## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

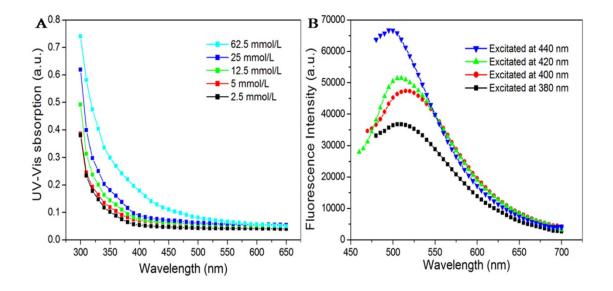
## Amino-functionalized Green Fluorescent Carbon Dots as

## Surface Energy Transfer Biosensors for Hyaluronidase

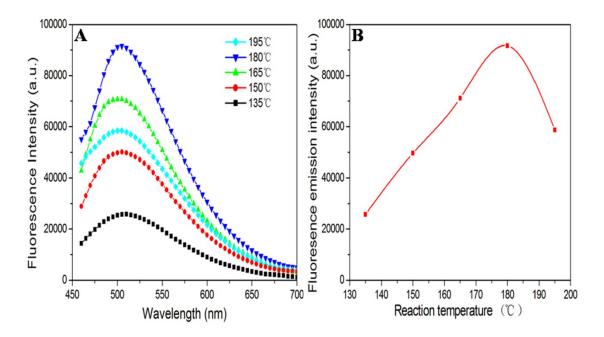
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**Fig. S1** (A) UV-Vis absorption spectra of CDs synthesized by different concentration of sodium pyrophosphate increasing from 2.5 to 62.5 mmol/L (2.5, 5, 12.5, 25, 62.5 mmol/L). (B) The fluorescence emission spectra of CDs with different fluorescence excitation wavelengths.



**Fig. S2** (A) Fluorescence emission spectra and (B) fluorescence emission intensity at maximum of CDs synthesized at various temperature. (Sodium pyrophosphate concentration was 62.5 mmol/L)

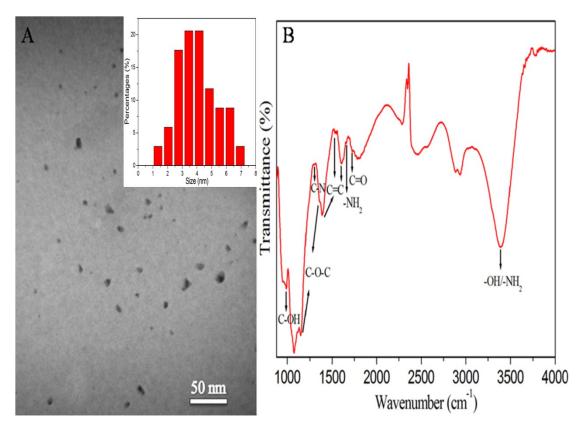


Fig.S3 (A) The TEM image and (B) FT-IR spectra of as-prepared CDs

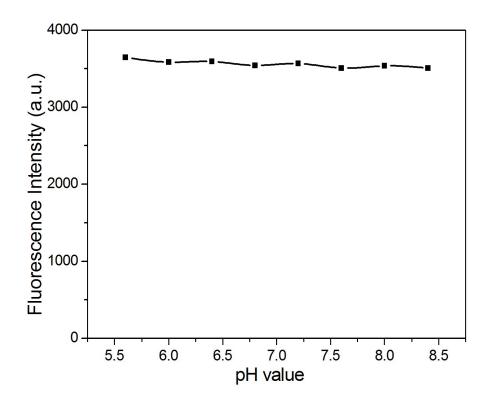
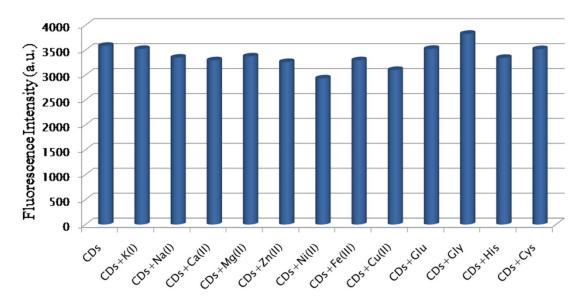


Fig. S4 The fluorescence intensity of the synthesized CDs solution measured in different pH environments.



**Fig.S5** The fluorescence intensity of CDs solution and CDs solution with individual metal ions and molecules. (5 mmol/L K<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Glu, Gly, His and Cys, 2.5 mmol/L Zn<sup>2+</sup> and Ni<sup>2+</sup>, and 0.2 mmol/L Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Cu<sup>2+</sup>)

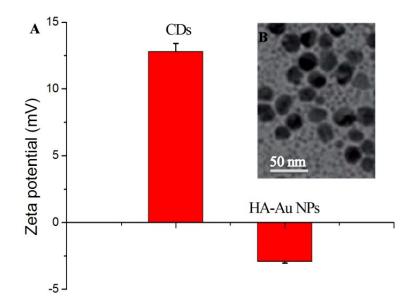
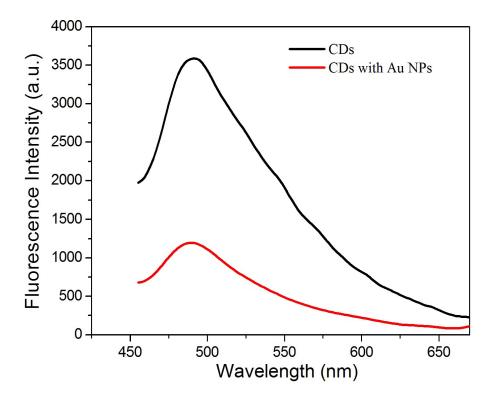
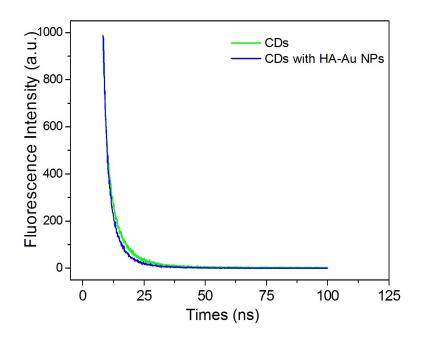


Fig.S6 (A) Zeta potentials measurements of amino-functionalized CDs and HA-AuNPs in pH 6.0

solution. (B) TEM image of amino-functionalized CDs and HA-Au NPs mixture solution.



**Fig.S7** The fluorescence emission spectra of prepared CDs solution with and without HA-Au NPs. (10 mmol/L NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>-Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> buffer solution, pH 6.0)



**Fig.S8**. The fluorescence life time determination of amino-functionalized CDs (Green line) and the SET system composed of amino-functionalized CDs and HA-Au NPs (Blue line).

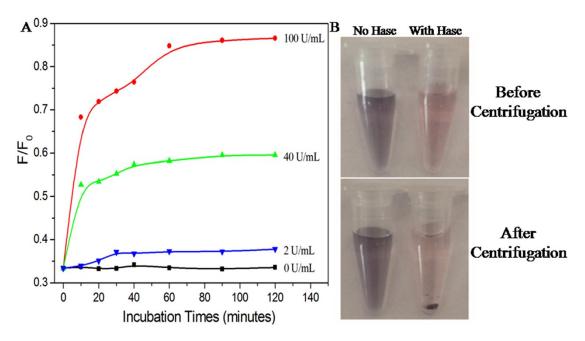
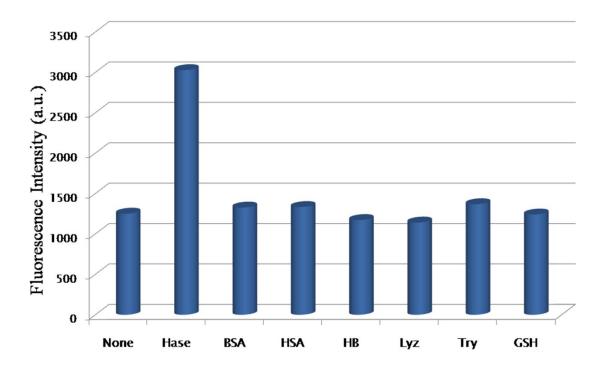


Fig.S9 (A) The fluorescence intensity ratios changes of CDs/HA-Au NPs system as a function of

the Hase enzyme digestion time. The Hase concentration is respectively 0, 2, 40, 100 U/mL.

Reaction condition: 10 mmol/ L NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>-Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> buffer solution (pH 6.0) at 37°C.  $F_0$  is the original fluorescence intensity of CDs, and F is the fluorescence intensity of CDs/HA-Au NPs system with the addition of various concentration of Hase. (B) The picture shows the color change of the CDs/HA-Au NPs solutions incubated with 100 U/mL Hase before or after centrifugation.



**Fig.S10** The fluorescence intensity of the CDs/HA-Au NPs assay system and respectively incubated with 0.25 mg/mL (100 U/mL) Hase, BSA, HSA, HB, Lyz, Try or GSH for 2 hours. Reaction condition: 10 mmol/ L NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>-Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> buffer solution (pH 6.0) at  $37^{\circ}$ C.

Serum samples	Added Hase	Detected Hase	Recovery	RSD
	(U/mL)	(U/mL)	(%)	(n=3, %)
1	0.50	0.54	108	4.7
2	5.0	5.1	102	3.2

Table S1 Determination of Hase in fetal bovine serum samples according to equation (1)