

Supplementary Information

A “turn-on” fluorescent sensor for Pb^{2+} based on graphene oxide and G-quadruplex DNA

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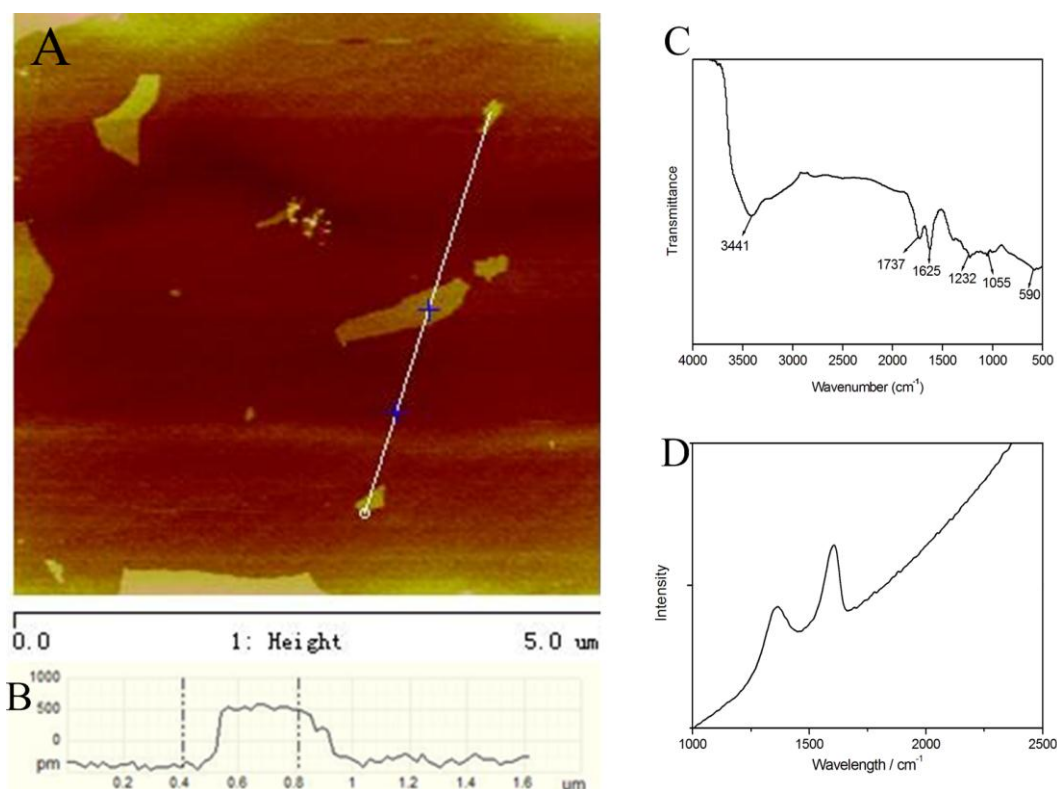


Fig. S1 (A) AFM image of GO, (B) Height profile of GO. (C) FT-IR spectrum of GO. (D) Raman spectra of GO.

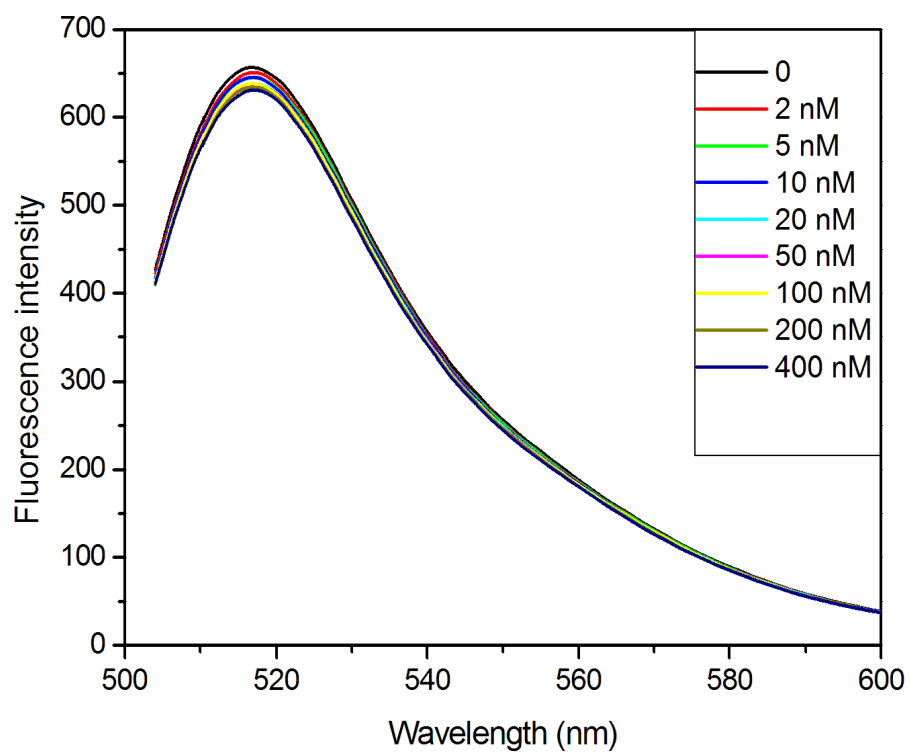


Fig. S2 Fluorescence emission spectra of FAM-labeled TBAA (10 nM) upon incubation with different concentrations of Pb^{2+} .

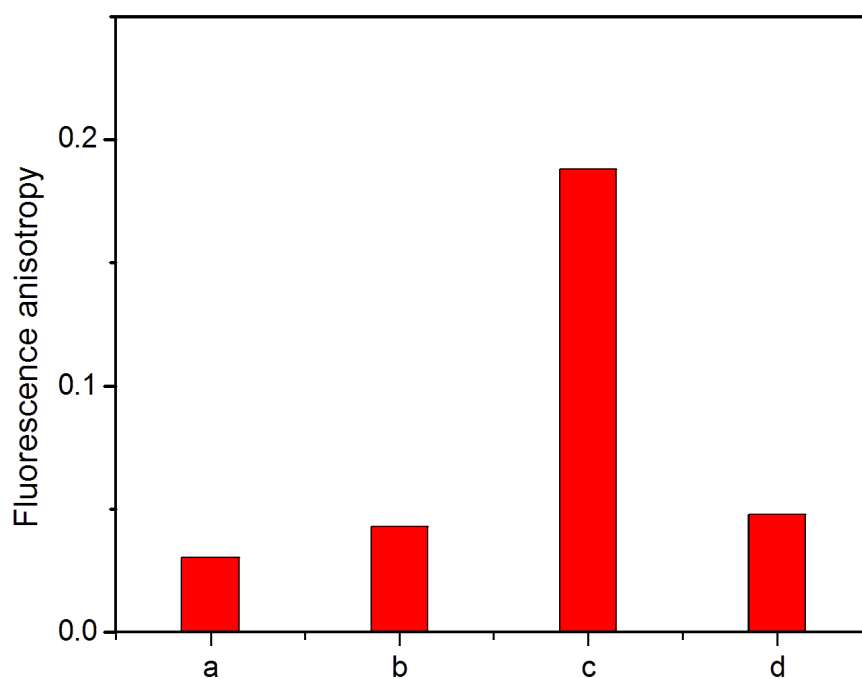


Fig. S3 Changes of the fluorescence anisotropy of (a) TBAA (10 nM), (b) TBAA (10 nM) + Pb^{2+} (100 nM), (c) TBAA (10 nM) + GO (10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$), (d) TBAA (10 nM) + Pb^{2+} (100 nM) +GO (10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$).

Table S1: Comparison of fluorescence methods for determination of Pb²⁺ by DNA-based methods

technique and method	interference ions	probe unite	LOD; linear range	real sample	ref
fluorescence	no	G-quadruplex/ ZnPPIX	20 nM; 20 nM–1 μM	No	S1
fluorescence	Hg ²⁺	Double-labeled G-quadruplex	0.3 nM; 0.5 nM -30 nM	soil sample	S2
fluorescence	Hg ²⁺	G-quadruplex/AUR	0.4 nM; 0-1 μM	soil sample	S3
colorimetric/luminescent	Hg ²⁺	G-quadruplex/ABTS	32 nM/1 nM; 10 ⁻⁵ -10 ⁻⁷ M/10 ^{-6.5} -10 ⁻⁹ M	lake water	S4
fluorescence	no	Single-labeled GR-5 DNAzyme/GO	0.3 nM; 1 nM-100 nM	river water	S5
fluorescence	Zn ²⁺ , Co ²⁺ , Mn ²⁺ , Cd ²⁺	Labeled-free 8-17 DNAzyme/PG	10 nM; 10 nM-100 nM	lake water	S6
fluorescence	Zn ²⁺ , Co ²⁺ , Mn ²⁺ , Cd ²⁺	Double-labeled 8-17 DNAzyme	20 nM; 0 nM-500 nM	No	S7
fluorescence	no	Single-labeled G-quadruplex/GO	0.4 nM; 2 nM-50 nM	tap water	this study

ZnPPIX: Zinc protoporphyrin; GO: graphene oxide; PG: Picogreen

Table S2: Recovery experiments of Pb²⁺ in the tap water samples

Tap water	Pb ²⁺ spiked (nM)	Pb ²⁺ recovered (nM)	Recovery (%)
1	10	9.5 ^a ± 0.6 ^b	95
2	25	26.2 ^a ± 2.4 ^b	104.8
3	50	49.3 ^a ± 3.5 ^b	98.6

^a Mean values of three determinations. ^b Standard deviation.

Table S3 Analysis Pb^{2+} in the river water samples by the proposed sensor

Pb^{2+} in the dilution solution (nM)	Pb^{2+} detected by our sensor in dilution solution (nM)	Recovery (%)
5	$4.6^a \pm 0.3^b$	92
20	$21.2^a \pm 0.9^b$	106
40	$39.3^a \pm 2.4^b$	98.3

^a Mean values of three determinations. ^b Standard deviation.

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