

## *Electronic Supplementary Information*

### **Green and facile synthesis of silicon doped carbon dots with their use in detection for Hg<sup>2+</sup> and visualization of latent fingerprints**

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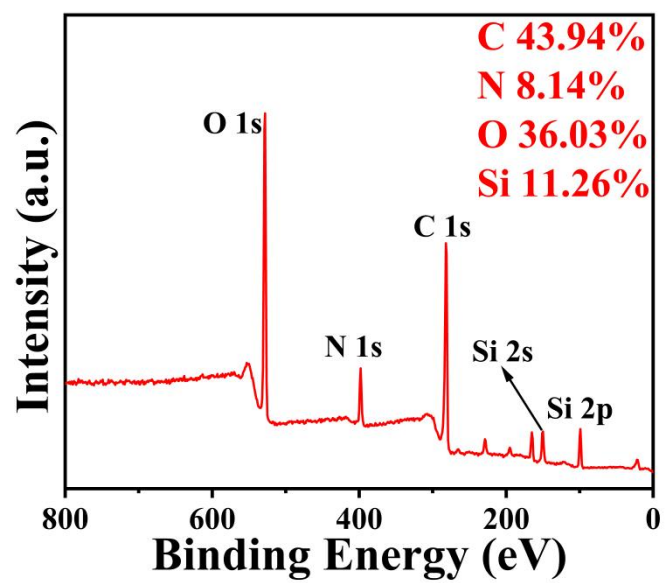
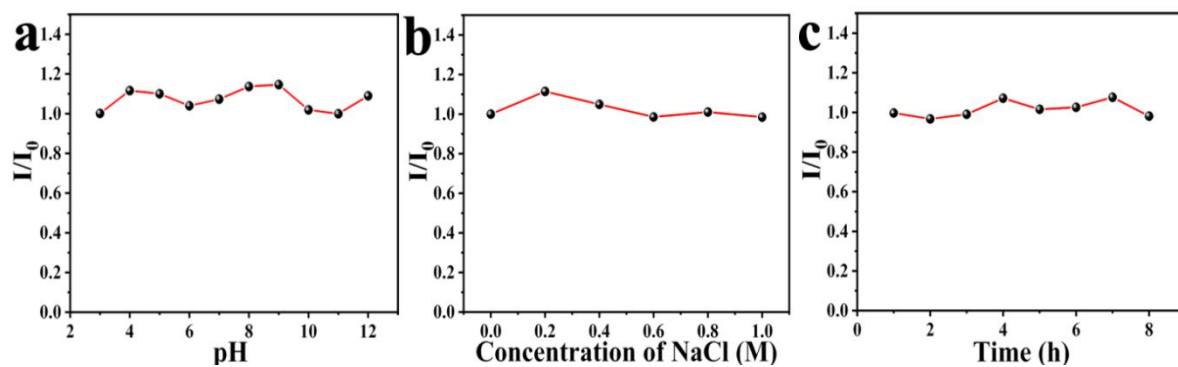
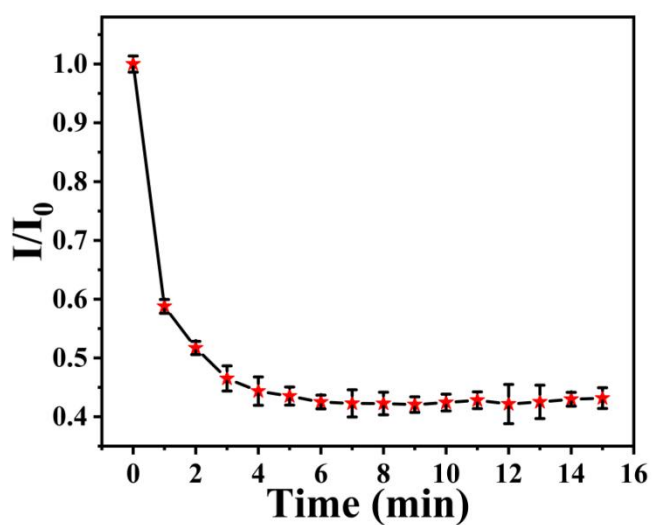


Fig. S1 Full survey XPS spectra of the Si-CDs.



**Fig. S2** Fluorescence intensity ratio  $I/I_0$  of the Si-CDs under (a) different pH, (b) different salinity conditions, (c) different storage times.



**Fig. S3** Fluorescence intensity ratio ( $I/I_0$ ) of Si-CDs at different incubating time from 0-15 min in the presence of  $Hg^{2+}$  (100  $\mu M$ ).

**Table S1** Comparison of different sensors for Hg<sup>2+</sup> detection.

<b>Material</b>	<b>Linear range (<math>\mu\text{M}</math>)</b>	<b>LOD (nM)</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Ag-S-gCN QDs	0.1-0.6	13	58
N, S-CDs	1.0-75.0	500	59
N-CQDs	0-18	83.5	60
La-CQDs	0.5 -40	100	61
Bis-hydrazone	0-5	102.5	62
Pyrazoline derivative	20-200	14540	63
Silicon nanocrystals	0.05-1	50	64
Si-CDs	0.008-0.4	33	This work