

## Supplementary Information

### ***p*-Phenylenediamine derived carbon nanodots for probing solvent interactions**

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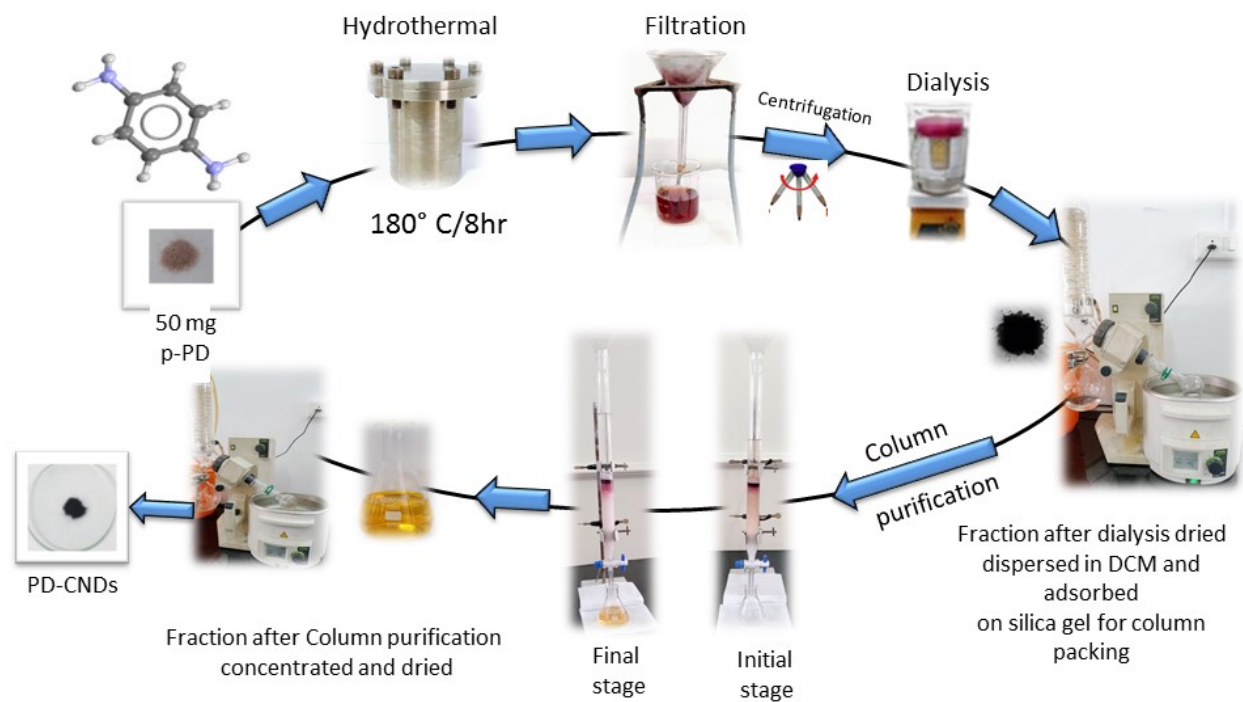
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**Table S1** Fluorescence emission maximum of PD-CNDs,  $\lambda_{\max}(\text{em})$  in different primary alcohols and the dielectric constant values of respective primary alcohols.

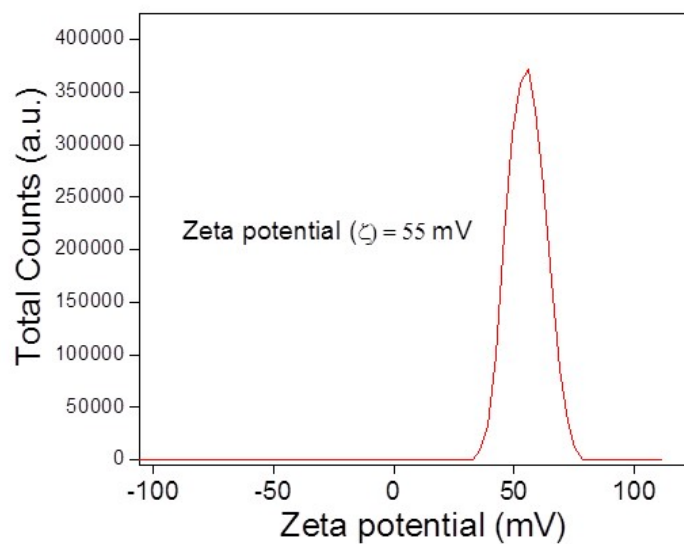
Sl. No.	Name	$\lambda_{\max}(\text{em})$ (nm)	Dielectric Constant ( $\epsilon$ )
1	Methanol	606.16	32.60
2	Ethanol	596.68	24.55
3	1-Propanol	592.89	20.10
4	1-Butanol	593.10	17.80
5	1-Pentanol	590.2	15.30
6	1-Hexanol	591.46	13.03
7	1-Heptanol	590.54	11.75

**Table S2** The methanol content (%), fluorescence emission maximum of PD-CNDs,  $\lambda_{\max}(\text{em})$  and dielectric constant of methanol-1,4-dioxane mixture.

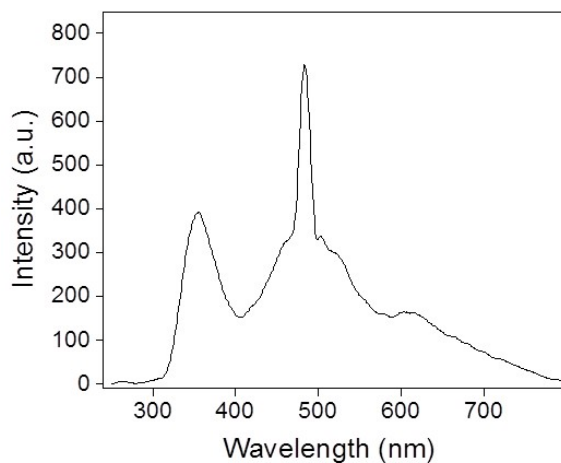
Sl. No.	Methanol Content (%)	$\lambda_{\max}(\text{em})$ (nm)	Dielectric Constant ( $\epsilon$ )
1	0	565.00	2.209
2	10	584.07	3.500
3	20	588.44	5.215
4	30	594.5	7.622
5	40	597.52	10.408
6	50	599.65	13.560
7	60	600.57	16.945
8	70	601.77	20.672
9	80	603.59	24.440
10	90	605.41	28.516
11	100	606.00	32.634



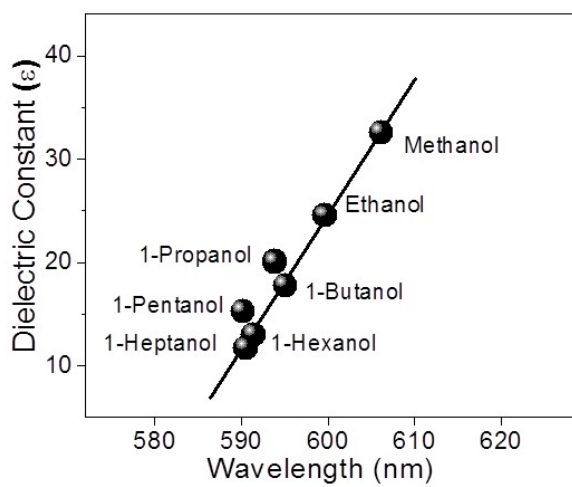
**Fig. S1** Schematic representation of PD-CNDs synthesis.



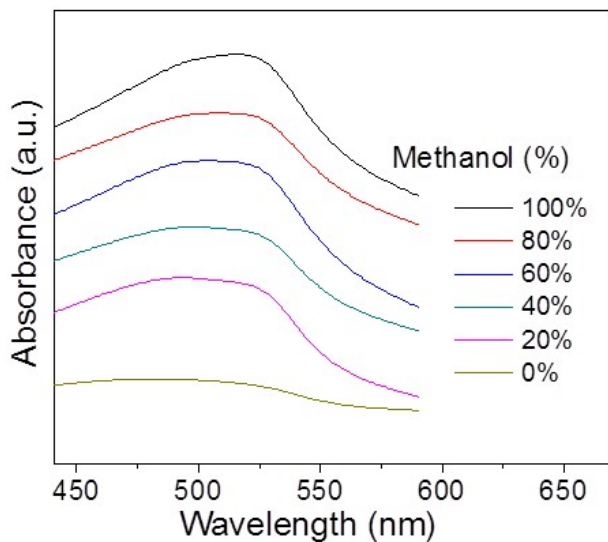
**Fig. S2** Zeta potential analysis of PD-CNDs.



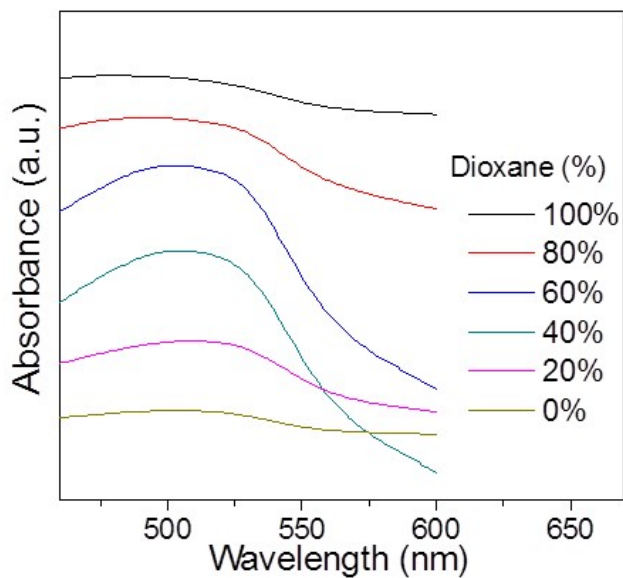
**Fig. S3** Fluorescence emission spectrum of PD-CNDs dispersion in water at an excitation of 240 nm.



**Fig. S4** Plot of fluorescence emission maximum values of PD-CNDs dispersions in *n*-alcohols versus dielectric constant ( $\epsilon$ ).



**Fig. S5** UV-visible absorption spectra of PD-CNDs dispersions in methanol-1,4-dioxane mixtures.



**Fig. S6** UV-visible absorption spectra of PD-CNDs dispersions in 1,4-dioxane-water mixtures.