## Graphene quantum dots decorated SrRuO<sub>3</sub> mesoporous film as an efficient

## counter electrode for high-performance dye-sensitized solar cells

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**Fig. S1** UV/Vis absorption spectra of different samples dissolved in aqueous solutions. (a) thiourea, (b) citric acid, GQDs (c) before and (d) after dialysis treatment.



Fig. S2 TEM image of SRO-GQD hybrid consisting of GQDs decorated on SrRuO<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles.



Fig. S3 TEM and EDS mapping of SRO-GQD hybrid.



Fig. S4 The dependence of thickness and corresponding PCE on spin coating times for SrRuO<sub>3</sub> CE



Fig. S5 IPCE spectra of DSSCs based on (a) SRO-GQD CE and (b) SrRuO<sub>3</sub> CE.