

## Supplementary Information

# Selective *c-MYC* G4 DNA recognition based on a fluorescent light-up probe with disaggregation-induced emission characteristics

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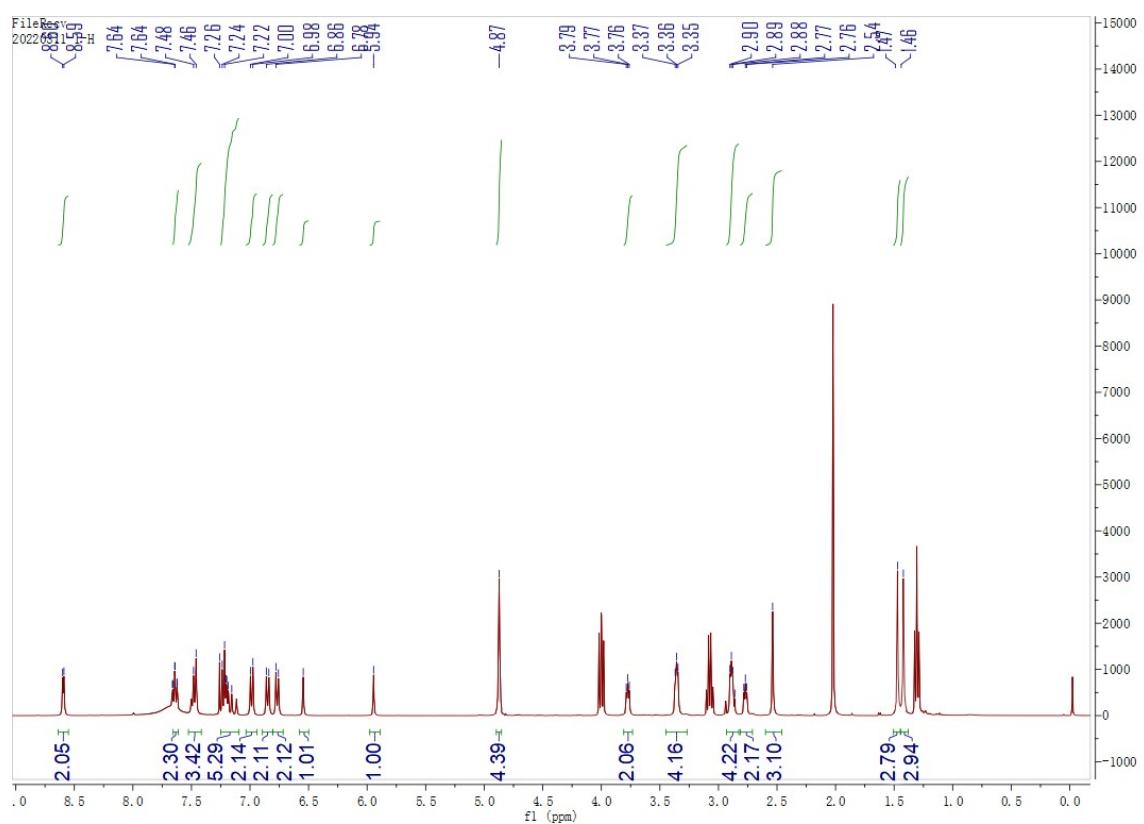
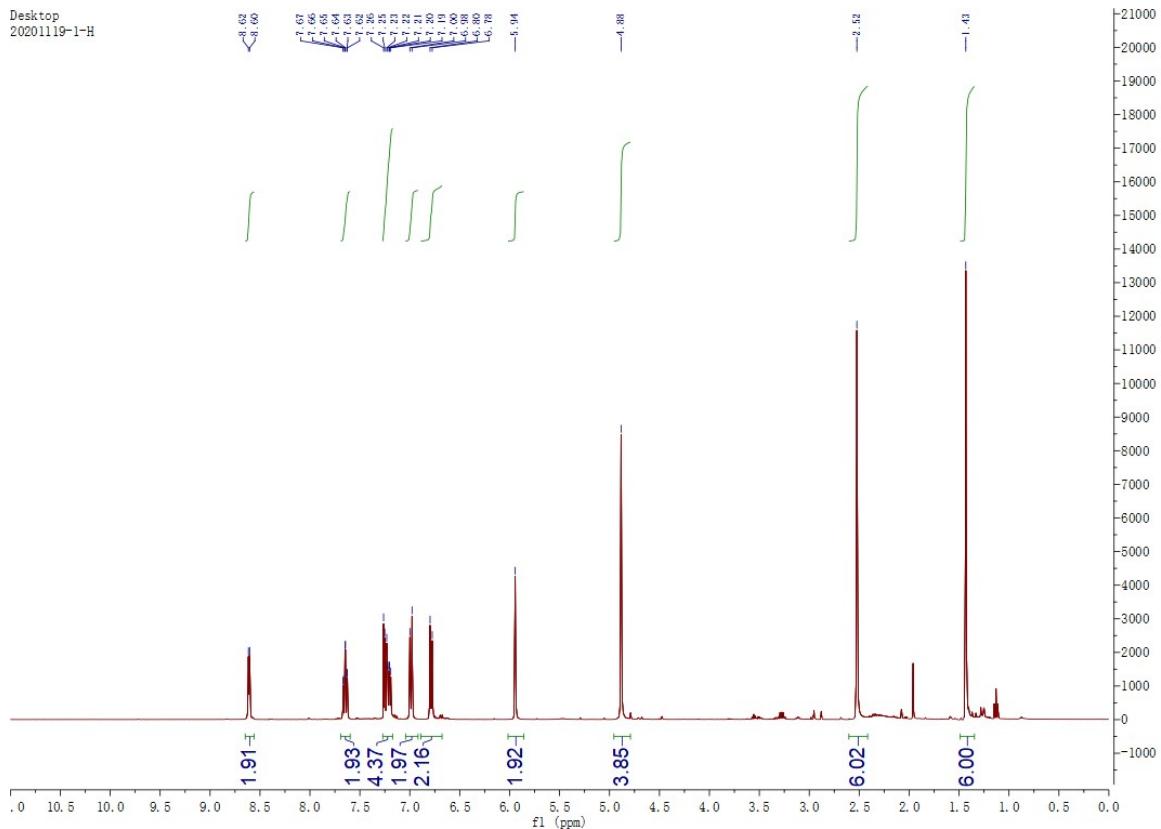
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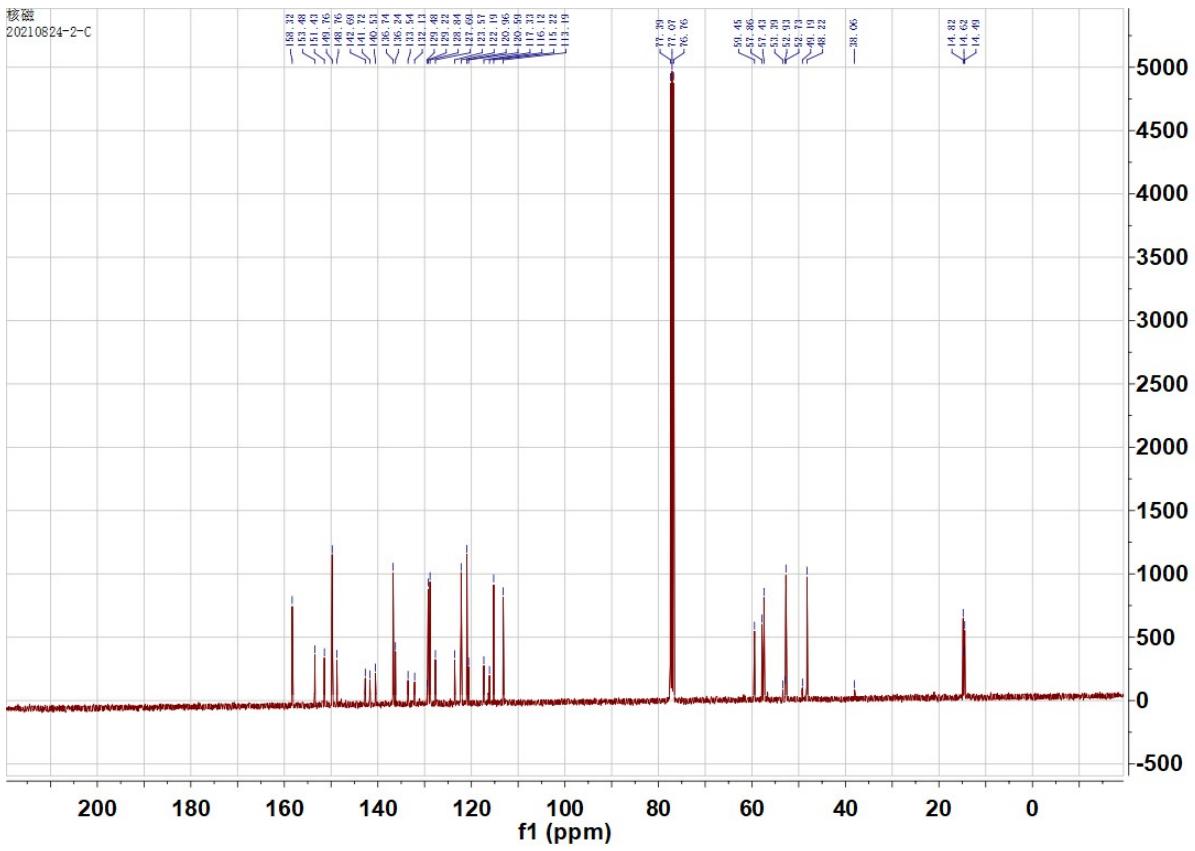
## 1. Sequence alignments of oligonucleotides

Name	Sequence (from 5' to 3')	Structure in K <sup>+</sup> solution
EAD	CTGGGTGGGTGGGTGGGA	G-quadruplex
TBA	GGTTGGTGTGGTGG	G-quadruplex
c-MYC	TTGAGGGTGGTAGGGTGGTAAA	G-quadruplex
21CTA	GGGCTAGGGCTAGGGCTAGGG	G-quadruplex
TRF2	CGGG AGGG CGGG GAGG GC	G-quadruplex
VAV1	GGGC AGGG AGGG AACT GGG	G-quadruplex
Ckit1	AGGG AGGG CGCT GGGG GGA GGG	G-quadruplex
Hum24	TTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGG	G-quadruplex
ODN	GGGATGGGACACAGGGGACGGG	G-quadruplex
ACS20	GGCTTAGGCTTAGGCTTAGG	G-quadruplex
Ckit3	GG CGA GG AGGGG CGT GG CC GGC	G-quadruplex
HRAS	TC GGGTTGCCGG CGCAGGGCACGGG CG	G-quadruplex
bm	TAGGTTAGGTTAGGTTAGG	G-quadruplex
22AG	AGGG TTAG GGTT AGGG TTAG GG	G-quadruplex
G3T3	GGGTTGGGTTGGGTTGGGTTGGG	G-quadruplex
BCI2	GGGCGGGCAGGGAGGAAGGGGGCGGG	G-quadruplex
VEGF	GGGGCGGGCCGGGGCGGG	G-quadruplex
Polyd(A-T) <sub>9</sub>	ATATATATATATATAT	Duplex
Polyd(A-T) <sub>2</sub>	GCA TGC GCG CGC GCA TGC	Duplex
Polyd(A-T) <sub>5</sub>	GCGCAT ATA TAT ATGCGC	Duplex
ds26	CAATCGGATCGAATTGATCGATTG	Duplex
ss26	ATACGATGCTTCACGGTGCTATCTG	Single-stranded

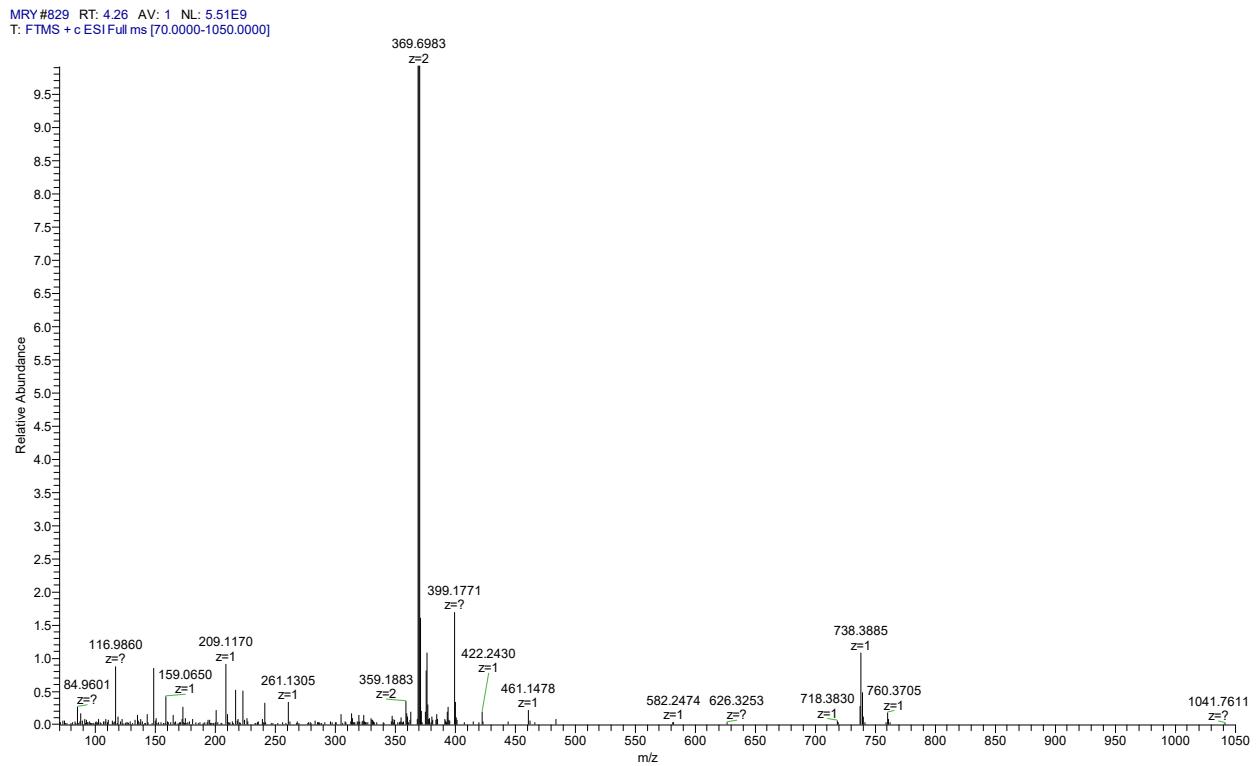
**Table S1.** Sequence alignments of oligonucleotides used in the present study.

## 2. $^1\text{H}$ NMR, $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and HRMS spectra



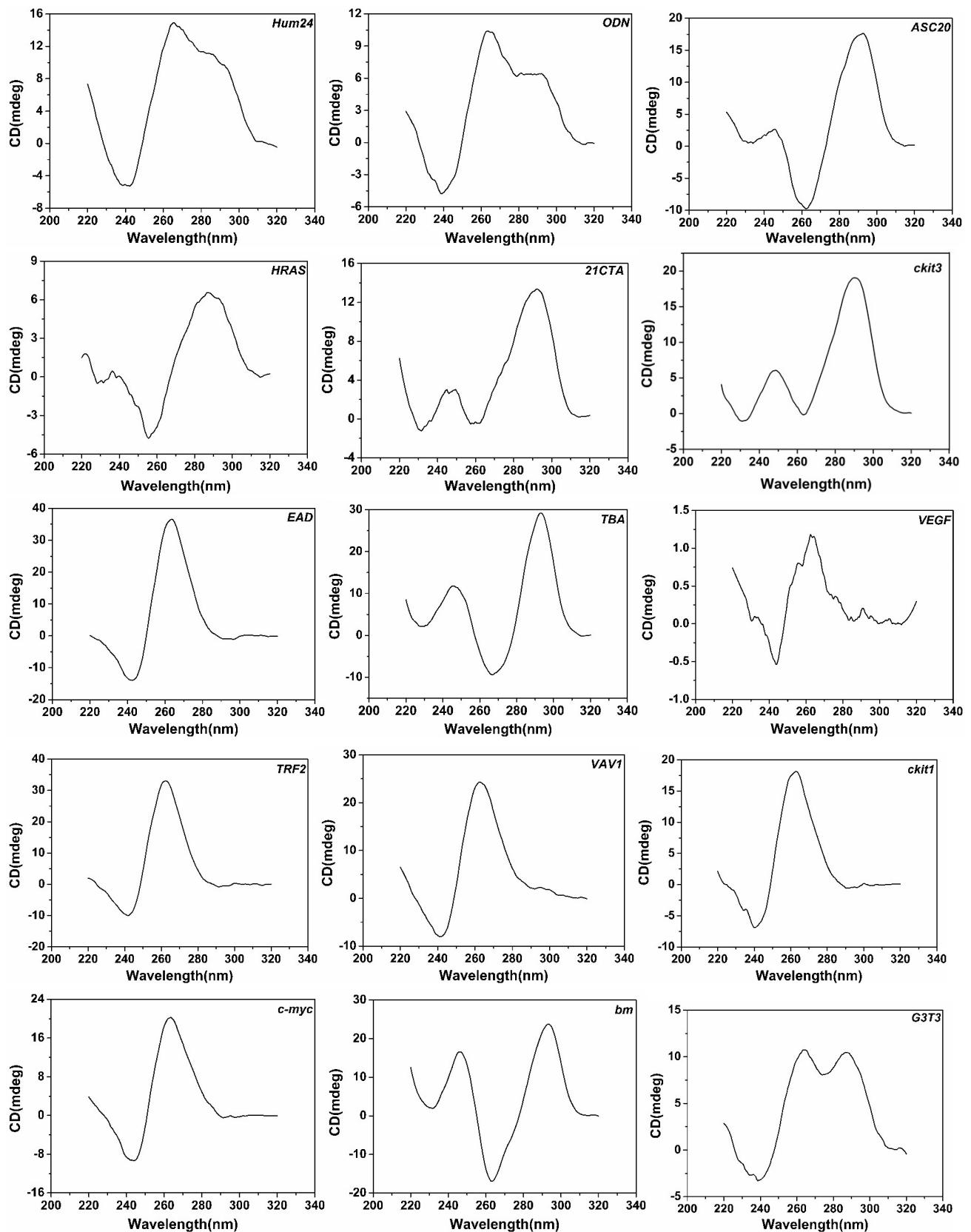


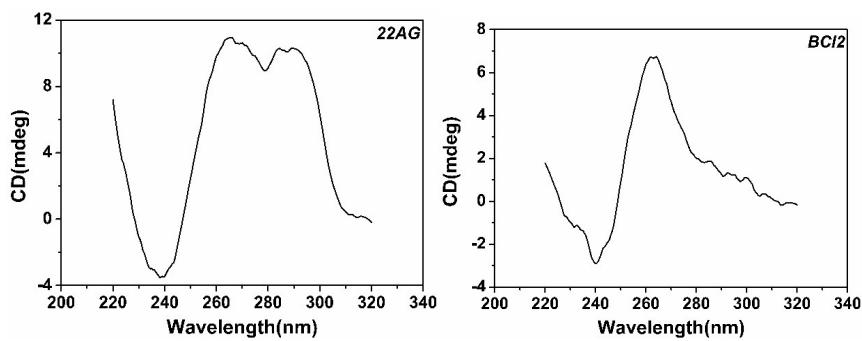
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of MRY-3



HRMS spectrum of MRY-3

### 3. CD spectra for various G4 structures.





**Fig. S1.** CD spectra for various G4 structures (4  $\mu$ M) in 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH = 7.4, 60 mM KCl.

#### 4. Fluorescence titration curve of MRY-3 with c-MYC G4 DNAs.

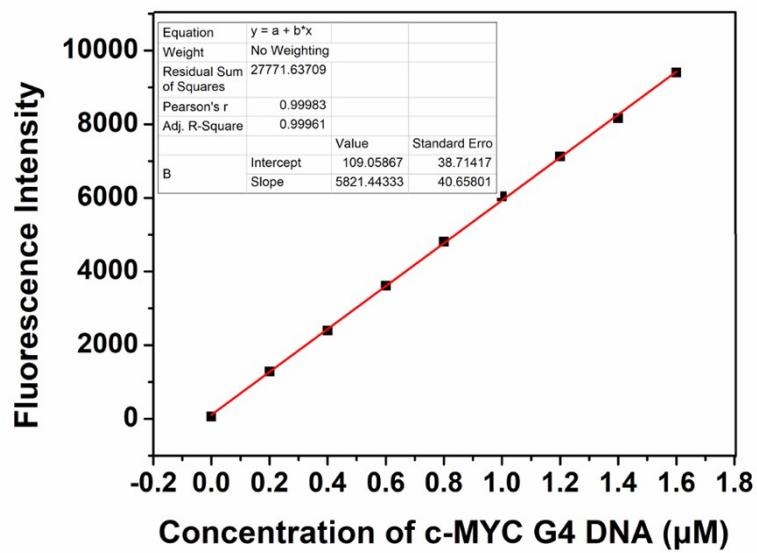
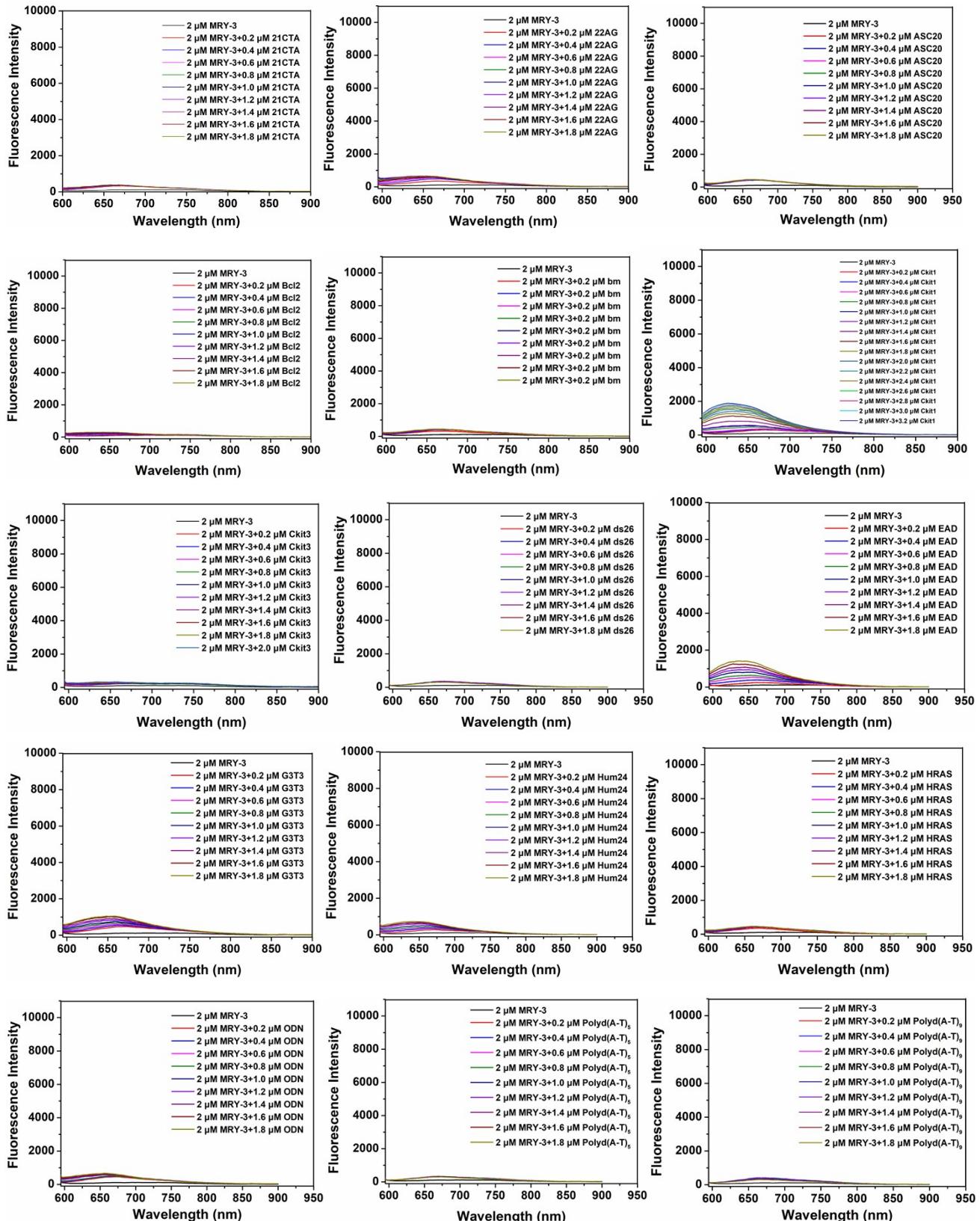
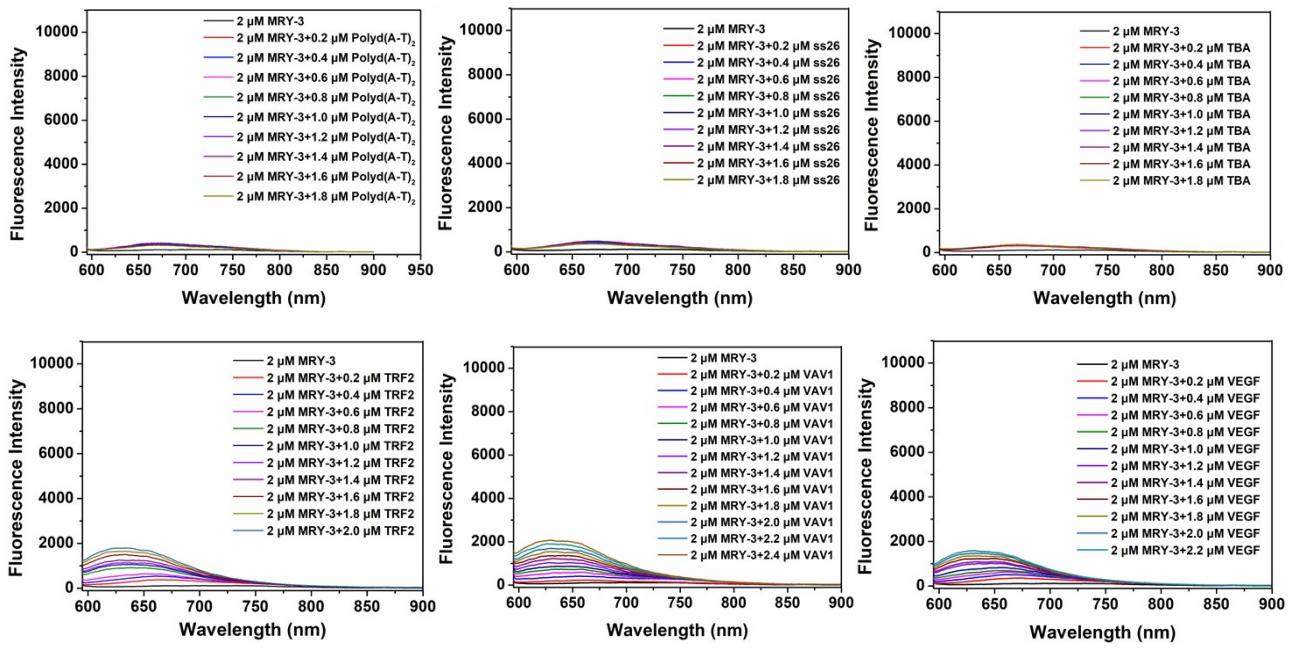


Fig. S2. The linear fit equation for calculating LOD value between MRY-3 and c-MYC G4 DNA at 600 nm.

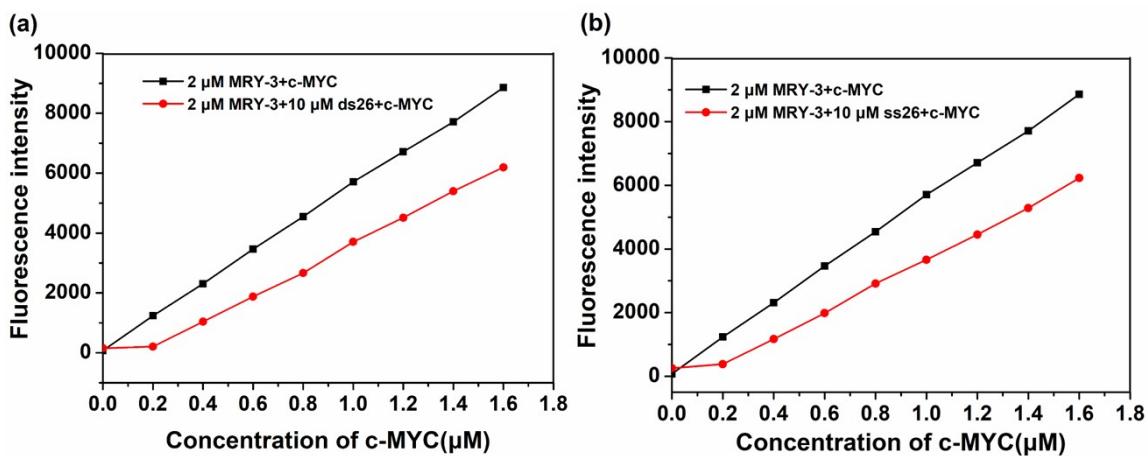
## 5. Fluorescence titrations of MRY-3 with G4 and non-G4 DNAs.





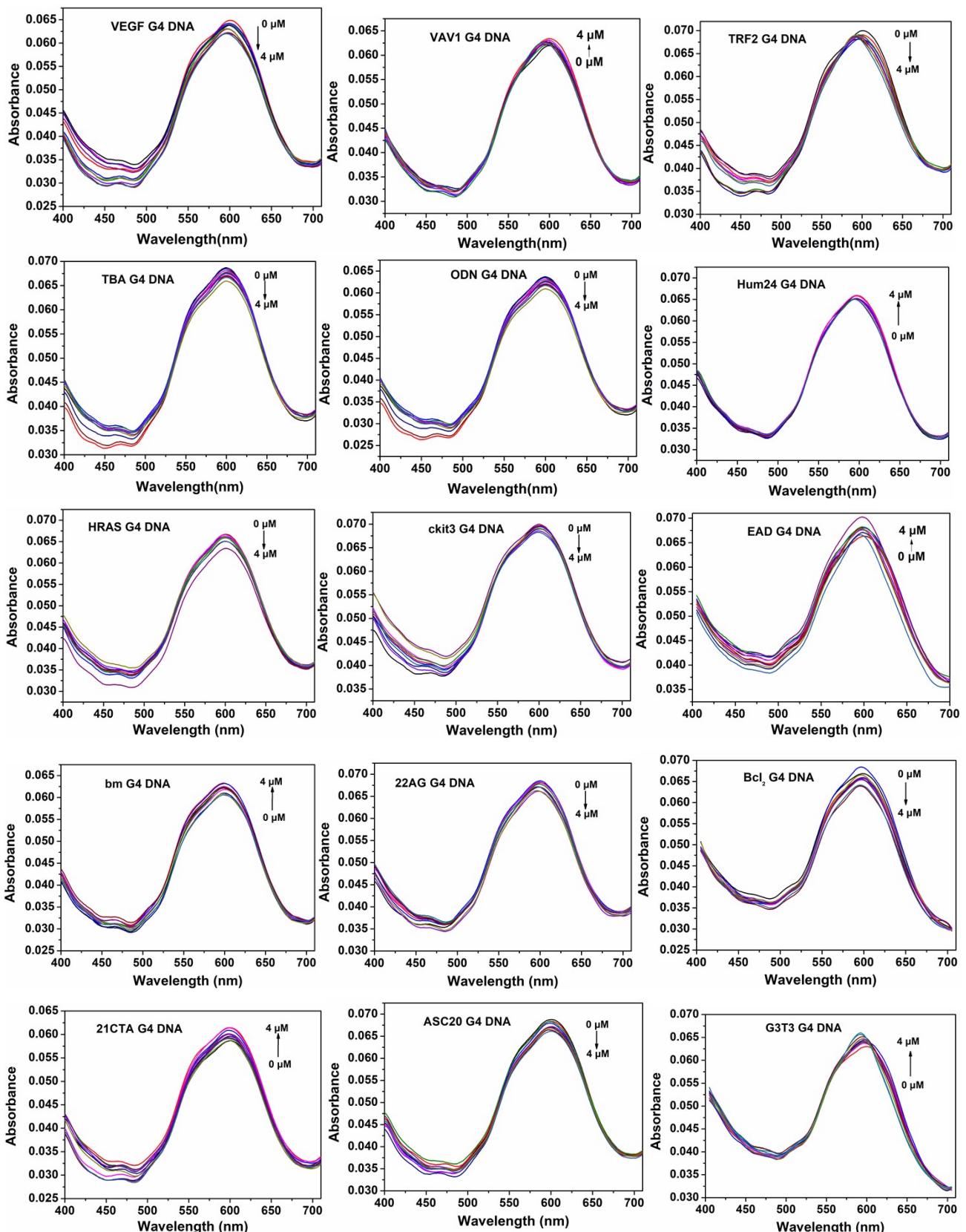
**Fig. S3.** Fluorescence titrations of MRY-3 (2 μM) upon addition of increasing amount of anti-parallel G4 DNAs-21CTA, ASC20, bm, Ckit3, HRAS, TRF2; hybrid DNAs-22AG, hum24, ODN, G3T3; parallel G4 DNAs- Bcl2, Ckit1, EAD, TRF2, VAV1, VEGF; double-stranded DNAs-Polyd(A-T)<sub>5</sub>, Polyd(A-T)<sub>9</sub>, Polyd(A-T)<sub>2</sub>, ds26 and single-stranded DNA-ss26.

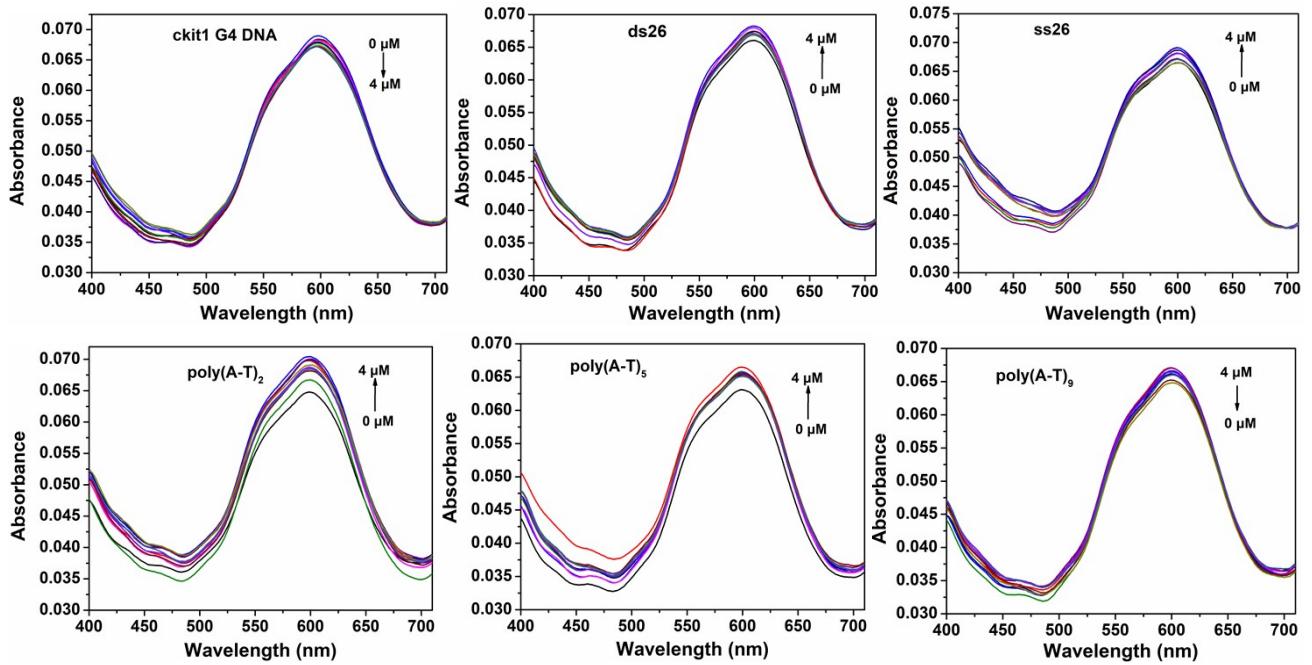
## 6. Competition experiments.



**Fig. S4.** The fluorescence titration of 2  $\mu\text{M}$  MR-3 with the stepwise addition of the c-MYC without and with 10  $\mu\text{M}$  ds26 (a) or ss26 (b) in 10 mM Tris-HCl/DMSO (95:5, v/v), 60 mM KCl, pH 7.4

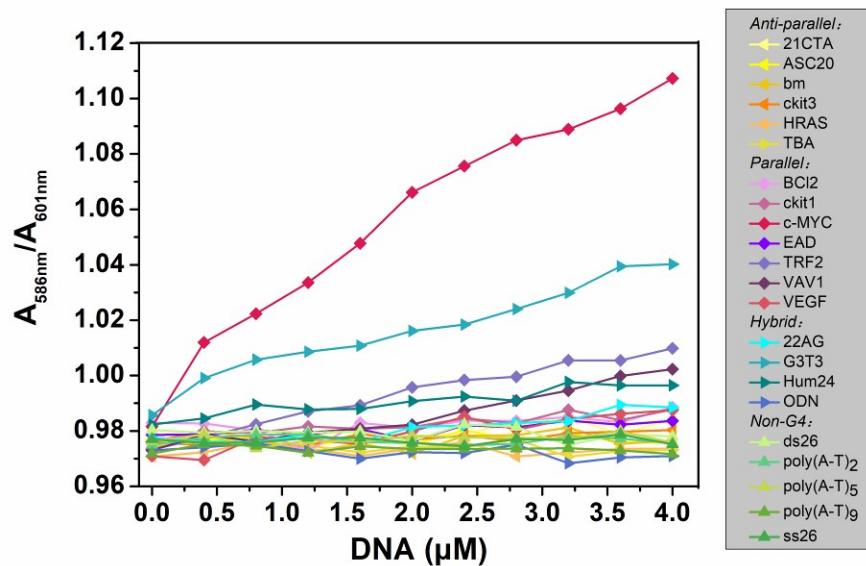
## 7. Absorbance titrations of MRY-3 with G4 and non-G4 DNAs.





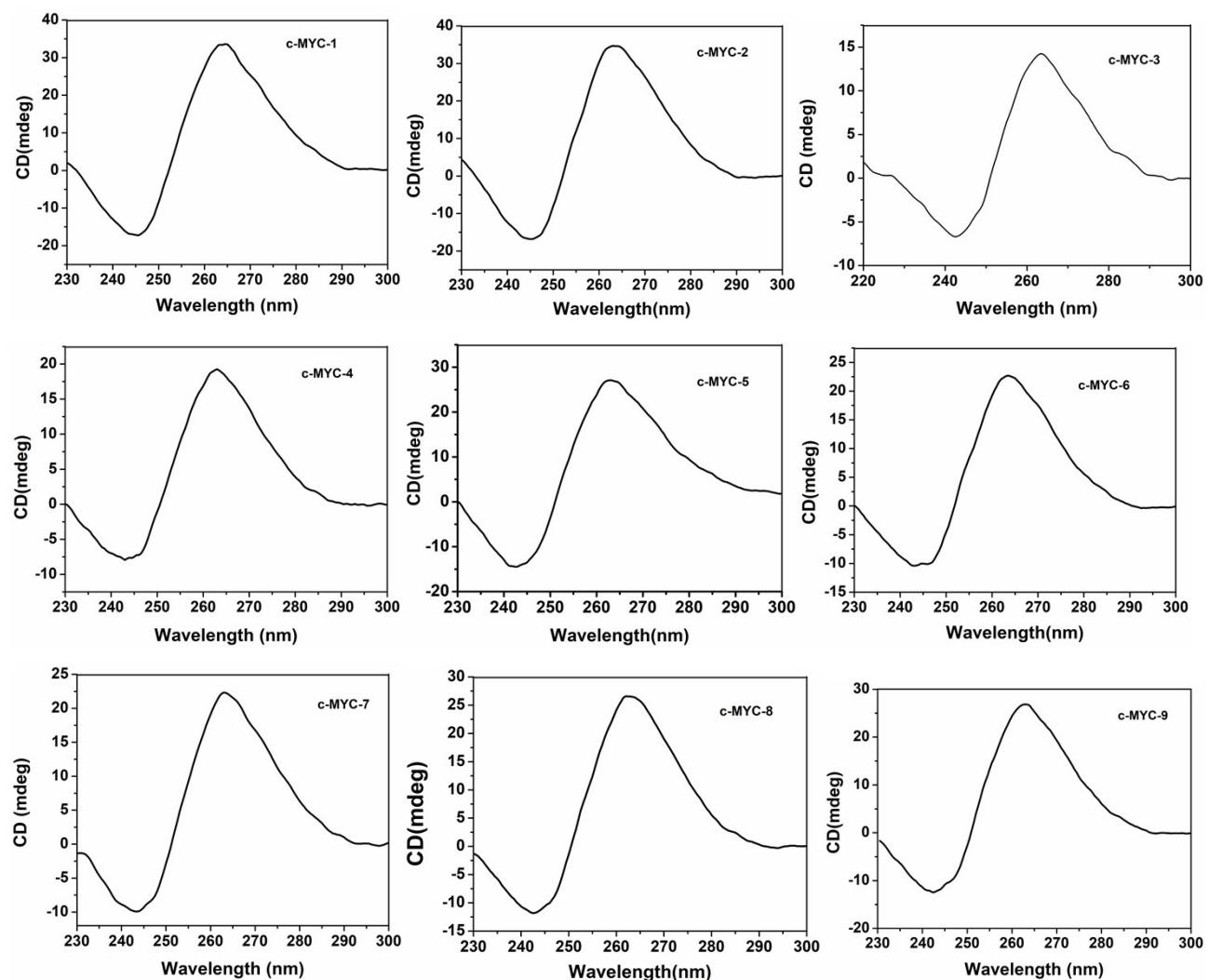
**Fig. S5.** Absorption titrations of MRY-3 upon addition of increasing amount of anti-parallel G4 DNAs-21CTA, ASC20, bm, Ckit3, HRAS, TBA; hybrid DNAs-22AG, hum24, ODN, G3T3; parallel G4 DNAs- Bcl2, Ckit1, EAD, TRF2, VAV1, VEGF; double-stranded DNAs-Polyd(A-T)<sub>5</sub>, Polyd(A-T)<sub>9</sub>, Polyd(A-T)<sub>2</sub>, ds26 and single-stranded DNA-ss26 in 10 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.4, containing 60 mM KCl); Condition: [MRY-3] = 1  $\mu$ M, [DNA] = 0-4  $\mu$ M.

## 8. Absorption properties of MRY-3 with DNAs.



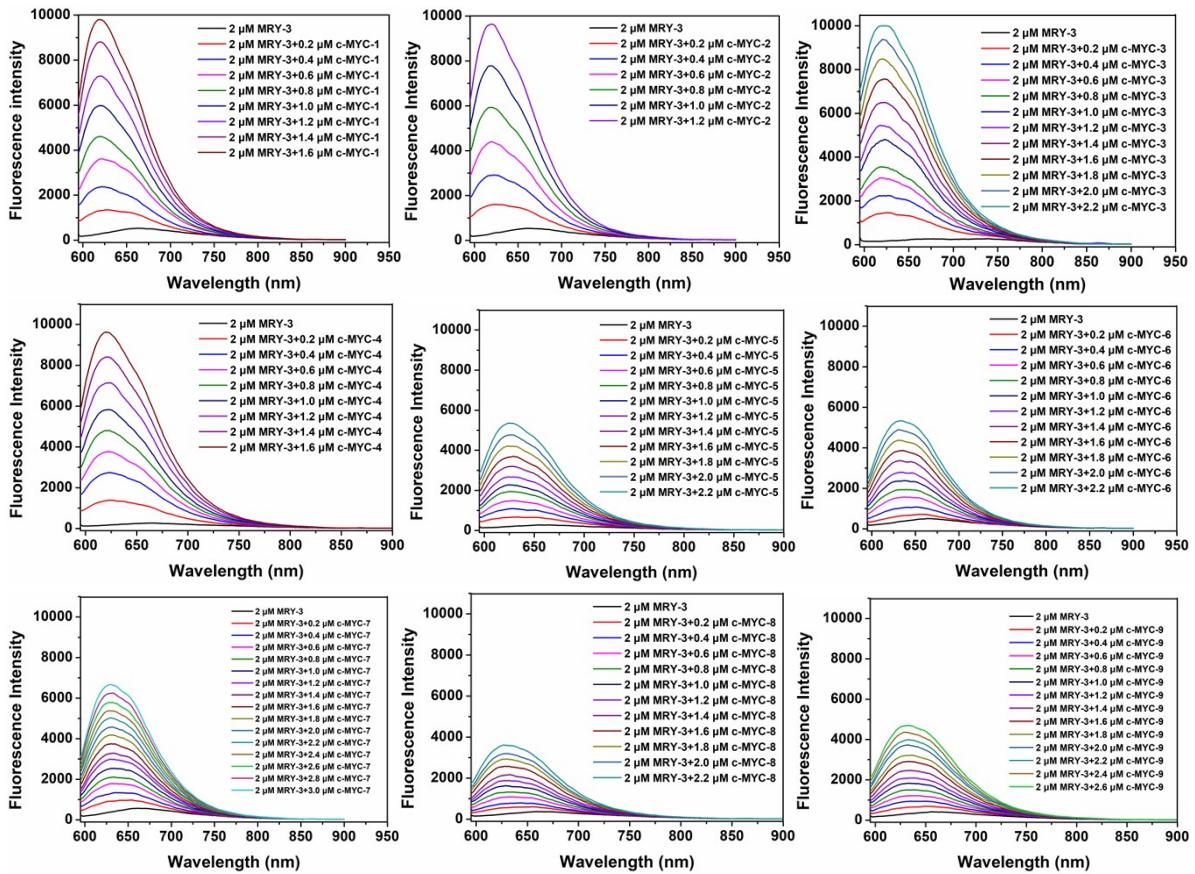
**Fig. S6.** Plots of  $A_{586\text{ nm}}/A_{601\text{ nm}}$  of 1  $\mu\text{M}$  MRY-3 against various DNA concentrations in 10 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.4, containing 60 mM KCl);

## 9. CD spectra for mutated C-MYC structures.



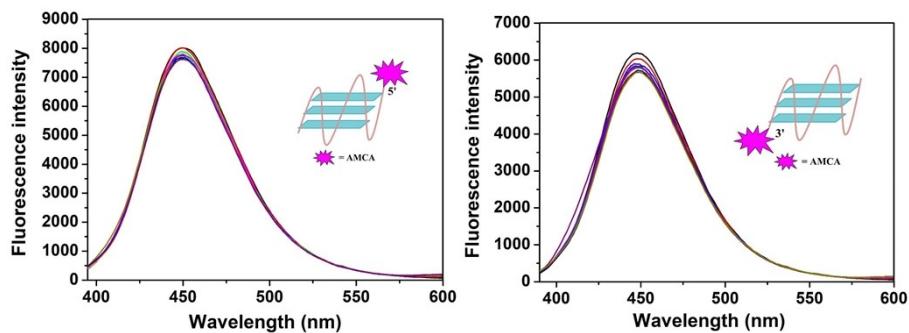
**Fig. S7.** CD spectra for various mutated C-MYC sequences in 10 mM Tris-HCl/DMSO (95:5, v/v), 60 mM KCl, pH 7.4

## 10. Fluorescence titrations of MRY-3 with mutated C-MYC structures.



**Fig. S8.** Fluorescence titrations of MRY-3 (2  $\mu$ M) upon addition of increasing amount of mutated c-MYC sequences in 10 mM Tris-HCl/DMSO (95:5, v/v), 60 mM KCl, pH 7.4.

## 11. Fluorescence titrations of MRY-3 with AMCA labeled C-MYC DNA structures.



**Fig. S9.** The fluorescence intensity of 5'/3' AMCA-labeled *c-MYC* G4 (0.2  $\mu$ M) with the addition of MRY-3 (0-1  $\mu$ M) in 10 mM Tris-HCl/DMSO (95:5, v/v), 60 mM KCl, pH 7.4.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 353$  nm.