

*Electronic Supplementary Material*

## **Dual role of BSA for synthesis of MnO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles and their mediated fluorescent turn-on probe for glutathione determination and cancer cell recognition**

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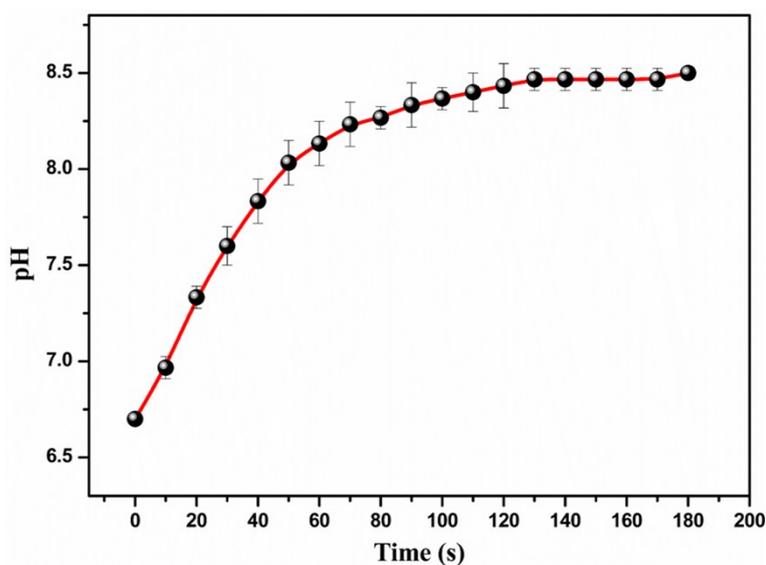
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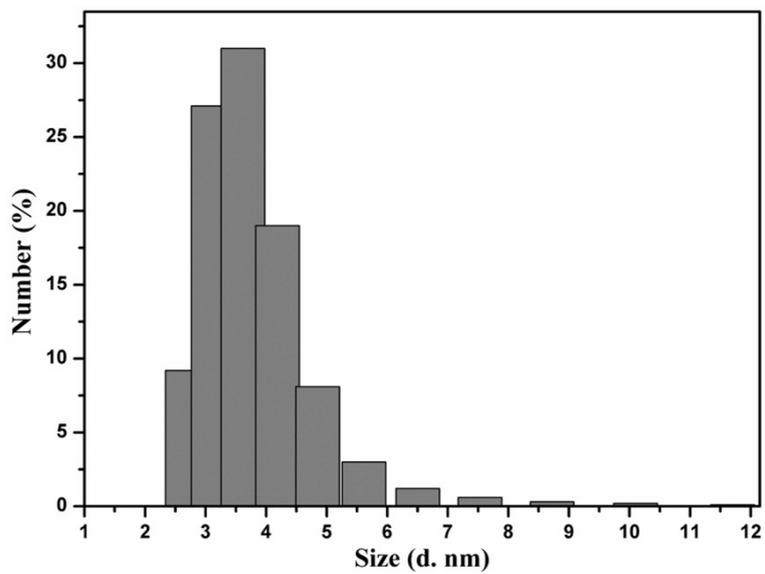
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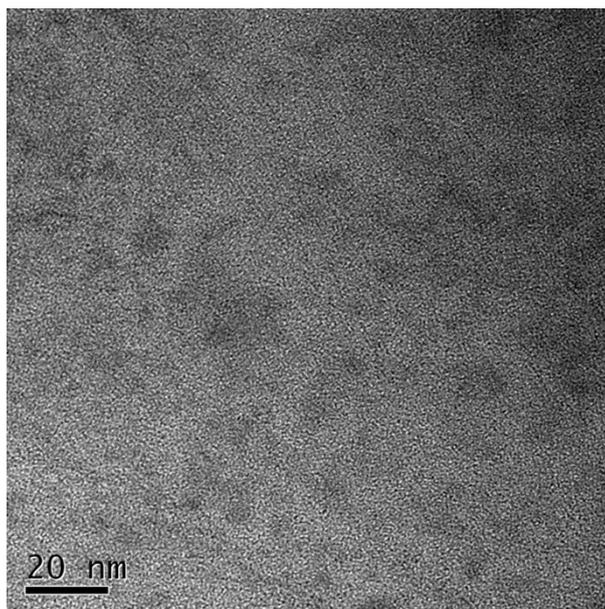
**Fig. S1** Photos of system before and after reaction.



**Fig. S2** Time dependent pH variation of reaction system.



**Fig. S3** Size distribution of as-prepared MnO<sub>2</sub> NPs.



**Fig. S4** TEM image of CDs.

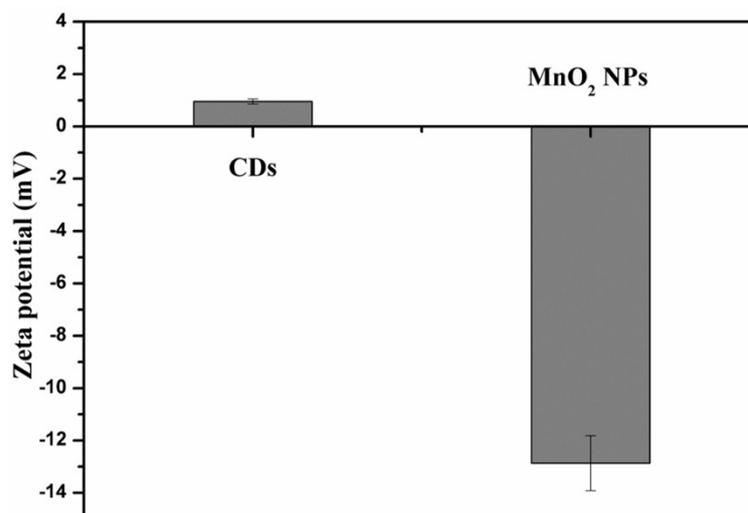


Fig. S5 Zeta potential of CDs and MnO<sub>2</sub> NPs, respectively.

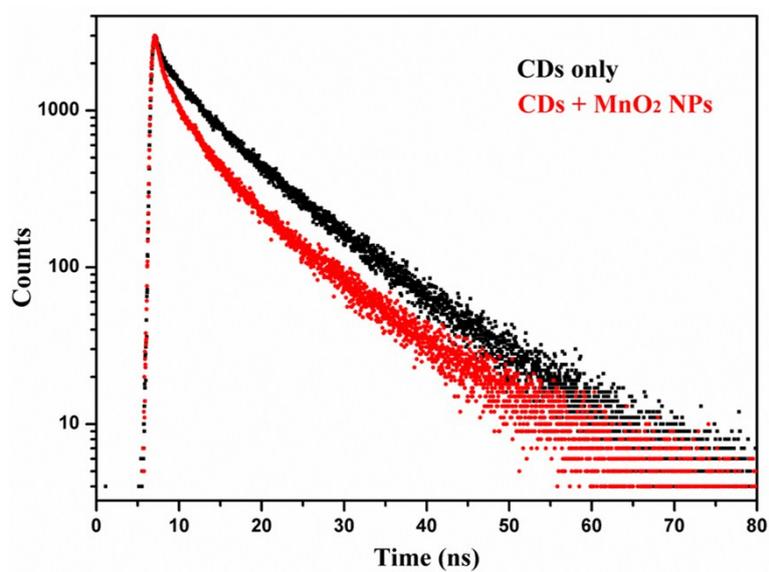
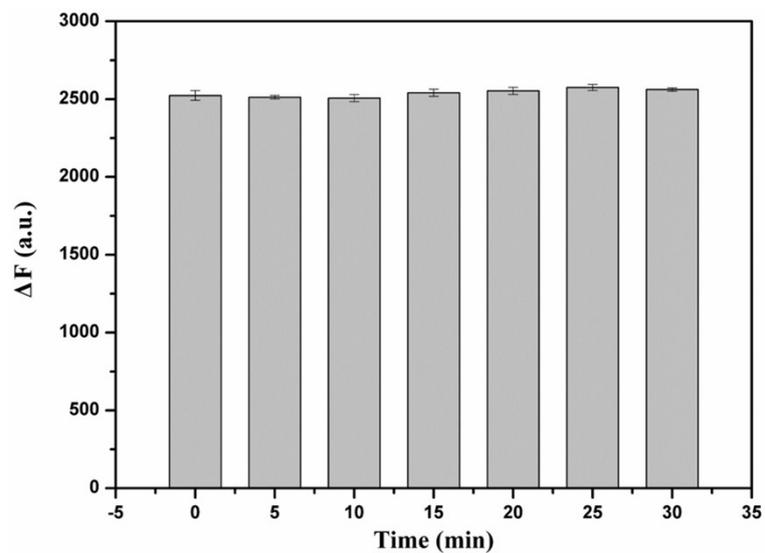
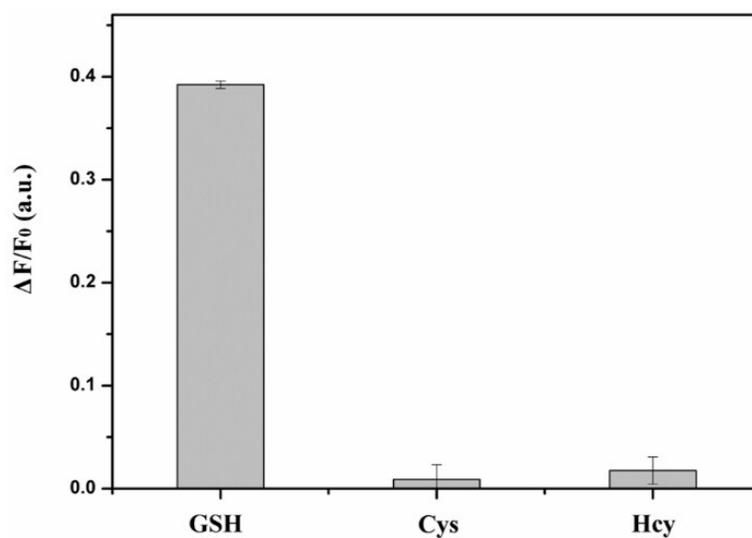


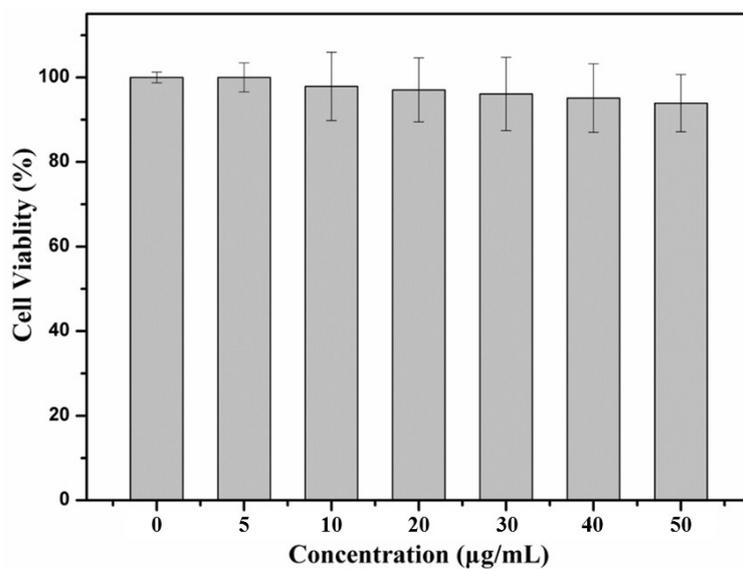
Fig. S6 Time-resolved fluorescence decay spectra at 450 nm from CDs only (black) and CDs+MnO<sub>2</sub> NPs (red).



**Fig. S7** Time dependent fluorescence quenching of CDs by MnO<sub>2</sub> NPs.



**Fig. S8** The effect of Cys and Hcy with low concentration (one thousandth of the one of GSH) on detection of GSH.



**Fig. S9** Viability of SMMC-7721 cells after being incubated with different concentrations of MnO<sub>2</sub> NPs-CDs for 24 h.

**Table S1** Parameters of multi-exponential fits to the fluorescence decay of CDs only and CDs+MnO<sub>2</sub> NPs.

Species	$\tau_1$ (ns)	$\tau_2$ (ns)	$\tau_3$ (ns)	$B_1$ (%)	$B_2$ (%)	$B_3$ (%)	$\chi^2$	$\tau_{ave}$ (ns)
CDs only	0.66	4.67	11.47	2.59	28.71	68.70	1.041	9.24
CDs+MnO <sub>2</sub> NPs	0.73	3.78	11.68	7.34	39.75	52.91	1.007	7.74