

Supporting Information

Nitrogen-doped carbon dots derived from electrospun carbon nanofibers for Cu(II) ions sensing

Yang Li^a, Zhicheng Liu^{a,c}, Lu Bai^{b*}, Yaqing Liu^{a*}

a Shanxi Province Key Laboratory of Functional Nanocomposites, School of Materials Science and Engineering, North University of China, Taiyuan 030051, China

b School of Chemical Engineering and technology, North University of China, Taiyuan 030051, China

c Department of Mechanical Engineering, National University of Singapore, Singapore 117574, Singapore

Figure

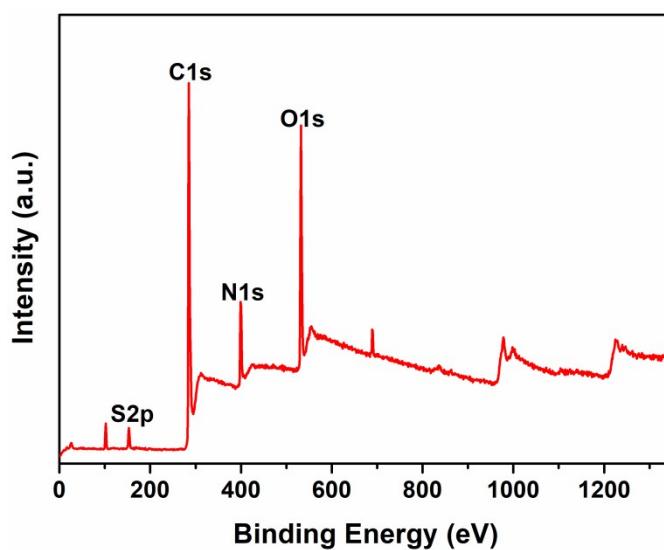


Figure S1 XPS survey of N-CDs.

* To whom correspondence should be addressed. E-mail: bailu0919@gmail.com; lyq@nuc.edu.cn

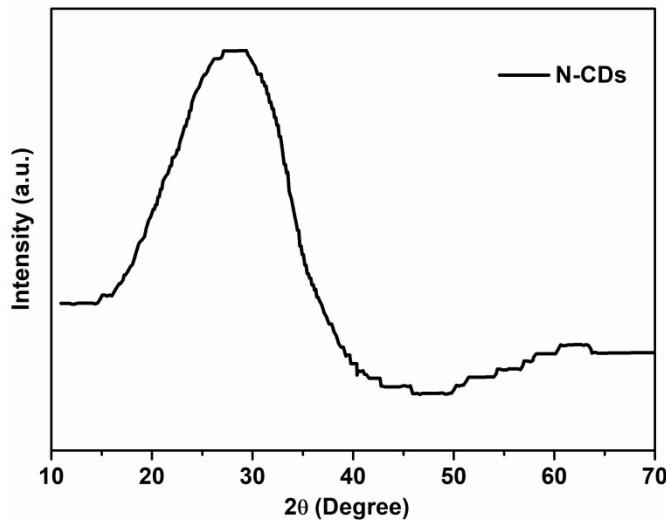


Figure S2 The XRD pattern of N-CDs.

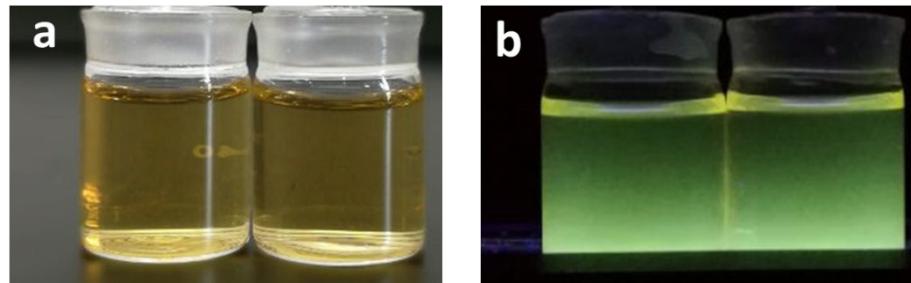


Figure S3 (a) The photo of N-CDs solution under sunlight. (b) The fluorescence images of N-CDs solution excited by a UV lamp (365 nm).

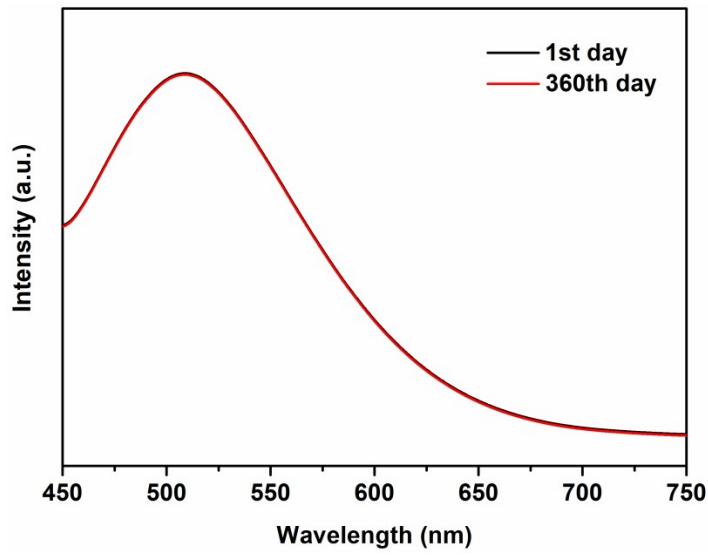


Figure S4 The stability of N-CDs after 360 days of storage.

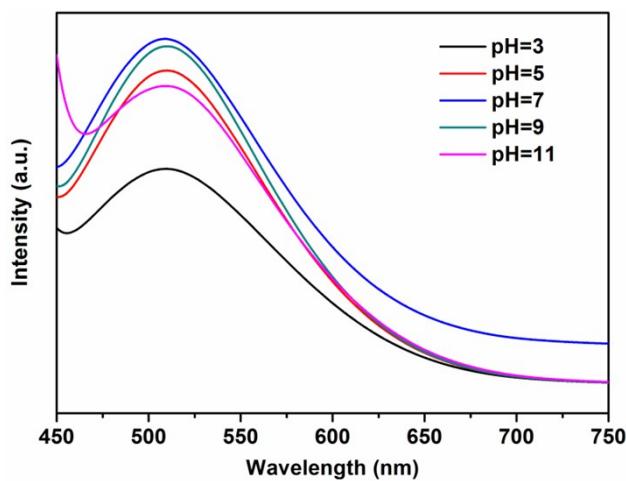


Figure S5 Photoluminescence (PL) spectra of N-CDs changed at different pH values.

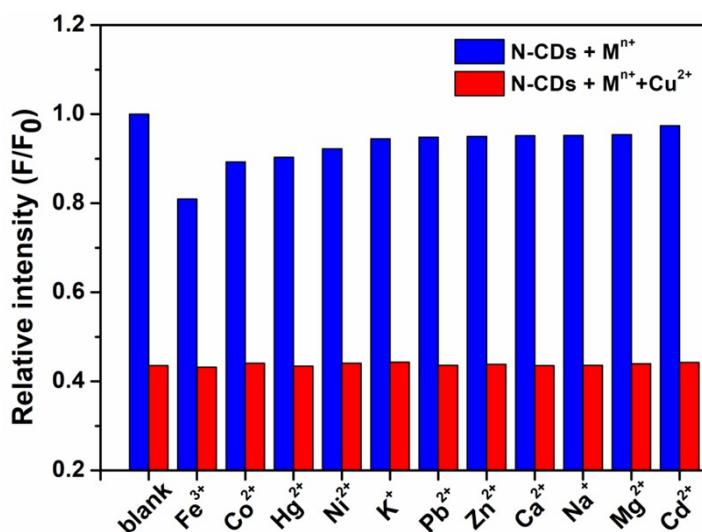


Figure S6 Relative PL intensities of N-CDs after treatment with 25 mM metal ion solutions (blue bar), and interference of 25 mM other metal ions with 25 mM Cu²⁺ (red bar).

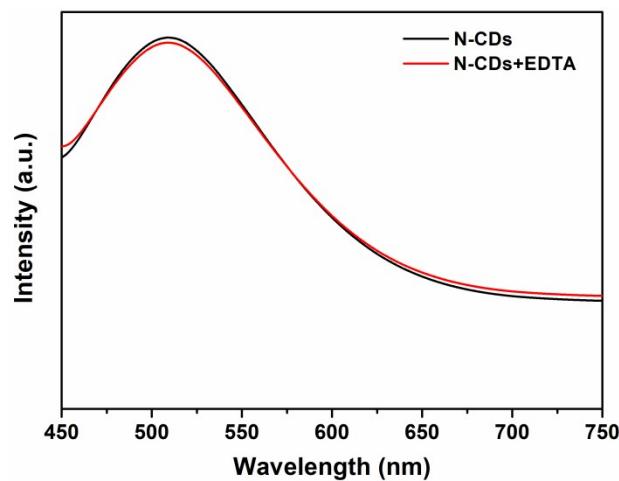


Figure S7 PL spectra of N-CDs solutions in the absence or presence of 25 μ M EDTA.

Table

Table S1 Comparison of the N-CDs solution for Cu²⁺ ions detection with other similar materials.

Refs.	Materials	Detection limit (nM)
1	Carbon dots-modified silver nanoparticles	37
2	N-doped carbon dots from lemon juice and L-arginine	47
3	Blue fluorescent carbon dots from leeks	50
4	N-doped carbon dots from maleic anhydride and tetraethylenepentamine	620
5	Quantum dots	10
6	Carbon nano-dots from chitosan, ethanolamine and acetic acid	170
7	Semiconducting polymer dots assembled with rhodamine B hydrazide	15
This work	N-doped carbon dots from electrospun carbon nanofibers	5

References for Table S1:

- 1 A. Beiraghi and S. A. Najibi-Gehraz, *Sens. Actuators, B*, 2017, **253**, 342-351.
- 2 P. Das, S. Ganguly, M. Bose, S. Mondal, A. K. Das, S. Banerjee and N. C. Das, *Materials Science & Engineering C-Materials for Biological Applications*, 2017, **75**, 1456-1464.
- 3 L. H. Shi, Y. Y. Li, X. F. Li, B. Zhao, X. P. Wen, G. M. Zhang, C. Dong and S. M. Shuang, *Biosens. Bioelectron.*, 2016, **77**, 598-602.
- 4 N. Thongsai, Y. Nagae, T. Hirai, A. Takahara, T. Uchiyama, K. Kamitani and P. Paoprasert, *Sens. Actuators, B*, 2017, **253**, 1026-1033.
- 5 H. Y. Li, H. Bai, Q. Lv, W. Wang, Z. J. Wang, H. Wei and Q. Zhang, *Anal. Chim. Acta*, 2018, **1021**, 140-146.
- 6 W. J. Lu, Y. F. Gao, Y. Jiao, S. M. Shuang, C. Z. Li and C. Dong, *Nanoscale*, 2017, **9**, 11545-11552.
- 7 J. Y. Sun, H. Mei and F. Gao, *Biosens. Bioelectron.*, 2017, **91**, 70-75.