## **Support information**

Simple "turn-on" fluorescent biosensor for sensitive detection of exonuclease III activity through photoinduced electron transfer and self-hybridization of one DNA probe

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 Table S1 Sequences of the used oligonucleotides

Name	Sequence	Length (bp)	Tm (°C)
ds(CG-GC) <sub>6</sub>	5'-CGCGCG-FAM-3'	6	20.0
	3'-FAM-GCGCGC-5'		
ds(CG-GC) <sub>8</sub>	5'-CGCGCGCG-FAM-3'	8	40.8
	3'-FAM-CGCGCGCG-5'		
ds(CG-GC) <sub>10</sub>	5'-CGCGCGCGCG-FAM-3'	10	53.3
	3'-FAM-GCGCGCGCGC-5'		
ds(CG-GC) <sub>12</sub>	5'-CGCGCGCGCGCG-FAM-3'	12	61.6
	3'-FAM-GCGCGCGCGCGC-5'		
ds(CG-GC) <sub>14</sub>	5'-CGCGCGCGCGCGCFAM-3'	14	67.6
	3'-FAM-GCGCGCGCGCGCGC-5'		

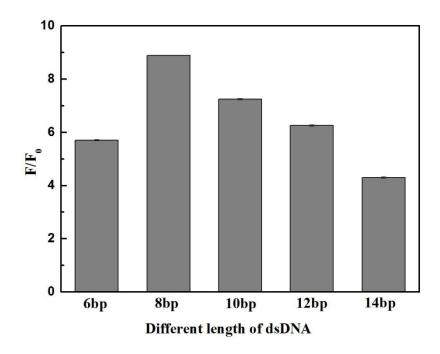


Figure S1. Effect of the length of dsDNA on the sensing system.

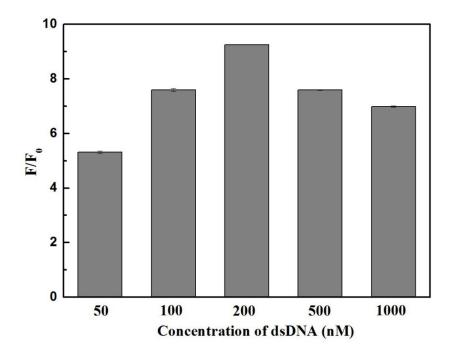
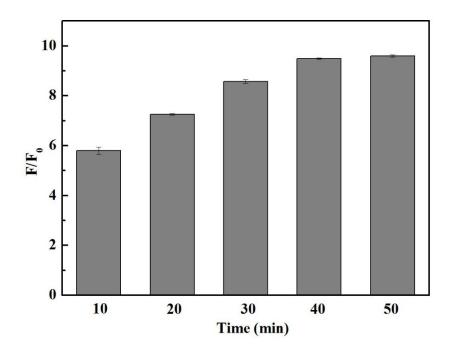
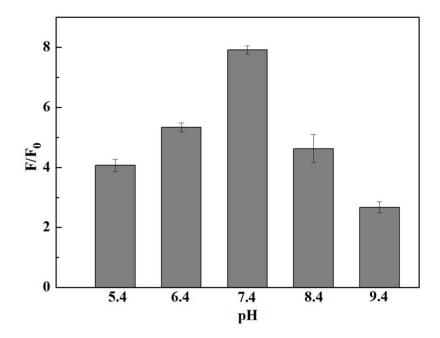


Figure S2. Effect of dsDNA concentration of on the sensing system.



**Figure S3.** Effect of dsDNA and Exo III reaction time on the sensing system.



**Figure S4.** Effect of pH on the sensing system. Experimental condition:  $60 \, \mu L \, dsDNA \, (0.20 \, \mu M), \, 60 \, \mu L \, Exo \, III \, (5 \, U/mL), \, 40 \, min \, reaction \, time.$