Electronic Supplementary Information

One-step Hydrothermal Synthesis of Nitrogen-doped Carbon Dots as a Super Selective and Sensitive Probe for Sensing of

Metronidazole in Multiple samples

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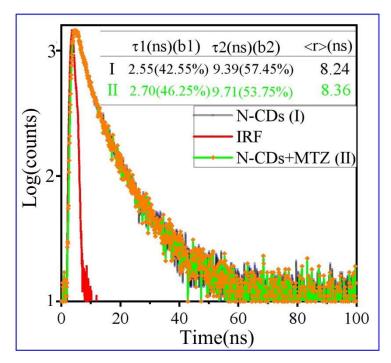


Fig. S1 Time-resolved decays of the N-CDs (blue dots and gray line) and N-CDs + MTZ (orange dots and green line) in aqueous solution.

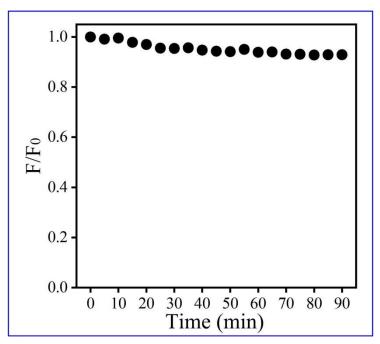


Fig. S2 Time effect on the stability of the N-CDs under irradiation by 365 nm UV for 90 min.

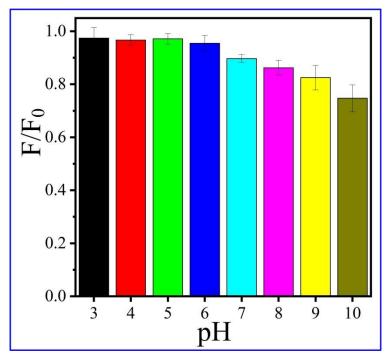


Fig. S3 The pH stability of the N-CDs.

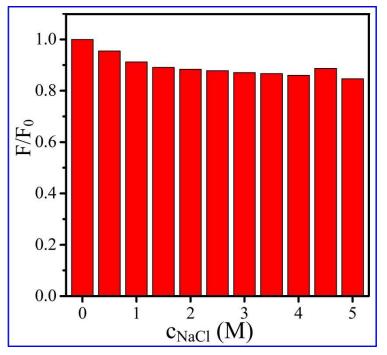


Fig. S4 The salt stability of the N-CDs.

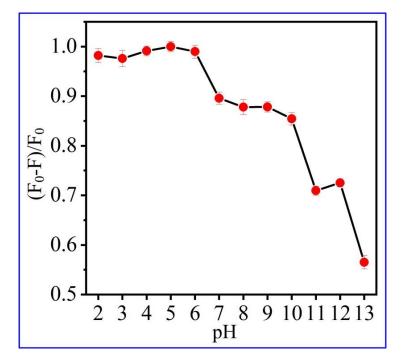


Fig. S5 Fluorescence response of the N-CDs to MTZ at different pH values.

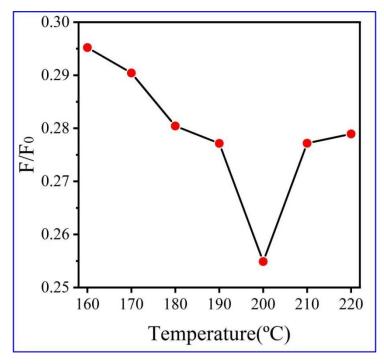


Fig. S6 Dependency of fluorescence response of the N-CDs to MTZ on synthetic temperature.

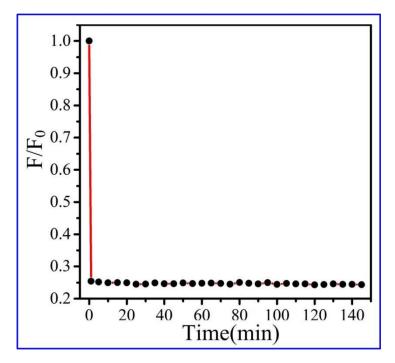


Fig. S7 Time-dependent fluorescence intensity ratio of the N-CDs with the addition of MTZ at room temperature ([MTZ] = $500 \ \mu$ M).

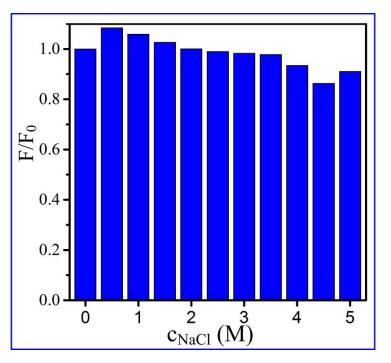


Fig. S8 The salt stability of N-CDs upon the addition of MTZ.