Supplementary Data

A novel photocatalytic carbon dots: efficiently inhibiting amyloid aggregation and quickly disaggregating amyloid

aggregates

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Figure S1. (a) TEM image of CNDs after irradiation. (b) FTIR spectrum of CNDs after irradiation.



Figure S2. DPBF was used to detect the generation of singlet oxygen of CNDs with different concentrations under 580 nm irradiation. (a) 3 μ g/mL (b) 6 μ g/mL (c) 12 μ g/mL and (d) 24 μ g/mL.



Figure S3. Lysozyme fibrosis process. (a-b) ThT fluorescence assay to quantify the aggregation of lysozyme. (c) CD spectrum of lysozyme incubated for 24 h. (d) AFM images of lysozyme fibrils samples cultured at various time.



Figure S4. Inhibition of the lysozyme fibrillation process by CNDs. (a) ThT kinetic aggregation profiles to quantify the inhibition of lysozyme in the presence of CNDs at different concentrations. (b) The corresponding inhibition efficiencies of CNDs for lysozyme fibrillation. (c) CD spectra of lysozyme in the presence of CNDs at different concentrations after 48h incubation. (d) The corresponding size distribution of TEM results, dashed lines represent medians. (e) TEM images of lysozyme co-incubated in the presence of different concentration CNDs for 48 h. (****, p < 0.0001).



Figure S5. Effects of laser alone on lysozyme aggregation and disaggregation. (a) ThT fluorescence to quantify the fibrosis of lysozyme with laser alone. (b) TEM images of lysozyme. (c) ThT fluorescence to quantify the disaggregation of lysozyme with laser alone. (d) TEM images of lysozyme aggregates.



Figure S6. Inhibition effect of 1 μ g/mL CNDs on lysozyme. (a) ThT kinetic aggregation profiles to quantify the inhibition of lysozyme in the presence of CNDs at 1 μ g/mL. (b) The corresponding size distribution of TEM results, dashed lines represent medians. (c) TEM images of lysozyme co-incubated in the presence of 1 μ g/mL CNDs for 48 h.



Figure S7. Inhibition effect of high concentration CNDs on lysozyme. (a) ThT kinetic aggregation profiles to quantify the inhibition of lysozyme in the presence of CNDs at 25 μ g/mL. (b) ThT kinetic aggregation profiles to quantify the inhibition of lysozyme in the presence of CNDs at 50 μ g/mL. (c) TEM images of lysozyme co-incubated in the presence of 25 μ g/mL or 50 μ g/mL CNDs for 48 h.



Figure S8. Disaggregation of the lysozyme aggregates by CNDs without irradiation. (a) ThT kinetic aggregation profiles to quantify the disaggregation of lysozyme in the presence of CNDs at different concentrations. (b) The corresponding disaggregation efficiencies of CNDs. (c) The corresponding size distribution of TEM results, dashed lines represent medians. (d) TEM images of lysozyme aggregates co-incubated in the presence of different concentration CNDs for 48 h. (****, p < 0.0001).



Figure S9. Disaggregation effect of high concentration CNDs. (a) 10 μ g/mL (b) 25 μ g/mL and (c) 50 μ g/mL CNDs co-incubated with 1.25 mg/mL lysozyme aggregates.



Figure S10. Long-term inhibition of A β 42 aggregation and acceleration of A β 42 aggregate disaggregation by 10 µg/mL CNDs.