

Supporting information for

A sensitive isothermal fluorescence biosensor for microRNAs detection coupling Primer Exchange Reaction with Catalytic Hairpin Assembly

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Table S1. Sequences of DNA and RNA probes used.

| Name | Sequence (from 5' to 3') |
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| miR-200a | UAA CAC UGU CUG GUA ACG AUG U |
| Primer a | CAT CAT CAT |
| Self-gated Hairpin | GGT GCA TCA TCA TAC ATC GTT ACC AGA CAG TGT TAA CAT CAT CAT GGG CCT TTT GGC CCA TGA TGA TGT ATG ATG ATG CAC C GGCATCATCATACATCGTTACCAGACAGTGTAA |
| Hairpin-2 | ACATCATCATGGGCCTTGGCCATGATGATG TATGATGATGCC CCCTCCCATTACATCATACATCGTTACCAGACAGT |
| Hairpin-4 | GTAAACATCATCATGGGCCTTGGCCATGAT GATGTATGATGATGGGAGGG BHQ1-ATG TAT GAT GAT GTA TGA TGA TGT |
| PER-CHA-H1 | TCC AAT CAC AAC ACA TCA TCA TAC ATC ATC-FAM |
| PER-CHA-H2 | GTA TGA TGA TGT GTT GTG ATT GGA ATC ATC ATA CAT TCC AAT CAC AAC ACA TCA |
| PER-CHA-H3 | GTT GTG ATT GGA ATG TAT GAT GAT ACA TCA TCA TAC ATC ATC ATA CAT TCC AAT |
| miR-200b | CAU CUU ACU GGG CAG CAU UGG A |
| miR-200c | CGU CUU ACC CAG CAG UGU UUG G |
| miR-429 | UAA UAC UGU CUG GUA AAA CCG U |
| miR-141 | CAU CUU CCA GUA CAG UGU UGG A |

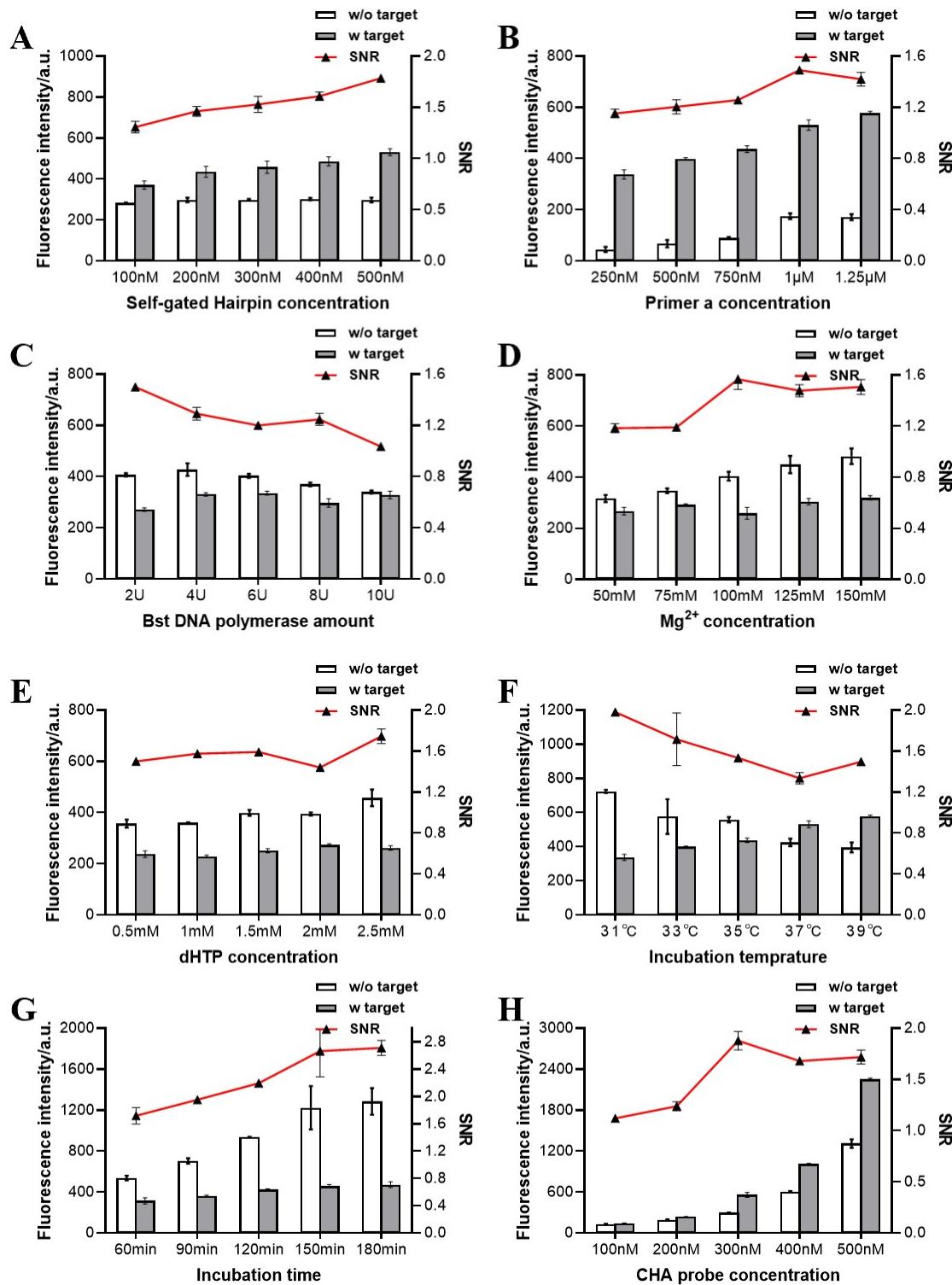


Figure S1. Optimization of the experimental parameters. Fluorescence intensity and SNR results of various parameters, including (A) Self-gated Hairpin concentration, (B) Primer a concentration, (C) Bst DNA polymerase amount, (D) Mg²⁺ concentration, (E) dHTP concentration, (F) the incubation temperature, (G) the incubation time, and (H) the CHA probes concentration. The concentration of target miR-200a was 1 nM. Error bars: the standard deviation of triplicate independent measurements.

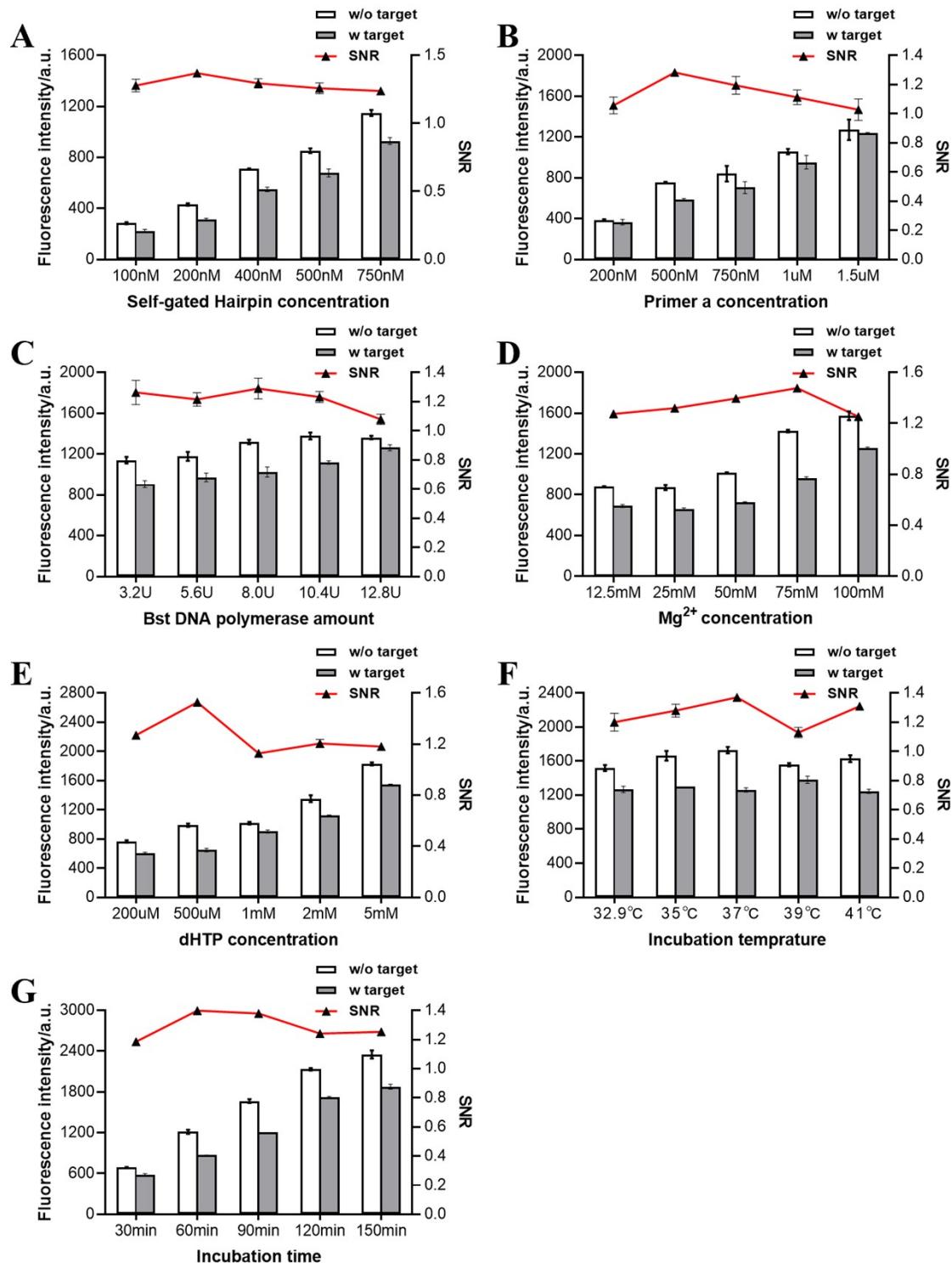


Figure S2. Optimization of the experimental parameters of PER. Fluorescence intensity with and without target of various parameters, including (A) Self-gated Hairpin concentration, (B) Primer a concentration, (C) Bst DNA polymerase amount, (D) Mg²⁺ concentration, (E) dHTP concentration, (F) the incubation temperature and (G) the incubation time. The concentration of target miR-200a was 1 nM. Error bars: the standard deviation of triplicate independent measurements.

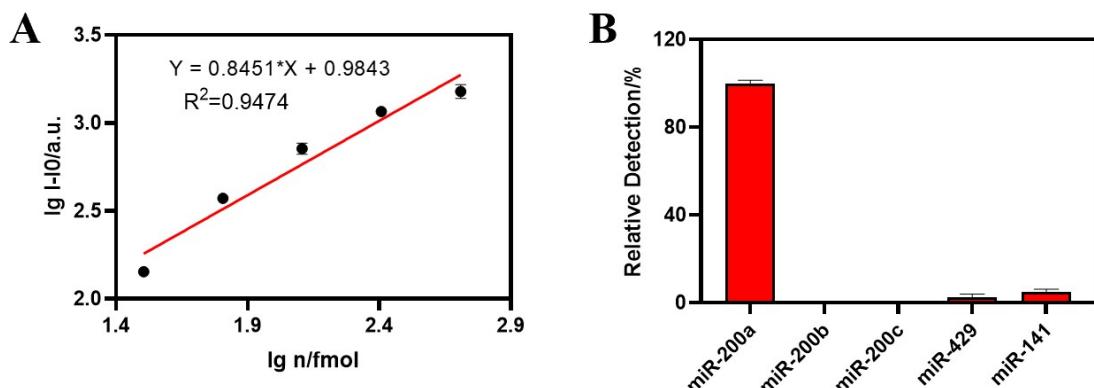


Figure S3. Analytical performance of the proposed biosensor. The Linear correlation between logarithmic fluorescence intensity and logarithmic concentration of PER (A). Selectivity of PER strategy. (B). Error bars: the standard deviation of triplicate independent measurements.

Table S2. Comparison of previously reported CHA method for miRNA detection

| Target | Method | Reaction time | Linear range | LOD | Ref. |
|------------|---|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| miR-21 | Catalytic-hairpin-assembly assisted DNA tetrahedron nanoprobe | 8 h | 0.1-10 nM | 120 pM | [1] |
| miR-21 | Duplex-specific nuclease and catalytic hairpin assembly | 1 h | 10 fM-100 pM | 5.4 fM | [2] |
| miR-21 | Catalytic hairpin assembly coupled with enzymatic repairing amplification | 2h | 100 fM-1 nM | 50 fM | [3] |
| miRNA | Rolling circle amplification-based DNA machine coupling catalytic hairpin assembly with DNAzyme formation | 75 min | 1 fM-1 pM | 0.68 fM | [4] |
| miR-155 | Cascaded catalytic hairpin assembly | 1 h | 10 pM-1000 pM | 6.9 pM | [5] |
| miR-21 | DNA nanowire based localized catalytic hairpin assembly | 3 h | 0-8 nM | 2.0 pM | [6] |
| miR-let-7a | Catalytic hairpin assembly and spherical nucleic acid | 2 h | 0.1-100 pM | 53.7 fM | [7] |
| miR-200a | Primer exchange reaction coupling with catalytic hairpin assembly | 1 h | 250 pM-10 nM | 14.35 pM | this work |

Table S3. Recovery detection of miR-200a in 20% human serum (n=3)

| miRNA | Added (fmol) | Detected (fmol) | Recovery (%) | RSD (%) |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| miR-200a | 128 | 130.7 | 102.1 | 5.72 |
| | 256 | 266.4 | 104.1 | 1.82 |
| | 512 | 436.2 | 85.2 | 1.22 |

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