## Supporting Information

The one-step preparation of green-emissioned carbon dots based on the deactivator-reducing reagent synergistic effect and the study on their luminescence mechanism

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Fig. S1. Impacts of different amount of AA on the fluorescence intensity of CDs (AA-PEI).



Fig. S2. Impacts of different molecular weight of PEI on the fluorescence intensity of CDs (AA-



Fig. S3. Impacts of reaction temperature on the fluorescence intensity of CDs<sub>(AA-PEI)</sub>.



Fig. S4. Impacts of reaction time on the fluorescence intensity of CDs  $_{\rm (AA-PEI)}$  .



Fig. S5. Impacts of pH values on the fluorescence intensity of CDs  $_{(AA-PEI)}$  .



L- Ascorbic acid

L-Dehydro ascorbic acid L-Diketogulonic acid Fig. S6. The oxidation process of ascorbic acid.



Fig. S7. Impacts of different amount of PEI on the fluorescence intensity of CDs  $_{(AA-PEI-CA)}$ .



Fig. S8. Impacts of reaction time on the fluorescence intensity of CDs (AA-PEI-CA).



Fig. S9. IR spectra of  $CDs_{(AA-PEI-CA)}$ ,  $CDs_{(AA-PEI)}$  and  $CDs_{(PEI-CA)}$ .



Fig. S10. Fluorescence decay curves of CDs(AA-PEI-CA) and CDs(AA-PEI).