

## High sensitive sensing of hydroquinone and catechol based on $\beta$ -cyclodextrin modified carbon dots

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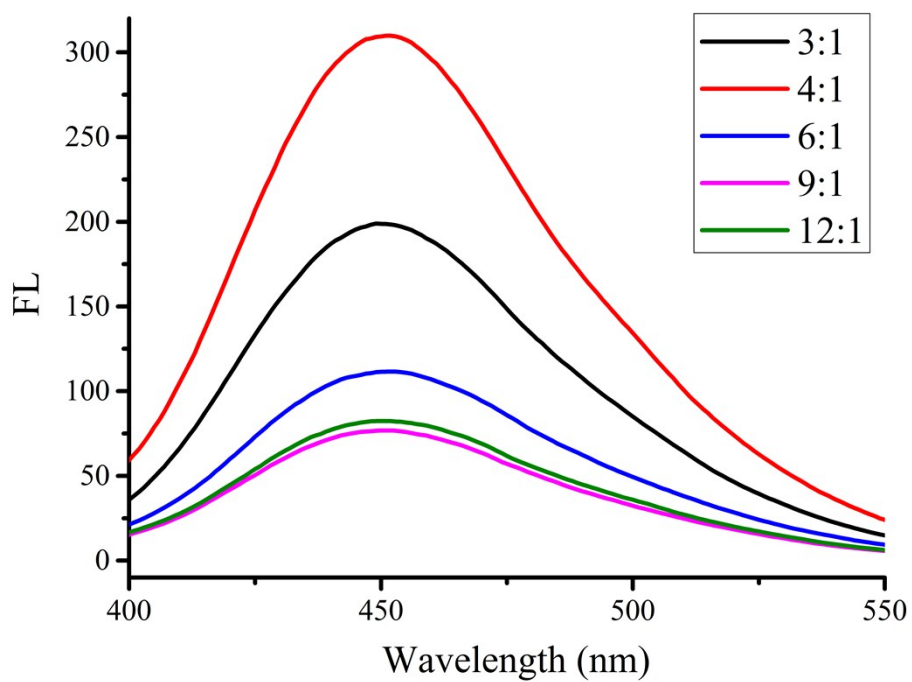
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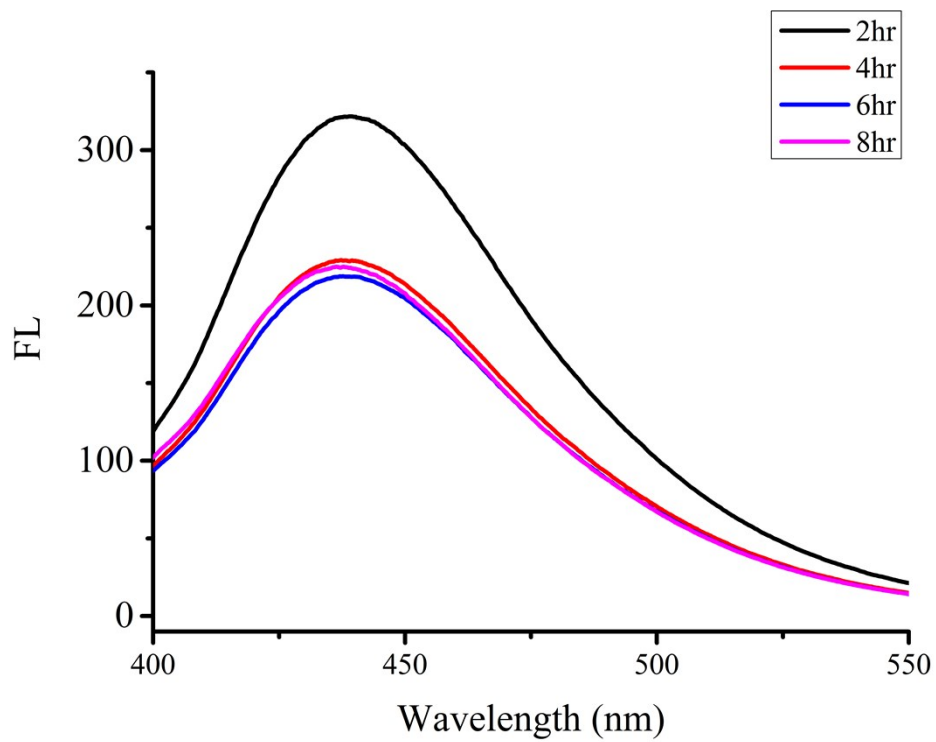
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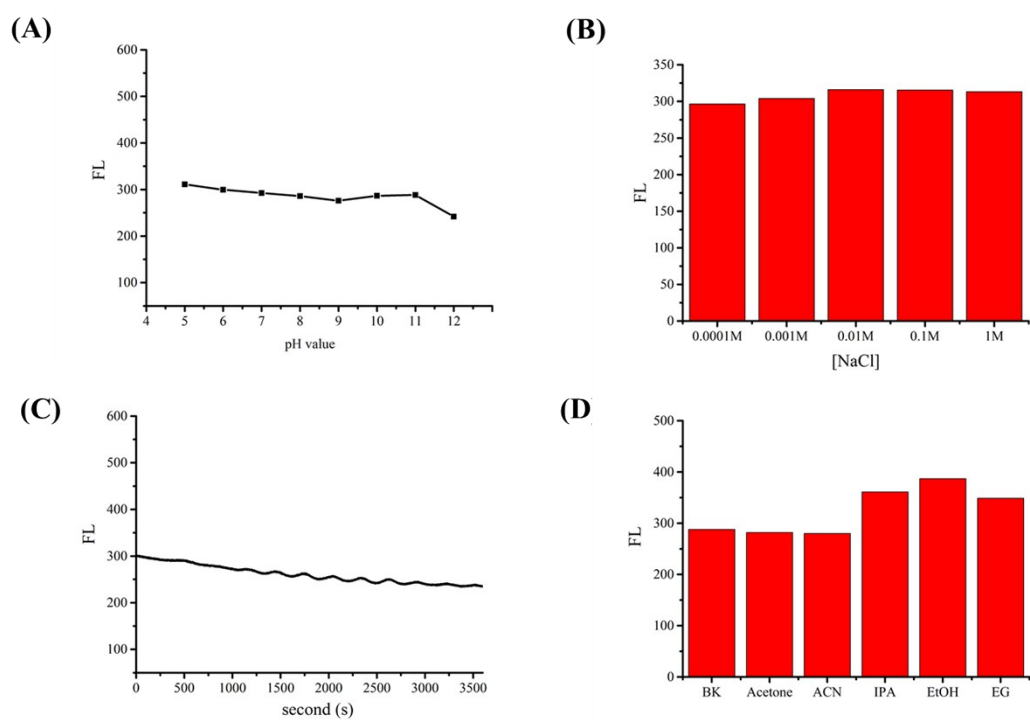
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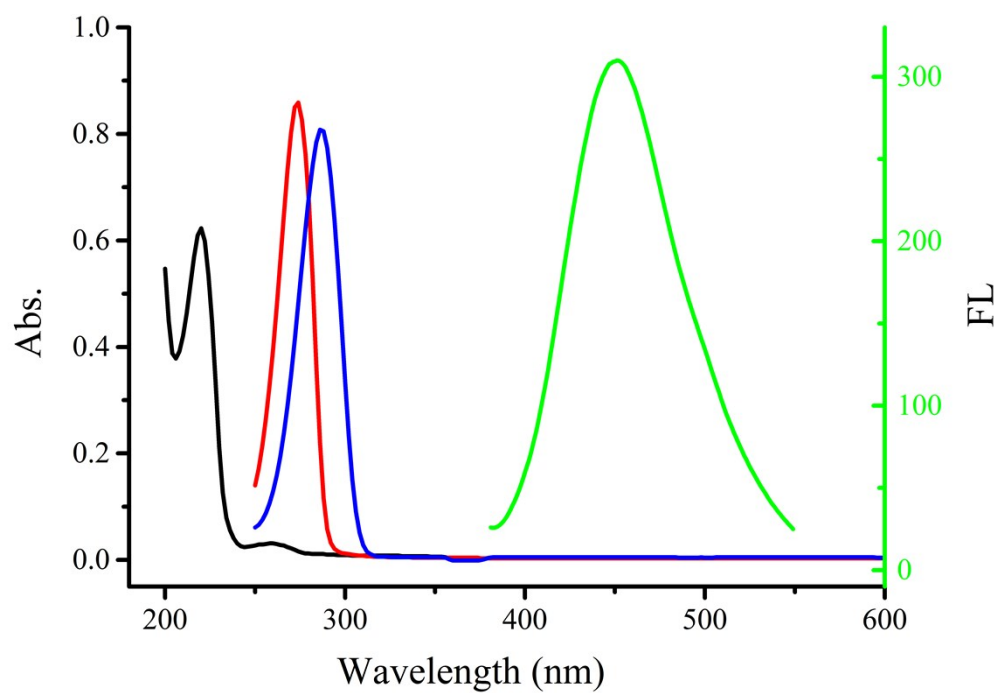
**Fig. S1.** Fluorescence spectra of C-dot and amono-6-OTs-β-CD mixed with the different ratio ( $[\text{mono-6-OTs-}\beta\text{-CD}]/[\text{C-dot}]$  v/v: (black) 3 : 1, (red) 4 : 1, (blue) 6 : 1, (pink) 9 : 1, (green) 12 : 1.



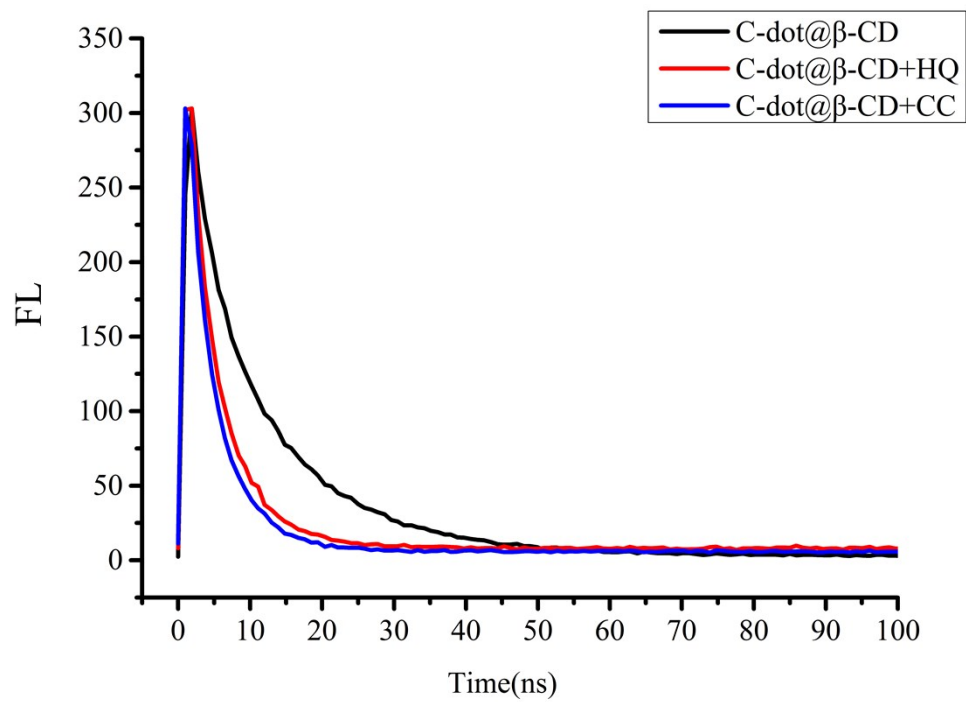
**Fig. S2.** Fluorescence spectra of the synthesized C-dot@ $\beta$ -CD at variety incubate time.



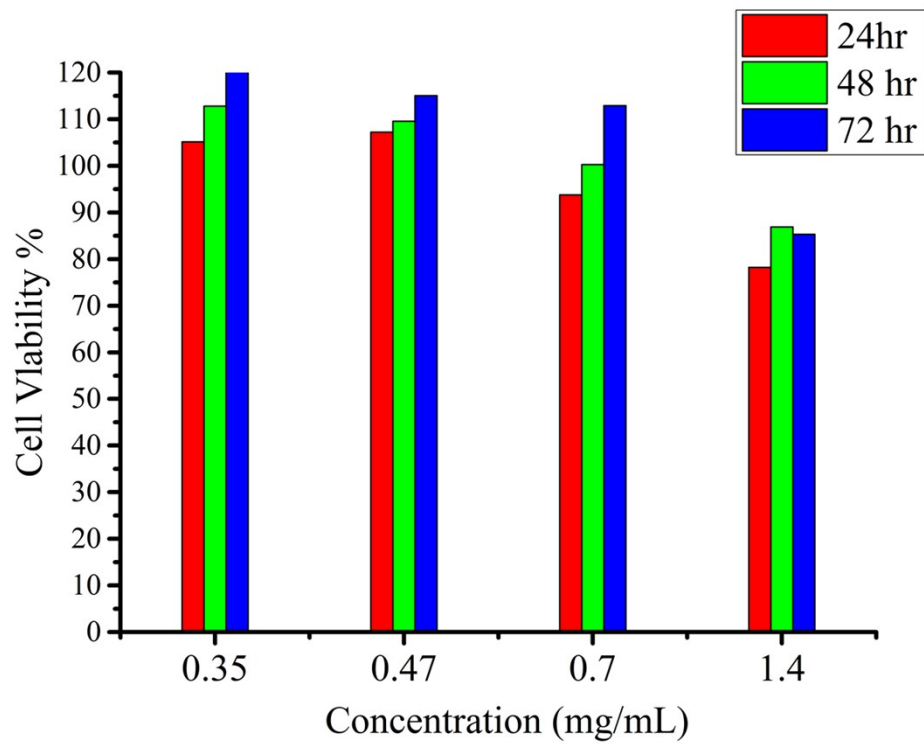
**Fig. S3.** (A) The stability of C-dot@ $\beta$ -CD at pH ranges from 5 to 12, (B) Stability of C-dot@ $\beta$ -CD in different concentrations of NaCl ranging from 0.1 mM to 1M, (C) Photostability of C-dot@ $\beta$ -CD, (D) Influence of different solvents (80% of total volume) on the fluorescence properties.



**Fig. S4.** UV-vis absorption of C-dot@ $\beta$ -CD(black), CC (red), HQ(blue) and C-dot@ $\beta$ -CD fluorescent emission(green).



**Fig. S5.** Time-resolved decay of C-dot@β-CD (black) with HQ (red), with CC(blue).



**Fig. S6.** Cell viability assay of human HeLa cells against C-dot@ $\beta$ -CD at arranged concentrations from 0.35-1.4 mg/mL.

TableS1. Time-resolved decay of C-dots in the absence and presence of catechol and hydroquinone

Sample	$\tau_1$ (ns)	Area (%)	$\tau_2$ (ns)	Area (%)	Average $\tau$ (ns)
C-dot@ $\beta$ -CD	13.65	64.08	3.38	35.92	9.96
C-dot@ $\beta$ -CD + CC	5.11	62.80	1.73	37.20	3.85
C-dot@ $\beta$ -CD + HQ	5.63	63.68	1.96	36.32	4.30