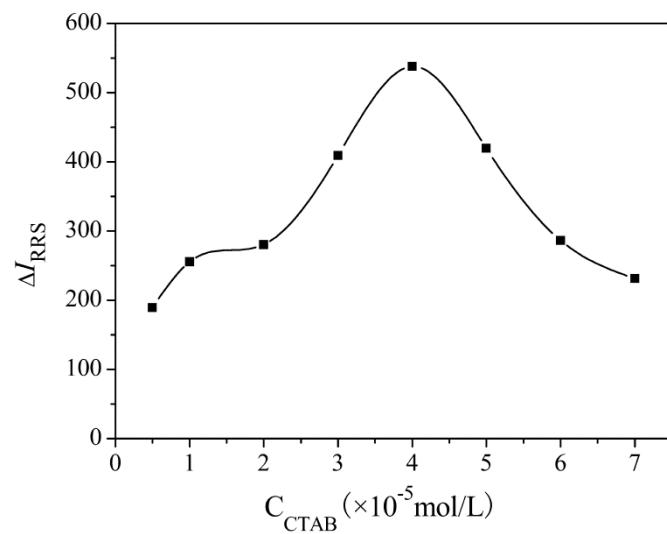
**Fig.S2** RRS spectra properties of the interaction of P1 and dsDNA with six surfactants. Surfactants (Black curve), P1-surfactants (Blue curve), dsDNA-surfactants (Red curve). Condition:  $C_{\text{Surfactants}} 4.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $C_{\text{P1}, \text{T1}} 2.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , pH 7.2



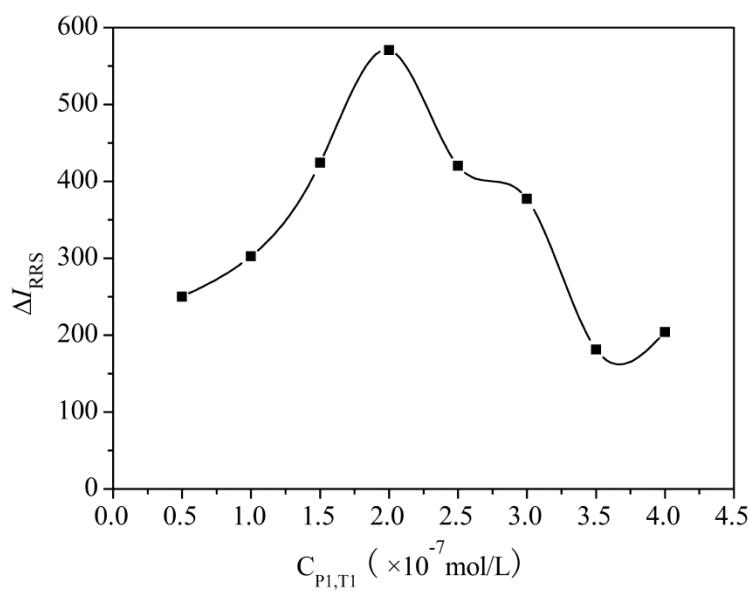
**Fig.S3** UV-vis spectra of CTAB-DNA complex. dsDNA (a), CTAB-dsDNA (b), CTAB (c). Condition:  $C_{CTAB} 4.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $C_{P1} 6.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $C_{dsDNA} 6.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>, pH 7.2.



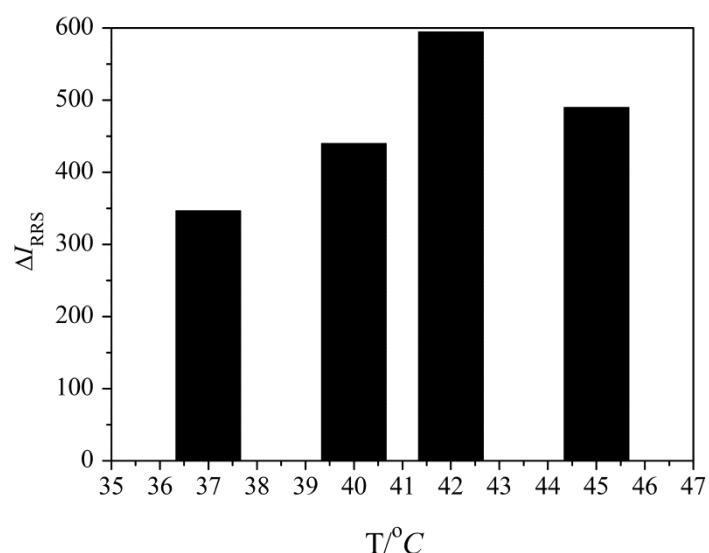
**Fig.S4** The CD spectra of bindings of P1 and dsDNA with CTAB. P1 (1), dsDNA (2), CTAB-P1 (3), CTAB-dsDNA (4). Condition:  $C_{CTAB} 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $C_{P1} 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $C_{dsDNA} 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>, pH 7.2.



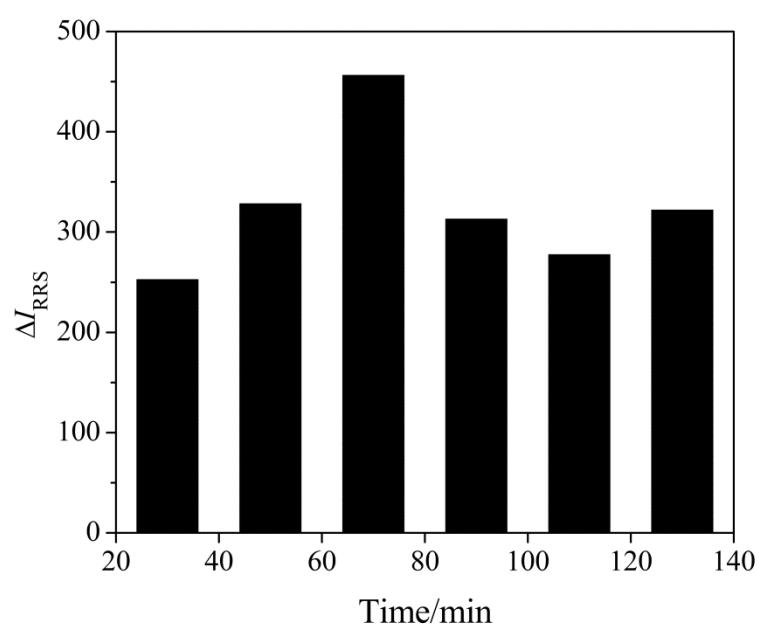
**Fig.S5(a)** The effect of CTAB concentration on RRS intensity of CTAB-dsDNA system. Conditions:  $C_{\text{dsDNA}} 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , pH 7.2, 42°C



**Fig.S5(b)** The effect of P1 and T1 concentration on RRS intensity of CTAB-dsDNA system. Conditions:  $C_{CTAB} 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ; pH 7.2, 42°C.

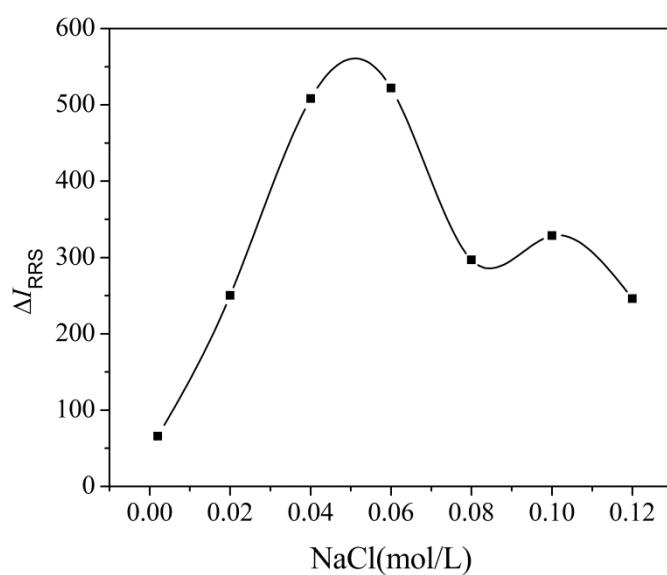


**Fig.S5(c)** The effect of hybridization incubation temperature on RRS intensity of CTAB-dsDNA. Conditions:  $C_{CTAB} 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $C_{dsDNA} 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , pH 7.2.

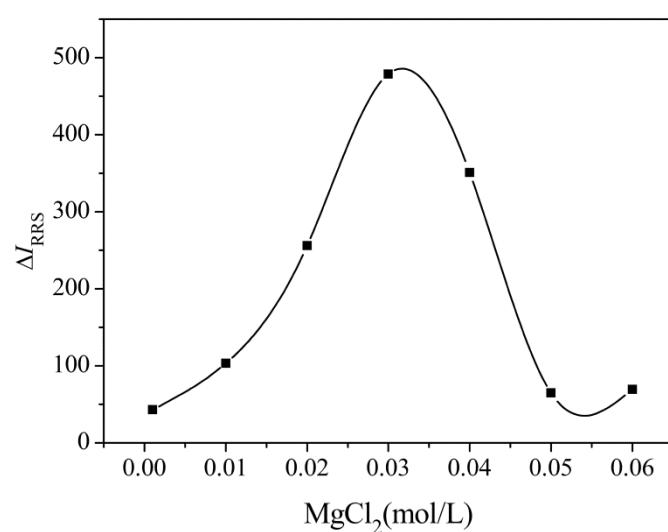


**Fig.S5(d)** The effect of hybridization incubation time on RRS intensity of

CTAB-dsDNA system. Conditions:  $C_{\text{CTAB}} 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $C_{\text{dsDNA}} 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , pH 7.2, 42 °C.

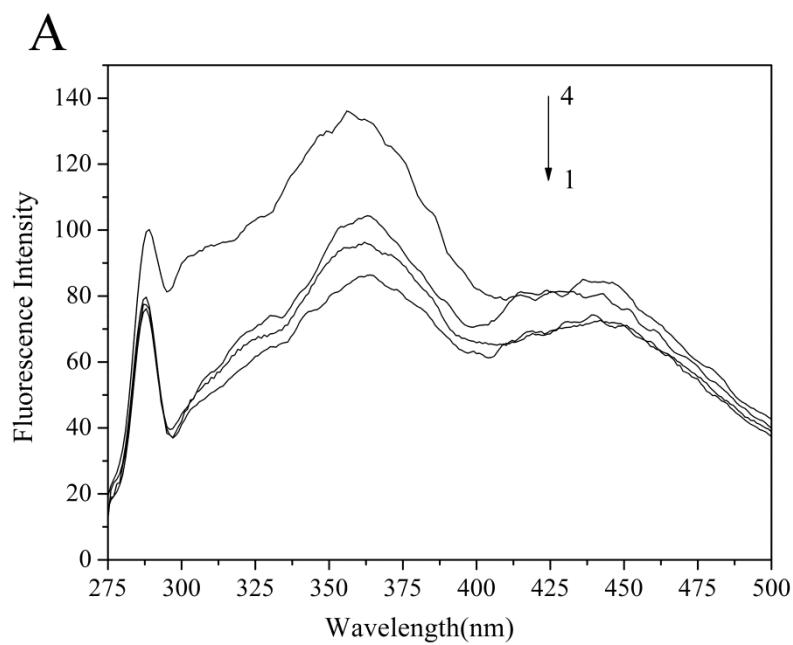


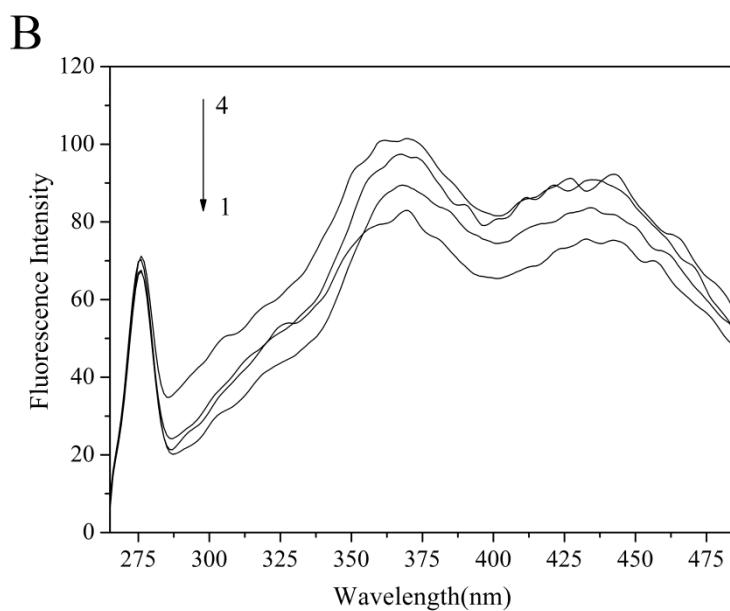
**Fig.S5(e)** The effect of NaCl concentration on RRS intensity of CTAB-dsDNA system. Conditions:  $C_{\text{CTAB}} 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $C_{\text{dsDNA}} 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $C_{\text{MgCl}_2} 0.030 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , pH 7.2, 42 °C.



**Fig.S5(f)** The effect of  $\text{MgCl}_2$  concentration on RRS intensity of CTAB-dsDNA system.

Conditions:  $C_{\text{CTAB}} 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ;  $C_{\text{dsDNA}} 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ;  $C_{\text{NaCl}} 0.060 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , pH 7.2, 42°C.





**Fig.S6** The fluorescence spectra of characteristic sequence with CTAB.

(A) Curve 1: CTAB, Curve 2: CTAB-Py, Curve 3: CTAB-Py with MTy, Curve 4: CTAB-Py with Ty. (B) Curve 1: CTAB, Curve 2: CTAB-Pc, Curve 3: CTAB-Pc with MTc, Curve 4: CTAB-Pc with Tc. Condition:  $C_{\text{CTAB}} 2.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $C_{\text{Py}} 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $C_{\text{Ty}} 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $C_{\text{Pc}} 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $C_{\text{Tc}} 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , pH 7.2.

**Table S1** The effect of buffer

Kind of buffer	Tris-HCl	PBS	$\text{H}_2\text{BO}_3\text{-Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$	Critic acid- $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$
$\Delta I_{\text{RRS}} (\%)$	100	84.2	76.3	56.8

Note: all the buffers were adjusted in the pH range of 7.0-7.4.