## One-pot synthesis of N-doped carbon dots by pyrolyzing the gel composed of ethanolamine and 1carboxyethyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride and their selective fluorescent sensing for Cr(VI) ions

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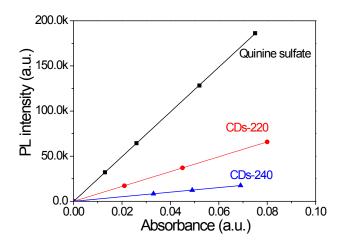


Fig. S1 PL intensity of  $0.1 \text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  aqueous solution of quinine sulfate and CDs varying with their UV-vis absorbance.

Temperature (°C)	Quantum yield (%)	Yield (%)
200	-	-
220	17.93	21.85
240	5.52	37.80

 Table S1 The parameters of synthesized CDs at different temperatures.

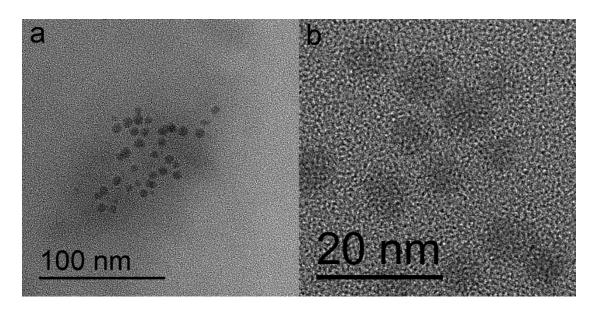


Fig. S2 The (a) low- and (b) high-resolution TEM images of CDs-240.

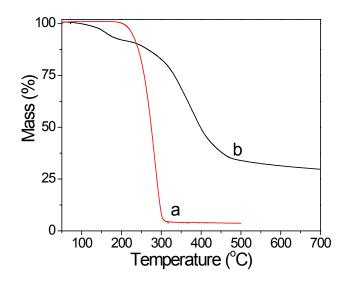
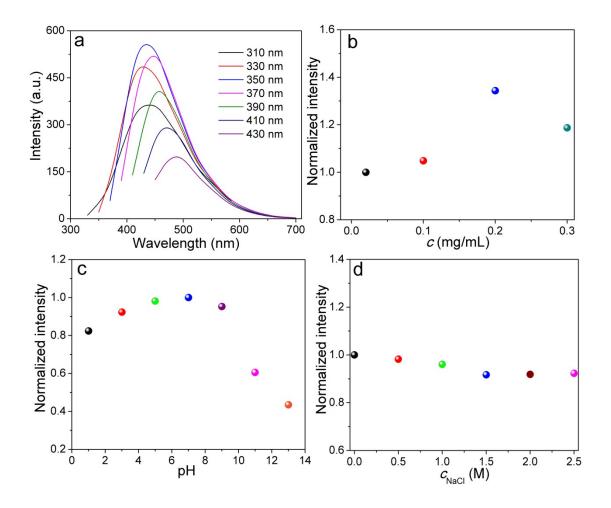


Fig. S3 TGA curves of (a) 1-carboxyethyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride and (b)

CDs-220.



**Fig. S4** (a) PL emission spectra of CDs-220 aqueous suspension (0.02 mg/mL) at different excitation wavelengths. Normalized PL intensity of CDs-220 aqueous suspension excited at 350 nm varying with (b) the concentration (*c*) of CDs-220. Normalized PL intensity of CDs-220 aqueous suspension (0.02 mg/mL) excited at 350 nm varying with (c) the pH and (d) the ionic strength created by NaCl.