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-TTTTTTCCCCTATCACGATTAGCATTAATTTTT-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	CTCAACTGGTGTCGTGGAGTCGGCAATTCAGTTGAGAACCA			
	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 (AgNO₃ volume from 0 μ L to 200 μ 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⁻¹ 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.