

## Electronic Supporting Information

### Highly selective and sensitive sensing for Al<sup>3+</sup> and F<sup>-</sup> based on green photoluminescent carbon dots

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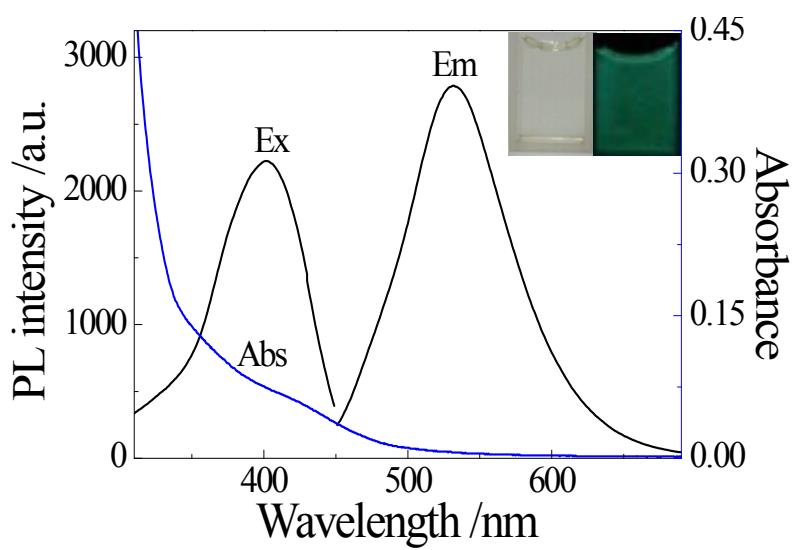


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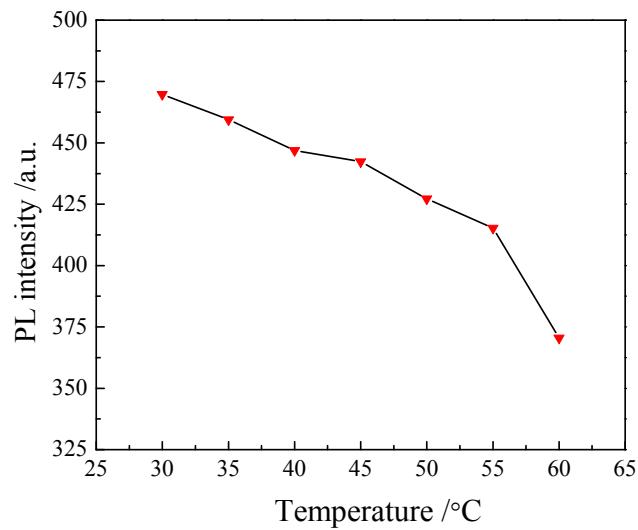


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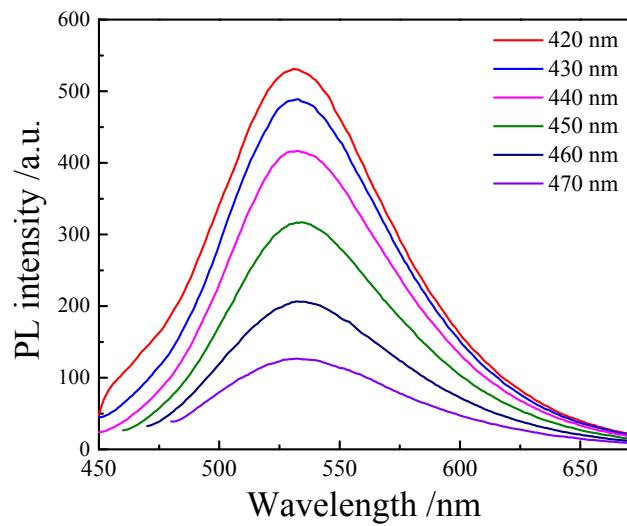


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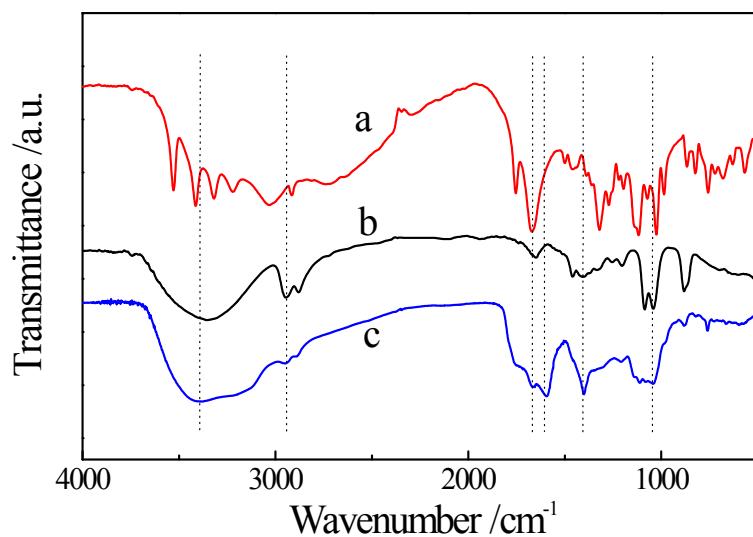
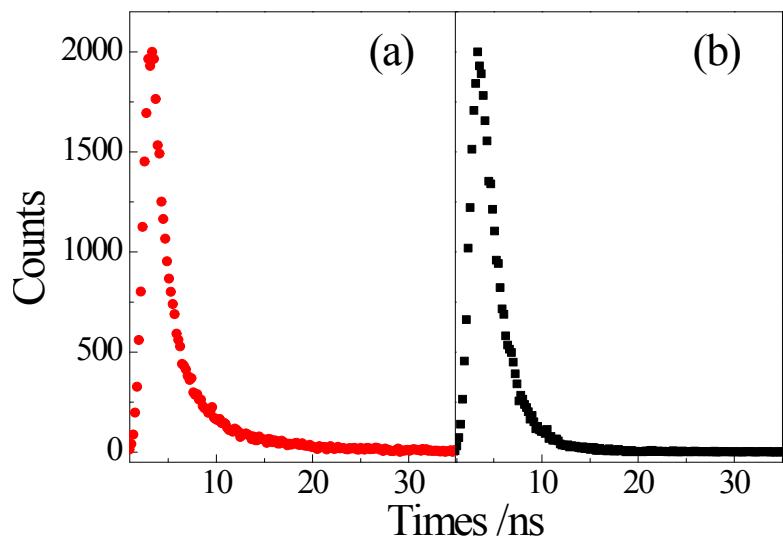


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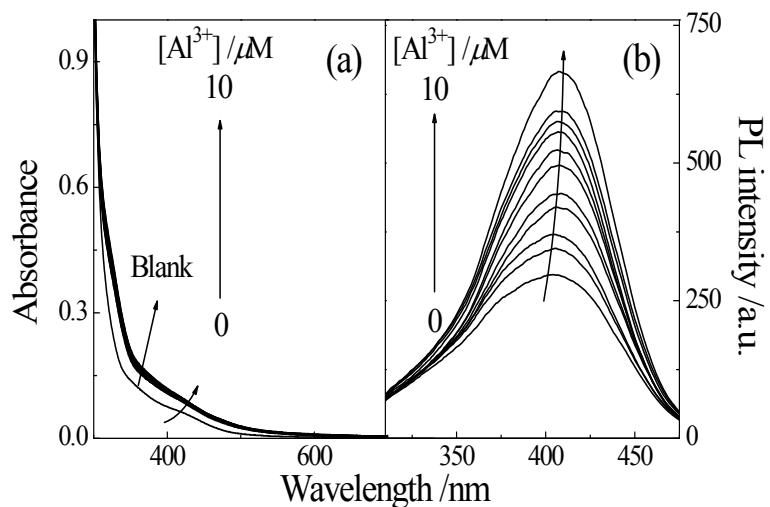


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Methods	Materials	Detection	Linear range(μM)	LOD (μM)	References
Fluorescence	RCS	Al <sup>3+</sup>	3.2 ~130	3.2	<sup>1</sup>
Fluorescence	MCIH	Al <sup>3+</sup>	0.05 ~0.25	0.05	<sup>2</sup>
Fluorescence	3HFF	Al <sup>3+</sup>	5 ~100	0.52	<sup>3</sup>
Colorimetry	GSH-AgNPs	Al <sup>3+</sup>	0.4 ~4.0	1.2	<sup>4</sup>
Fluorescence	Alizarin	Al <sup>3+</sup>	3 ~45	0.52	<sup>5</sup>
Colorimetry	L-AuNPs	Al <sup>3+</sup>	66 ~322	19.6	<sup>6</sup>
Fluorescence	carbon dots	Al <sup>3+</sup>	0.50 ~10	0.39	This work
Colorimetry	HNHCB	F <sup>-</sup>	-	1.3	<sup>7</sup>
Fluorescence	MPBA, PBA	F <sup>-</sup>	0 ~2.6*10 <sup>4</sup>	1.1*10 <sup>2</sup>	<sup>8</sup>
Colorimetry	E1	F <sup>-</sup>	0 ~100	7.3	<sup>9</sup>
Electrochemistry	Spiropyran	F <sup>-</sup>	0.5 ~10	8.3*10 <sup>-2</sup>	<sup>10</sup>
Fluorescence	TAPB	F <sup>-</sup>	0.17 ~3.0	0.17	<sup>11</sup>
Fluorescence	carbon dots	F <sup>-</sup>	0.50 ~10	0.14	This work

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