N, S co-doped carbon dots as stable bio-imaging probe for detections of intracellular temperature and antibiotic



## **Supporting information**

Fig. S1. PL spectra of N, S-CDs with excitation wavelengths from 290 to 430 nm.



Fig. S2. The luminescence decays of N, S-CDs.



Fig. S3. The EDX spectrum of N, S-CDs.



Fig. S4. PL spectra (excitation wavelength 390 nm) of N, S-CDs at various temperatures during two processes: (a) heating and (b) cooling.



**Fig. S5.** Confocal fluorescence images of HeLa cells with N, S-CDs under different laser irradiation time (N, S-CDs concentration: 100  $\mu$ g·mL<sup>-1</sup>, incubation time: 24 h). All scale bars represent 25  $\mu$ m. (Emission was collected at 415-550 nm; excited at 405 nm)



Fig. S6. PL spectra of N, S-CDs with TC detection concentrations from  $1.39 \times 10^{-9}$  to  $1.39 \times 10^{-5} \mu$ M.



Fig. S7. The fluorescence quenching efficiency in the presence of TC, amino acids and common ions. (The concentration for TC is 10  $\mu$ M, and for each other guests is 0.05 M).



Fig. S8. FT-IR spectra of N, S-CDs (red trace) and N, S-CDs-TC system (blue trace). The inset is the enlarged spectral region from 3750 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 3150 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**Table S1.** Determination of TC using HPLC and the fluorescence detection method (RE: fluorescence detection vs. HPLC detection.).

Sample	HPLC	Fluorescence detection(µM)	<b>Relative error (%)</b>
	(µM)	N, S-CDs	RE
1	247	$240\pm7$	-2.83
2	195	$187 \pm 3$	-4.10
3	142	$134 \pm 4$	-5.63
4	103	$92 \pm 3$	-10.6
5	57	$48 \pm 4$	-15.7