Supporting Information

## Gold nanoparticles based colorimetric assay of telomerase activity with

cyclic strand displacement reaction

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**Figure S1.** Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis analysis of Probe C, Probe D, Probe E, Probe D/E and Probe C/D/E (from left to right).



**Figure S2.** The recorded absorbance ratio for the DNA protected AuNPs in the absence and presence of Exo I.



**Figure S3.** The recorded absorbance ratio for the detection of telomerase and potential interfering proteins.



Figure S4. Picture of NanoDrop OneC spectrophotometer.