Electronic Supplementary Information

Investigating the effect of 6-mercaptohexanol on the performance of the biosensor based on nanosurface energy transfer between gold nanoparticles and quantum dots

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Figure S1. (A) Zeta potentials of AuNPs and DNA-AuNPs. (B) Zeta potentials of QDs and DNA-QDs.



Figure S2. (A) Fluorescence lifetime decay of DNA-QDs and DNA-Au-QDs assembly. (B) Fluorescence lifetime decay of QDs in the absence and presence of naked AuNPs, DNA-AuNPs and MCH/DNA-AuNPs.



Figure S3. (A) Fluorescence spectra and (B) calibration curve of the original DNA-Au-QDs sensor upon addition of target DNA at different concentration.



Figure S4. (A) UV–vis absorbance spectra and photograph (inset) of MCH/DNA-AuNPs treated with different concentration of MCH. (B) Plots of number of thiolated DNA per AuNP upon MCH treatment at different concentration. (C) Fluorescence spectra of various concentration of S1-FAM. (D) Calibration curve of fluorescence intensity and concentration of S1-FAM.



Figure S5. The effect of reaction time on the signal to background ratio of the MCH/DNA-Au-QDs sensor upon the addition of target DNA.



Figure S6. Agarose gel electrophoresis image of MCH/DNA-Au-QDs assembly upon the addition of different concentration of target DNA.

 Table S1. Oligonucleotide sequences in this study.

Oligonucleotides	Sequence (5' – 3')		
S 1	TCATC CATAT AACTG AAAGC CATTT TTT-SH		
S1-FAM	FAM-TCATC CATAT AACTG AAAGC CATTT TTT-SH		
P1	G*G*G*G*G*G*G*G*G*G*G*TTTTT TGGCT TTCAG TTATA TGGAT		
	GATGT GGTAT		
T1(Target)	ATACC ACATC ATCCA TATAA CTGAA AGCCA		
S2	CCAAA GGATC AACTG CTTTT TT-SH		
P2 (Mucin1	G*G*G*G*G*G*G*G*G*G*G*TTTTT TGCAG TTGAT CCTTT GGATA		
aptamer)	CCCTG G		

Table S2. Comparison of the method for nucleic acid detection in this work with other previously published methods.

Fluorescent probe	Linear range	LOD	References
FAM-DNA-TAMRA	0-200 nM	7.6 nM	1
FAM-DNA-AuNPs	0-30 nM	1.64 nM	2
QD-DNA-GO	50-1600 nM	10.4 nM	3
QD-DNA-AuBHQ	2.0-15.0 nM	0.22 nM	4
QD-NBs	10-300 nM	2.06 nM	5
This work	5-120 nM	1.19 nM	This work

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