## **Supporting Information**

## Facile hydrothermal synthesis of carbon dots modified $g-C_3N_4$ for enhanced photocatalytic H<sub>2</sub>-evolution performance

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Samples	С	Ν	0	Molar	g <sub>CDs</sub> /g <sub>catalyst</sub>
				ratio of C/N	(wt%)
g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	39.46	56.66	3.88	0.70	
$CDs/g-C_3N_4(1 \text{ wt\%})$	39.79	56.34	3.87	0.71	0.53
CDs/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> (10 wt%)	40.66	56.18	3.16	0.72	1.06
CDs/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> (50 wt%)	41.96	51.82	6.22	0.81	5.56
CDs/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> (100 wt%)	44.88	48.87	6.25	0.92	10.54

Table S1 The element components of various samples based on the EDS results.



Fig. S1. The set-up diagram for the photocatalytic  $H_2$  production.



Fig. S2. (a)TEM and (b) HRTEM images of Pt-CDs/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>(100 wt%).



Fig. S3 Photocatalytic H<sub>2</sub>-evolution rate of (a)  $g-C_3N_4$ , (b) CDs/ $g-C_3N_4(1 \text{ wt\%})$ , (c) CDs/ $g-C_3N_4(5 \text{ wt\%})$ , (d) CDs/ $g-C_3N_4(10 \text{ wt\%})$ , (e) CDs/ $g-C_3N_4(50 \text{ wt\%})$  and (f) CDs/ $g-C_3N_4(100 \text{ wt\%})$  under visible-light irradiation ( $\lambda = 420 \text{ nm}$ ) with lactic acid as the sacrificial agent and additional Pt cocatalyst.