Facile synthesis of the nitrogen and sulfur co-doped carbon dots for multiple sensing capacities: Alkaline fluorescence enhancement effect, temperature sensing, and selective detection of Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions

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**Fig.S1.** (A) High angle annular dark field scanning transmission electron microscopy (HAADF-STEM) image and the corresponding EDAX elemental mapping of (B) carbon, (C) oxygen, (D) nitrogen, (E) sulphur and (F) EDAX spectrum.



Fig.S2. High-resolution XPS C1s and N1s spectra of the three selected C-dots samples. (A) C1 and (D) N1s spectra of the C-dots (1:0.5); (B) C1s and (E) N1s spectra of the C-dots (1:1); (C) C1s and (E) N1s spectra of the C-dots (1:2).



Fig. S3. Up-conversion emission spectra of C-dots under different excitation wavelengths.