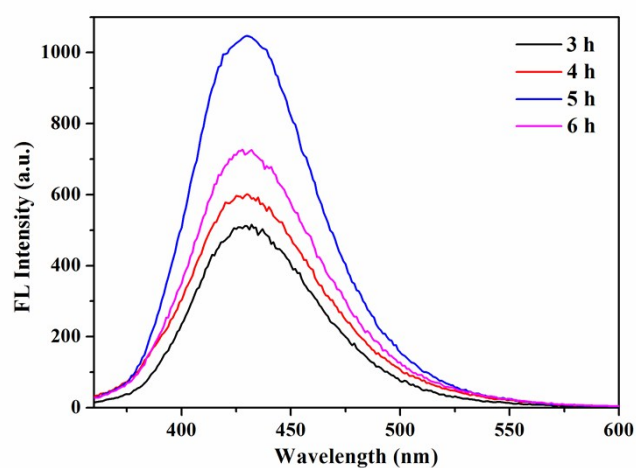


## Supplementary Material

### Hydrothermal synthesis of carbon quantum dots as fluorescent probe for sensitive and rapid detection of picric acid

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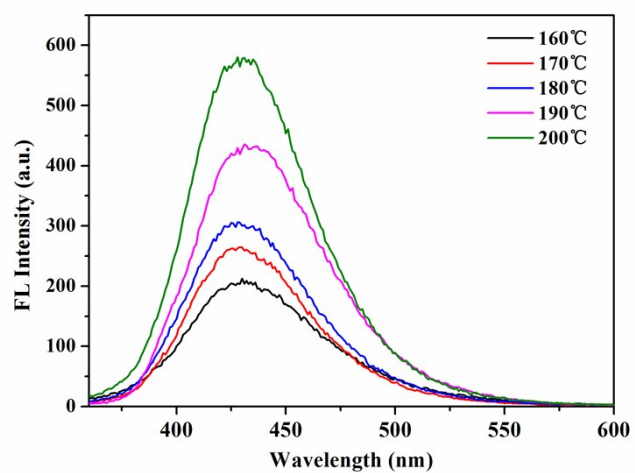


**Fig S1.** Fluorescence emission spectra of N-CDs with different reaction time.

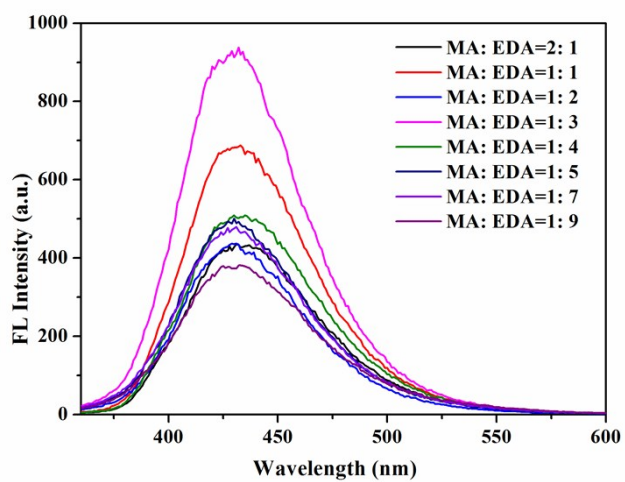
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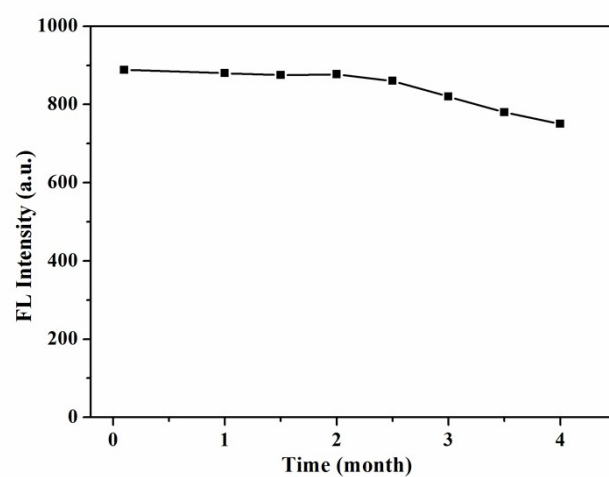
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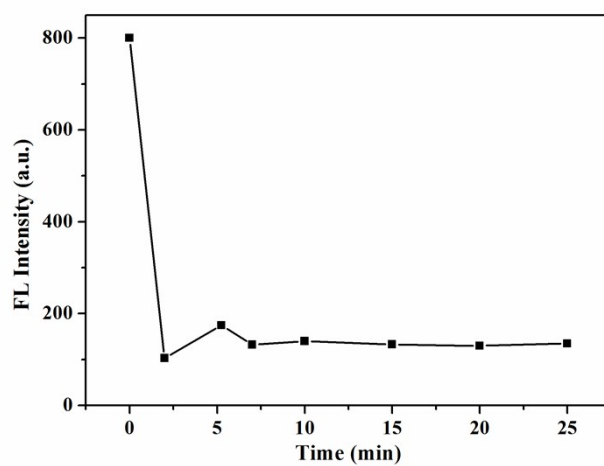
**Fig S2.** Fluorescence emission spectra of N-CDs with different temperature.



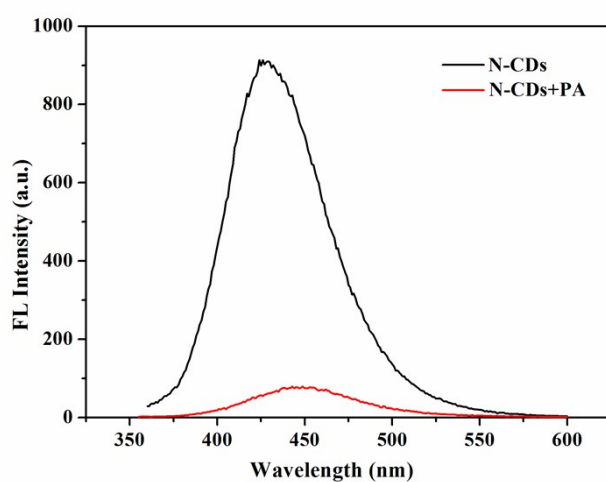
**Fig S3.** Fluorescence emission spectra of N-CDs with different ratio of mandelic acid with ethylenediamine.



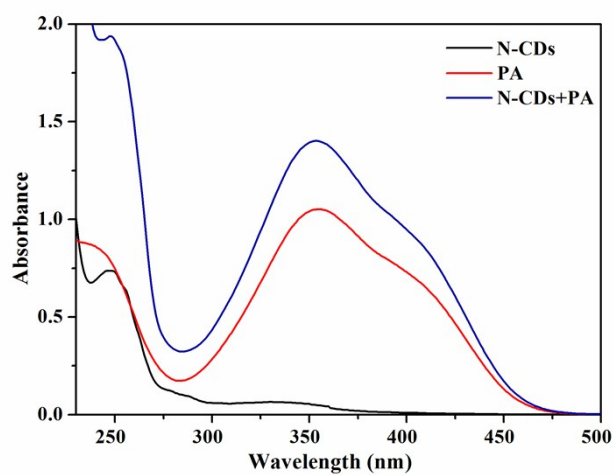
**Fig S4.** Effects of the storage time on the fluorescence intensity of the N-CDs at 429 nm.



**Fig S5.** The effect of reaction time.



**Fig S6.** Fluorescence emission spectra of N-CDs in the absence and present of PA, respectively.



**Fig S7.** UV-vis absorption spectra of N-CDs (black), PA (red), and N-CDs in the presence of PA (blue).

System	$\tau_1$ (ns)	Percentage (%)	$\tau_2$ (ns)	Percentage (%)	$\tau_3$ (ns)	Percentage (%)	$\tau_{avg}$ (ns)
N-CDs	10.62	19.06	0.09261	38.92	1.729	42.01	2.787
N-CDs+PA	2.554	61.76	0.082	12.4	1.0349	25.84	1.855

**Table S1.** The fluorescence lifetimes of N-CDs in the absence and presence of PA.