

Supplementary Information

In-situ synthesis of fluorescent copper nanoclusters for rapid detection of ascorbic acid in biology samples

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Table S1. Sequences of oligonucleotides used in this work

Name	Sequence (from 5' to 3')
T40	TT
(AT)12	ATATATATATATATATATATATAT
(AT)16	ATATATATATATATATATATATATATATAT
(AT)20	ATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATAT
(AT)24	ATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATAT
(AT)28	AT ATATAT
DNA9	TACTCATCGCTCATACGTTCATCACGACTAC
DNA10	GTAAGTCGTGATGAACGTATGAGCGTATGAGTA

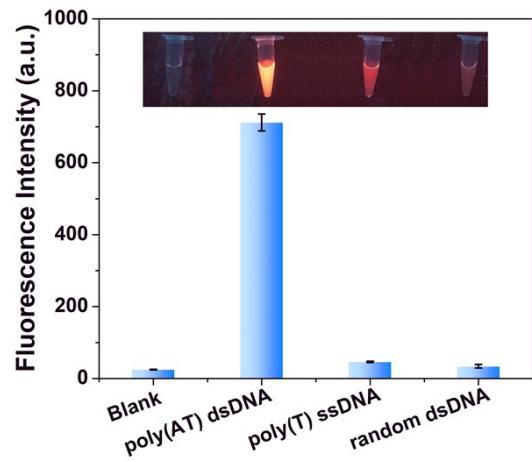


Fig. S1 Fluorescence intensity of the resulted MOPS buffer solutions in the presence of different oligonucleotides. [oligonucleotide] = 500 nM, [AA] = 3 mM, $[\text{Cu}^{2+}]$ = 0.3 mM.

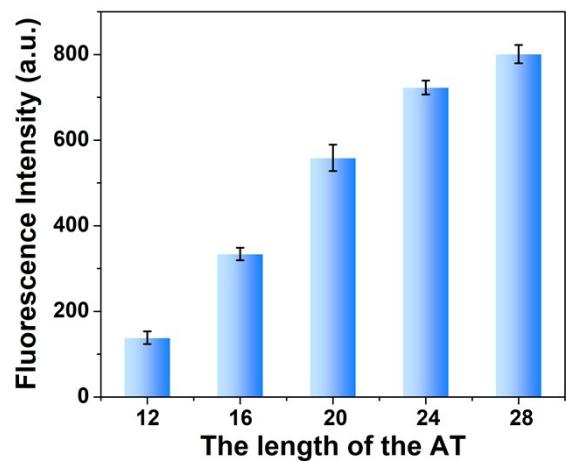


Fig. S2 Fluorescence intensity of the resulted MOPS buffer solutions in the presence of (AT) of different length. $[(\text{AT})] = 500 \text{ nM}$, $[\text{AA}] = 3 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = 0.3 \text{ mM}$.

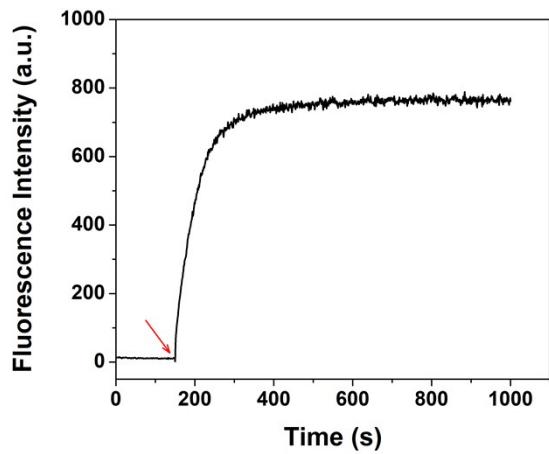


Fig. S3 Real-time fluorescence scans to demonstrate the fast response for AA sensing. The arrow marks the addition of AA. $[(AT)24 \text{ dsDNA}] = 500 \text{ nM}$, $[\text{AA}] = 3 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = 0.3 \text{ mM}$.

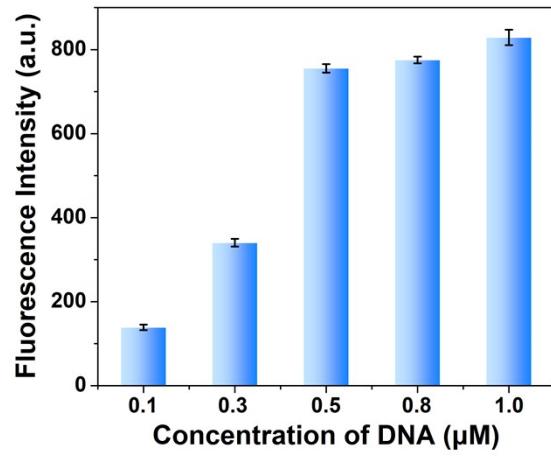


Fig. S4 Fluorescence intensity of the detection system at different concentration of (AT)24 dsDNA. $[AA] = 3 \text{ mM}$, $[Cu^{2+}] = 0.3 \text{ mM}$.

Table S2. Comparison of the present methods with some of the previously published methods in determination of AA

Detection probe	Method	Linear range (μM)	Detection limit (μM)	Ref.
Multi-wall carbon nanotubes	Electrochemistry	100-1000	49.8	1
Boron-doped diamond electrode	Electrochemistry	10-200	19	2
Mesoporous Carbon/Nafion composite film	Electrochemistry	40-800	20	3
CdSe quantum dots	Electrochemistry	100-1500	64.5	4
Au-PANI-GCE	Electrochemistry	10-12000	8.2	5
Graphene-zinc oxide	Electrochemistry	50-2350	3.71	6
Enzyme functional metal-organic framework	Colorimetry	2.57-10.1	1.03	7
Mesoporous silica-coated gold nanorods	Colorimetry	0-10	0.049	8
Co ₃ O ₄ /crumpled graphene microsphere	Colorimetry	30-140	0.19	9
Reduced graphene oxide nanosheets	Colorimetry	0.8-60	0.15	10
Carbon dots	Fluorescence	10-200	4.69	11
Graphitic carbon nitride nanosheets	Fluorescence	0.5-200	0.13	12
Graphene quantum dots	Fluorescence	1.11-300	0.32	13
Two-photon nanoparticles	Fluorescence	1-20	0.17	14
LaF ₃ :Ce,Tb nanoparticles	Fluorescence	8-100	2.4	15
Copper nanoclusters	Fluorescence	50-1000	41.9	This work

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