

## 1 Electronic Supplementary Material

### 2 A label-free ultrasensitive and selective strategy for Pb(II) assay by a 3 multifunctional DNA probe-mediated rolling-circle amplified synthesis of G- 4 quadruplex

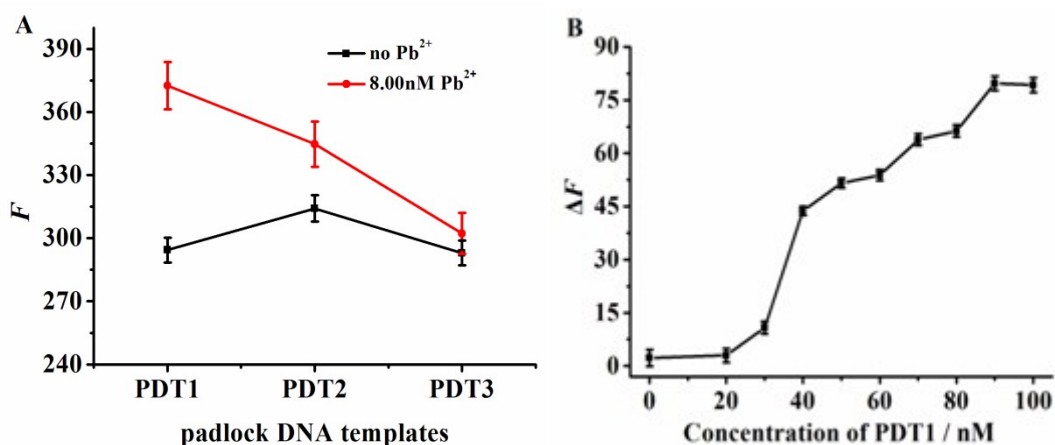
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16 Fig. S1. Optimization of the padlock DNA template (A) and PDT1's concentration (B).

17 (A) and (B)  $c_{S-DNA} = 44.4$  nM,  $c_{E-DNA} = 35.6$  nM,  $c_{Pb(II)} = 8.00$  nM,  $c_{T4 DNA ligase} = 50$  U,  $c_{phi29} = 4.0$   
18 U,  $c_{dNTPs} = 20$  μM,  $c_{NMM} = 0.112$  μM. (A)  $c_{PDT1} = c_{PDT2} = c_{PDT3} = 50.0$  nM.

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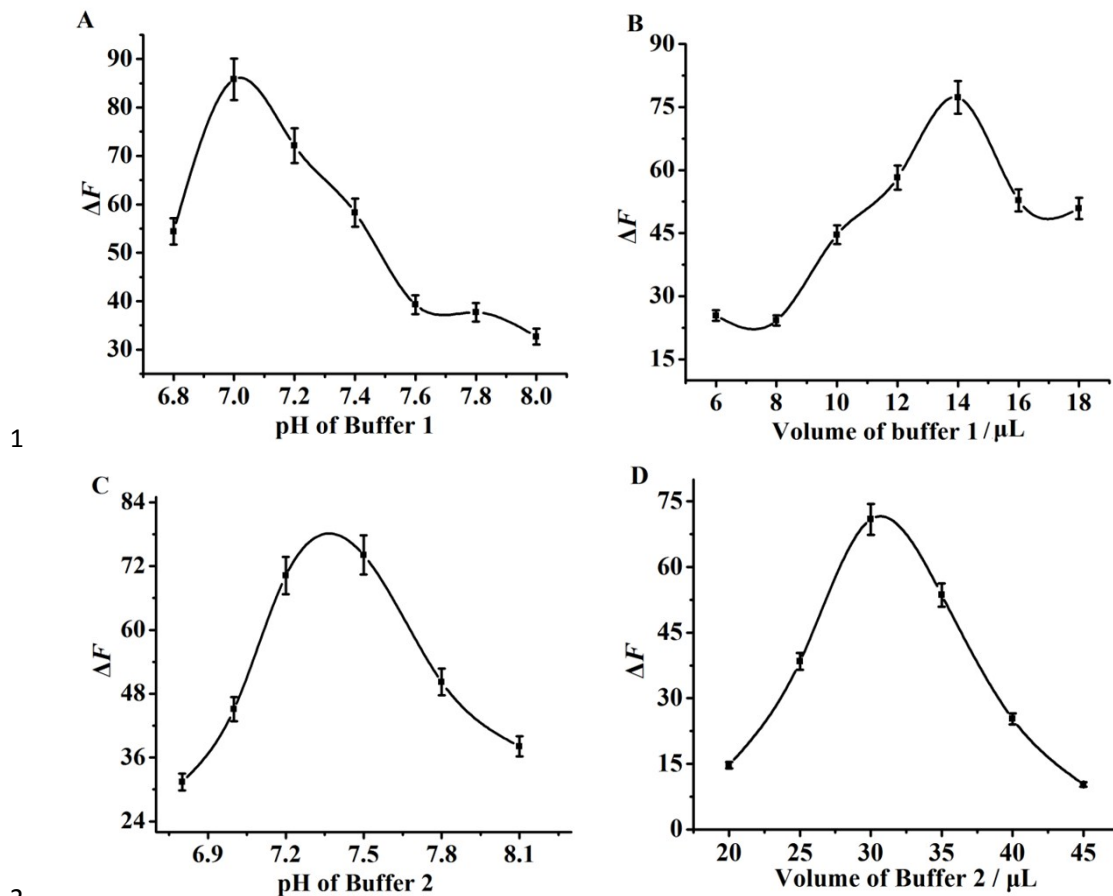


Fig. S2. Effect of the buffer on the sensing system.

8 (A), (B), (C) and (D)  $c_{E-DNA} = 53.3$  nM,  $c_{S-DNA} = 66.7$  nM,  $c_{Pb(II)} = 8.00$  nM,  $c_{PDT1} = 90.0$  nM,  $c_{NMM}$   
 9  $= 0.112$   $\mu$ M. (A) and (B)  $c_{T4$  DNA ligase = 50 U,  $c_{\phi 29} = 4.0$  U,  $c_{dNTPs} = 20$   $\mu$ M. (C) and (D)  
 10  $c_{T4$  DNA ligase = 35 U,  $c_{\phi 29} = 3.5$ U,  $c_{dNTPs} = 28$   $\mu$ M. (B) pH = 7.0. (D) pH = 7.5.

11 Table S1. Sequence information for padlock DNA templates (the italic part is complementary to  
 12 the E-DNA)

Name	Sequence(5'- 3')	Base numbers	Pairing numbers
PDT1	<i>TCG ACC GGT</i> AAA ACC CAA CCC GCC CTA CCC AAA <i>AAC TCA CTA TT</i>	44	18
PDT2	<i>TTT GAC CTA</i> AAA CCC AAC CCG CCC TAC CCA AAA <i>ACT CAC TAT</i>	42	17
PDT3	<i>TTT CGA CCT</i> AAA ACC CAA CCC GCC CTA CCC AAA <i>AAC TCA CTA</i>	42	16

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1 Table S2. Comparison of this strategy with other methods for determination of Pb(II)

Material/method	Detection technique	Linear range	Detection limit	Reference
graphene and gold nanoparticles	Fluorescence	50–1000 nM	10 nM	1
T30695 and ZnPPIX	Fluorescence	20 – 1000 nM	20 nM	2
polyguanine(G33) and terbium ions (Tb <sup>3+</sup> )	Fluorescence	3.0 – 50 nM	1.0 nM	4
DNAzyme	Fluorescence	10 – 100 nM	10 nM	6
DNAzyme	Fluorescence	N/A <sup>a</sup>	7.8 nM	8
DNAzyme and gold nanoparticle	Colorimetric	N/A <sup>a</sup>	500 nM	7
DNAzyme	Colorimetric	5 –100 nM	5.0 nM	5
DNAzyme	Surface enhanced Raman Scattering	N/A <sup>a</sup>	20 nM	3
DNAzyme	strand displacement signal amplification	200 pM-20 nM	200 pM	14
G-quadruplex	Fluorescence	5 nM-1 μM	1 nM	30
Graphene_DNAzyme	Fluorescence	1 nM-1 μM	300 pM	18
MDP	Fluorescence	0.32 – 16 nM	94.29 pM	This method

2 <sup>a</sup> Not available

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