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High-efficiency quantum dot light-emitting diodes employing lithium salt doped poly(9-vinlycarbazole) as a hole-transporting layer

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Experimental details

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CdSe-CdS core-shell QDs was purchased from China Beida Jubang company. PVK (average molecular weight, 25000-50000 g/mol), zinc acetate hydrate, and Li-TFSI were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Chlorobenzene, acetonitrile, \( n \)-hexane, and \( n \)-butylalcohol were purchased from Acros. Ethyl acetate, tetramethylammoniumhydroxide (TMAH), dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO) were purchased from Alfa-Aesar. Acetone was purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagents. All reagents used in this study were without any other purification.

**Fig. S1** (a) UV-Vis (blue line) and PL (black line) spectra of the CdSe-CdS core-shell QDs film. (b) X-ray diffraction profile of these corresponding QDs on the quartz substrate.
Fig. S2 The electrical measurement on the electron-only devices (ITO/ZnO/Al). The thickness of all the layers is identical to those used in the QLEDs.
Fig. S3 The time-resolved photoluminance decay curves of QDs with the structure of ITO/PEDOT:PSS/pure (black line), 1.5 wt.% (red line), 3.0 wt.% (blue line), or 4.5 wt.% (green line) Li-TFSI-doped HTLs/QDs films, respectively.
Fig. S4 (a) SEM image of the pure PVK film with a scale bar of 5 μm. (b-d) SEM images of 1.5 wt.%, 3.0 wt.%, and 4.5 wt.% Li-TFSI-doped PVK films with the scale bars of 5 μm, respectively.
Fig. S5 Stability data for the QLED devices with pure PVK and Li-TFSI doped PVK (3.0 wt.%). The initial luminance, $L_0$, is 1500 cd/m².

$L_0 = 1500 \text{ cd/m}^2$

$T_{\text{Pure PVK}} = 26 \text{ h}$

$T_{3.0 \text{ wt.\%}} = 35 \text{ h}$
**Fig. S6** The AFM characterization of the Li-TFSI doped PVK film with the doping ratio of 4.5 wt.%. The insert table is the size of the pinholes in the film.