

## **Supporting information for “Direct White Light Emission from Carbon Nanodots (C-dots) in solution processed Light Emitting Diodes”**

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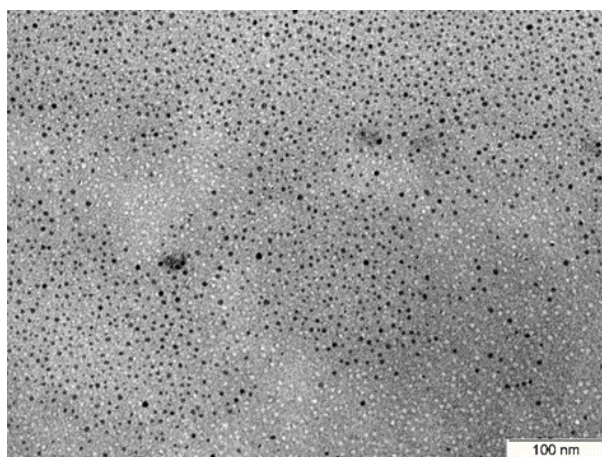
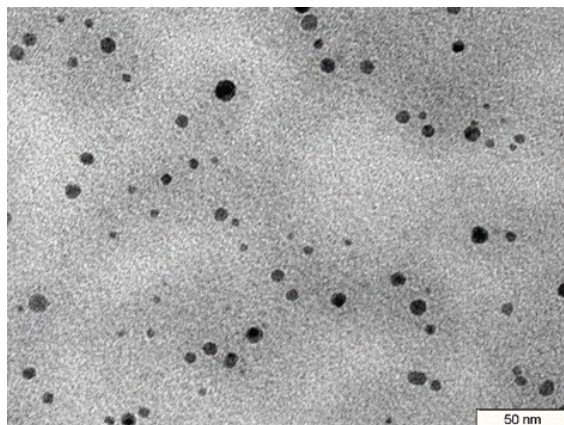
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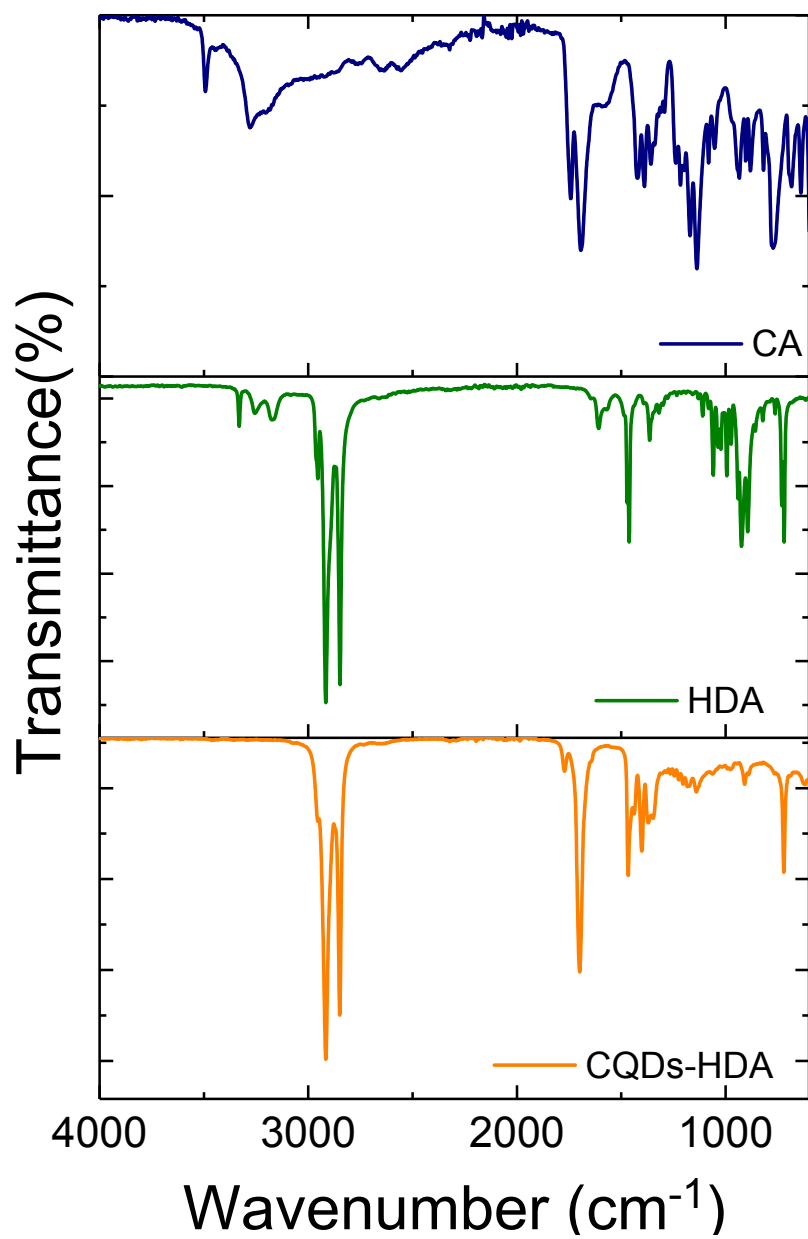
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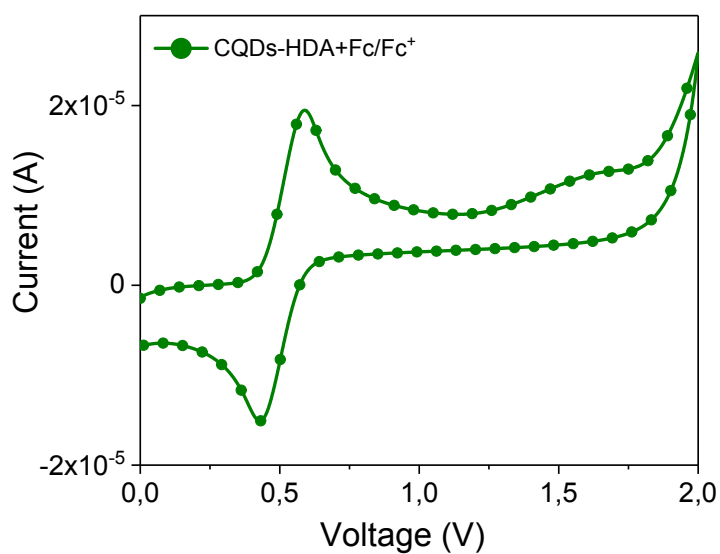
## Characterization of C-Dots.



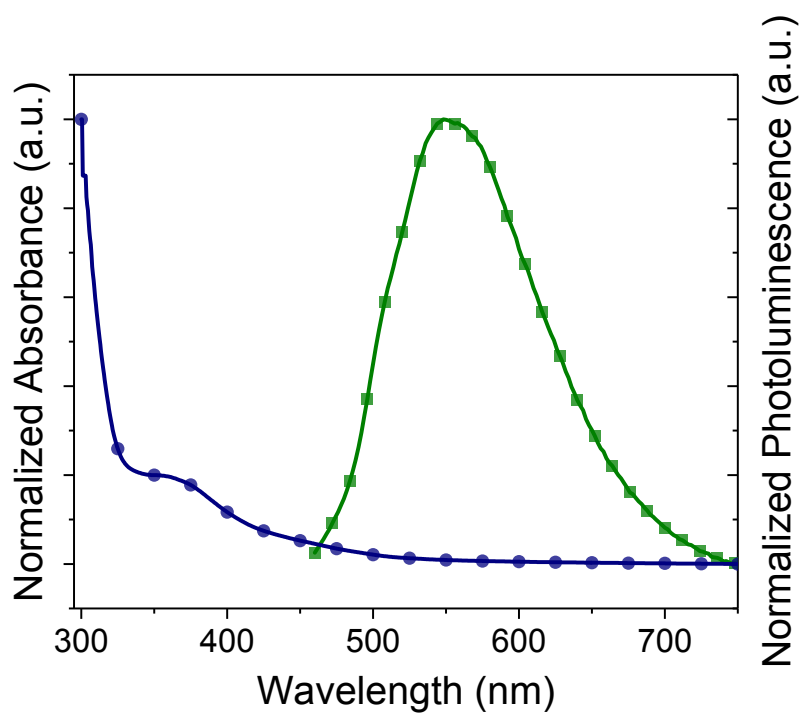
**Figure S1.** The TEM images of C-Dots at different magnifications.



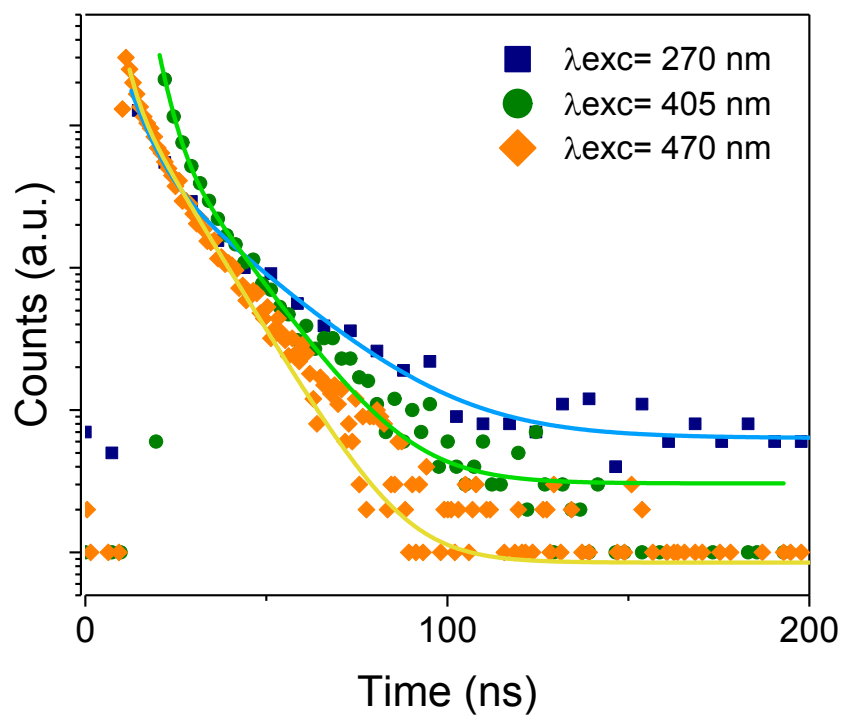
**Figure S2.** FT-IR spectrum of the precursor citric acid (CA), passivating ligand 1-hexadecylamine (HDA) and the resulting C-Dots prepared with HDA.



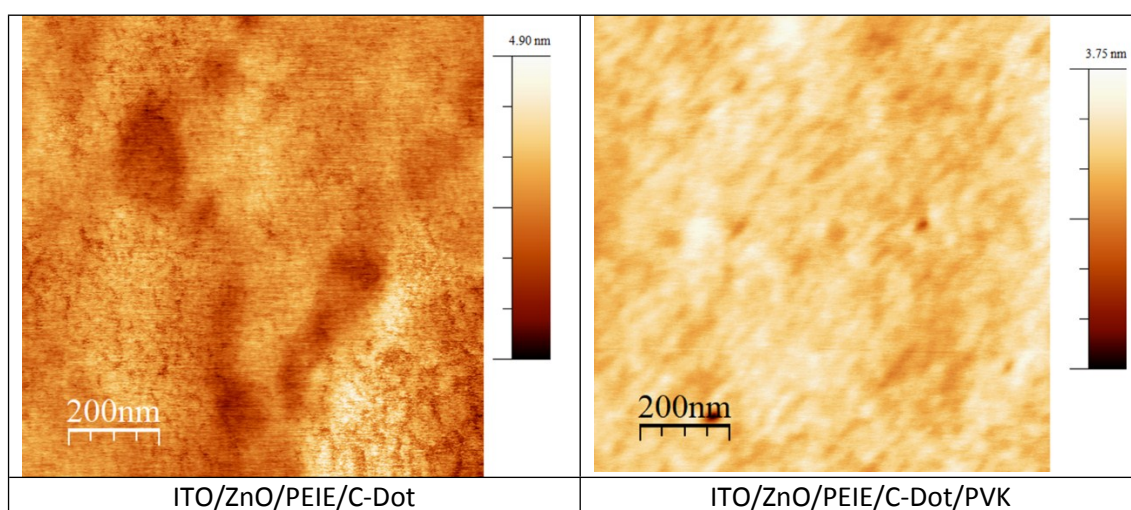
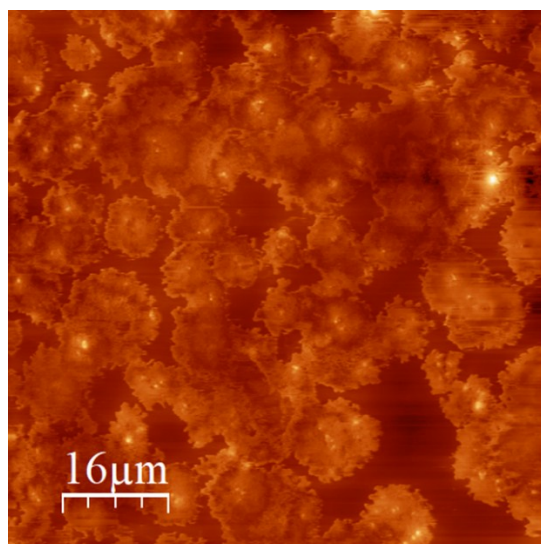
**Figure S3.** Cyclic voltammetry of C-Dots solved in dichloromethane recorded in 0.1M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate at room temperature.



**Figure S4.** The normalized absorption and photoluminescence spectra of C-Dots in hexane. The intersection between the absorbance and photoluminescence spectra is at  $\lambda=480\text{nm}$ .



**Figure S5.** Experimental Fluorescence-decay curves of C-Dots measured in solution after excitation at 270 nm, 405 nm and 470 nm at room temperature. The colour solid line represents the exponential fitted decay.



**Figure S6.** AFM images of the layers formed by (up) C-Dots onto ITO/ZnO/PEIE (phase), and (down) comparison of the morphology of the ITO/ZnO/PEIE/C-Dot layer with the PVK onto ITO/ZnO/PEIE/C-Dots at the same magnification scale.