## **Supplementary Material**

# for

### One-Step Hydrothermal Synthesis of nitrogen-doped carbon dots for

### detecting nitrite and ascorbic acid

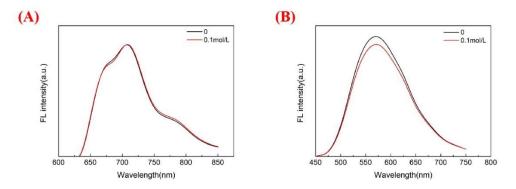


Figure S1. Fluorescence intensity of CDs before and after mixing with NaCl solution : (A), r-CDs (B), y-CDs

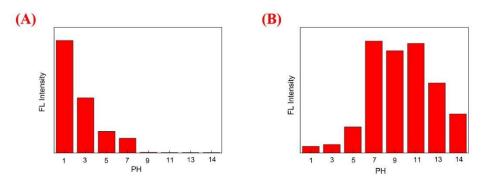


Figure S2. Fluorescence spectra of CDs with various pH : (A), r-CDs (B), y-CDs

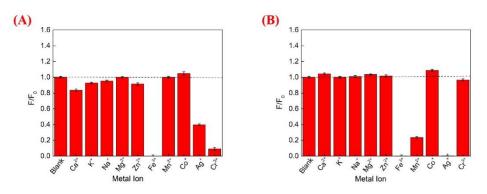
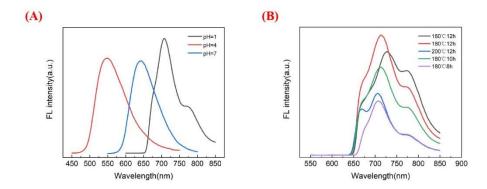


Figure S3. Fluorescence spectra of CDs with various metal ions : (A), r-CDs (B), y-CDs



**Figure S4.** (A) Fluorescence spectra of CDs prepared with different pH values under excitation wavelength at 365nm; (B) r-CDs prepared at different temperatures and times under excitation wavelength at 365nm

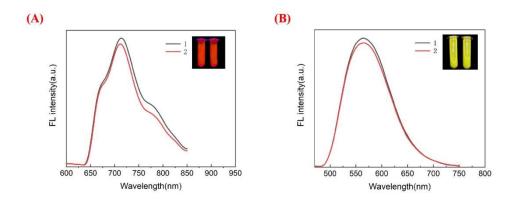


Figure S5. Fluorescence intensity of CDs placed at different times (the illustrations respectively show the fluorescence photos of CDs after 0 days and 30 days under sunlight) (A) r-CDs; (B) y-CDs

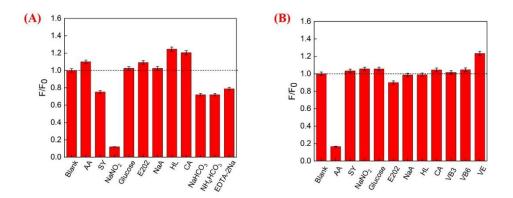


Figure S6. (A) Selectivity of r-CDs detecting NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>; (B) Selectivity of y-CDs detecting AA

<b>Table S1.</b> Comparison of detecting NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<sup>-</sup> between the reported and current method
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Detection probe Linear range	limit of detection	Ref.
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N-CDs	2-60 μM	0.35 μΜ	1
N, P-CDs	2-100 μM	0.55 μΜ	2
CQDs	0.5 <b>-</b> 1110 μM	88 nM	3
CDs	0.05 <b>-</b> 10 μM	11.6 nM	4
CQDs/Fe <sup>2+</sup>	10-400 μM	480 nM	5
N-CDs	8-800 μM	21.2 μΜ	6
N-CDs	5~80 µM	0.47µM	This work

Table S2. Comparison of detecting AA between the reported and current method

Detection probe	Linear range	limit of detection	Ref.
CDs	0.1-100µM	83nM	7
N-CDs	10 <sup>-3</sup> to 10 <sup>-8</sup> M	5nM	8
CQDs/Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0-350 μM	5.34 µM	9
S, N-GQDs	10-500 μM	1.22 μM	10
CDs/NO2 <sup>-</sup>	0.1-800 µM	50 µM	6
N-CDs	0~6mM	45.1µM	This work

#### CDs optical properties experiment:

The same amount of CDs solution was mixed with deionized water and 0.1 mol/L NaCl solution, respectively, and the fluorescence detection of the mixed solution (EM = 365 nm) was performed after reaction for several minutes.

The same amount of CDs solution is mixed with different metal ion solutions (0.01 mol/L), and the fluorescence detection of the mixed solution (EM = 365 nm) was performed after reaction for several minutes.

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