

Colorimetric recognition of DNA intercalator with unmodified gold nanoparticles

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Experimental Section

Materials. All oligodeoxyribonucleotides were purchased from Beijing SBS Genetech Co., Ltd. (Beijing, China). $\text{HAuCl}_4 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was purchased from Aldrich Co.. Trisodium citrate, sodium chloride, sodium acetate and sodium phosphate monobasic dehydrate were purchased from tianjin fuchen chemistry reagent factory. $\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3\text{Cl}_2$ and Ethidium bromide was purchased from aldrich-sigma Co., $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2(\text{dppz})(\text{BF}_4)_2 \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{dppz})(\text{BF}_4)_2 \cdot 3.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2(\text{dppx})(\text{BF}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was home made. The store solution of $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$ $\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3^{2+}$ was prepared by dissolving 7.1mg $\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3\text{Cl}_2$ in 100ml water; $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$ Ethidium bromide was prepared by dissolving 4.0mg Ethidium bromide in 100ml water; $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$ $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2(\text{dppz})^{2+}$ was prepared by dissolving 9.0mg $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2(\text{dppz})(\text{BF}_4)_2 \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 100ml water; $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$ $\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{dppz})^{2+}$ was prepared by dissolving 9.1mg $\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2(\text{dppz})(\text{BF}_4)_2 \cdot 3.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 100ml water; $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$ $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2(\text{dppx})^{2+}$ was prepared by dissolving 9.3mg $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2(\text{dppx})(\text{BF}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 100ml water.

Ultraviolet-visible absorption spectra were recorded on TU 1901UV-visible absorption spectrometer (Beijing Pukinje General Instrument Co., Ltd) using 1 cm path length quartz cells. Nano-pure water (18.1 M Ω) that obtained from a 350 Nano-pure water system (Guangzhou Crystalline Resource Desalination of Sea Water and Treatment Co., Ltd.) was used in all experiments.

Preparation of Au nanoparticles

Au nanoparticles were prepared with the method of reduction of HAuCl_4 with citrate [Grabar, K.C., Freeman, R.G., Hommer, M.B., Natan, M. J. Anal. Chem. 1995, 67, 735-743.]. The average particle size was about 13 nm in diameter by TEM.

Procedure

300 μL gold colloid was diluted with 300ul water, then was mixed with 150ul 1350pmol

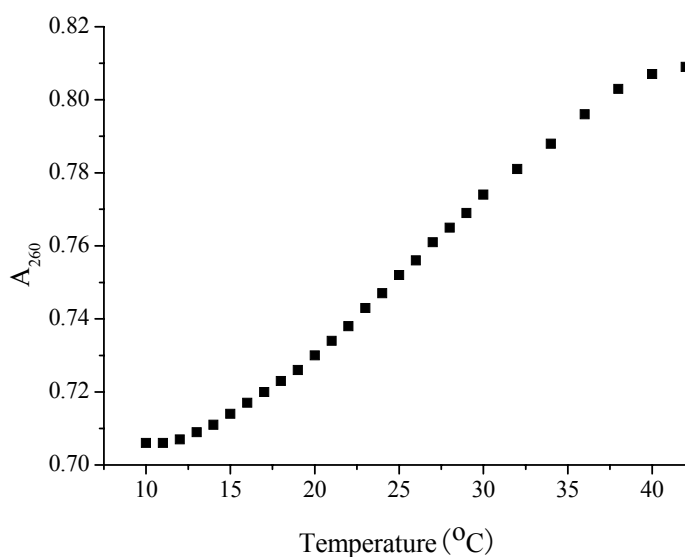
oligo-a (or oligo-b), then those intercalative (or non- intercalative) molecule were added into separately, and then with 300 μL of 10 mM PBS containing 0.35 M NaCl was added.

Measurement of melting temperature

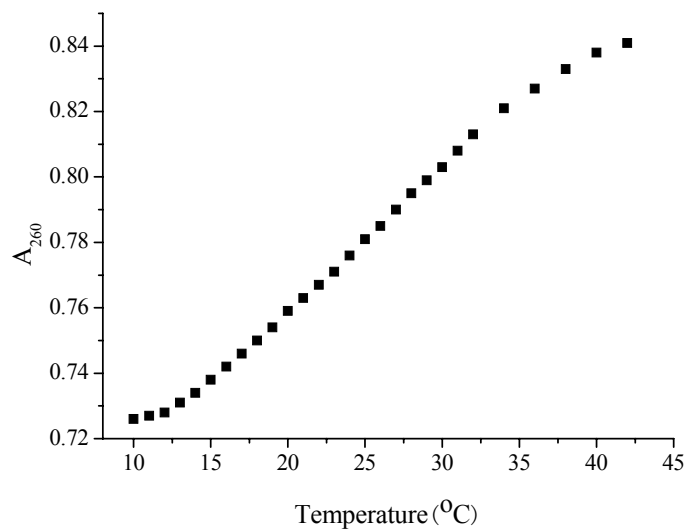
The melting curve of oligo-a with and without $\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3^{2+}$ was obtained with TU 1901UV-visible absorption spectrometer (Beijing Pukinje General Instrument Co.,Ltd) using 1 cm path length quartz cells. The melting curve of oligo-a in the presence of EB, $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2\text{dppz}^{2+}$, $\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2\text{dppz}^{2+}$ or $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2\text{dppx}^{2+}$ was recorded with RF-5301(Shimadazu, Japan) spectrofluorometer with a quartz cell (1 \times 1 cm cross-section).

S-Table 1 melting temperature of oligo-a in the presence of different ligand

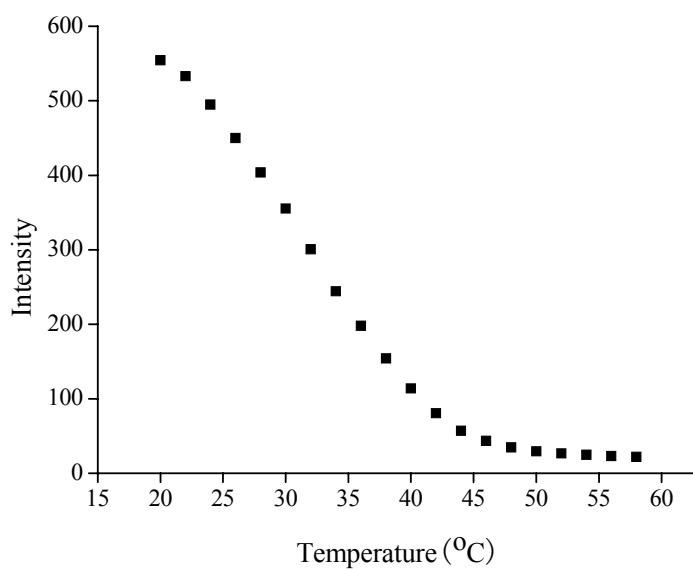
DNA binder	T _m (°C)
Oligo-a (no binder)	25
$\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3^{2+}$	26
EB	33
$\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2\text{dppz}^{2+}$	44
$\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2\text{dppz}^{2+}$	44
$\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2\text{dppx}^{2+}$	42



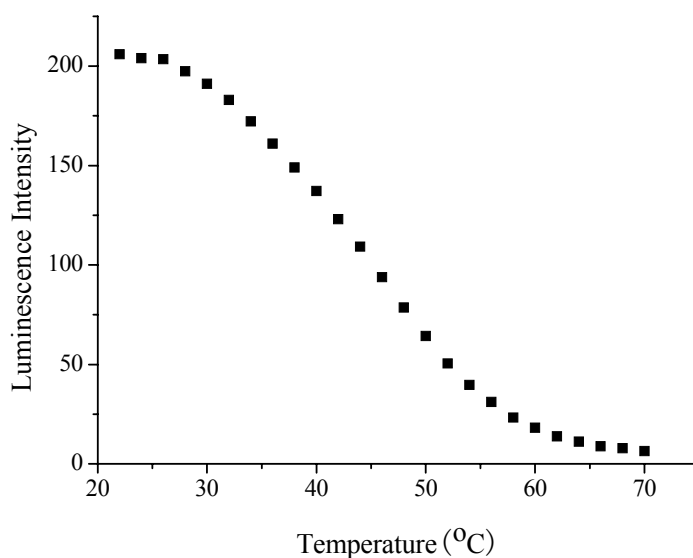
S-Figure-1 Melting curve of oligo-a(Oligo-a: 7.0 μM , NaCl: 0.10M)



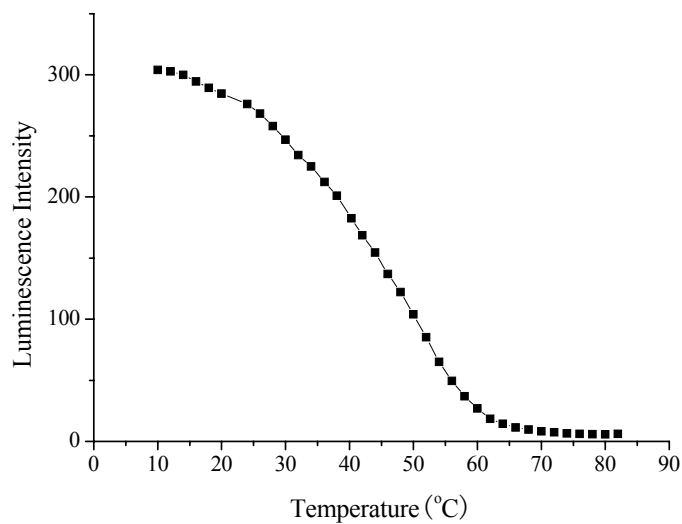
S-Figure-2 Melting curve of oligo-a in the presence of Ru(phen)₃²⁺ (Oligo-a: 7.0μM, NaCl: 0.10M, Ru(phen)₃²⁺:5.0μM)



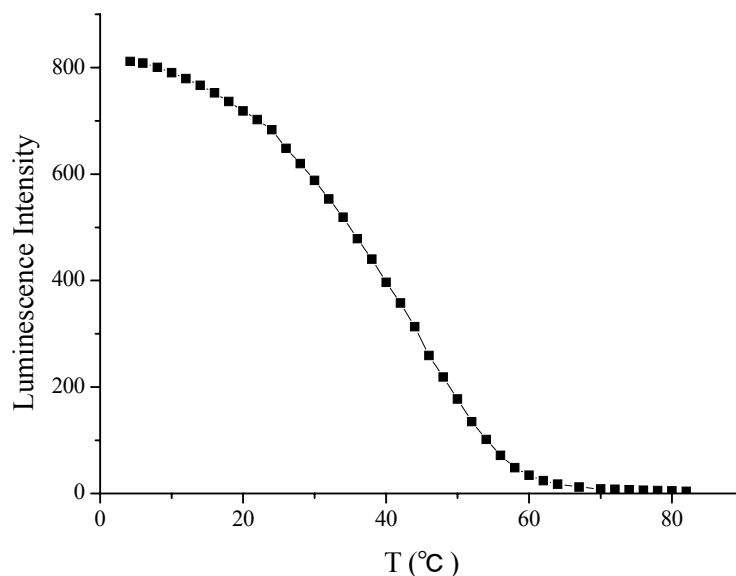
S-Figure-3 Melting curve of oligo-a in the presence of EB (EB:3.3μM, NaCl:0.1M, oligo-a:4.0μM, λ_{ex}:542nm λ_{em}:602nm), slit width(EX:3.0nm, EM:5.0nm)



S-Figure-4 Melting curve of oligo-a in the presence of Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺ (Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺:3.3μM, NaCl:0.1M, oligo-a:1.3μM, λ_{ex}:455nm, λ_{em}:630nm), slit width(EX:5.0nm, EM:10.0nm)

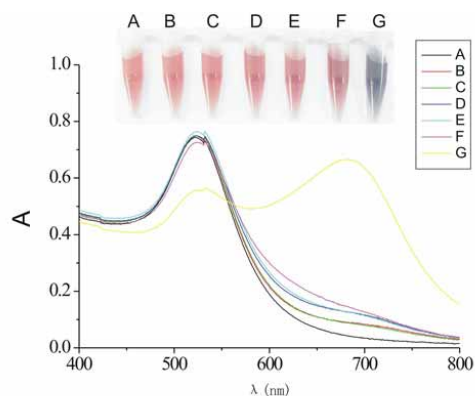


S-Figure-5 Melting curve of oligo-a in the presence of Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺ (Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺:3.3μM, NaCl:0.1M, oligo-a:4.0μM, λ_{ex}:449nm, λ_{em}:617nm), slit width (EX: 5.0nm, EM: 10.0nm)



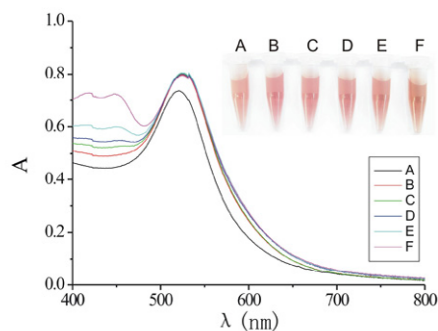
S-Figure-6 Melting curve of oligo-a in the presence of Ru(bipy)₂dppx²⁺ (Ru(bipy)₂dppx²⁺:3.3μM, NaCl:0.1M, oligo-a:4.0μM, λ_{ex}:460nm, λ_{em}:613nm), slit width(EX:5.0nm, EM:10.0nm)

1. Ru(phen)₃²⁺:



S-Figure-7 Effect of Ru(phen)₃²⁺ on the naked gold nanoparticles.

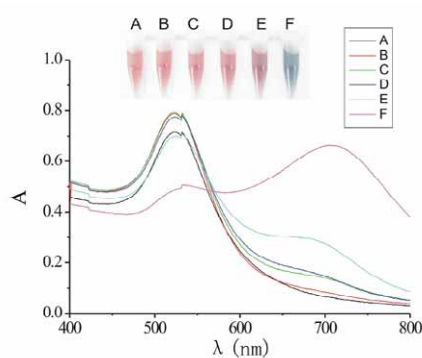
- A. 3.0nM gold nanoparticles B. A+0.05μM Ru(phen)₃²⁺
C. A+0.10μM Ru(phen)₃²⁺; D. A+0.16μM Ru(phen)₃²⁺
E. A+0.21μM Ru(phen)₃²⁺ F. A+ 0.26μM Ru(phen)₃²⁺
G. A+0.31μM Ru(phen)₃²⁺



S-Figure-8 Effect of Ru(phen)_3^{2+} on the oligo-b adsorbed gold nanoparticles.

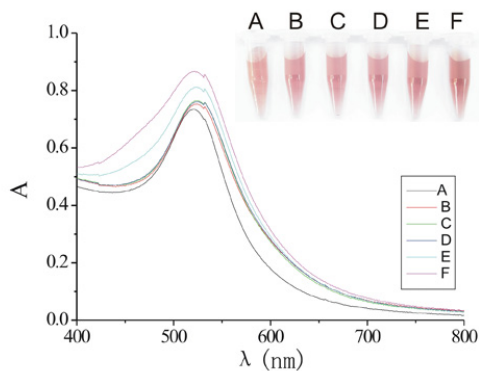
- A. 3.0nM gold nanoparticles+1.13 μM oligo-b; B. A+2.08 μM Ru(phen)_3^{2+} ;
C. A+4.00 μM Ru(phen)_3^{2+} ; D. A+5.21 μM Ru(phen)_3^{2+} ;
E. A+8.33 μM Ru(phen)_3^{2+} ; F. A+16.67 μM Ru(phen)_3^{2+}

2. EB



S-Figure-9 Effect of Ebon the naked gold nanoparticles

- A. 3.0 nM Au nanoparticles B. A+0.10 μM EB
C. A+0.21 μM EB D. A+0.42 μM EB
E. A+0.63 μM EB F. A+0.84 μM EB



S-Figure-10 Effect of EB on the oligo-b adsorbed gold nanoparticles

- A. 3.0 nM Au nanoparticles+1.13 μM oligo-b B. A+1.04 μM EB

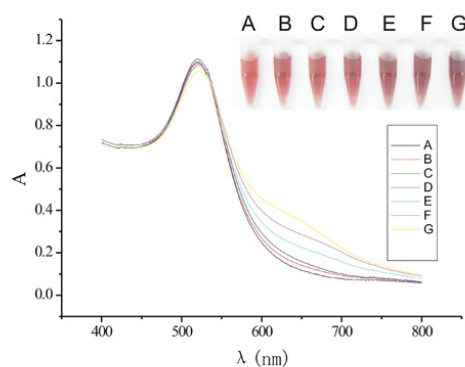
C. A+2.08 μM EB

D. A+4.00 μM EB

E. A+16.67 μM EB

F. A+33.33 μM

3. Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺



S-Figure-11 Effect of Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺ on the naked gold nanoparticles

A. 3.0 nM Au nanoparticles

B. A+0.03 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺

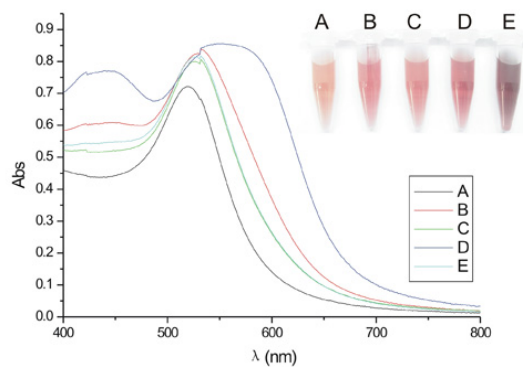
C. A+0.06 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺

D. A+0.09 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺

E. A+0.13 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺

F. A+0.16 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺

G. A+0.21 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺



S-Figure-12 Effect of Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺ on the oligo-b adsorbed gold nanoparticles

A. 3.0 nM Au nanoparticles+1.13 μM oligo-b

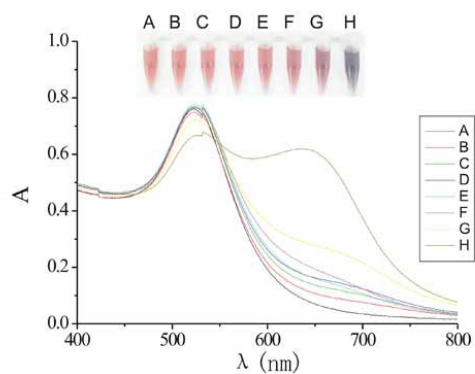
B. A+4.0 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺

C. A+5.21 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺

D. A+8.33 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺

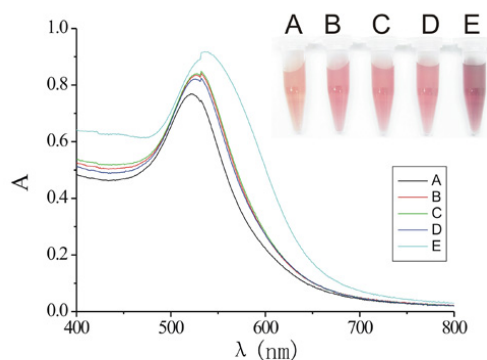
E. A+16.67 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺

4. Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺:



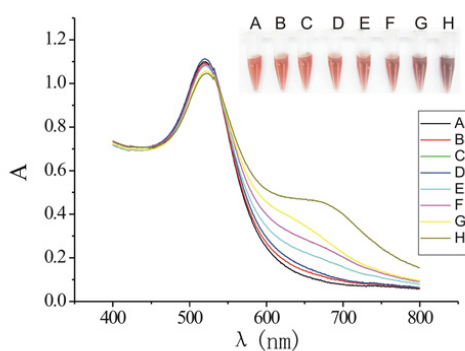
S-Figure-13 Effect of Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺ on the naked gold nanoparticles

- A. 3.0 nM Au nanoparticles
B. A+0.03 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺
C. A+0.06 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺
D. A+0.09 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺
E. A+0.13 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺
F. A+0.21 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺
G. A+0.27 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺
H. A+0.31 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺



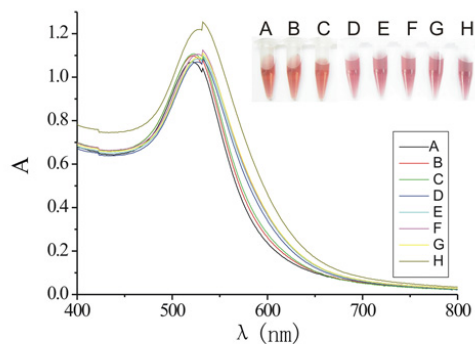
S-Figure-14 Effect of Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺ on the oligo-b adsorbed gold nanoparticles

- A. 3.0 nM Au nanoparticles + 1.13 μM oligo-b
B. A + 2.20 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺
C. A + 3.13 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺
D. A + 4.17 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺
E. A + 8.33 μM Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺
5. Ru(bipy)₂dppx²⁺:



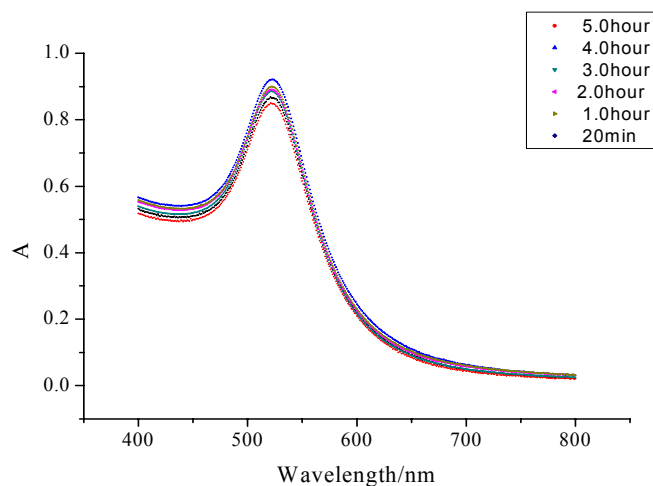
S-Figure -15 Effect of Ru(bipy)₂dppx²⁺ on the naked gold nanoparticles

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| A. 3.0 nM Au nanoparticles | B. A+0.011 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ |
| C. A+0.023 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ | D. A+0.034 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ |
| E. A+0.057 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ | F. A+0.12 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ |
| G. A+0.17 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ | H. A+0.23 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ |

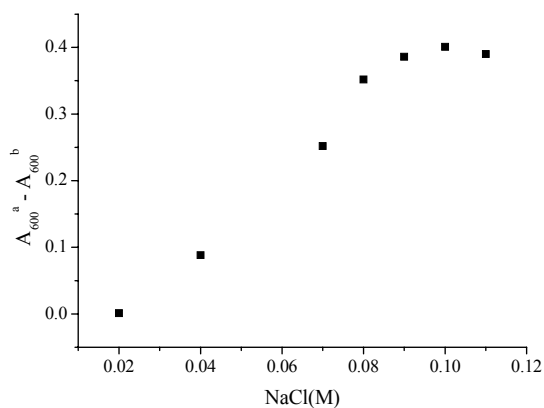


S-Figure-16 Effect of Ru(bipy)₂dppx²⁺ on the oligo-b adsorbed gold nanoparticles

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| A. 3.0 nM Au nanoparticles+1.13 μM oligo-b | B. A+0.17 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ |
| C. A+0.33 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ | D. A+2.08 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ |
| E. A+2.40 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ | F. A+2.50 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ |
| G. A+2.71 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ | H. A+3.13 μM Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺ |



S-Figure-17 Effect of incubation time on the absorption spectra of AuNPs-oligo a
1.3 μM oligo a, 3.0nM AuNPs, 0.1 M NaCl

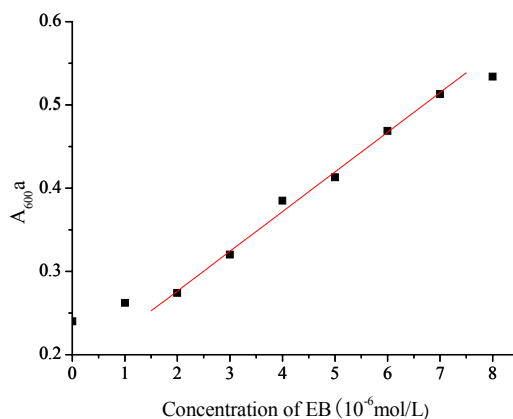


S-Figure-18 Effect of NaCl on the aggregation of AuNPs-oligo a and AuNPS-oligo b.

1.30 μM oligo-a, 1.30 μM oligo-b, 3.0 nM AuNPs, 4.0 μM Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺:

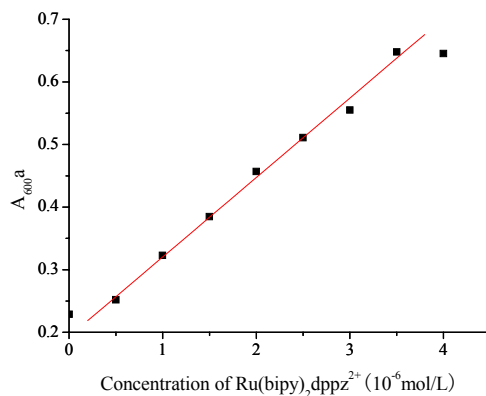
S-Table 2 Analytical parameters for detection intercalators

Intercalators	Linear regression equation(C, $\mu\text{mol/L}$)	Linear range ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	r(Correlation coefficient)	Precision at 0.5 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (RSD, %)
EB	$A=0.181+0.0477C$	2.0-7.0	0.9969	2.86
Ru(bipy) ₂ dppz ²⁺	$A=0.193+0.127C$	0.5-3.5	0.9973	3.55
Ru(phen) ₂ dppz ²⁺	$A=0.078+0.169C$	1.0-4.0	0.9955	3.34
Ru(bipy) ₂ dppx ²⁺	$A=0.126+0.177C$	1.0-3.5	0.9958	2.84



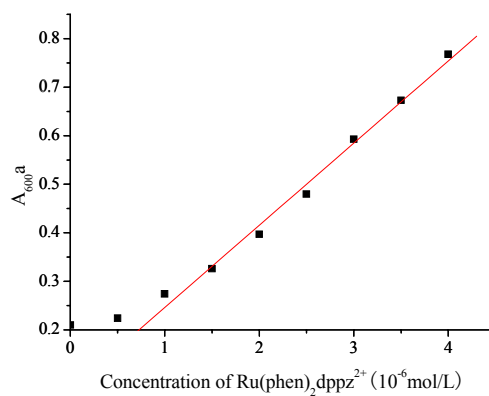
S-Figure 19 Effect of EB concentration on the absorbance of AuNPs-oligo a.

oligo-a: 1.30 μM ; gold nanoparticles:3.0 nM



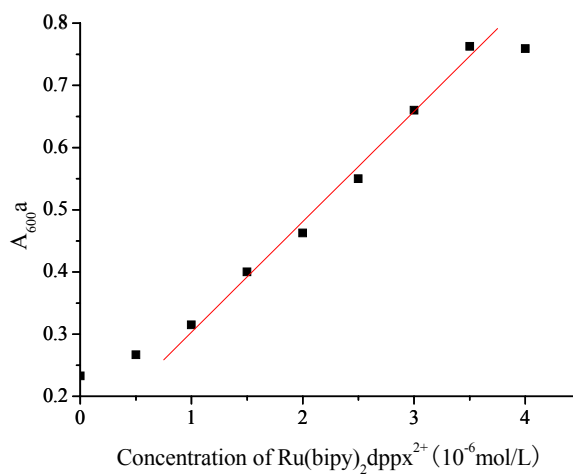
S-Figure 20 Effect of Ru(bipy)₂dppz²⁺ concentration on the absorbance of AuNPs-oligo a.

oligo-a: 1.30 μM; gold nanoparticles:3.0 nM



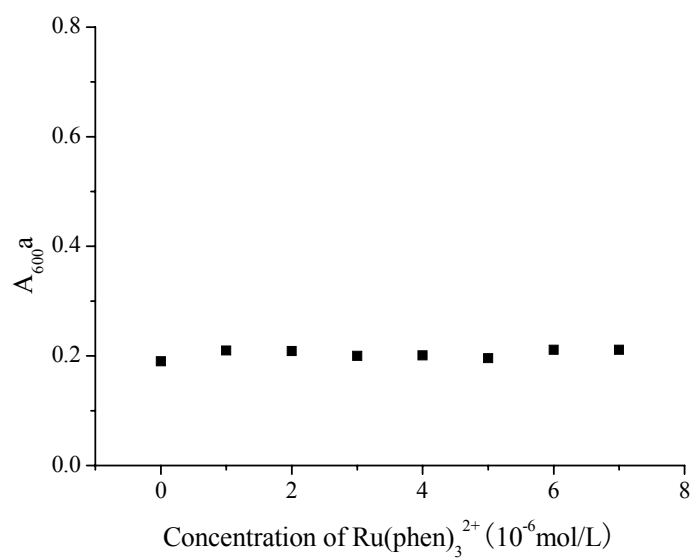
S-Figure 21 Effect of Ru(phen)₂dppz²⁺ concentration on the absorbance of AuNPs-oligo a.

oligo-a: 1.30 μM; gold nanoparticles:3.0 nM



S-Figure 22 Effect of Ru(bipy)₂dppx²⁺ concentration on the absorbance of AuNPs-oligo a.

oligo-a: 1.30 μM; gold nanoparticles:3.0 nM



S-Figure 23 Effect of Ru(phen)₃²⁺ concentration on the absorbance of AuNPs-oligo a.

oligo-a: 1.30 μM; gold nanoparticles:3.0 nM