

Supplementary Information

**Development of aptasensor for dibutyl phthalate detection and the elucidation of assay
inhibition factors**

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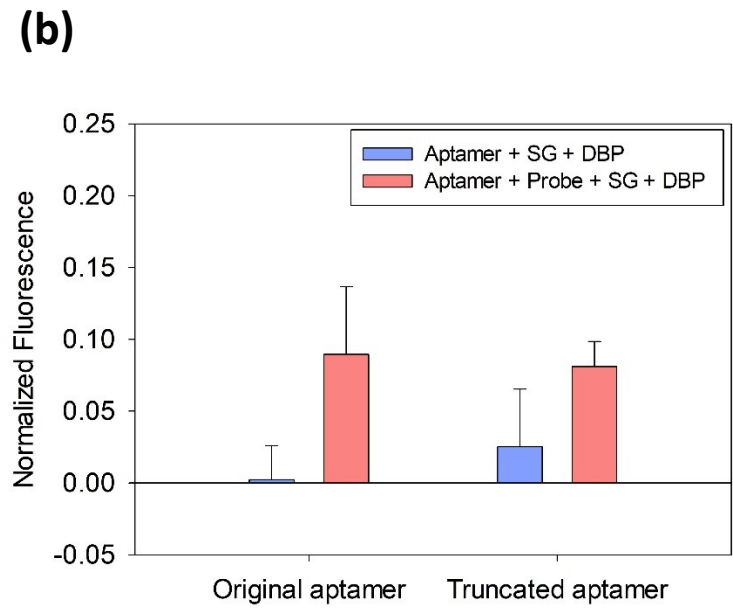
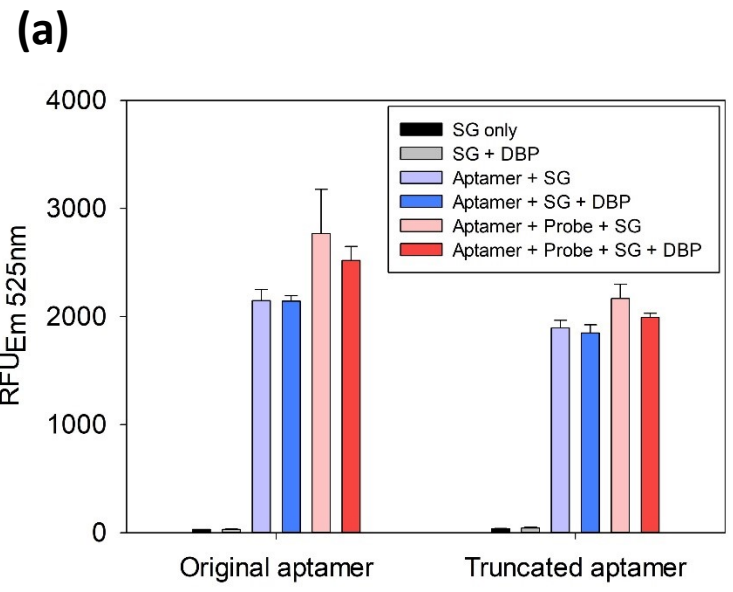


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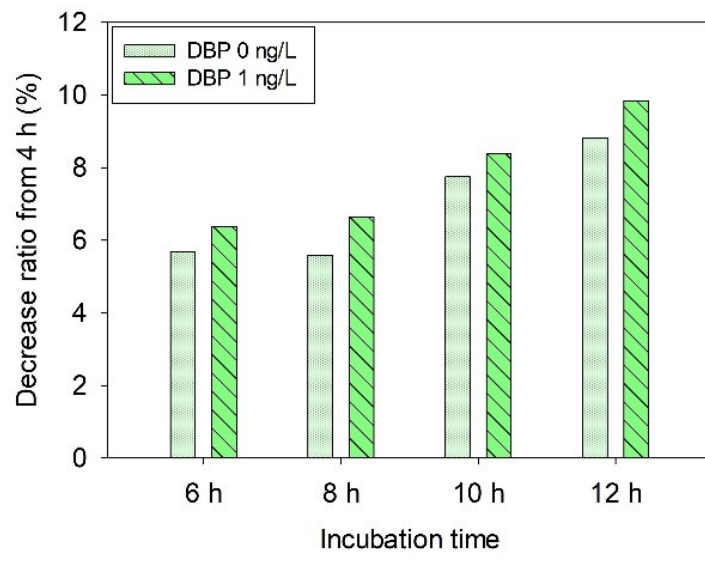


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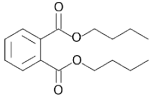
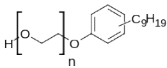
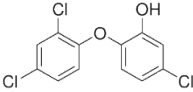
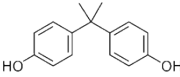
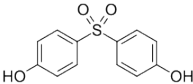
Name (Abbr.)	Molecular structure	Chemical formula	M.W	Solubility in water
Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)		$C_{16}H_{22}O_4$	278.348 g/mol	13 mg/L (20°C)
Nonylphenol ethoxylate (NPE)*		$C_{15}H_{24}O(C_2H_4O)_n$	1,980 g/mol (70% in H ₂ O)	0.025 mg/L (25°C)
Triclosan (TCS)		$C_{12}H_7Cl_3O_2$	289.50 g/mol	10 mg/L (20°C)
Bisphenol A (BPA)		$C_{15}H_{16}Cl_2$	228.291 g/mol	120-300 mg/L (25°C)
Bisphenol S (BPS)		$C_{12}H_{10}O_4S$	250.27 g/mol	1100 mg/L (25°C)

Table S1. List of compounds that were used for the selectivity verification

* Tergitol-type NP-40 (nonyl phenoxy polyethoxy ethanol)

Table S2. *P*-values (t-test) for selectivity of SG-aptasensor

Concentration	DBP	NPE	TCS	BPA	BPS
0 ng/L and 1 ng/L	0.0058	0.274	0.204	0.259	0.488

Table S3. *P*-values (t-test) for temperature experiment of SG-aptasensor

Temperature	2 °C	13 °C	25 °C	37 °C
2 °C		0.116	0.229	0.0005
13 °C	0.116		0.258	0.008
25 °C	0.229	0.258		0.00004
37 °C	0.0005	0.008	0.00004	

Table S4. Studies for the existence of PAEs in various environmental matrixes.

Matrix	Location	PAEs	Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, ppb)	References
Water	Lake in Guangzhou city (China)	DBP	2.03	(Zeng et al. 2008)
		DIBP	0.47	
		DEHP	0.24	
Water	Manzanares and Jarama river (Spain)	DBP	0.82	(Domínguez- Morueco et al. 2014)
		DBP	6.8	
		DEP	0.63	
Water	Surface water in Northern industrial area (Sweden)	DMP	0.40	(Bastos et al. 2012)
		BBP	0.17	
		DEHP	0.22	
Soil or sediment	Agricultural paddy soils in Sanjiang Plain (China)	DBP	0.16	(Wang et al. 2017)
		DEP	0.06	
		DBP	750	
Air	Urban home (Japan)	DEHP	320	(Otake et al. 2004)
		DEP	140	
		DCHP	120	
		BBP	20	
		DEP	45	
Air	California county (USA)	DIBP	44.5	(Lunderberg et al. 2019)
		DBP	31.5	
		DEHP	3.65	

Table S5. List of precision (%RSD, Relative Standard Deviation)

Sensitivity (Figure 2B)

DBP concentration (ng/L)	Fluorescence intensity	Normalized fluorescence intensity
0	3.3	
0.1	1.9	60.3
0.5	0.5	11.1
1	0.6	7.4
5	1.0	10.8
10	2.4	22.3
50	0.7	6.4
100	5.1	26.5

Table S6. % inhibition for Figure 5

Ions	Fs Conc. (mM)	DBP 0 ng/L	DBP 1 ng/L
Mg²⁺	0.01 mM	1.17%	-0.77%
	0.1 mM	1.31%	3.42%
	1 mM	-1.64%	2.94%
	10 mM	-4.07%	-0.88%
	100 mM	5.29%	13.43%
Ca²⁺	0.01 mM	10.64%	10.07%
	0.1 mM	12.85%	5.22%
	1 mM	14.99%	12.06%
	10 mM	10.77%	9.02%
	100 mM	3.05%	2.45%
Cu²⁺	0.01 mM	3.35%	4.26%
	0.1 mM	12.00%	9.80%
	1 mM	19.72%	20.96%
	10 mM	59.68%	62.84%
	100 mM	99.06%	98.82%

Note) % Inhibition = $(F_c - F_s)/F_c * 100$, $F_c = 0$ mM

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