

## Supplementary

### **A ratiometric fluorescence sensor for detection of metformin based on terbium-1, 10-phenanthroline-nitrogen-doped-graphene quantum dots**

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## Figures

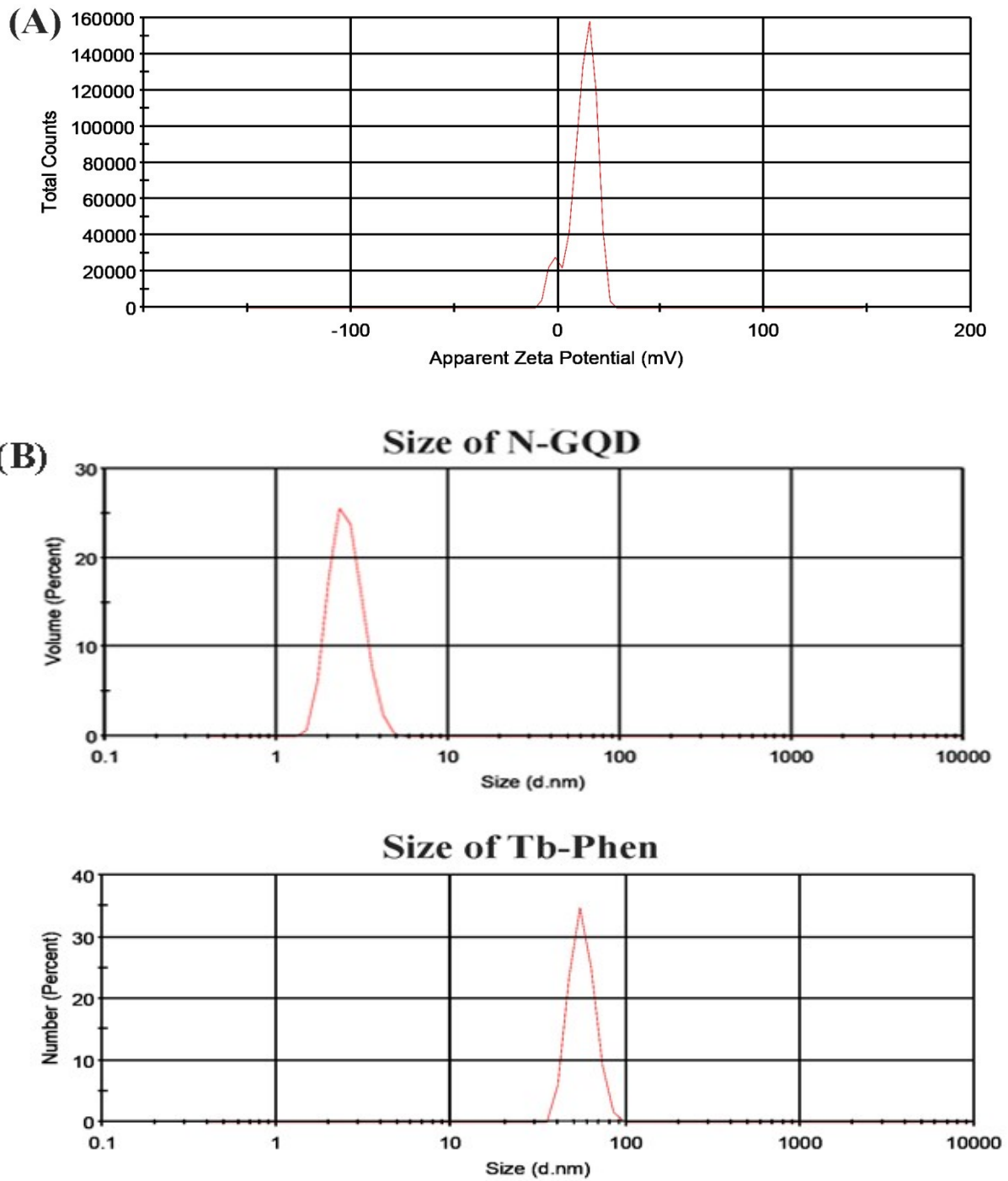
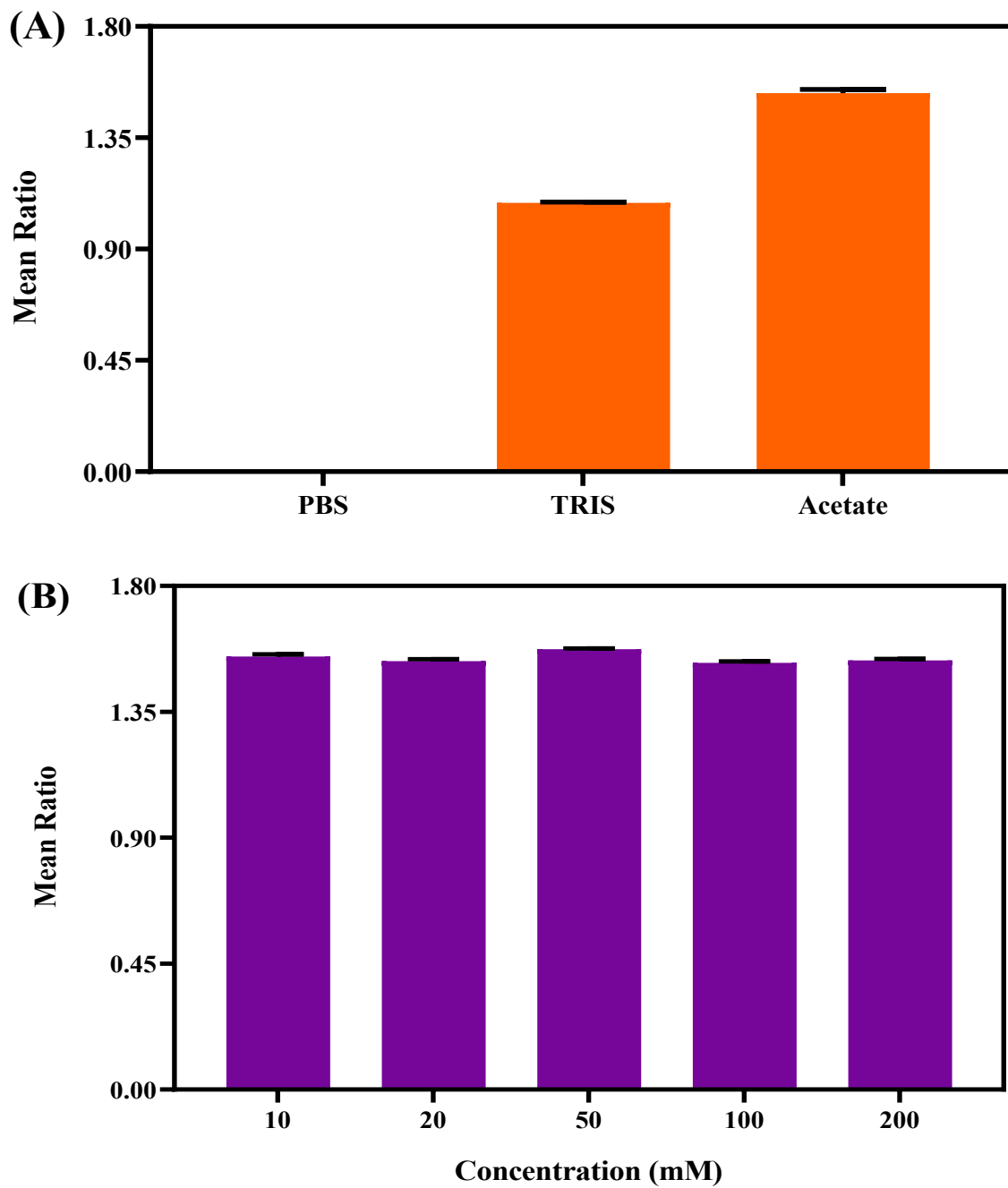
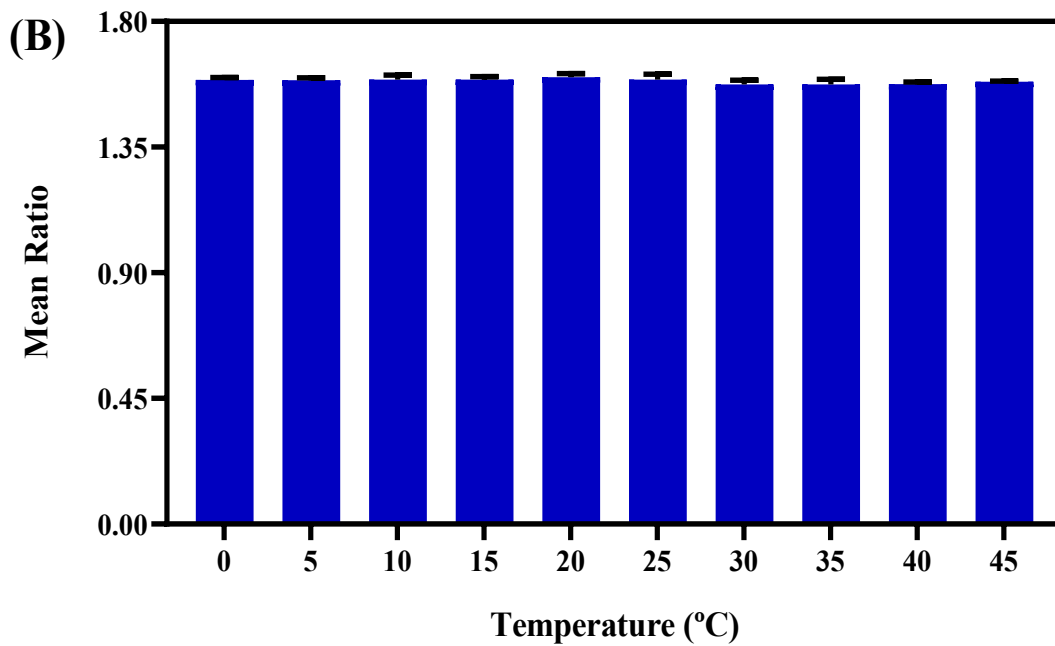
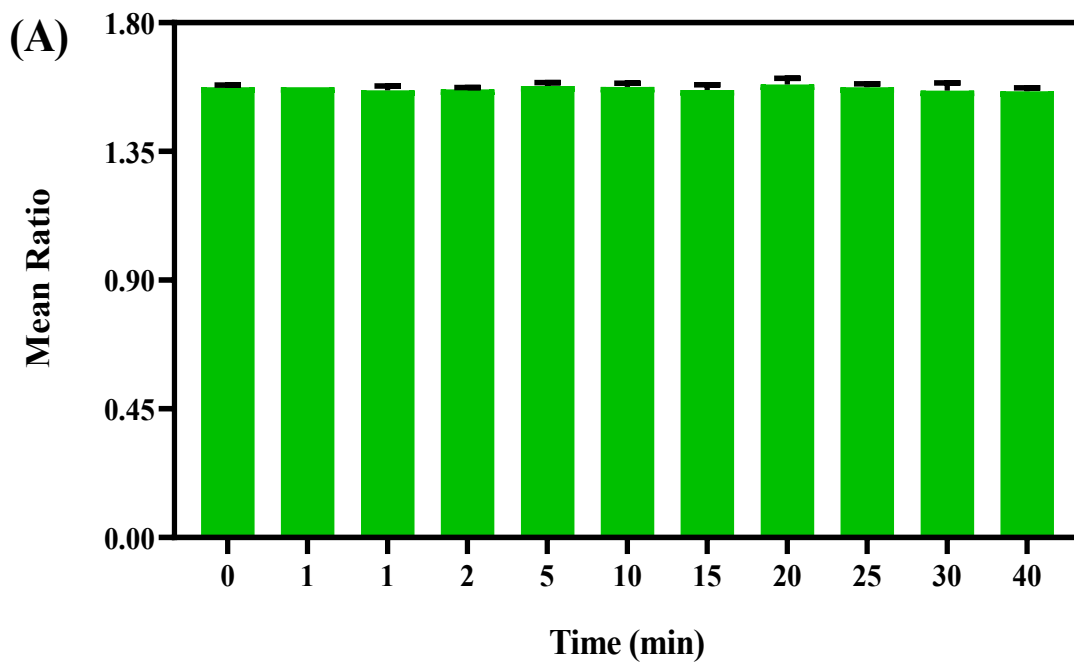


Fig. 1S. (A) Zeta analysis and (B) DLS analysis of particle size of N-GQDs/Tb-Phen NPs.



**Fig. 2S.** (A) The effect of buffer type and (B) buffer concentration on the response of N-GQDs/Tb-Phen NPs sensor in the presence of  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M of MTF.



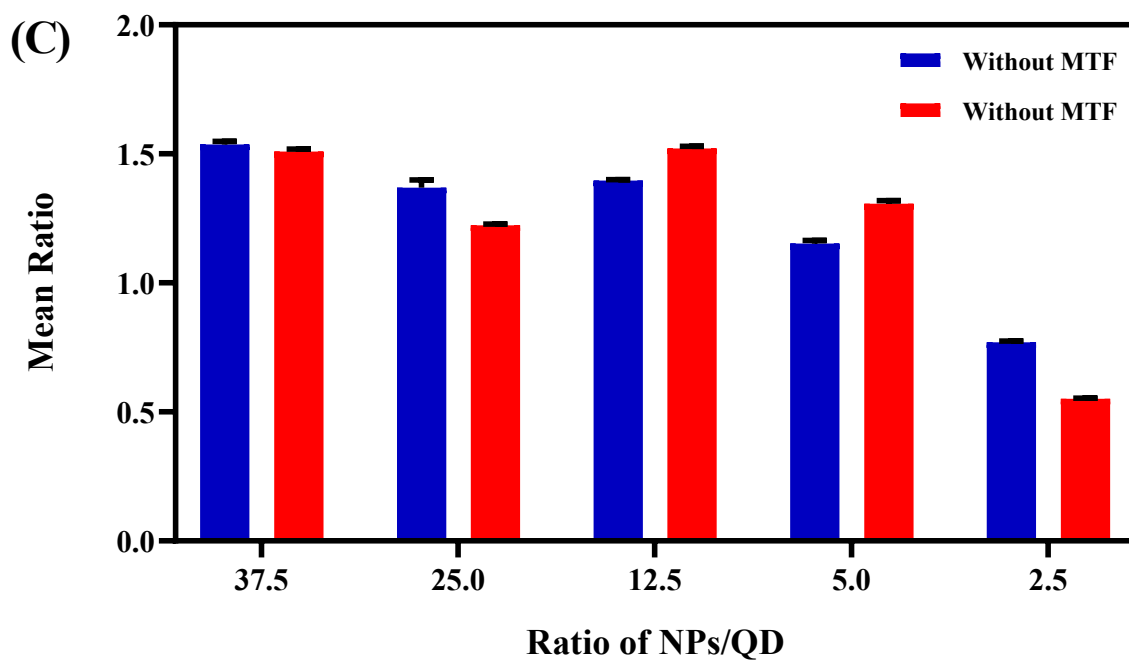
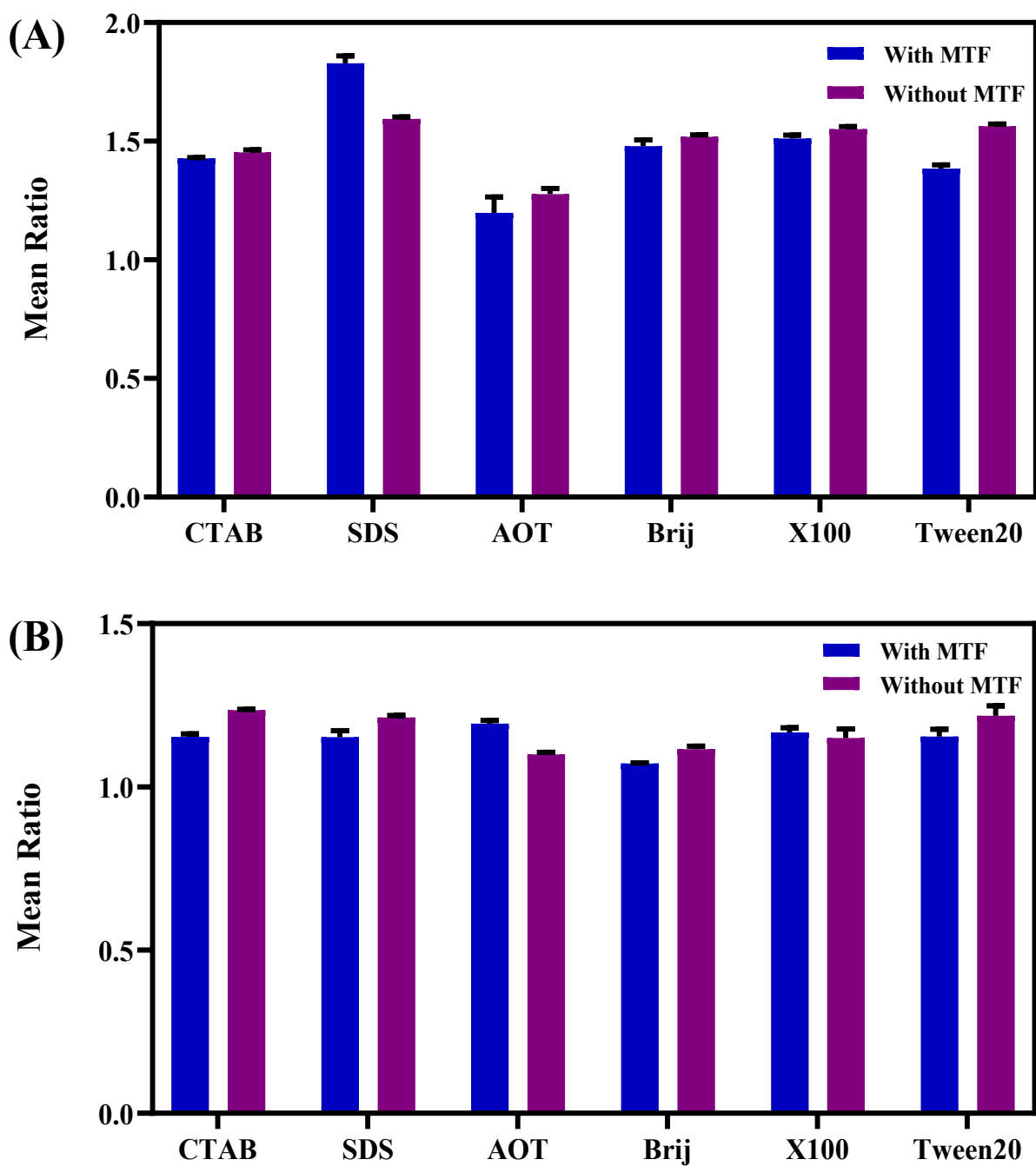
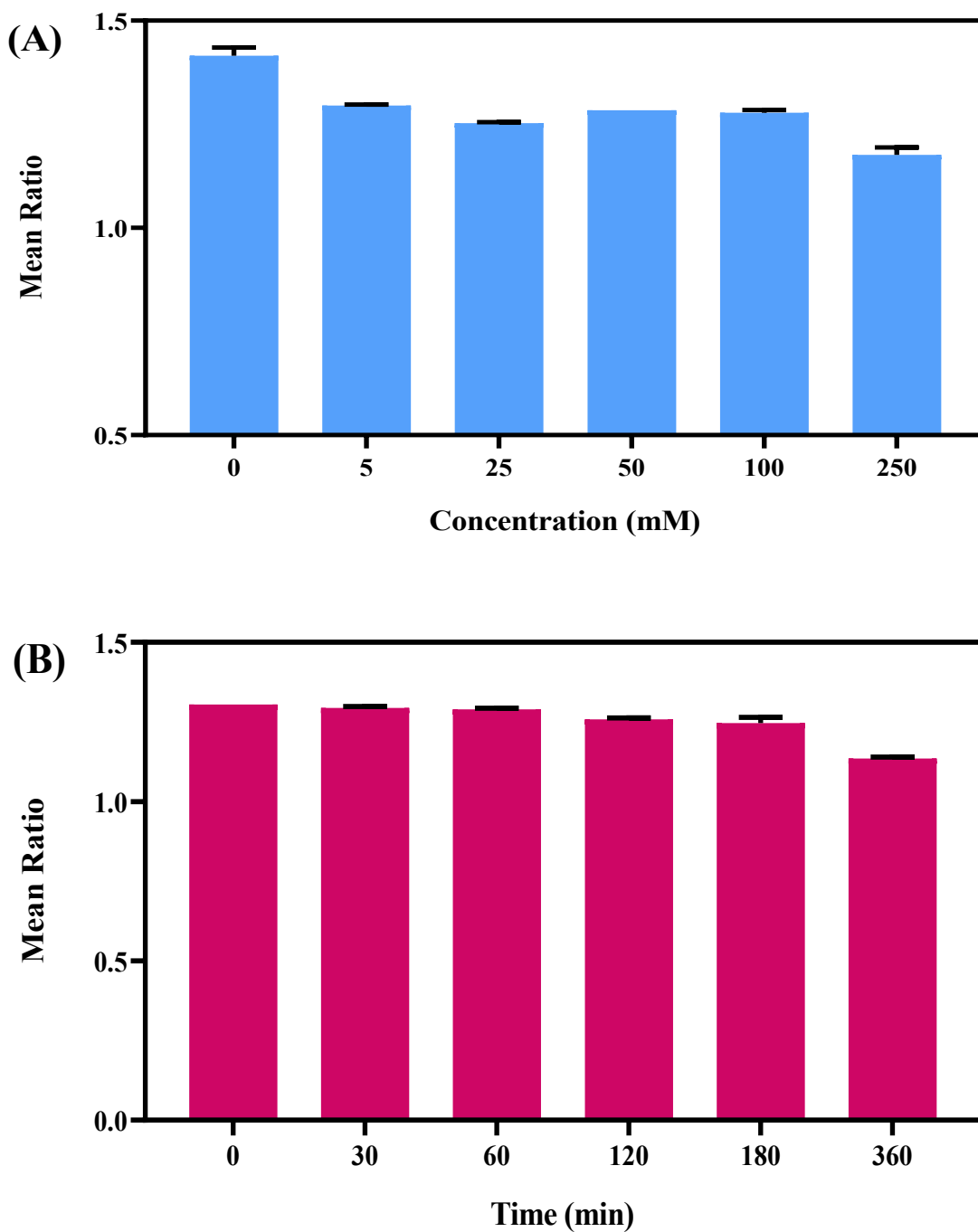


Fig. 3S. Effect of (A) incubation time, (B) temperature on the fluorescence ratio of N-GQDs/Tb-Phen NPs sensor in the presence of  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M of MTF, in acetate buffer solution (0.05 M), and (C) the concentration ratio of N-GQDs to Tb-Phen NPs for the preparation of N-GQDs/Tb-Phen NPs in the absence and presence of MTF ( $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M) in acetate buffer solution (0.05 M). Conditions: pH 7.5 and 20 °C.



**Fig. 4S.** (A) Fluorescence ratio changes of N-GQDs/Tb-Phen NPs sensor in the presence of various surfactants without and with MTF ( $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M) at CMC concentration, and (B) lower CMC concentration.



**Fig. 5S.** (A) The effects of UV light and (B) salt on the fluorescence ratio changes of N-GQDs/Tb-Phen NPs sensor in the presence of  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M MTF, in acetate buffer solution (0.05 M).