

**Rapid electrochemical quantification of trace Hg<sup>2+</sup> using hairpin DNA probe and  
quantum dots modified screen-printed gold electrodes**

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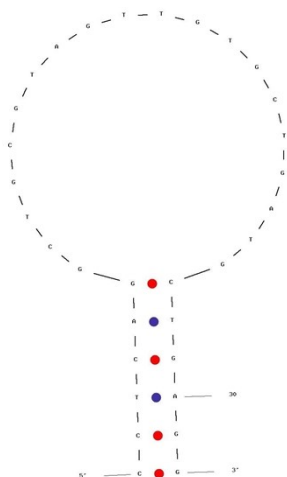
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**Table S1** The sequences for developed HP-QDs-SPGE electrochemical biosensor

Name	Sequence (5'-3')
Hairpin DNA probe	NH <sub>2</sub> -TTTTT CCTCAG <u>GCTGCGTAGTTGTGCTGATG</u> CTGAGG
Mismatched target	<b>CTTCTGCACTACTTCGCTGC</b>

Note: Bolded T's represent mismatched thymine residues and the underlined region represents the loop of the hairpin DNA probe.



**Fig. S1** The secondary structure of the hairpin DNA probe predicted by Oligo Analyzer.

**Table S2** The LOD, linear range, reaction steps, detection time and complexity of various methods for the detection of Hg<sup>2+</sup>.

Approaches	LOD	Linear range	Detection time	Reaction step	Complexity <sup>a</sup>	Ref
Paper-based approach	574 nM	574 nM - 10 μM	30 min	3	Simple	[1]
fluorescence detection approach	0.05 μM	0 –1.0 μM	–	1	Simple	[2]
Visual detection approach	20 nM	0 – 100 nM	–	2	Simple	[3]
Molecular beacon-based fluorescent sensor	1.9 nM	6 Nm – 600 nM	40 min	2	Complex	[4]
Photoelectrochemical sensor	12 nM	20 nM - 550 nM	–	2	Complex	[5]
Luminescence-based approach	0.24 nM	10 nM to 600 nM	20 min	3	Complex	[6]
Developed approach	0.11 pM	10 pM to 1μM	15 min	2	Simple	This work

“–”: The proper data was not provided.

a “Complex” and “simple” represent the experimental procedure of the Hg<sup>2+</sup> approach is complex or easy.

LOD: Limit of detection;

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