

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Systematical investigation of in vitro molecular interaction  
between fluorescent carbon dots and human serum albumin**

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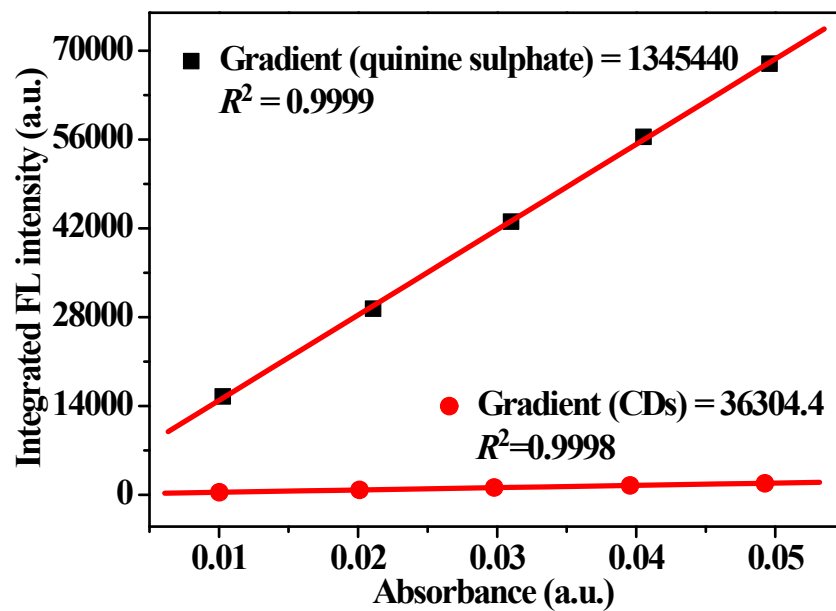


Fig. S1. The relative quantum yield of CDs.

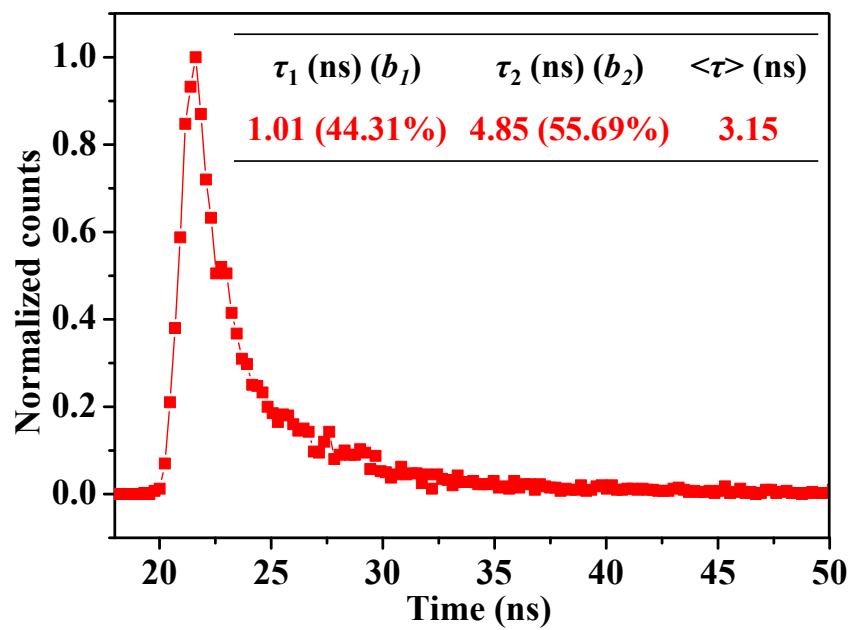


Fig. S2. Fluorescence decay traces of CDs.

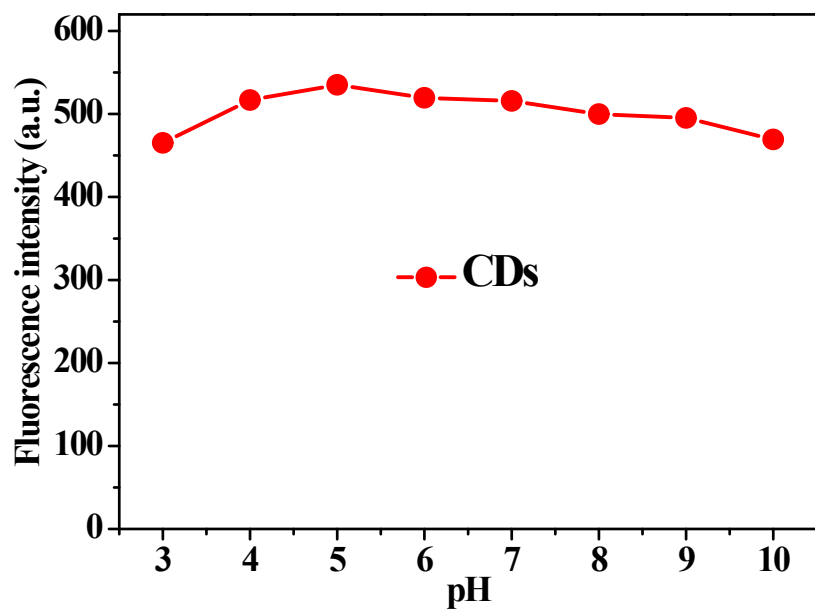


Fig. S3. Influence of pH value on the fluorescence property of CDs.

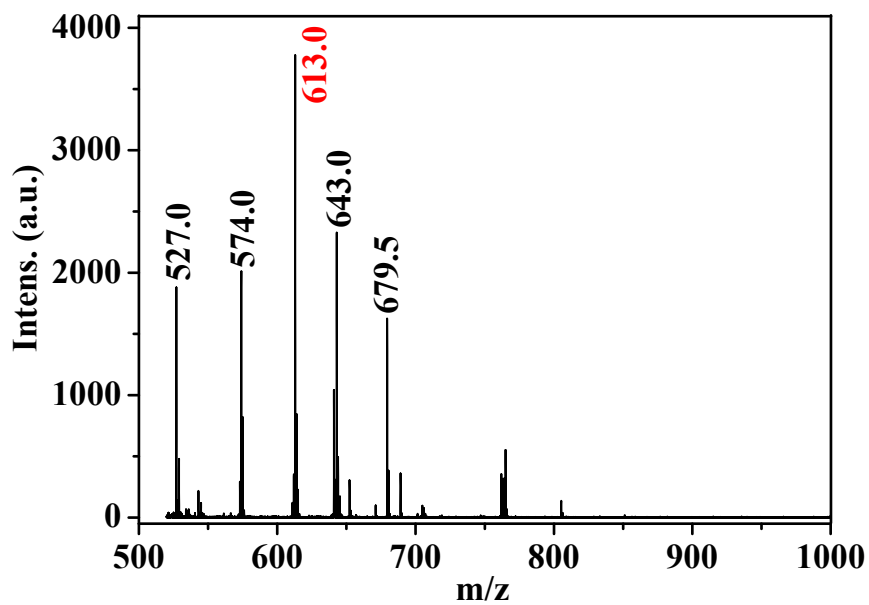
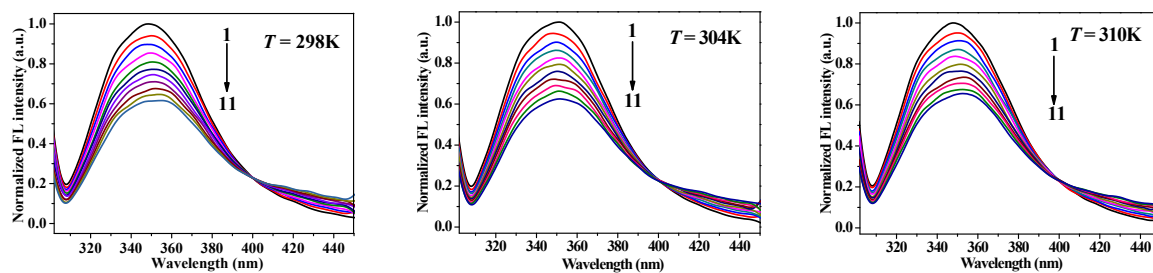


Fig. S4. MALDI-TOF-MS of CDs.



**Fig. S5.** Influences of CDs with different concentrations on the steady-state fluorescence intensity of HSA at 298 K, 304 K and 310 K.

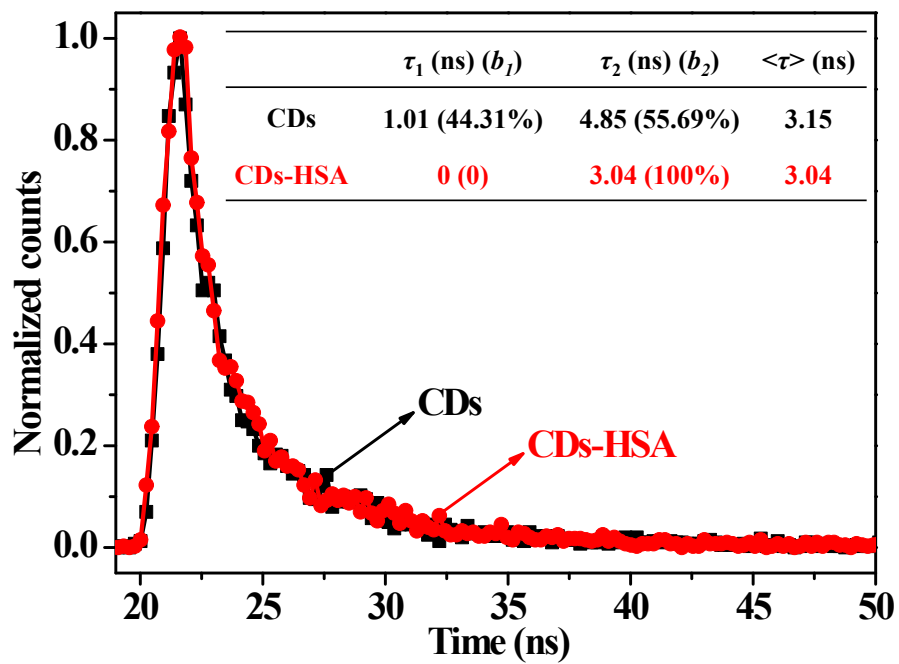
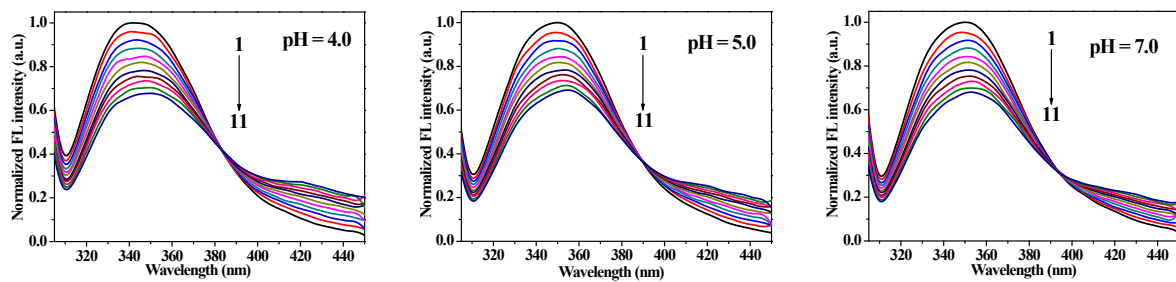
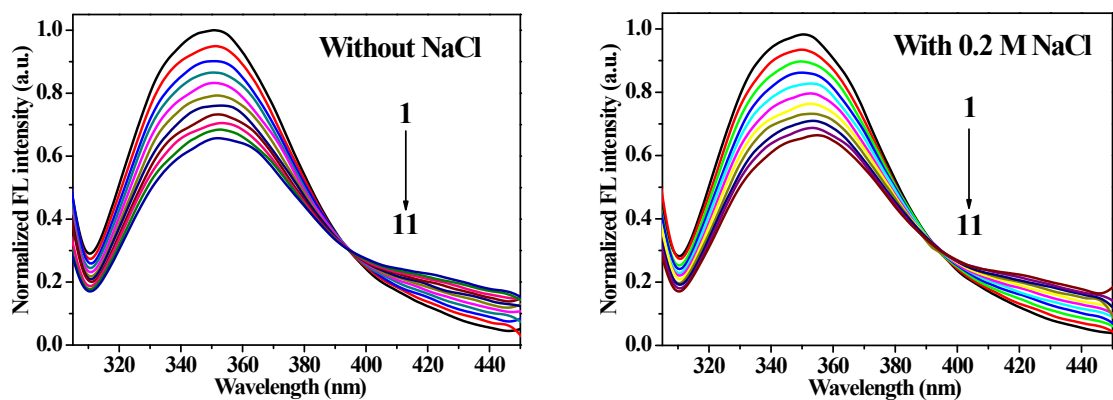


Fig. S6. Fluorescence decay curves of CDs and HSA-CDs system.



**Fig. S7.** Influences of CDs with different concentrations on the steady-state fluorescence intensity of HSA at three different pH values (pH 4.0, 5.0 and 7.0).





**Fig. S8.** Influences of CDs with different concentrations on the steady-state fluorescence intensity of HSA in the absence and presence of 0.2 M NaCl.

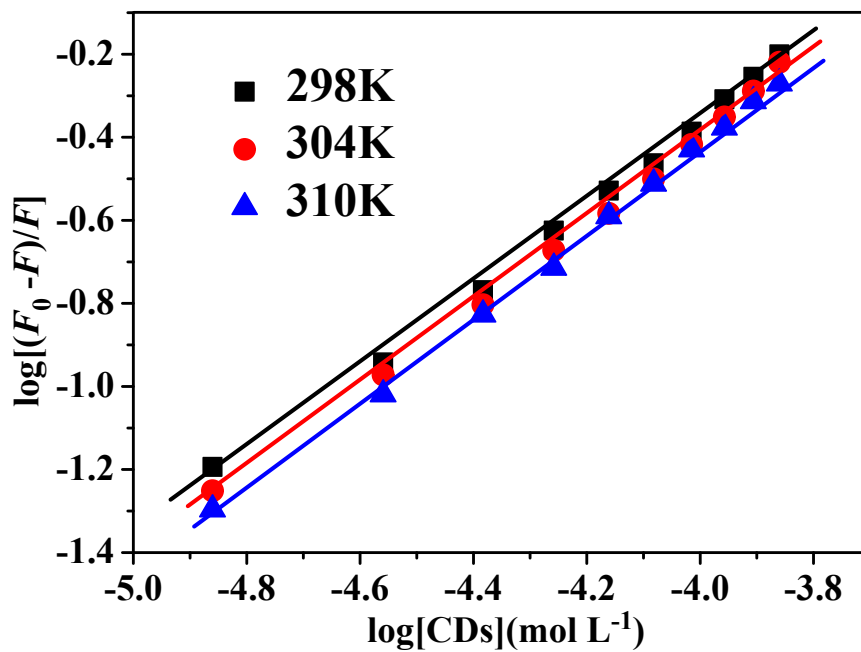


Fig. S9. Plots of  $\log(F_0 - F)/F$  versus  $\log[\text{CDs}]$  for HSA-CDs system at three different temperatures.