## **Supplementary Materials**

## Highly dispersive PEI-modified CDs@ZIF-L dual-emitting

## fluorescent sensor for detecting metal ions

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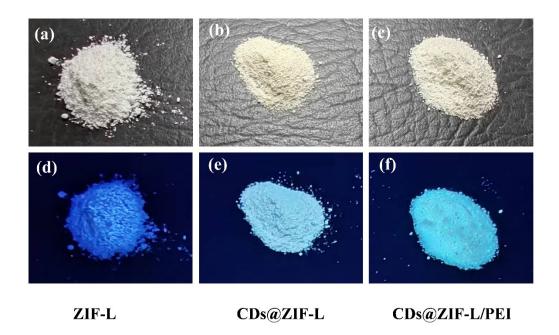


Fig. S1 Photographs under natural and UV lamp of solid samples ( $\lambda = 365$  nm). (a)(d) ZIF-L; (b)(e) CDs@ZIF-L; (c)(f) CDs@ZIF-L/PEI

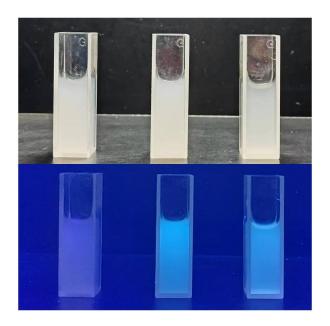


Fig. S2 Photographs under natural and UV lamp of dispersion samples ( $\lambda = 365$  nm).

From left to right: ZIF-L, CDs@ZIF-L, CDs@ZIF-L/PEI

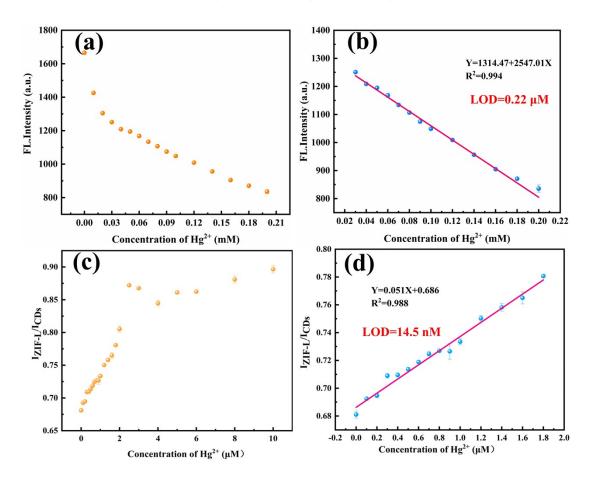


Fig. S3 (a)(b) The linear equation for the FL intensity quenching in various concentration of  $Hg^{2+}$  of CDs. (c)(d) The linear equation for the FL quenching ratio in various concentration of  $Hg^{2+}$  of CDs@ZIF-L/PEI.

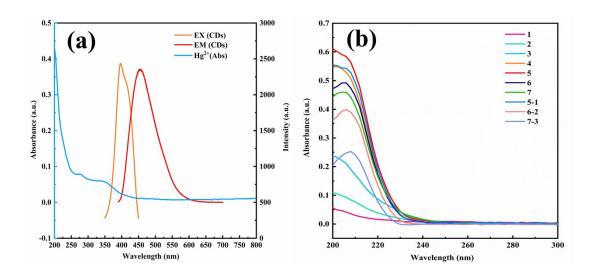


Fig. S4 (a) Overlap between the excitation, emission bands of CDs and the absorption band of the Hg<sup>2+</sup>. (b)UV-vis absorption spectra of Hg<sup>2+</sup> (1–3: 0.01, 0.02, and 0.04 mM Hg<sup>2+</sup>); (4) CDs@ZIF-L/PEI(1.0mg/ml); CDs@ZIF-L/PEI in the presence of different concentrations of Hg<sup>2+</sup> (5-7: 0.01, 0.02, and 0.04 mM Hg<sup>2+</sup>)