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## **Electronic Supplementary Material (ESM)**

### "A Selective Dual Quenching Sensor (EY/BG@CDs) for Simultaneous

### Monitoring of Gentamicin and Ketorolac Levels in Plasma: A highly efficient

### platform that caters to the needs of therapeutic drug monitoring"

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#### Fluorescence quantum yield of BG@CDs

The quantum yield (QY) of BG@CDs was calculated according to the following equation using quinine sulfate (QS) as a reference in 0.1 mol/L  $H_2SO_4$  (QY = 54 %). By measuring the absorbance (less than 0.05) and emission spectra of a certain concentration of BG@CDs and quinine sulfate at the same excitation wavelength at 360 nm, the absorbance and fluorescence integral area were substituted into the following formula:

$$\phi_{BG@CDs} = \phi_{QS} \times \frac{F_{BG@CDs}}{F_{QS}} \times \frac{A_{QS}}{A_{BG@CDs}} \times \frac{\eta_{BG@CDs}}{\eta_{QS}}$$

 $\phi_{BG@CDs}$  represents the quantum yield of BG@CDs,  $\phi_{QS}$  represents the quantum yield of QS, F<sub>BG@CDs</sub> is the fluorescence intensity of BG@CDs, F<sub>QS</sub> is the fluorescence intensity of quinine sulphate, A refers to the absorbance value and  $\eta$  refers to the refractive index of the solvent (distilled water). The synthesized BG@CDs were dissolved in distilled water ( $\eta = 1.33$ ) and quinine sulfate was dissolved in 0.1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> ( $\eta = 1.33$ ).



Fig. S1. Full XPS survey (A), C 1s (B), N 1s (C), and O 1s (D) spectra of BG@CDs



**Fig. S2.** Effect of (A) pH (1–11), (B) ionic strength (0.1-1.0 M), (C) UV irradiation time (0-240 min) and (D) different patches of black grapes (*Vitis vinifera*) on fluorescence intensity of BG@CDs.



Fig. S3 (A) Effect of buffer pH, (B) Effect of buffer volumes, (C) Effect of eosin Y volumes, and (D) Effect of different diluting solvents on  $\Delta F$  using 100 ng mL<sup>-1</sup> of GNT.



Fig. S4. Influence of the factors affecting  $\Delta F$  and interactions between BG@CDs and KET (180 ng mL<sup>-1</sup>). (A) pH (5–11), (B) volume of BG@CDs (0.5-3.0 mL), (C) concentration of BG@CDs (0.01-1.0 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>), (D) incubation time (0-10 min.).



Fig. S5 The influence of different concentrations of (A) KET  $(20 - 400 \text{ ng mL}^{-1})$  and (B) GNT  $(50 - 200 \text{ ng mL}^{-1})$  on the fluorescence emission of EY/BG@CDs.



Fig. S6 (A) Relative fluorescence intensity after incorporation of different species to the prepared BG@CDs; (B) The effect of different species on the relative fluorescence intensity of



**Fig. S7** (A) The influence of different concentrations of GNT ( $60 - 500 \text{ ng mL}^{-1}$ ) and KET ( $25 - 400 \text{ ng mL}^{-1}$ ) on the fluorescence emission of EY and BG@CDs for their simultaneous determination in spiked rabbit plasma, respectively. (B) Plot of ( $F_0/F$ ) versus concentration of GNT/KET.