Supporting information for

## Size-controllable Ultrathin Carboxylated Polypyrrole Nanotube Transducer for Extremely Sensitive 17β-estradiol FET-type Biosensor

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Fig. S1. SEM image of MO-FeCl<sub>3</sub> template fabricated at 10 °C



**Fig. S2.** TEM images of UCPPyNTs at room temperature (20°C) with different molar ratio of monomer/MO/FeCl<sub>3</sub> (a) 5:1:10, (b) 20:1:10.



**Fig. S3.** (a) Cyclic voltammetry (CV) curves of PPyNTs and UCPPyNTs with different ratio of Py and P3CA in a 0.1 M PBS electrolyte at 5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. (b) Electrochemical impedance spectra (EIS) of UCPPyNTs with different ratio of Py and P3CA in the frequency range from 1 Hz to 1 mHz.



**Fig. S4.** X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) O 1s peak deconvolution spectra of the UCPPyNTs and A-UCPPyNTs that before and after the attachment of the aptamer.



**Fig. S5**. (a) Real-time responses for the FET-type biosensors of 40-nm A-UCPPyNT with normalized current changes measured until saturated signal had appeared. b) Calibration curves of real-time response for the FET-type biosensors as a function of 17 $\beta$ -estradiol concentration. The normalized current changes used after 30 sec of 17 $\beta$ -estradiol exposure. ( $V_G$ : -0.7 V,  $V_{SD}$ : 0.01 V)



**Fig. S6.** Cyclic voltammetry (CV) curves of UCPPyNTs on glassy carbon electrode in a 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (TBAPF6) in acetonitrile electrolyte. (voltage window from -2 V to 1 V at scan rate 5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>)

We carried out cyclic voltammetry (CV) measurement of UCPPyNT for determining HOMO and LUMO of carboxylated polypyrrole (**Fig. S6**). The HOMO and LUMO can be calculated where the onset of oxidation and reduction peak as follows:

$$E_{HOMO} = - (E_{onset, ox vs. Ag/AgCl} + 4.4) (eV)$$
 (1)

$$E_{LUMO} = - (E_{onset, red vs. Ag/AgCl} + 4.4) (eV)$$
 (2)

The onset oxidation peak occurred at 1.1 V and the onset reduction peak occurred at –0.2 V. Therefore The HOMO and LUMO of carboxylated polypyrrole was –5.5 V and –4.2 V, respectively. The Fermi level of gold is known as –5.1 eV and UCPPyNTs have a bandgap between that value.<sup>S1–S7</sup> Therefore, UCPPyNTs and gold electrode were contacted well and performing Ohmic behavior.

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