

## Supporting Information

# Dual-emission quantum dots nanocomposites bearing a internal standard and visual detection for $\text{Hg}^{2+}$

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## Experimental

### Synthesis of CdTe QDs

First, add 0.2158 g  $\text{KBH}_4$ , 0.2550 g Te, and 10 mL Milli-Q water to a suitable flask. The reaction continued for 8 h and the product was stored to following use. Then, 0.9136 g  $\text{CdCl}_2 \cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 0.9212 g mercaptoacetic acid were dissolved in 100 mL of Milli-Q water, followed by adjusting pH to 10 by addition of 2 M NaOH solution. The mixture was degassed by  $\text{N}_2$  bubbling for 30 min. Then, above freshly prepared KHTe solution was quickly injected into the mixture under vigorous stirring, followed by refluxing under open-air conditions.

### Measurements of fluorescence response to $\text{Hg}^{2+}$

Typically, 1 mL of the dual-fluorescence nanocomposites solution was added into a 10 mL comparator with cover, followed by the addition 1 mL of HAc-NaAc solution and various amount of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ , then fixed 10 mL. The solution was stored at room temperature for 1 h. The fluorescence spectra were recorded using 330 nm excitation wavelength.

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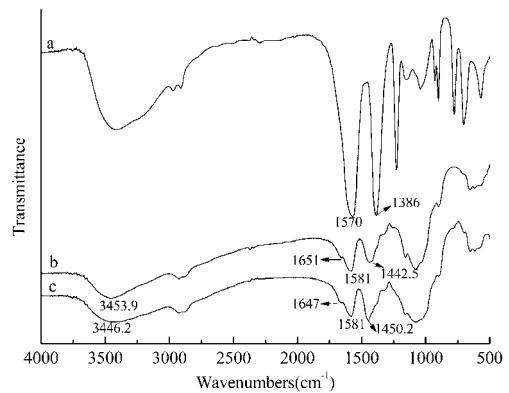


Figure S1 FTIR spectra of (a) CdTe, (b) CdS@CS and (c) dual-fluorescence nanocomposites