## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Probing the microenvironments in the grooves of Z-DNA using dan-modified oligonucleotides

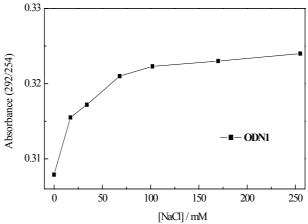
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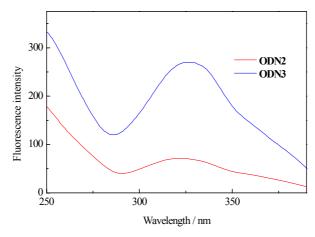
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## **General methods**

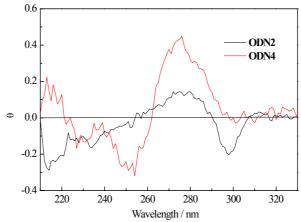
High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a JASCO Gulliver MD at 254 nm using a reversed phase Cosmosil MSΠ column (4.6 × 150 mm). Ultraviolet (UV) spectra were recorded with a JASCO V-530 spectrophotometer. Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were obtained on a JASCO CD-J720 spectrometer. Fluorescence spectra were measured on a Hitachi 850 spectrofluorometer.



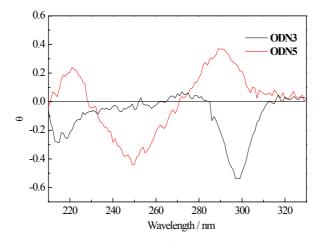
**Figure S1.** The B- to Z-DNA transition of **ODN1** was monitored by UV titration. Absorbance 292/254 was plotted versus the concentration of sodium chloride.



**Figure S2.** The excitation spectra of dan-modified ODNs (**ODN2** and **3**) were monitored at 460 nm.



**Figure S3 A.** The CD spectra of  $^{\text{dan}}\text{C}$  containing Z-DNA forming sequence (CACG^{\text{dan}}\text{CGCG}) is hybridized with unmodified (**ODN4**) and  $^{\text{Br}}\text{G}$  modified (**ODN2**) complementary strand.



**Figure S3 B.** The CD spectra of  $^{dan}G$  containing Z-DNA forming sequence (CAC $^{dan}GCGCG$ ) is hybridized with unmodified (**ODN5**) and  $^{Br}G$  modified (**ODN3**) complementary strand.