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Dual cascade nucleic acid recycling-amplified assembly of hyperbranched DNA nanostructures to construct a novel plasmonic colorimetric biosensing method

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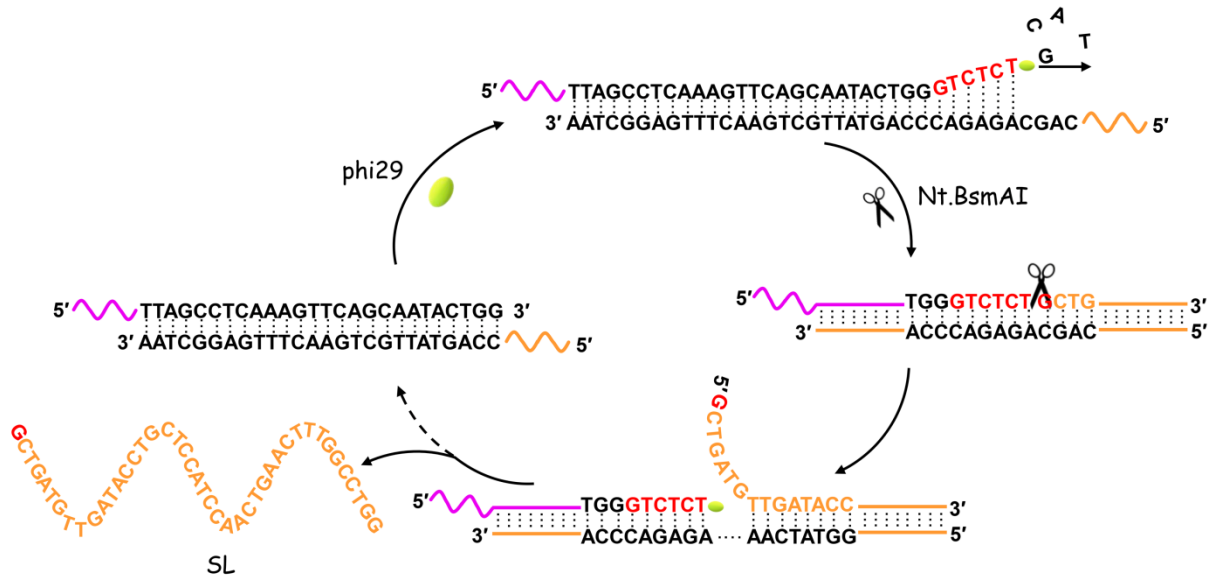


Fig. S1 Schematic illustration of the working principle of the phi29-assisted cleavage reaction of Nt.BsmAI for releasing the SL strand.

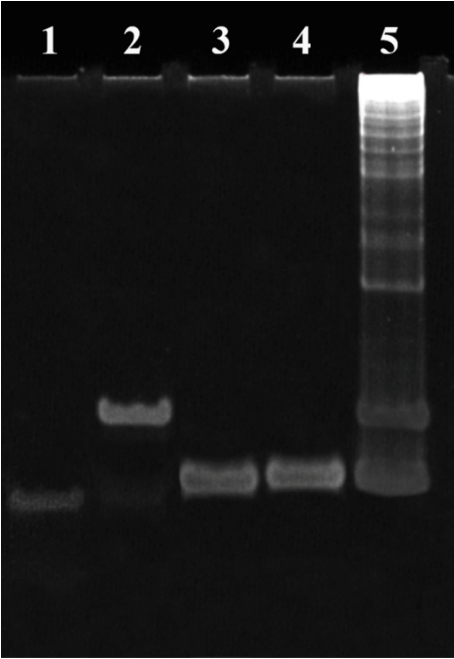


Fig. S2 PAGE assay results of different samples: lane 1, SL; lane 2, SC + SL; lane 3, H4; lane 4, H5; lane 5, SC + SL + H4 + H5.

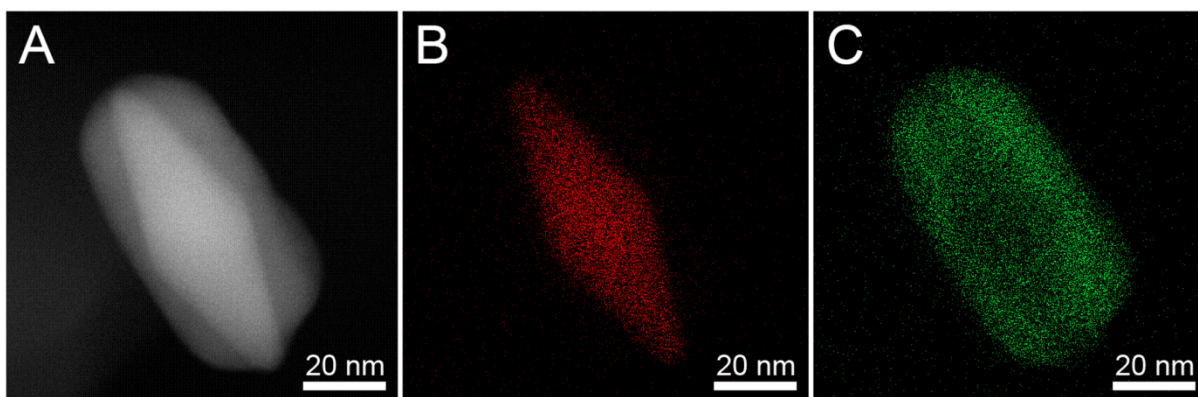


Fig. S3 High-magnification HRTEM image of the typical Au NBP/Ag nanocomposite produced from the target biorecognition-induced silver deposition reaction (A), and its EDS mapping images of the gold (B) and silver (C) elements.

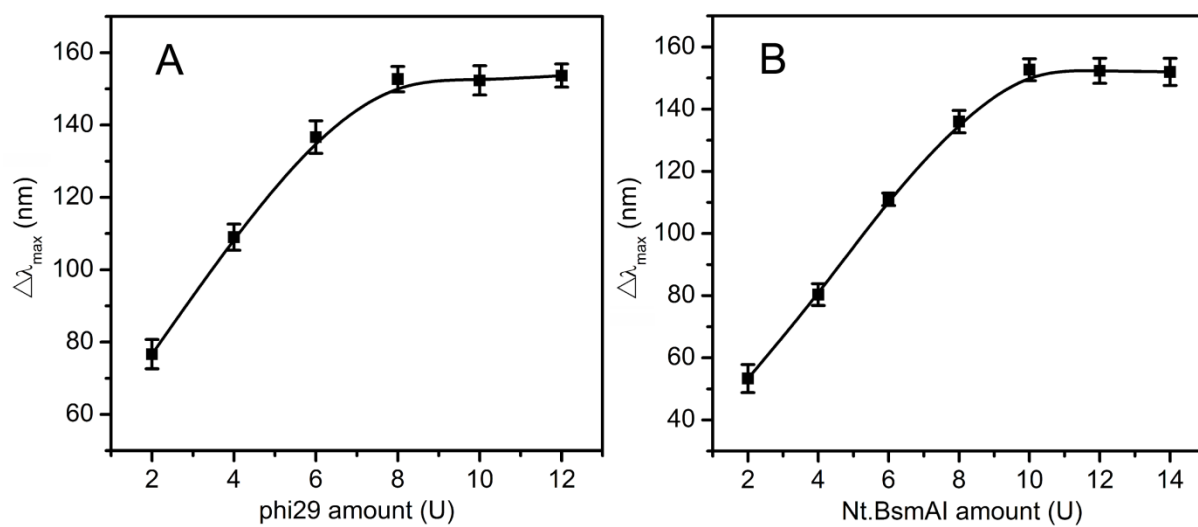


Fig. S4 Effects of the amounts of (A) phi29 and (B) Nt.BsmAI on the $\Delta\lambda_{\max}$ response induced by the target biorecognition reaction of 1 ng mL⁻¹ Kana.

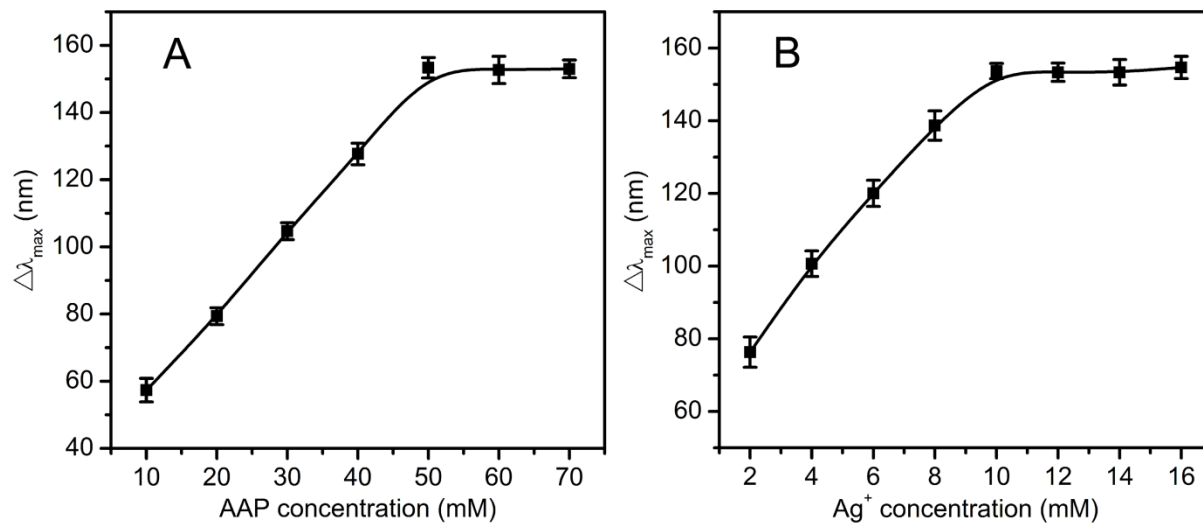


Fig. S5 Effects of the concentrations of (A) AAP and (B) Ag^+ on the $\Delta\lambda_{\max}$ response induced by the target biorecognition reaction of 1 ng mL^{-1} Kana.

Table S1. The overview of the main characteristics and analytical performances of the proposed method to compare with the reference methods reported previously.

| Signal transduction strategy | Detection method | Detection time (min) | Linear range | LOD | Ref. |
|---|------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| Target biorecognition-triggered HCR to cause salt-induced aggregation of gold nanoparticles | Colorimetry | 345 | 1–40 μM | 0.68 μM | 15 |
| Target biorecognition-triggered catalytic hairpin assembly (CHA) and DNA walking to produce reverse signal change | Fluorescence | 205 | 50 pM– 2 nM | 21.7 pM | 28 |
| Target biorecognition-triggered CHA and HCR to yield branched DNA complexes with active G-quadruplex structures | Fluorescence | 145 | 0.1–300 nM | 46.1 pM | 32 |
| Target biorecognition-triggered assembly of G-quadruplex-decorated DNA nanotrees | Colorimetry | 165 | 0.1 pg mL^{-1} – 10 ng mL^{-1} | 28 fg mL^{-1} | 33 |
| Target biorecognition to release CoFe_2O_4 nanozymes from a methylene blue-based aptasensor | Electrochemistry | 60 | 1 pM–1 μM | 0.5 pM | 39 |
| DNase I-assisted target biorecognition recycling to desorb aptamer from graphene and output potentiometric signal | Electrochemistry | 60 | 0.05–30 pM | 0.05 pM | 40 |
| Target biorecognition to inhibit the terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase-amplified linking of enzyme labels | Colorimetry | 145 | 0.01–500 nM | 9 pM | 41 |
| Target biorecognition-triggered assembly of hyperbranched DNA nanostructures to induce silver deposition at Au NBPs | Colorimetry | 300 | 10 fg mL^{-1} – 1 ng mL^{-1} | 1.4 fg mL^{-1} | This work |

Table S2 The results on the recovery tests of Kana added in a milk and a honey sample by this method and the ELISA kit (n=5).

| Sample | Add (pg mL ⁻¹) | Found (pg mL ⁻¹ , ± SD) | Recovery (%) | ELISA (ng mL ⁻¹ , ± SD) | Recovery (%) |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Milk | 1 | 1.056±0.024 | 105.6 | NA | / |
| | 10 | 10.32±0.23 | 103.2 | NA | / |
| | 100 | 99.27±2.4 | 99.3 | 96.44±5.6 | 96.44 |
| | 500 | 509.4±20 | 101.9 | 512.0±19 | 102.4 |
| Honey | 1 | 0.9591±0.033 | 95.9 | NA | / |
| | 10 | 10.28±0.33 | 102.8 | NA | / |
| | 100 | 104.2±2.6 | 104.2 | 98.94±6.4 | 98.94 |
| | 500 | 493.2±14 | 98.6 | 527.6±17 | 105.5 |