

## Supporting Information

# A DNA-aptamer based qPCR using light-up dyes for the detection of nucleic acids

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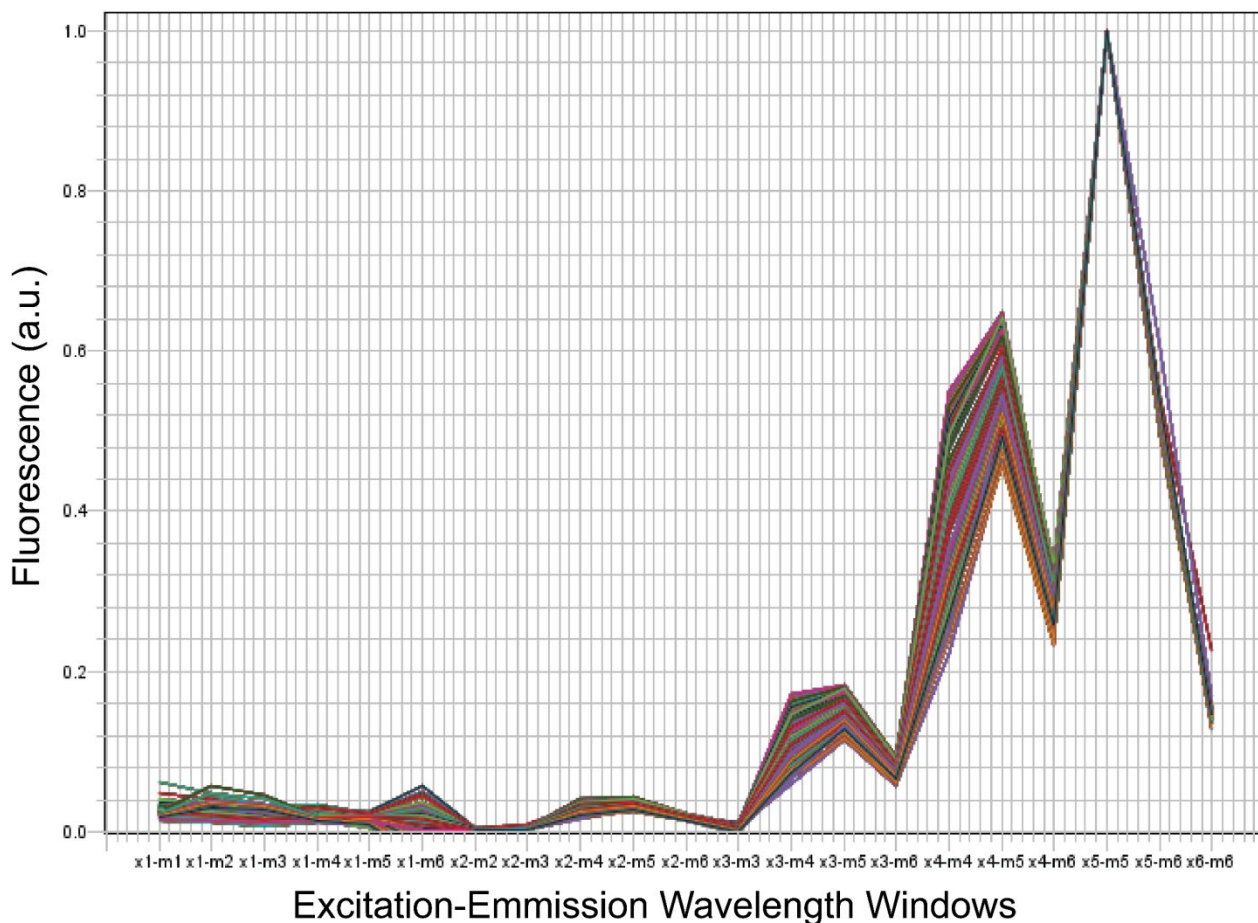
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**Supporting Figure 1: Fluorescence calibration of DIR dye with DIR2-1 aptamer**

A 96-well plate with 20  $\mu$ L total volume in each well with 400 nM DIR dye and 400 nM DIR2-1 aptamer was calibrated on the qPCR instrument based on manufacturer's protocol. The excitation filter sets are x1:  $470 \pm 15$  nm, x2:  $520 \pm 10$  nm, x3:  $549.5 \pm 10$  nm, x4:  $580 \pm 10$  nm, x5:  $640 \pm 10$  nm, and x6:  $662 \pm 10$  nm; the emission filter sets are m1:  $520 \pm 15$  nm, m2:  $558 \pm 12$  nm, m3:  $586.5 \pm 10$  nm, m4:  $623 \pm 14$  nm, m5:  $682 \pm 14$  nm, and m6:  $711 \pm 12$  nm. A strong, sharp and consistent peak was observed for all the 96 samples using the excitation filter x5:  $640 \pm 10$  nm and emission filter m5:  $682 \pm 14$  nm.