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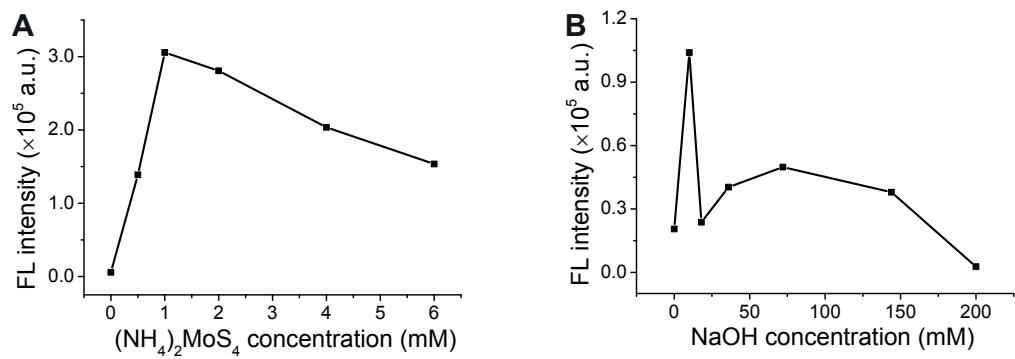
**MoS<sub>2</sub> quantum dots as a unique fluorescent “turn-off-on” probe for simple and rapid determination of adenosine triphosphate**

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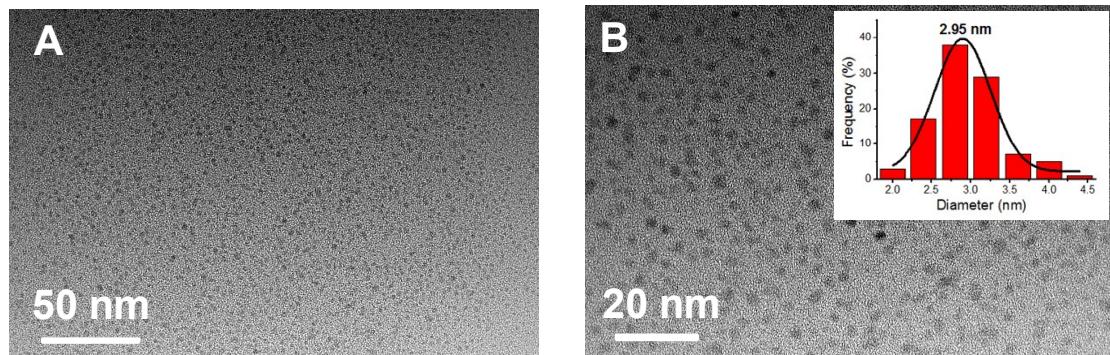
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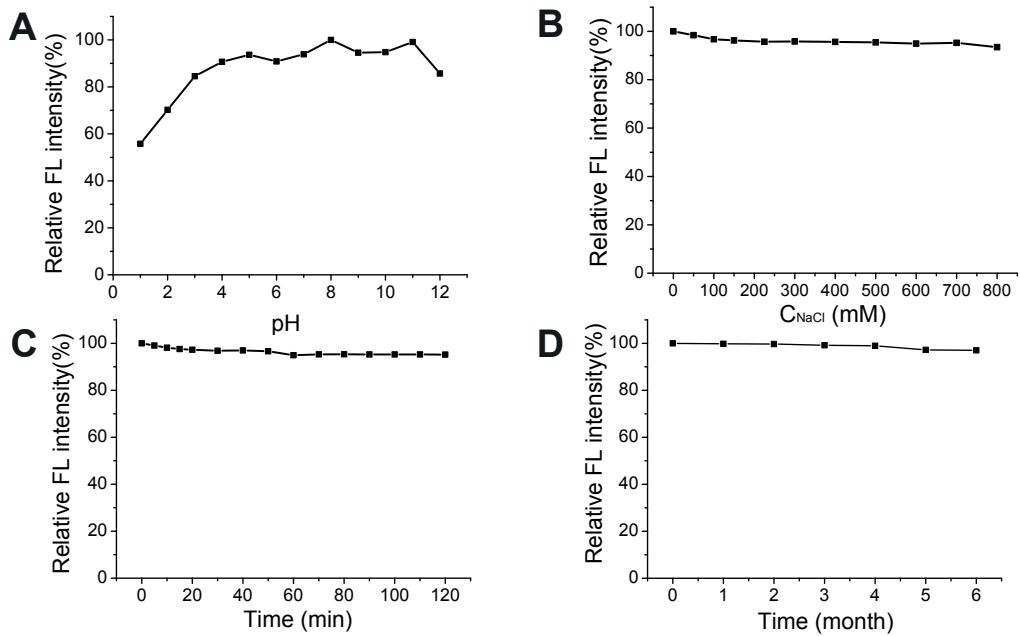
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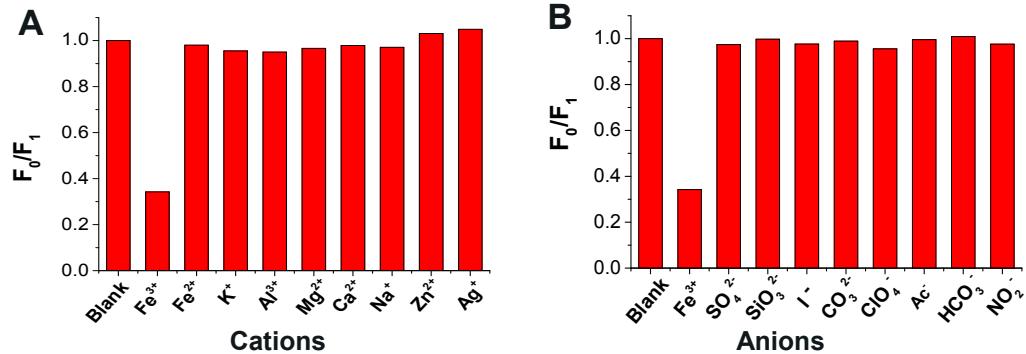
**Figure S1.** The fluorescence intensity of prepared MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs at 506 nm with excitation at 400 nm under different (A) (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>MoS<sub>4</sub>) concentration (0-6 mM) and (B) NaOH concentration (0-200 mM).



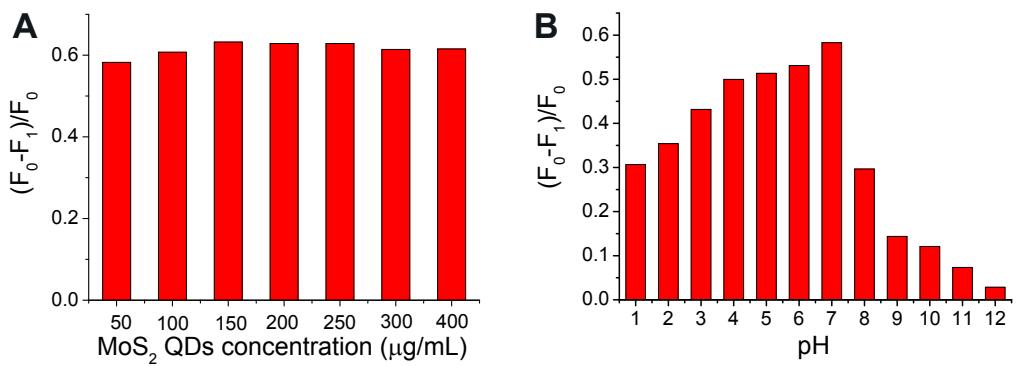
**Figure S2.** HRTEM images of MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs at a scale bar of (A) 50 nm and (B) 20 nm. Inset of B shows the particle size distributions of MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs.



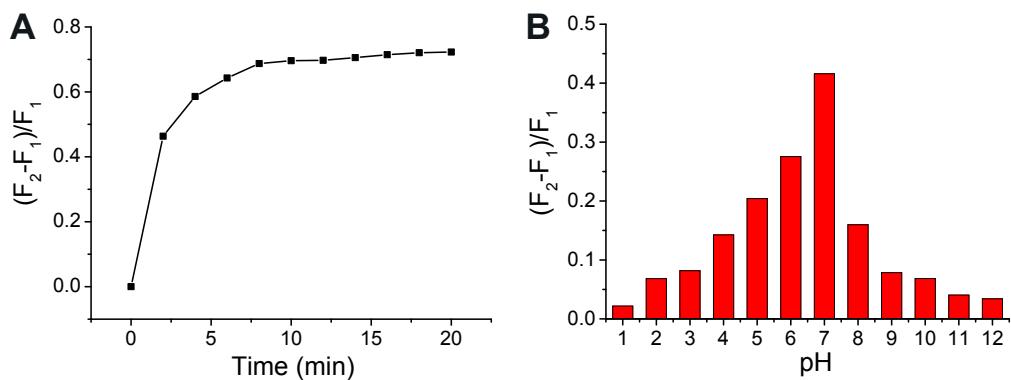
**Figure S3.** The stability of MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs under (A) different pH range (1-12), (B) different NaCl concentration (0-800 μM), (C) continuous UV light illumination (0-2 h), and (D) different storage time (0-6 month).



**Figure S4.** The quenching effect of different (A) cations and (B) anions toward MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs. The concentrations of Fe<sup>3+</sup> was 0.35 mM and other cations and anions were all 0.5 mM. The fluorescence intensities of MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs in the absence or presence of different interfering substances are denoted by F<sub>0</sub> and F<sub>1</sub>.



**Figure S5.** The effect of (A) MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs concentration and (B) pH on the fluorescence quenching of MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs in the presence of 0.35 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup>. The fluorescence intensities of MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs in the absence or presence of Fe<sup>3+</sup> are denoted by F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>0</sub>.



**Figure S6.** The influence of (A) reaction time and (B) reaction pH on the fluorescence restoration of MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs/Fe<sup>3+</sup> system by the addition of ATP. The fluorescence intensities of MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs/Fe<sup>3+</sup> in the absence or presence of (A) 90  $\mu\text{M}$  ATP, and (B) 30  $\mu\text{M}$  ATP are denoted by F<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>1</sub>.

**Table S1.** Comparison of performance of the new method with other reported fluorescent methods for detection of ATP.

Method	Probe	Detection limit ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Linear range	Detection condition	Ref.
FL	GO/MB	0.5	10 $\mu\text{M}$ to 3 mM	RT for 30 min	21
FL	CdTe QDs	2.07	5-50 $\mu\text{M}$	RT for 20 min	22
FL	NR	0.1	0.1-10 $\mu\text{M}$	/	23
FL	SNC	0.033	0.1-10 $\mu\text{M}$	RT for 30 min	24
FL	G-Q	0.14	0.5-50 $\mu\text{M}$	(1) 20°C for 70 min (2) 40°C for 5 min	25
FL	Ag@SiO <sub>2</sub>	8	0-500 $\mu\text{M}$	45°C for 30 min	26
FL	SNC	0.0916	1.0-7.0 $\mu\text{M}$	(1) RT for 2 h (2) 4°C for 30 min	27
FL	GNC	28	50-100 $\mu\text{M}$	RT for 15 min	28
FL	MoS <sub>2</sub> QDs	5 (lowest detectable concentration)	0-140 $\mu\text{M}$	RT for 10 min	This work

\*Abbreviation: Graphene Oxide (GO), Naphthalimide-rhodamine compound (NR), Silver nanoclusters (SNC), G-quadruplex (G-Q), gold nanoclusters (GNC), carbon nanoparticles (CNP)

**Table S2.** The maximum fluorescence excitation and emission wavelength as well as sensing models of other reported MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs.

Sensing model	Excitation		Emission	Ref.
	wavelength (nm)	wavelength (nm)		
Turn-on	400	480		1
Turn-off/Turn-on	360	428		2
Turn-off-on	315	412		3
Turn-off-on	360	440		4
Turn-off	375	450		5
Turn-off	267	380		6
Turn-off	315	412		7
/	370	461		8
Turn-on	330	410		9
Turn-off	340	425		10
Turn-off	340	423		11
Turn-off	308	402		12
Turn-off-on	330	400		13
Turn-off	360	454		14
/	460	530		15
/	560	594		16
/	440	510		17
Turn-on	310	418		18
/	340	410		19

Turn-on	300	410	20
Turn-off-on	400	506	This work

**Table S3.** Effect of co-existing substances on the FL intensity of MoS<sub>2</sub> QDs/Fe<sup>3+</sup> with 100 μM ATP.

Coexisting substances	Concentration (μM)	Change of the fluorescence intensity (%)	Coexisting substances	Concentration (μM)	Change of the fluorescence intensity (%)
K <sup>+</sup>	500	3.9	Asparagine	100	2.5
Na <sup>+</sup>	500	1.9	Glutamine	100	2.4
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	500	4.0	Isoleucine	100	1.8
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	500	2.8	Alanine	100	1.5
Al <sup>3+</sup>	500	1.9	Proline	100	1.0
Ag <sup>+</sup>	500	3.8	Serine	100	3.1
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	500	4.6	Aspartic acid	100	2.5
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	500	3.5	Leucine	100	2.3
SiO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	500	3.7	Tyrosine	100	1.0
CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	500	4.0	Methionine	100	1.3
ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	500	4.8	Histidine	100	0.9
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	500	3.4	Cystine	100	2.1
NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	500	3.5	Valine	100	1.8
Ac <sup>-</sup>	500	4.5	Tyrosine	100	2.4
AA	500	1.0	Phenylalanine	100	1.5
GSH	500	3.5	Lysine	100	3.7
Glucose	500	3.0	Glutamic acid	100	1.8
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	500	2.5	Threonine	100	2.0
Arginine	100	1.9	Glycine	100	3.5

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