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## Supporting Information

## Fluorescence Alarming ON-OFF-ON Switch Derived from Biocompatible Carbon Nanoparticle-Hemoglobin-H2O2 Interaction

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Scheme SI 1. Illustration of formation of CNs from hydrothermal treatment of *Syzygium cumini* extract.

## Biosensing

**CNs-A** 



**Figure SI 1.** (a) The Optical response of **CNs-A** in the presence of different cations (b) Typical PL quenching of **CNs-A** in different concentrations of Fe<sup>3+</sup> (a–g): 0, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 ( $\mu$ M). (c) Linear relationship between I<sub>0</sub>/I and Fe<sup>3+</sup> concentration in the range of 0–6 ( $\mu$ M).

**CNs-B** 



**Figure SI 2.** (a) The Optical response of **CNs-B** in the presence of different cations (b) Fluorescence response of **CNs-B** in the presence of different cations, (c) Performance of **CNs-B** : comparison of fluorescence intensities in presence of different metal ions. (d) Typical PL quenching of **CNs-B** in different concentrations of Fe<sup>3+</sup> (a–g): 0, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 ( $\mu$ M). (e) Linear relationship between I<sub>0</sub>/I and Hb concentration in the range of 0–6 ( $\mu$ M).

Samples	K <sub>sv</sub> (×10 <sup>4</sup> ) L mol <sup>-1</sup>	Intercept	Standard Error (%)	Correlation Coefficient
A+Fe <sup>3+</sup>	2.63	0.86	3.0	0.94
B+Fe <sup>3+</sup>	3.86	0.85	3.9	0.95

Table SI 1 : K<sub>sv</sub> and Correlation Coefficient for CNs- A and B.





**Figure SI 3.** (a) The Optical response of **CNs-B** in the presence of different concentration of Hb (a–g): 0-5(  $\mu$ M). (b) Typical PL quenching of **CNs-B** in different concentrations of Hb (a–g): 0-5(  $\mu$ M). (c). Linear relationship between I<sub>0</sub>/I and Hb concentration in the range of 0–5 ( $\mu$ M). (d) Fluorescence response of **CNs** in the absence and presence of Protein (Bovin albumin serum).

Samples	K <sub>sv</sub> (×10 <sup>4</sup> )	Intercept	Standard Error	Correlation
	L mol <sup>-1</sup>		(%)	Coefficient
A+Hb	2.99	0.94	1.38	0.98
B+Hb	2.18	0.97	0.57	0.99

Table SI 2 : K<sub>sv</sub> and Correlation Coefficient for CNs-A and B.



**Figure SI 4.** (a) UV–vis absorption spectra of **CNs-A**, Hb and **CNs-A** -**Hb** composite system, the sum of individual absorption spectrum of **CNs-A** and Hb respectively.



Figure SI 5. (a) Emission Spectra of CNs-B under different input condition Hb and  $H_2O_2$  with a horizontal line (dashed) that marks the threshold value (controlled pH 7.4). (b) The truth table.(c) The Combinatorial logic scheme. (controlled pH 7.4).



**Figure SI 6.** (a) Typical PL quenching of **CNs-B** in different concentrations of Hb (a–k): 0-10 ( $\mu$ M). (b). Linear relationship between I<sub>0</sub>/I and Hb concentration in the range of 0–10 ( $\mu$ M) Hb concentration in the range of 0–10 ( $\mu$ M) under controlled pH 7.4

Table SI 3 :  $K_{sv}$  and Correlation Coefficient for CNs-A and B in presence of buffer pH7.4

Samples	K <sub>sv</sub> (×10 <sup>4</sup> ) L mol <sup>-1</sup>	Intercept	Standard Error (%)	Correlation Coefficient
A+Hb	1.54	0.94	0.34	0.99
B+Hb	1.71	0.93	0.57	0.99



**Figure SI 7.** (a) TEM image of **CNs-A** on addition of  $H_2O_2$  with scale bar 50nm. (b) HRTEM image showing the existence of crystalline parts with scale bar 10 nm (c) SAED pattern of the **CNs-A** with  $H_2O_2$ .