

Supplementary Figures

DNA/RNA chimera templates improve the emission intensity and target accessibility of AgNCs-based sensors for human miRNA detection

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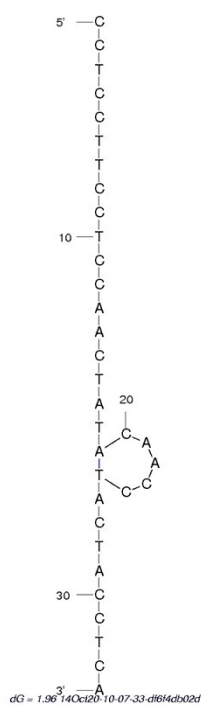
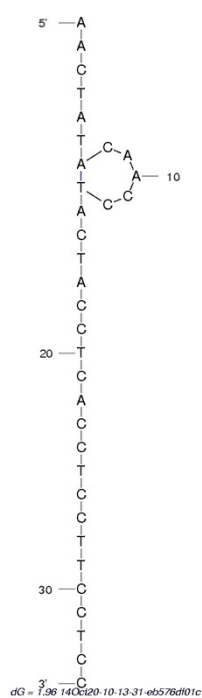
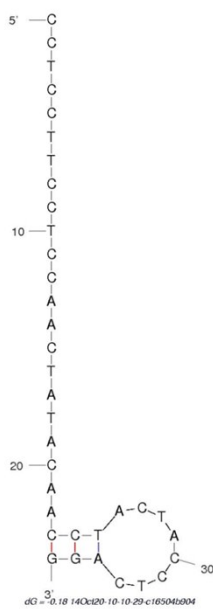
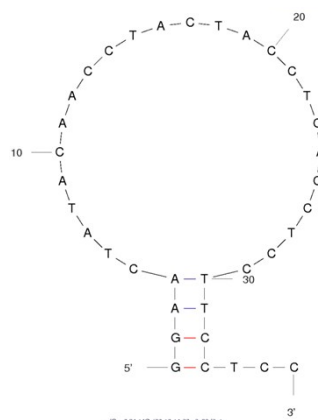
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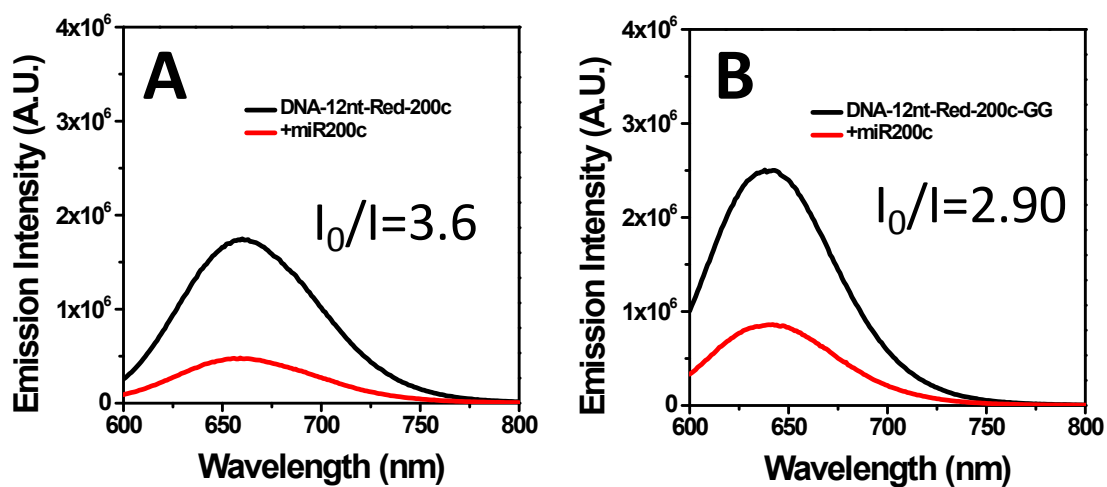
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DNA-12nt-RED-let-7a**Let-7a-DNA-12nt-RED****DNA-12nt-RED-let-7a-GG****GG-Let-7a-DNA-12nt-RED**

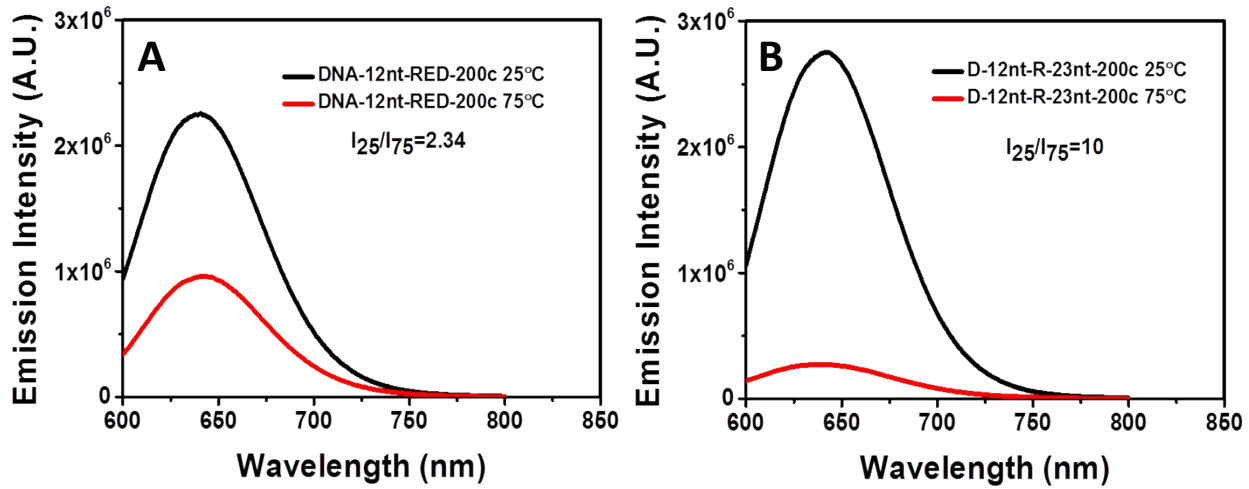
Supplementary Figure S1. Prediction of secondary structures of DNA/AgNCs probes for let-7a. To predict the structures, we used m-fold DNA program (<http://mfold.rna.albany.edu/?q=mfold>).

miR-21-5p	UAGCUUAUCAGACUGAUGUUGA
miR-200c	UAAUACUGCCGGUAAUGAUGGA
miR-122	UGGAGUGUGACAUAUGGUGUUUG
ath-miR166	UCGGACCAGGCUUCAUUCCCC
ath-miR172	AGAAUCUUGAUGAUGCUGCAU
Let-7a	UGAGGUAGUAGGUUGUAUAGUU

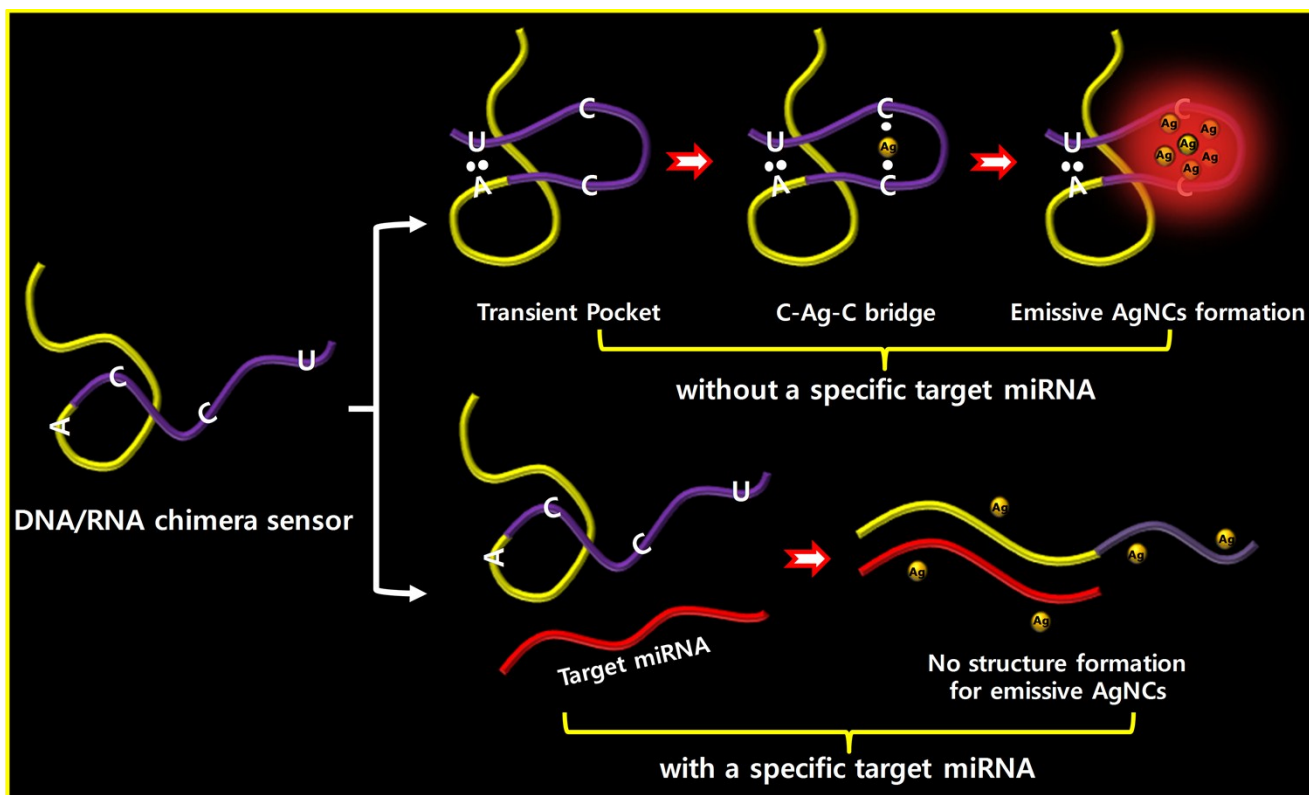
Supplementary Figure S2. Target miRNA sequences used in this study.



Supplementary Figure S3. Target sensitivity of two DNA probes against miR-200c. A) The emission intensity of DNA-12nt-RED-200c probe was diminished 3.6 fold by miR-200c. B) The emission intensity of D-12nt-R-23nt-200c probe was diminished 2.9 fold by miR-200c. These results suggest that the secondary structure of DNA-12nt-RED-200c is more stable than target accessibility.



Supplementary Figure S4. Comparison of emission intensity between 25 °C and 75 °C. A) The emission intensity of DNA-12nt-RED-200c probe was diminished 2.3 fold under 75°C. B) The emission intensity of D-12nt-R-23nt-200c probe was diminished 10 fold under 75°C. These results suggest that the secondary structure of DNA-12nt-RED-200c is more stable than that of D-12nt-R-23nt-200c.



Supplementary Figure S5. A summarized scheme of DNA/RNA chimera sensor strategy