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Supporting Information

Carbonization conditions influence the emission characteristics and

the stability against photobleaching of nitrogen doped carbon dots

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Figure S1. Synthetic approach towards $e-CD_{200}$ and $t-CD_{200}$, and photographs of the purified reaction products under daylight (left) and UV light (right).



Figure S2. Synthetic approach towards $e-CD_{140}$ and $t-CD_{140}$, and photographs of the purified reaction products under daylight (left) and UV light (right).



Figure S3. Synthetic approach towards e- GQD_{200} and t- GQD_{200} , and photographs of the purified reaction products under daylight (left) and UV light (right).



Figure S4. TEM image of aggregated *t-GQD*₂₀₀.



Figure S5. Size distribution histograms of *e-GQD*₂₀₀ and *e-CD*₁₄₀.



Figure S6. Full XPS spectra of *e-CD*₁₄₀, *e-GQD*₂₀₀, *t-CD*₁₄₀, and *t-GQD*₂₀₀



Figure S7. (a) High resolution C1s XPS spectrum of t- GQD_{200} ; (b) High resolution N1s spectrum of t- GQD_{200} .



Figure S8. (a) High resolution C1s XPS spectrum of $t-CD_{140}$; (b) High resolution N1s spectrum of $t-CD_{140}$.



Figure S9. Optical spectra of *t-GQD*₂₀₀: Absorption (in blue), PLE (in gray), and PL (in red).