## **Optical and surface band bending mediated fluorescence**

## sensing properties of MoS<sub>2</sub> quantum dots

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## **Supporting Information**



*Figure S1: FTIR spectrum of prepared MoS<sub>2</sub> quantum dots.* 

Figure S1 depicts the FTIR spectrum of the prepared  $MoS_2$  quantum dots. A characteristic peak found at 480 cm<sup>-1</sup> is attributed to the Mo-S vibrations. The bands observed around 581, 1112 and 1397 cm<sup>-1</sup> are assigned to the sulfate vibrations. The peaks around 1572

and 1637 cm<sup>-1</sup> are assigned to the N-H in-plane stretching vibration and N-H bending vibrations respectively. The broad band around 3315 cm<sup>-1</sup> is attributed to the N-H stretching vibrations.



Figure S2:  $(\alpha hv)^2 vs hv plots of (a) MoS_2 (b) glucose and (c) BSA$ 

From the  $(\alpha hv)^2 vs hv$  plots, the direct band gap of MoS<sub>2</sub> is found to be 3.52eV which is lesser than the HOMO-LUMO gap of glucose (3.65 eV) and BSA ( 5.2 eV). It supports that the electron transfer is possible only from glucose and BSA to MoS<sub>2</sub>.