## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Quantitative SERS detection of multiple breast cancer miRNAs based

## on duplex specific nuclease-mediated signal amplification

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## S1 Experimental section

Name	Sequences (5'-3')				
CP-21	NH2-TTTTTTCAACATCAGTCTGATAAGCTATTTTT-SH				
CP-155	NH2-TTTTTTCCCCTATCACGATTAGCATTAATTTTTT-SH				
CP-let 7b	NH2-TTTTTTAACCACACAACCTACTACCTCATTTTT-SH				
miR-21	UAGCUUAUCAGACUGAUGUUGA				
miR-155	UUAAUGCUAAUCGUGAUAGGGG				
let-7b	UGAGGUAGUAGGUUGUGUGGUU				
miR-141	UAACACUGUCUGGUAAAGAUGG				
miR-21 forward	ACACTCCAGCTGGGTAGCTTATCAGACTGA				
miR-21 reverse	CTCAACTGGTGTCGTGGAGTCGGCAATTCAGTTGAGTCAAC				
	ATC				
miR-155 forward	TAATACCGTCTTAAAACCGT				
miR-155 reverse	TTCTCGGGAACGTGAAACCT				
Let 7b forward	ACACTCCAGCTGGGTGAGGTAGTAGGTTGT				
Let 7b reverse	CTCAACTGGTGTCGTGGAGTCGGCAATTCAGTTGAGAACC				
	CAC				
U6 forward	CTCGCTTCGGCAGCACA				
U6 reverse	AACGCTTCACGAATTTGCGT				

 Table S1. The oligonucleotide sequences used in this experiment.

Sample	Added (pM)	Detected (pM)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
miR-21	10	9.71	97.1	3.17
miR-155	10	10.35	103.5	3.53
Let 7b	10	10.64	106.4	5.45

**Table S2.** SERS analysis for miR-21, miR-155 and let 7b in spiked healthy human serum sample (n=3).



Fig. S1. SEM images of (a)  $Fe_3O_4$  NPs and TEM images of (b)  $Fe_3O_4$  NPs.



**Fig. S2.** (a) TEM images of the Au NPs. The length (b) and width (c) of gold nanorods (Au NRs).



Fig. S3. The UV-vis spectra of Au@Ag NRs with increasing Ag-shells (AgNO<sub>3</sub> volume from 0  $\mu$ L to 200  $\mu$ L).



**Fig. S4.** Raman signal response of the SERS sensor plus miRNA-21 for different reaction time (0, 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 min). Error bars were calculated based on the standard deviation of three measurements.



Fig. S5. Plots of the Raman intensity of the peak at 1332 cm<sup>-1</sup> with various concentrations of DSN (0, 0.005, 0.01, 0.015, 0.02, and 0.025 U). Error bars were calculated based on the standard deviation of three measurements.



**Fig. S6.** (A) SERS spectra of the sandwich SERS sensor in the detection of 10 pM miRNA and (B) corresponding histogram collected from 15 different spots.