## Detection of Lysozyme Using Magnetic Relaxation Switches Based on Aptamer-Functionalized Superparamagnetic Nanoparticles

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## **Supplementary Information**

**Supplementary Table 1.** The formation of magnetic clusters upon hybridization between complementary strands, as detected by changes in  $T_2$  at 5-minute intervals after mixing.

Time	T <sub>2</sub> (ms)		
(min)	MNP-Lys	MNP-Linker	MNP-Lys + MNP-Linker
5	93.7 ± 2.1	97.0 ± 1.7	78.0 ± 2.4
10	93.3 ± 1.9	96.8 ± 3.1	76.6 ± 1.8
20	91.6 ± 2.7	95.8 ± 2.6	76.2 ± 2.2



**Supplementary Figure 1.** Effect of incubating MNP-Lys aptamer with MNP-Linker at high concentration overnight. The individual conjugates showed good dispersion, corresponding to long T<sub>2</sub>. However, the mixture of MNP-Lys and MNP-Linker showed precipitation at the bottom due to the hybridization between complementary strands, resulting in the formation of large clusters.



Supplementary Figure 2. A gradual change of  $\Delta T_2$  upon the addition of Lys was observed, and the signal reached the maximum within 20 min, indicating the rapid disassembly of magnetic nanosensors.



## **Aptamer sequences:**

Lys Aptamer	5'-Biotin-TTT TTT ATC AGG GCT AAA GAG TGC AGA GT <u>T ACT TAG_AGA GA</u> -3'
Library	5'-Biotin-TTT TTT NNN NNN NNN NNN NNN NNN NNN NN <u>T ACT TAG. AGA GA</u> -3'

Supplementary Figure 3. Specificity of the magnetic nanosensor. Random sequences were employed to test specificity; results showed no binding to target and only minimal change in  $T_2$  at a Lys concentration of 250 nM.



Supplementary Figure 4. The detection of Lys-spiked human serum using relaxometry measurements.