

Supplementary Information

Aptamer-based kinetically-controlled DNA reactions coupled with metal-organic framework nanoprobcs for sensitive detection of SARS-CoV-2 spike protein

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Table S1 Sequences of DNA probes used in this work

DNA probe	Sequence (from 5' to 3')
AP	CTTGATCAGGATAAGTTCAAGGCGGGTTCCTAGACTTGTACTCAGCCT CTGTTGCAACTGTA
BHQ-AP	CTTGATCAGGAT(BHQ)AAGTTCAAGGCGGGTTCCTAGACTTGTACTCA GCCTCTGTTGCAACTGTA
Random DNA	CTTGATCAGGATAAGTTCAGTGGAAAGTTGGACGGGATTGCCTGTTGCA ACTGTA
SP	CTTATCCTGATCAAGCTCACAG
Biotin-SP	CTTATCCTGATCAAGCTCACAG-biotin
FAM-SP	FAM-CTTATCCTGATCAAGCTCACAG
FAM-SP-biotin	FAM-CTTATCCTGATCAAGCTCACAG-biotin
TP	TACAGTTGCTTTCTTATCCTGATCA
rTP	TTGCTGCTGCTTGACACATTAATGC
F-DNA	FAM-CTTGATCAGGATAAG

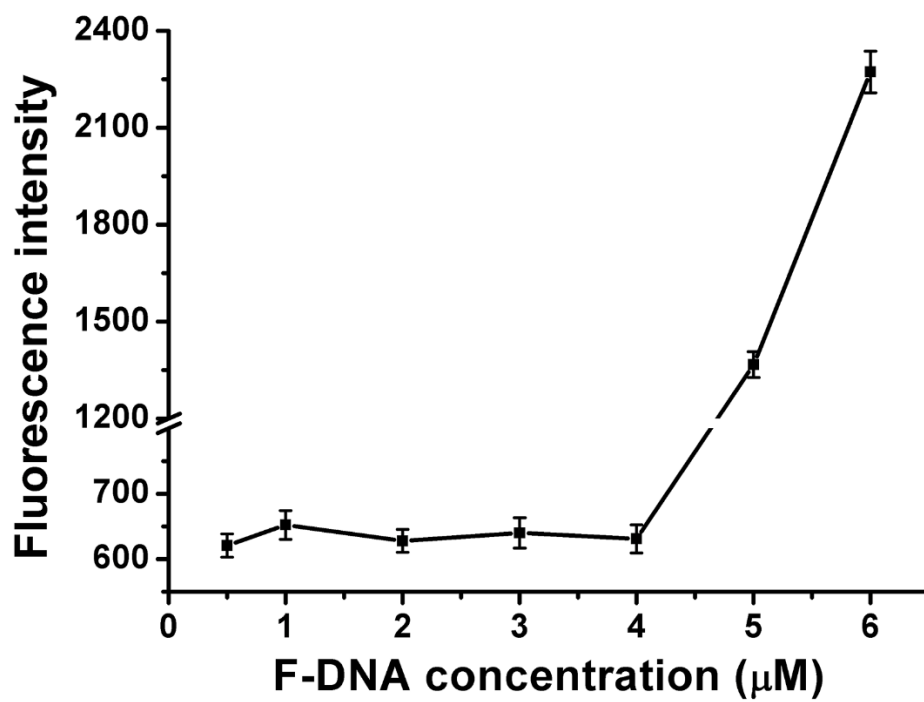


Fig. S1 Fluorescence responses obtained after incubating 50 µL of UiO-66-NH₂ with 50 µL of different concentrations of F-DNA.

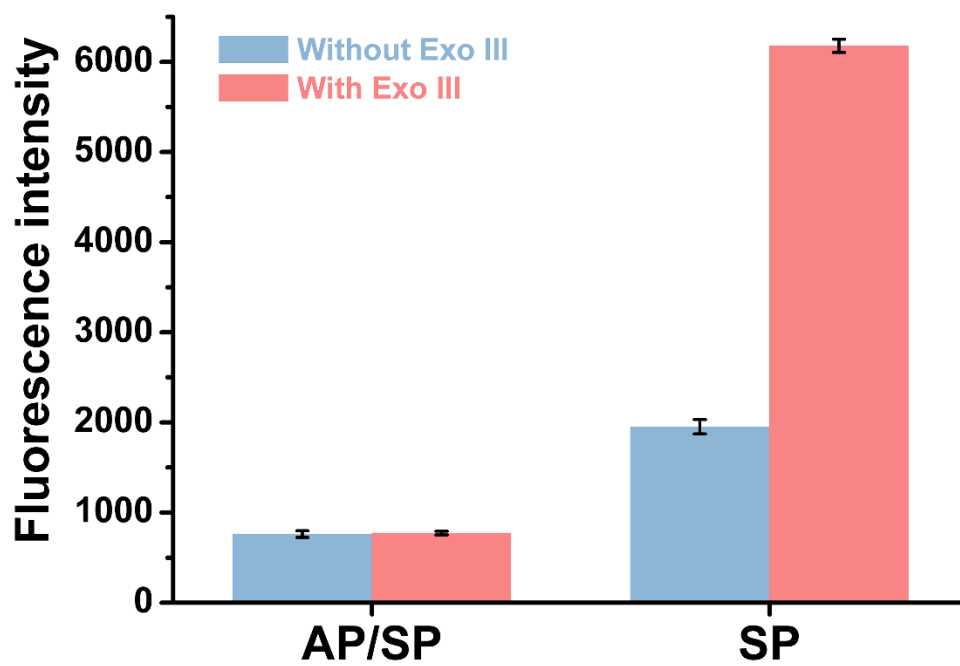


Fig. S2 Fluorescence responses of F-DNA@MOF after incubation with AP/SP or SP in the absence and presence of Exo III.

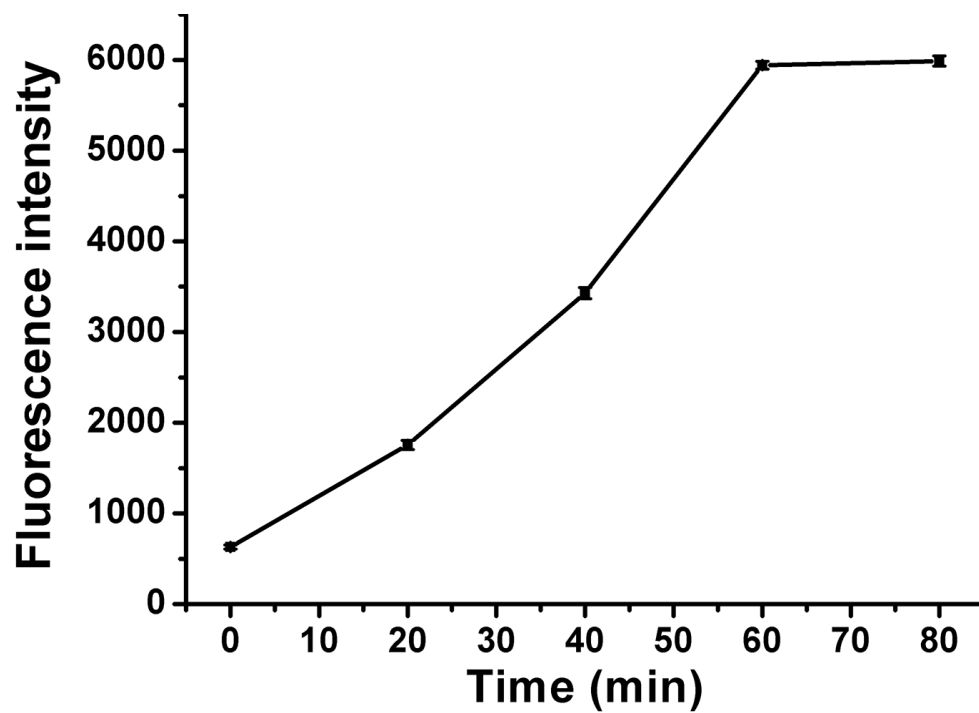


Fig. S3 Optimization of the reaction time for aptamer-based kinetically-controlled DNA displacement.

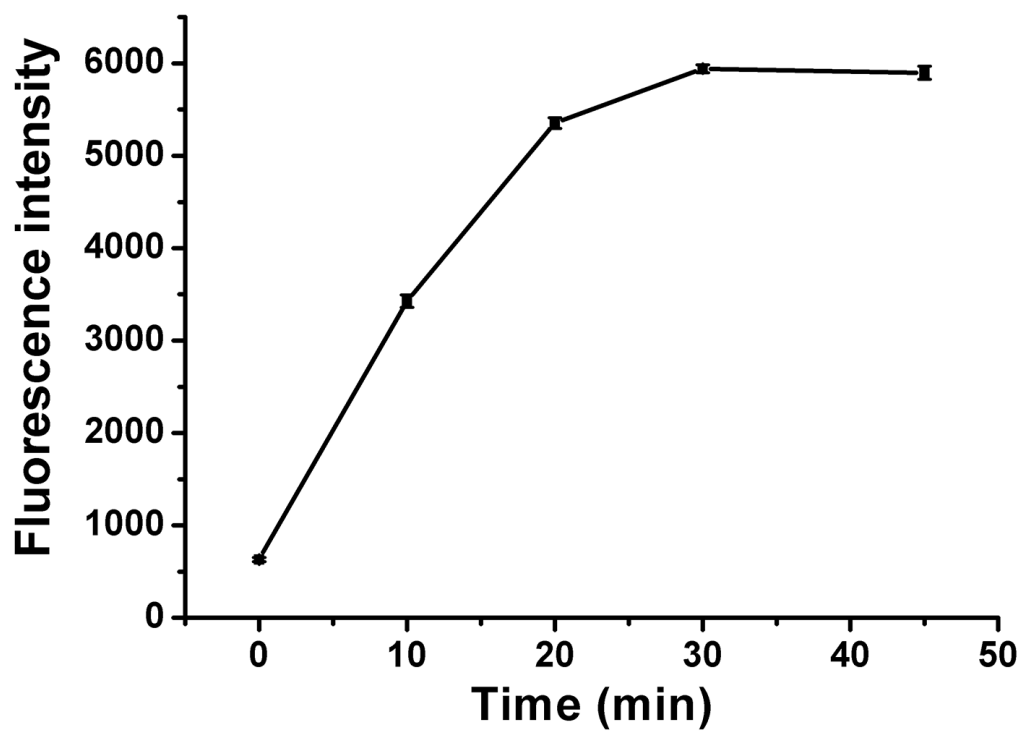


Fig. S4 Optimization of the reaction time for Exo III-fuelled DNA reaction.

Table S2 Comparison of currently available aptamer-based methods for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 spike protein.

Method	Mechanism	Materials	Assay time	Linear range	LOD	Real sample	Ref
Mxene-based fluorescent method	Target-induced direct signal change	Mxene	30 min	100 fg mL ⁻¹ to 1 ng mL ⁻¹	38.9 fg mL ⁻¹	Clinical swab samples	[S1]
Fluorescent method based on allosteric aptasensor-initiated target cycling and transcription amplification	Target-regulated strand competition	/	180 min	5.07 ng mL ⁻¹ to 76.05 ng mL ⁻¹	5.07 ng mL ⁻¹	Artificial serum sample	[S2]
Near-infrared fluorescent method based on covalent DNA anchors	Target-induced direct signal change	Carbon nanotube	30 min	Not provided	38 ng mL ⁻¹	Artificial saliva sample	[S3]
Electrochemical method based on triangular prism DNA nanostructures and dumbbell hybridization chain reaction	Target-regulated strand competition	Triangular DNA prism	135 min	1 pg mL ⁻¹ to 1 ng mL ⁻¹	38 fg mL ⁻¹	Clinical swab samples	[S4]
Electrochemical method based on aptamer-binding induced multiple hairpin assembly signal amplification	Target-regulated strand competition	/	75 min	50 fg mL ⁻¹ to 50 ng mL ⁻¹	9.79 fg mL ⁻¹	Artificial swab sample	[S5]
Aptamer-based method based on	Target-induced	Gold	40 min	507 pg mL ⁻¹	66 pg	SARS-CoV-2	[S6]

electrochemical impedance spectroscopy	direct signal change	nanoparticle			to 1.27 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$	mL^{-1}	pseudovirus	
Fluorescent method based on kinetically-controlled DNA reactions and MOF nanoprobe	Target-regulated kinetically-controlled DNA displacement	MOF	110 min		10 fg mL^{-1} to 10 ng mL^{-1}	7.8 fg mL^{-1}	Artificial saliva and serum sample	This work

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Table S3 Comparison of SARS-CoV-2 spike protein concentrations detected in saliva samples by the method and the standard given concentrations.

Sample	Detected		Standard concentration	Recovery (%)
	Concentration	RSD (%)		
1	103.6 fg mL ⁻¹	3.71	100 fg mL ⁻¹	103.6
2	97.6 pg mL ⁻¹	4.26	100 pg mL ⁻¹	97.6
3	1047 pg mL ⁻¹	4.08	1000 pg mL ⁻¹	104.7

Table S4 Comparison of SARS-CoV-2 spike protein concentrations detected in serum samples by the method and the standard given concentrations.

Sample	Detected		Standard concentration	Recovery (%)
	Concentration	RSD (%)		
1	101.7 fg mL ⁻¹	4.96	100 fg mL ⁻¹	101.7
2	105.3 pg mL ⁻¹	2.82	100 pg mL ⁻¹	105.3
3	1069 pg mL ⁻¹	4.82	1000 pg mL ⁻¹	106.9