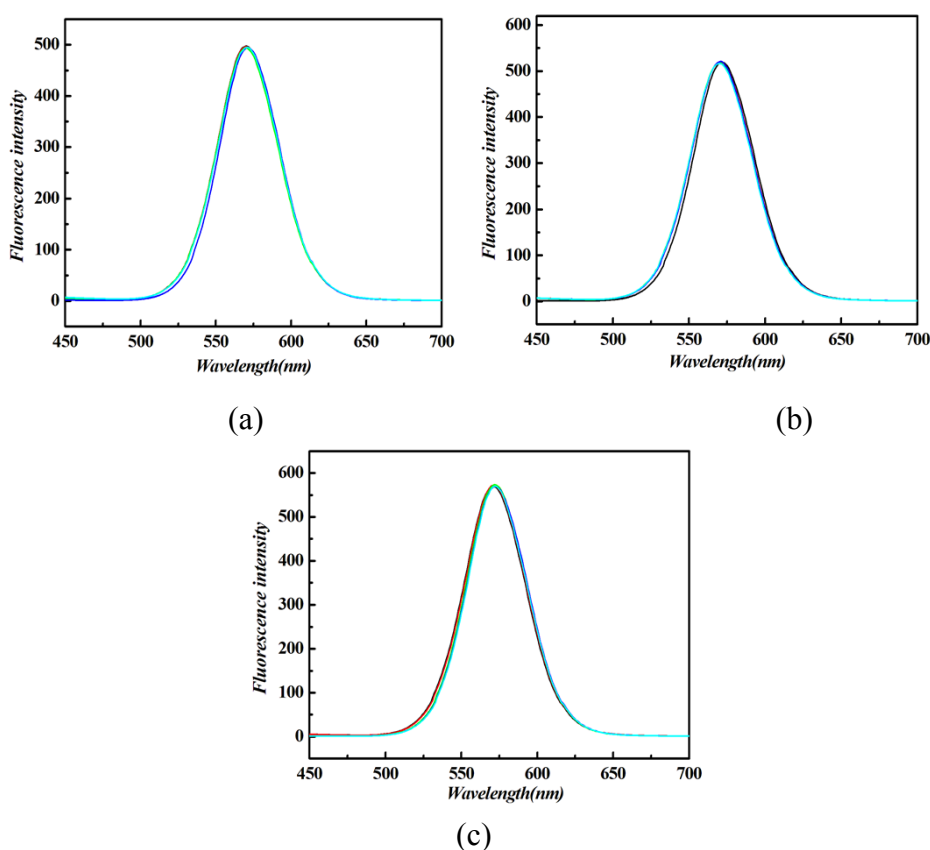


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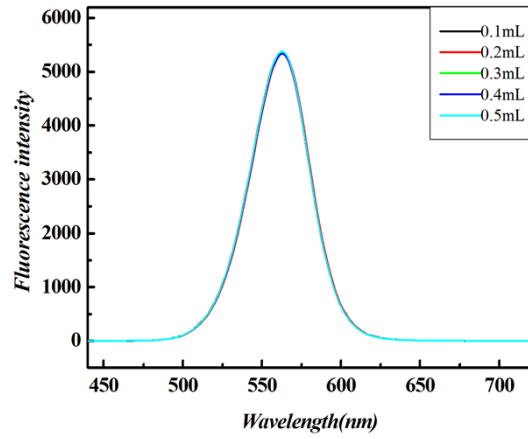
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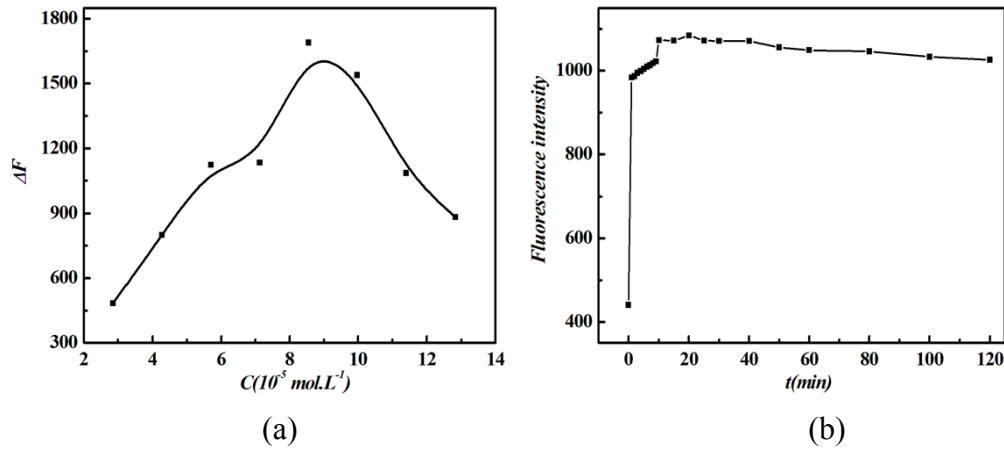
**Fig S1** The fluorescence spectrums of the system of detecting TA in commercial tablets: the added concentration is (a) 8  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ , (b) 12  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ , (c) 20  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ .

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**Fig S2** The effect of plasma on the fluorescence intensity of NALC-CdTe QDs in 1 mL PBS buffer solution at pH=7.6, the volume of the plasma were 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5 mL, respectively.



**Fig S3** (a) Effects of CdTe QDs concentration on fluorescence intensity of the QDs- $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  system; (b) Effects of reaction time.