Supplementary Information

DNA Strand Exchange Catalyzed by Molecular Crowding in PEG Solutions
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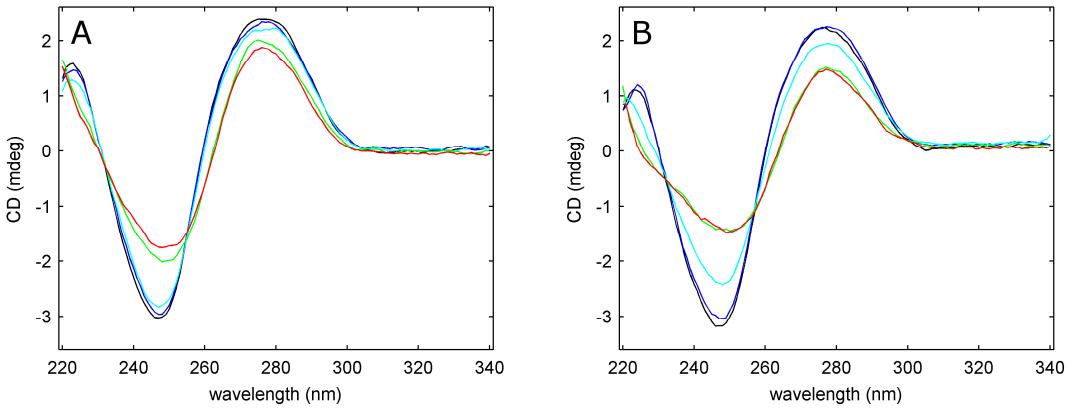

Figure S1. CD spectra of unlabeled $\mathbf{D^F/D^T}$ in (A) phosphate buffer (50 mM Na^+) and (B) 50% PEG-6000 and 50% phosphate buffer at 20°C (black), 37°C (blue), 45°C (cyan), 55°C (green), and 65°C (red).

Figure S1 compares the CD spectra of unlabeled $\mathbf{D^F/D^T}$ (20 bp oligonucleotide duplex) in the absence and presence of PEG at different temperatures. It shows that the B-DNA conformation is not distorted by PEG at the experimental temperature of 37°C.

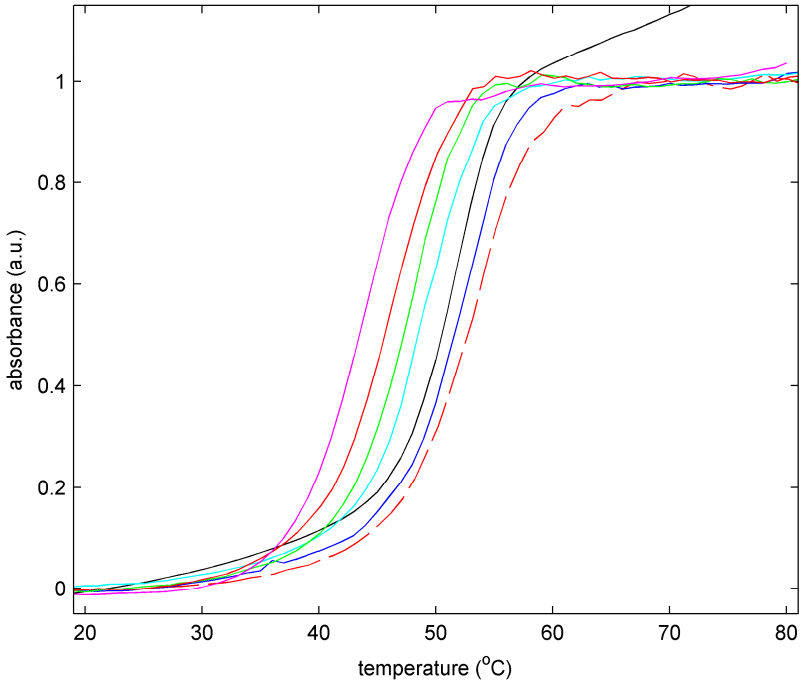

Figure S2. Melting curves of unlabeled $\mathbf{D^F/D^T}$ obtained in 52% (violet), 50% (red), 47% (green), 45% (cyan), 0% (black), 40% (blue) PEG-6000 (w/w) in phosphate buffer with 50 mM Na^+, and 50% PEG in phosphate buffer with 200 mM Na^+ (red dashed).

Figure S2 (corresponding to the T_m values in Table 1) shows that T_m decreases with increasing PEG concentration. However, the dashed line shows that the decrease in DNA duplex stability can be compensated by the addition of NaCl.