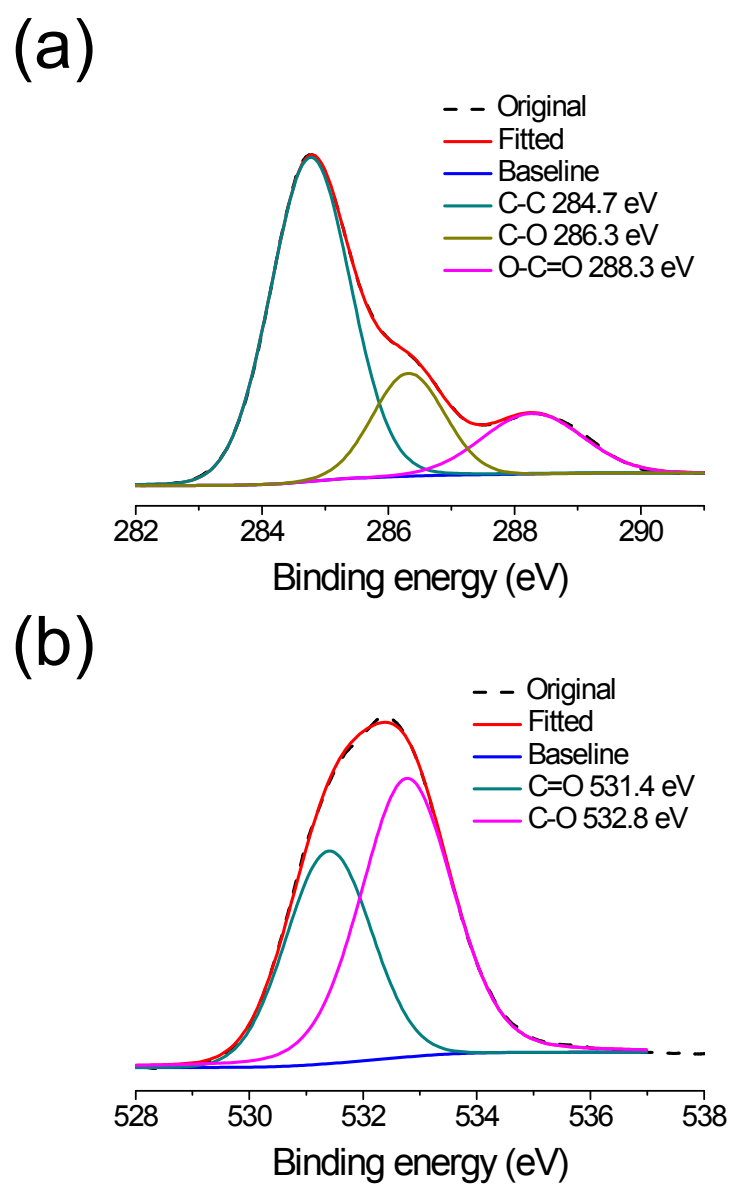


## Electronic Supporting Information

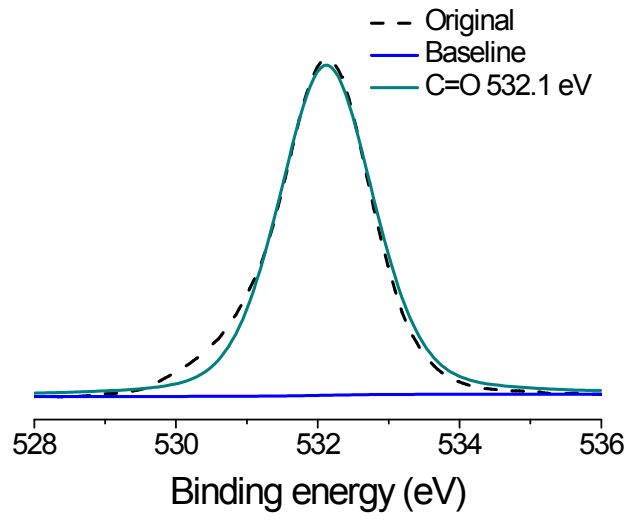
### CO<sub>2</sub>-Triggered Reversible Phase Transfer of Graphene Quantum Dots for Visible Light-Promoted Amines Oxidation

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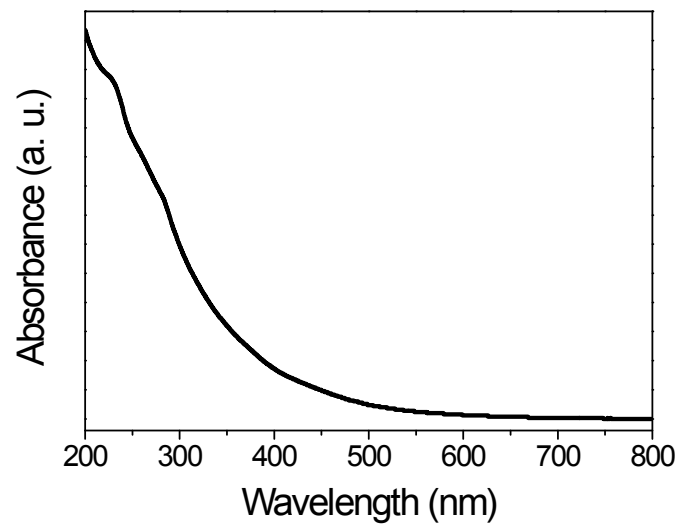
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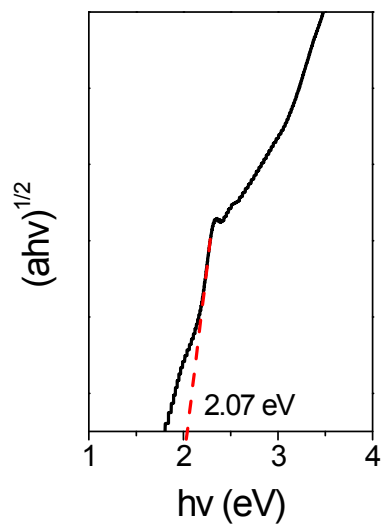
**Fig. S1** High-resolution C 1s (a) and O 1s (b) XPS spectra of GQD-COOH.



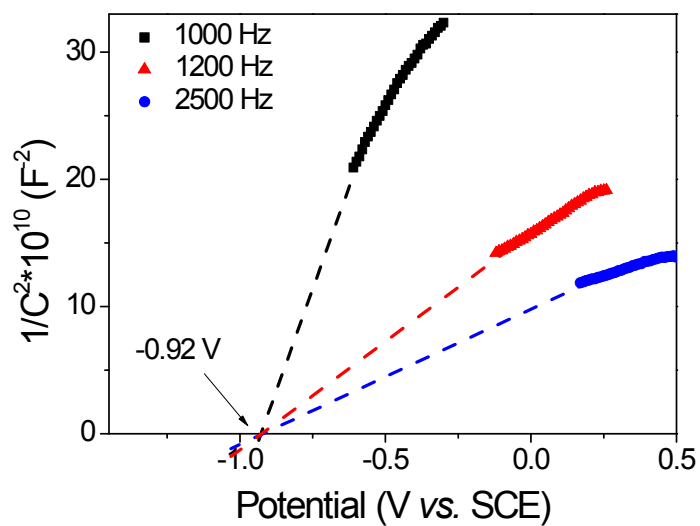
**Fig. S2** High-resolution O 1s (c) XPS spectra of GQD-DMA.



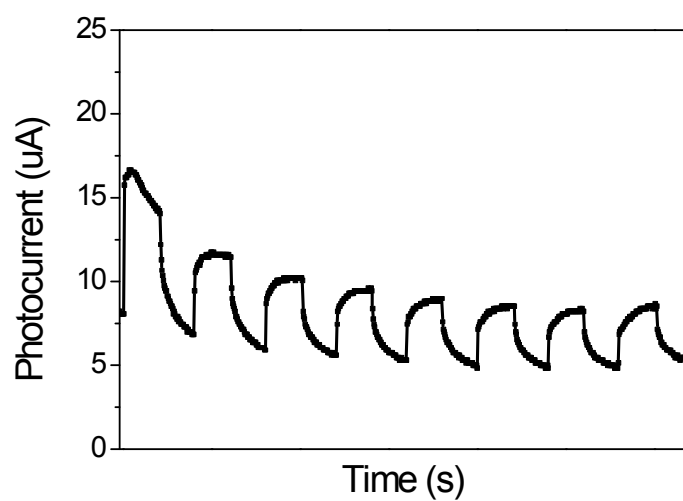
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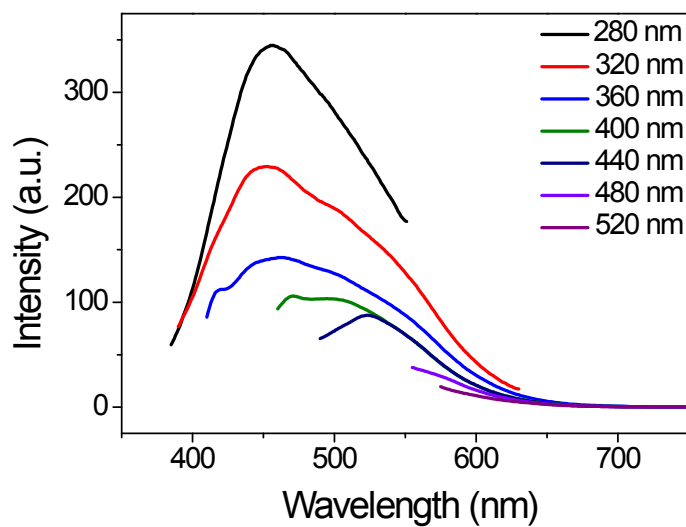
**Fig.S4** Kubelka–Munk plot of  $(\alpha E)^{1/2}$  against photon energy (E) for GQD-DMA.



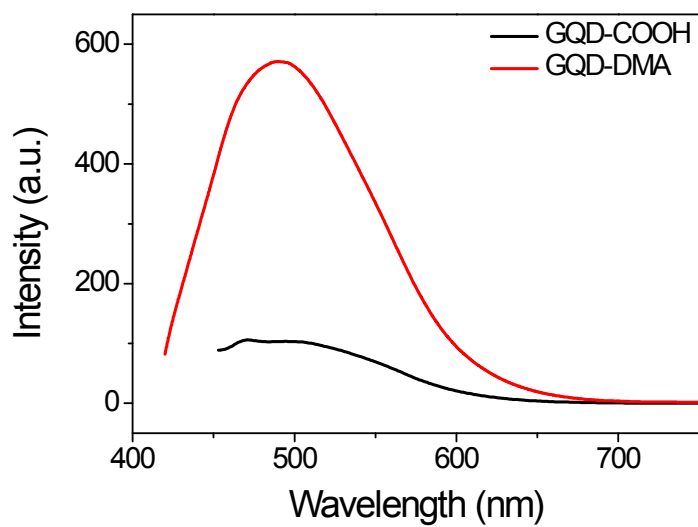
**Fig. S5** Mott-Schottky plots of GQD-DMA in acetonitrile.



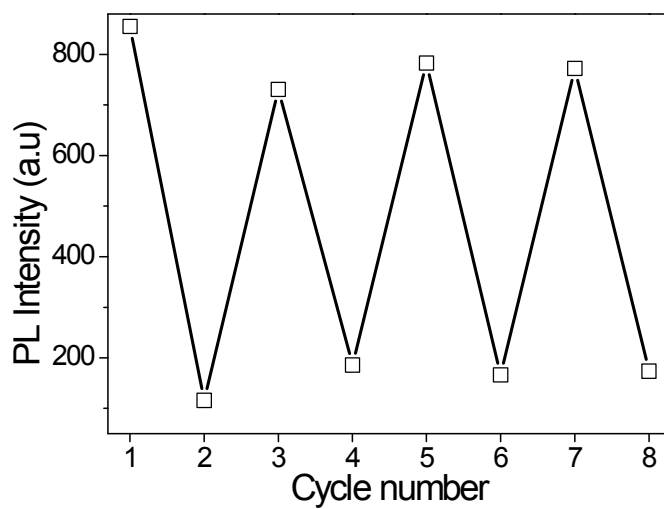
**Fig. S6** Photocurrent responses upon switching the light (blue LED,  $\lambda=420$  nm) on and off



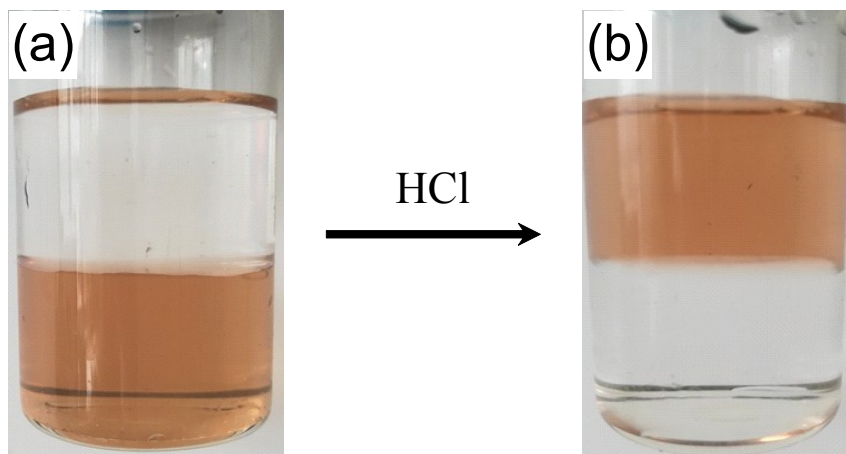
**Fig. S7** Steady-state fluorescence spectra of GQD-COOH under different excitation wavelength from 280 nm to 520 nm.



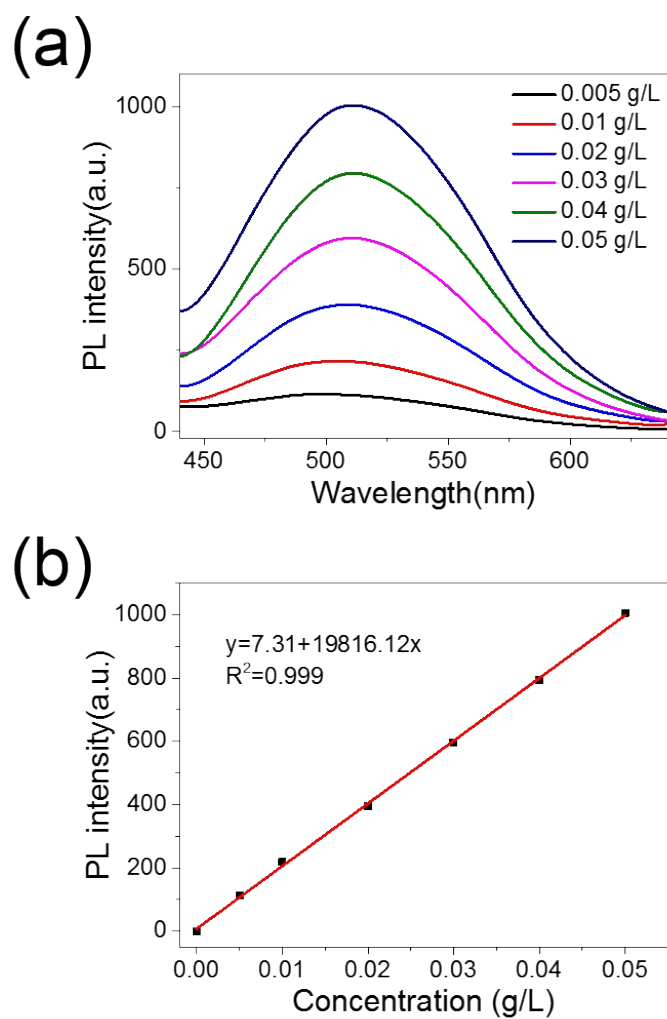
**Fig. S8** Steady-state fluorescence spectra of GQD-COOH and GQD-DMA excited at 400 nm.



**Fig. S9** Photoluminescence intensity change of GQD-DMA in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> phase by alternatively bubbling CO<sub>2</sub> and removal of CO<sub>2</sub>.

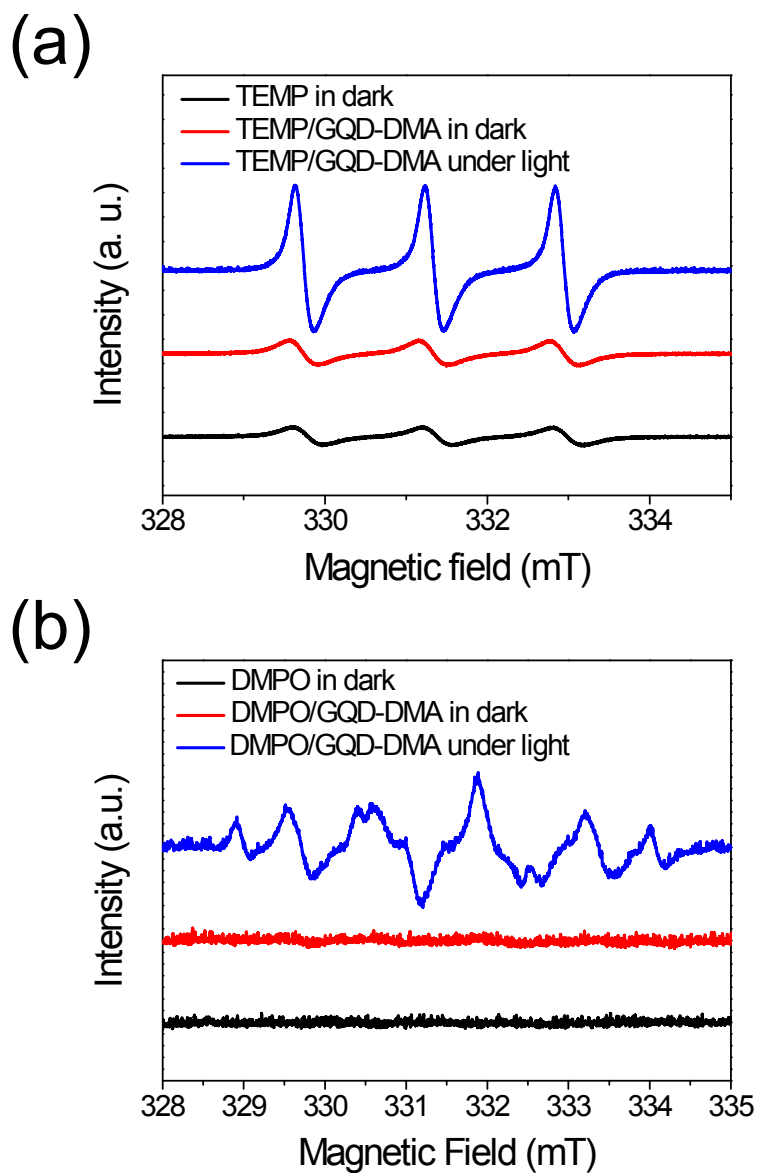


**Fig. S10** Photograph of GQD-DMA in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and water mixture taken under natural light before (a) and after (b) adding diluted HCl solution.

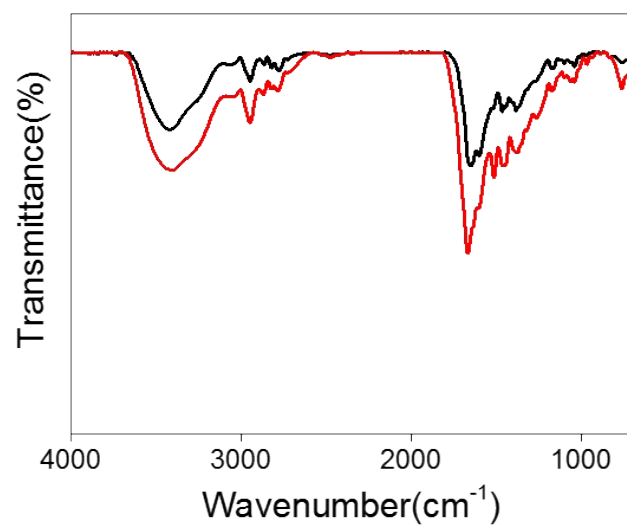


**Fig. S11** (a) Emission spectra of GQD-DMA with different concentration and (b) change of emission intensity as a function of the concentration of graphene quantum dot in dichloromethane. Excited at 420 nm.





**Fig. S12** EPR spectra of TEMP- $^1\text{O}_2$  (a) and DMPO- $\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$  adducts (b) using GQD-DMA as photocatalyst in dark and under light irradiation.



**Fig. S13** FTIR spectra of GQD-DMA before (black) and after (red) photocatalysis reaction.