

## *Electronic Supplementary Information*

# **One-pot synthesis of quantum dots based molecular imprinting nanosensor for highly selective and sensitive fluorescent detection of 4-nitrophenol in environmental water**

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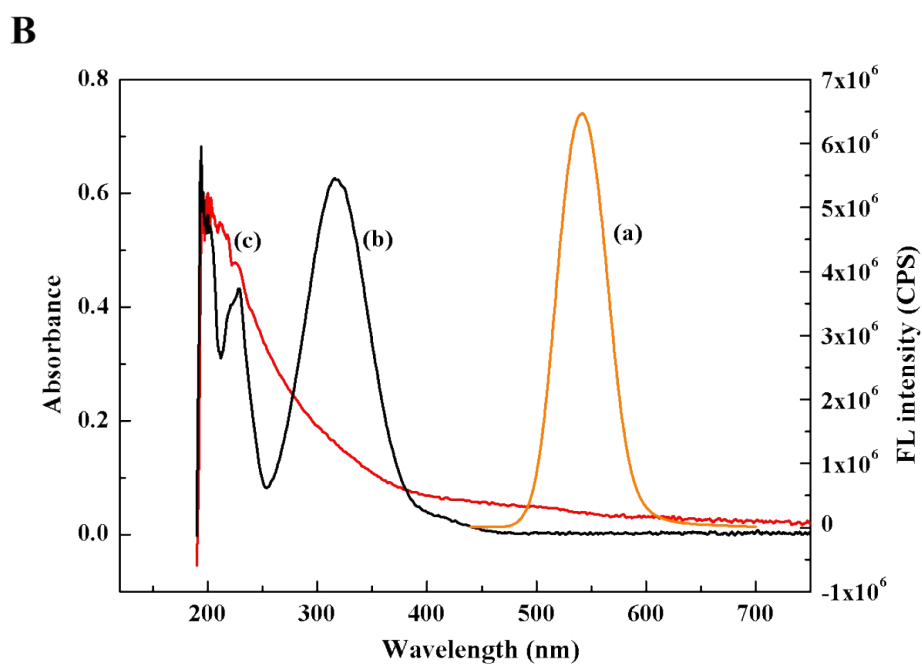
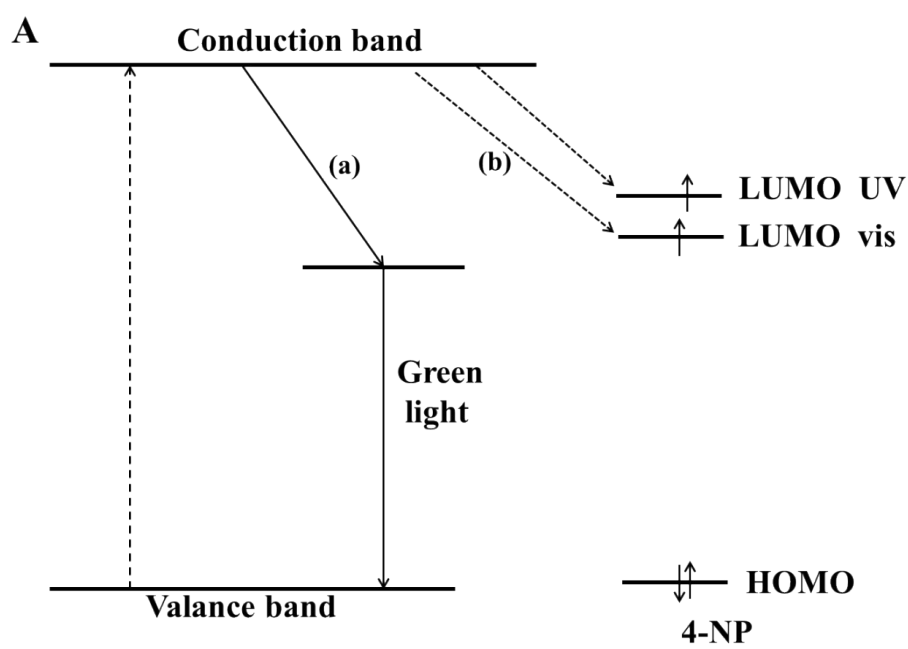
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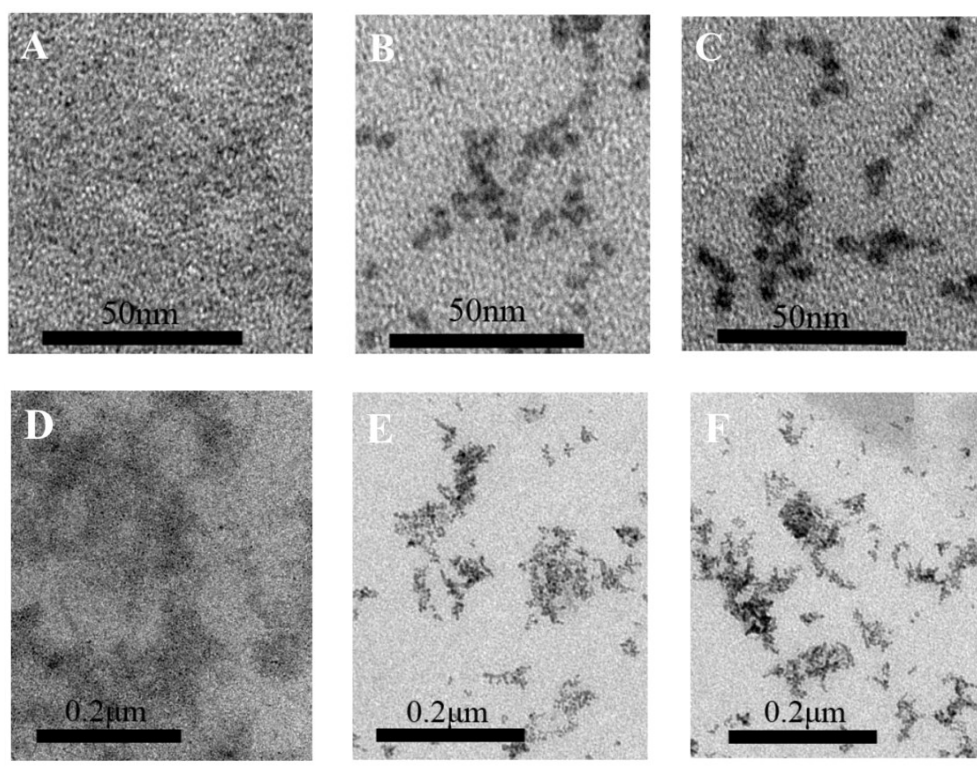
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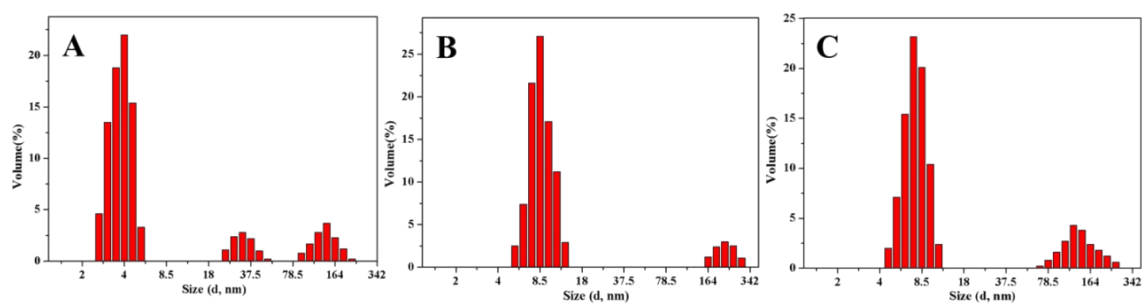
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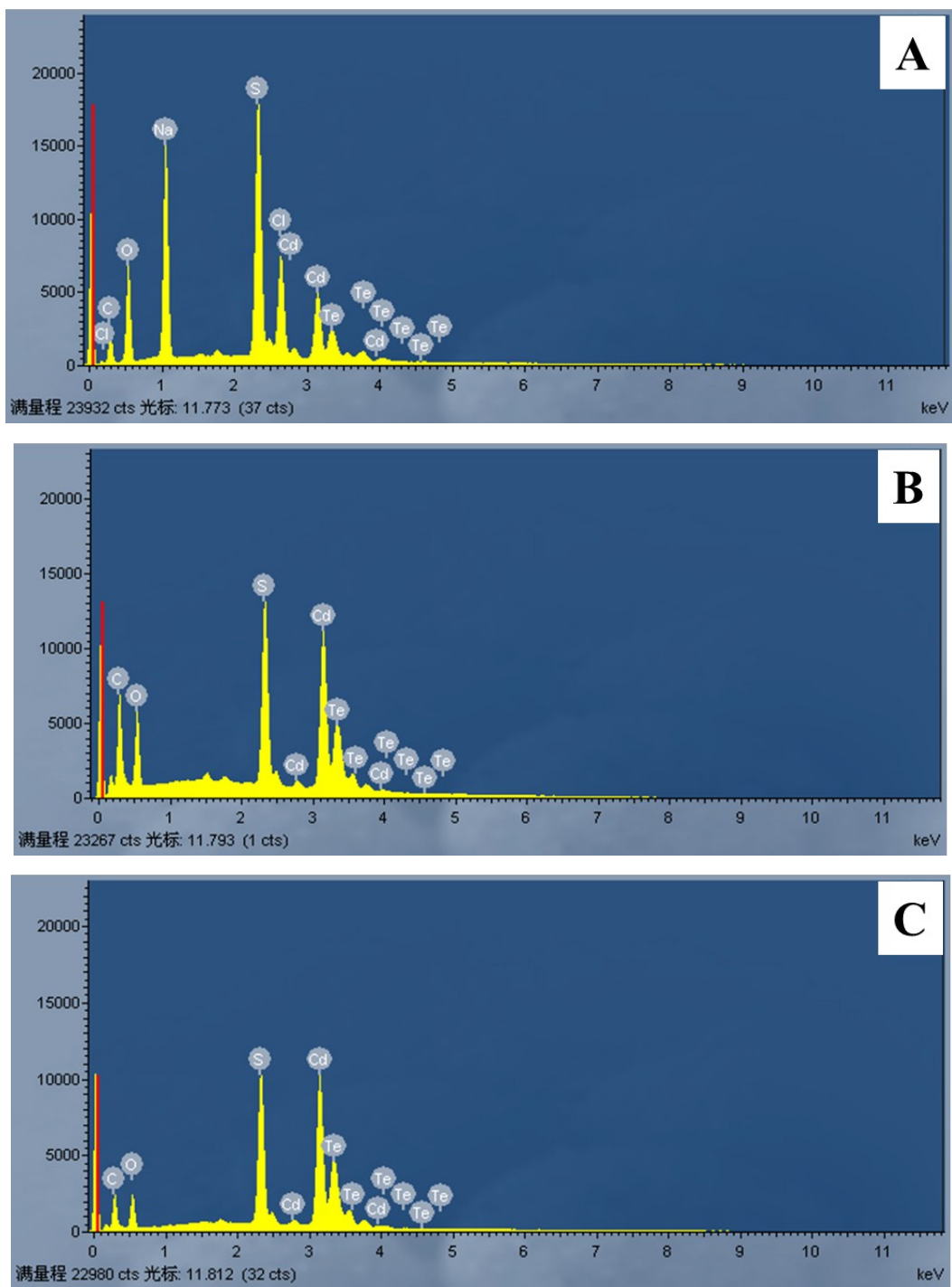
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Element	QDs		QD@MIPs		QD@NIPs	
	Weight %	Atomic %	Weight %	Atomic %	Weight %	Atomic %
C	18.04	33.19	23.75	46.34	13.47	35.56
O	23.44	32.37	24.81	36.35	17.41	34.50
S	16.62	11.45	12.65	9.25	14.87	14.70
Cd	16.70	3.28	37.94	7.91	52.15	14.71
Te	2.14	0.37	0.84	0.15	2.11	0.52
Na	14.66	14.09				
Cl	8.40	5.24				