## Supplementary Information

## Sensitive detection of RNA based on concatenated self-fuelled strand displacement amplification and hairpin-AgNCs

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No.	Name	Sequence (5'-3')
1	Temp-1	CATGTCAACTAATCCCTCAGCAAACTGTGACTGATGTTG
		AGCCTCAGCTCAACATCAGTCTGATAAGCTAAAAAAA
2	Temp-2	GCAACTCAATGAACCCTCAGCAACTCAATGAACTAACC
		TCAGCCATGTCAACTAATCCC
3	Prime1	TGAGGGCTCAACATCAGTCACAGTTTGC
4	Prime2	TGAGGGATTAGTTGACATG
5	Prime3	TGAGGGTTCATTGAGTTGC
6	Hairpin DNA	TAATATGCAACGAACGATGCAACGTTCGATGCCCCCCC
		GCATCGAACGTTGCATCGTTCGTTGCATATTA
		GCAACTCAATGAACAAAA
7	miRNA-21	UAGCUUAUCAGACUGAUGUUGA
8	miRNA-27b	UUCACAGUGGCUAAGUUCUGC
9	miRNA-18a	UAAGGUGCAUCUAGUGCAGAUAG
10	miRNA-200c	UAAUACUGCCGGGUAAUGAUGGA
11	miRNA-125b	UCCCUGAGACCCUAACUUGUGA
12	miRNA-221	AGCUACAUUGUCUGCUGGGUUUC
13	miRNA-451	AAACCGUUACCAUUACUGAGUU

**Table S1.** Names and sequences of the oligonucleotides used in this work.



**Figure S1.** Fluorescence intensities of this SFAF-based sensoring system with (F) and without (F0) 1.0 nM miRNA-21 in the presence of different concentrations Temp-1. The red line showed the intensity changes (F0-F).







**Figure S3.** Fluorescence intensities of this SFAF-based sensoring system with (F) and without (F0) 1.0 nM miRNA-21 in the presence of different units of Klenow Fragment. The red line showed the intensity changes (F0-F).







**Figure S5.** The fluorescence spectra of the Hairpin-AgNCs synthesized using different concentrations of [AgNO<sub>3</sub>]. Inset: the change of fluorescence intensity with the increase of concentration of [AgNO<sub>3</sub>].



Figure S6. The fluorescence spectra of the Hairpin-AgNCs synthesized using differentconcentrations of [NaBH4]. Inset: the change of fluorescence intensity with theincreaseofconcentrationof[NaBH4].



Figure S7. The three-dimensional fluorescence spectrum of the Hairpin-AgNCs.



Figure S8. The TEM image of the Hairpin-AgNCs.



**Figure S9.** The size distribution analysis of the Hairpin-AgNCs in the TEM image by using the ImageJ software. The calculated average diameter was 1.78 nm.