

Rational Design of Near-Infrared Carbon Dots as Polarity-Sensitive Fluorescent Probe and Imaging of Lipid Droplet

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1. Experimental Section

1.1. General methods

The fluorescent spectra were performed on the Horiba FluoroMax-4 fluorescence spectrophotometer. Absorbance spectra were recorded on the Hitachi U-2900 spectrophotometer. Fluorescent decays were obtained on an Edinburgh FLSP920 steady/transient fluorescence spectrometer. Transmission electron microscope images were performed from a JEM-1400 Flash analyzer. Raman spectra were measured with ThermoFisher DXR 2 spectroscopy. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy spectra were conducted on a ULVAC-PHI PHI5000VersaProbeIII spectrophotometer with the excitation source of Al Ka. X-Ray powder diffraction spectroscopy analyses were recorded on the Bruker D8 Advance analyzer. IR spectra were performed on a Bruker Tensor 27 spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova-400 MHz spectrometer (at 400 MHz for ^1H) with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Bioimaging of the sensors were conducted on an Olympus FV1000 confocal microscope and the excitation wavelength was set as 408 nm. The cell viability was determined at 405 nm absorbance using an ELx800 Absorbance Reader (BioTek Instruments, Inc.). Xe lamp irradiation was performed by the CEL-HXF300-T3 Xenon lamp source system with the light intensity of 1500 mW/cm^2 .

2,7-dihydroxynaphthalene, benzoic acid and selenomethionine (Se-Met) were obtained from *Inno-Chem Co., LTD.* (Beijing, China). All other reagents, including various metallic compounds were purchased from *Daosheng Biochemical Science and Trade Co., LTD* (Xi'an, China). Organic reagents and solutions were purchased from

Zhiyuan and Tianli Co., LTD (Tianjin, China). All chemicals are of analytical grade and used without further purification.

1.2. Synthesis of the CDs

0.5 g of benzoic acid, 0.4 g of 2,7-dihydroxynaphthalene and 0.6 g of Se-Met were added into a mixture solution of 10 mL of dimethylformamide (DMF) and 10 mL of deionized water. The mixture was then sonicated for 10 min until completely dissolved and was put into a 50 mL polyethylene Teflon-lined autoclave and heated at 180 °C for 6 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solution was centrifuged at 10000 rpm for 5 min, and the supernatant was filtered through a 0.2 mm microporous filter membrane to obtain the filtrate. The filtrate was then washed for several times with saturated salt solution and dialyzed against ultrapure water (1000 Da, molecular weight cutoff) for 24 h to remove unreacted micromolecule reagents. The final product was freeze-dried under vacuum to obtain a solid sample, which is stored in a refrigerator at 0 °C for future use.

1.3 Fluorescence detection of polarity

1.3.1 Polarity sensitivity in different solutions

Stock solution of the CDs was prepared in DMF at the concentration of 100 mg·L⁻¹. To inspect the polarity selectivity, 0.10 mL of the stock solution was added to the 10.00 mL volumetric flask and then diluted to the mark with different reagents including: cyclohexane (CYH), 1,4-dioxolane (DOX), ethyl acetate (EA), tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (DCM), dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO), acetone (AC), , ethanol (EtOH), methanol (MeOH), DMF and H₂O. The absorbance and

fluorescent spectra were then recorded.

1.3.2 Polarity sensitivity in different ratios of DOX-H₂O solutions

Stock solution of the CDs was prepared in DMF at the concentration of 100 mg·L⁻¹. To inspect the polarity selectivity, 0.10 mL of the stock solution was added to the 10.00 mL volumetric flask and then diluted to the mark with different ratios of DOX-H₂O solutions in which the containing of H₂O varies from 0% to 99%. The absorbance and fluorescent spectra were then recorded.

1.4 Biological imaging in living cells

1.4.1 Cytotoxicity testing of the CDs.

HeLa cells were cultured in 96-well plates for 24 h at 37 °C in 5% CO₂ (the medium was Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) containing 1% penicillin/streptomycin and 10% fetal bovine serum). The old DMEM was then removed and fresh DMEM with 100 mL of different concentrations of CDs solution (0–100 mg·mL⁻¹) was added to the cells and incubated for 24 h under the same conditions. Then 10 mL of 3-(4,5)-dimethylthiazolium(-z-y1)-3,5-di-phenyltetrazoliumromide (MTT) solution was added to each well and the incubation was continued for 4 h. Finally, the absorbance of each well was recorded using a microtiter reader to assess the cytotoxicity of the CDs.

1.4.2 Time dependent testing of the CDs.

The CDs (50 µg·mL⁻¹) was incubated with the HeLa cells for different incubation times as 0 min, 1 min, 3 min, 5 min, 10 min, 15 min, and 30 min. The changes of the fluorescence intensity were recorded by confocal laser scanning microscope (CLSM)

to observe the change of fluorescence intensity to the maximum value.

1.4.3 Concentration dependent testing of the CDs.

Confocal images were taken at different concentration of CDs ($0 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$, $10 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$, $20 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$, $30 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$, $40 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$, $50 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$, and $60 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$) incubating with the HeLa cells for 10 min to observe the range of fluorescence maximum values. The changes of the fluorescence intensity were recorded by CLSM.

1.4.4 Subcellular organelle co-localization of the CDs.

As in the process of culturing cells above, the cultured HeLa cells were incubated with the CDs in DMEM for 10 min at $37 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 5% CO_2 , and then treated with commercial dyes Lyso-Tracker Green ($100 \text{ nmol}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$, targeting lysosomes), Mito-Tracker Green FM ($100 \text{ nmol}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$, targeting mitochondria) and Bodipy493/503 ($100 \text{ nmol}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$, targeting lipid droplet) for 10 min. Cells were then washed 3 times with phosphate-buffered (PBS) and 1 mL of serum-free DMEM was added. Cells were finally subjected to the CLSM.

1.4.5 Study on the cellular energy dependence mechanism of the CDs.

The HeLa cells were pretreated at low temperature for 4 hours, and then incubated with $50 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ of CDs to observe the fluorescence intensity. In another group, the cells were pretreated at low temperature for 4 h, and then incubated with $50 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ of CDs and NaN_3 to observe the fluorescence intensity by CLSM.

1.4.6 Study on the endocytosis mechanism of the CDs.

HeLa cells were pretreated with $100 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ Chlorpromazine (CPZ), $10 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ Methyl- β -cyclodextrin (M β CD), $20 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ amiloride (AMI) and $100 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$

genistine (Gen) for 4 hours, and then incubated with the CDs ($30 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$) for another 4h. Then the fluorescence intensity of the four groups of cells were observed and recorded by CLSM.

1.4.7 Detection of cell polarity by the CDs.

As in the process of culturing cells above, cultured HeLa cells were stained with $50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ CDs solution were used as the control group. Then the HeLa cells stained by $50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ CDs solution with the addition of $5 \text{ mmol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ dithiothreitol (DTT) were used as the experimental group, and the change in cell polarity was detected by observing the intensity of fluorescence intensity in 0 min, 1 min, 3 min, 5 min, 10 min, 25 min, and 30 min by CLSM.

1.4.8 Biological imaging in zebrafish by the CDs.

Fluorescent imaging in living zebrafish were performed in the similar procedures. The zebrafish were cultured in DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS, at $37 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the humidified atmosphere with 5% CO_2 and 95% air for 4 h. The growth medium was then removed and the zebrafish were washed with DMEM without FBS and imaged. The zebrafish were then incubated with $50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ of the CDs for 10 min at $37 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, washed three times with PBS and imaged by CLSM.

2. Optical properties of the probe.

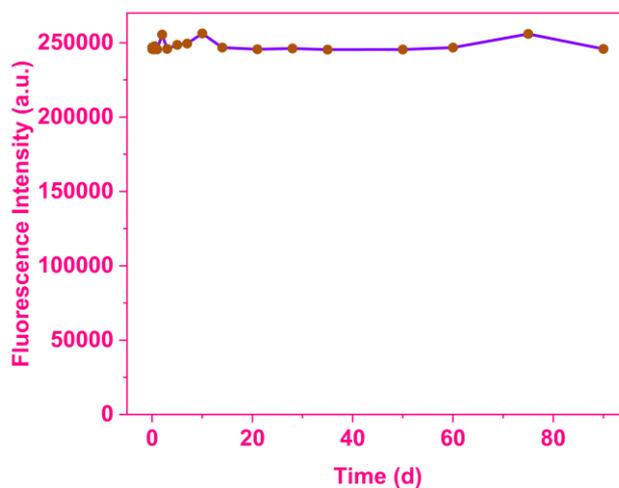


Fig. S1. Fluorescent intensity of CDs at different storage times. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550 \text{ nm}$.

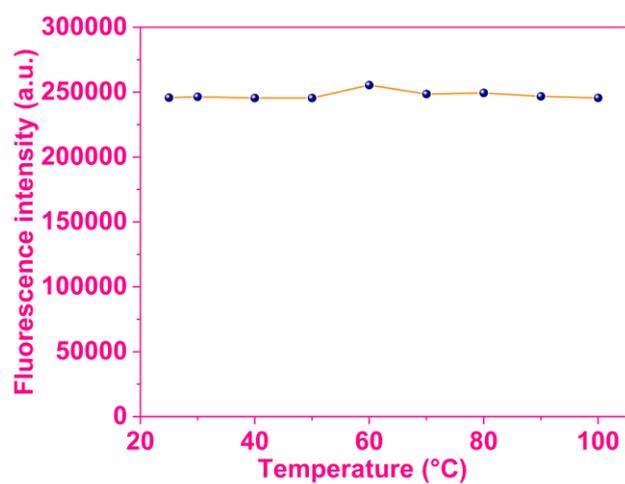


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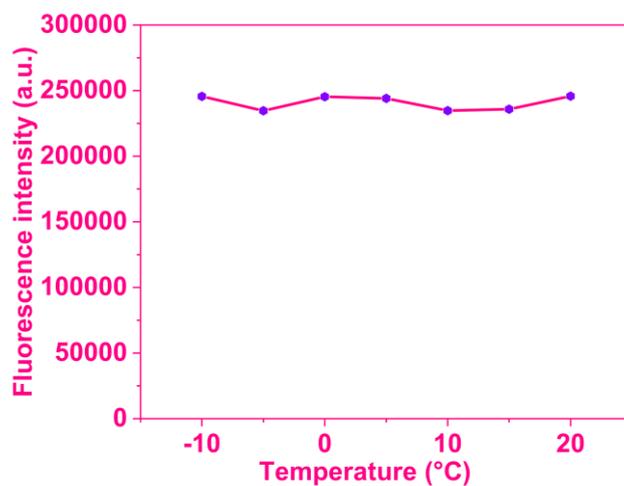


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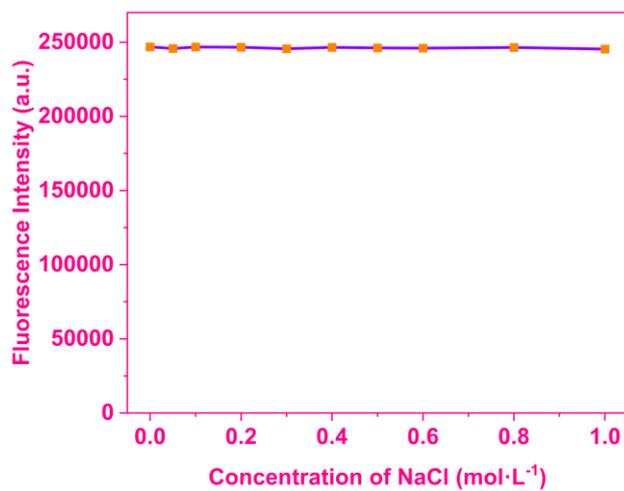


Fig. S4. Fluorescent intensity of CDs at different concentrations of NaCl. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550$ nm.

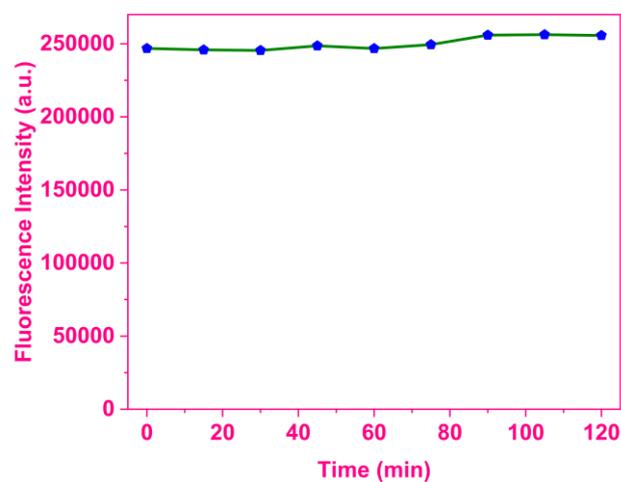


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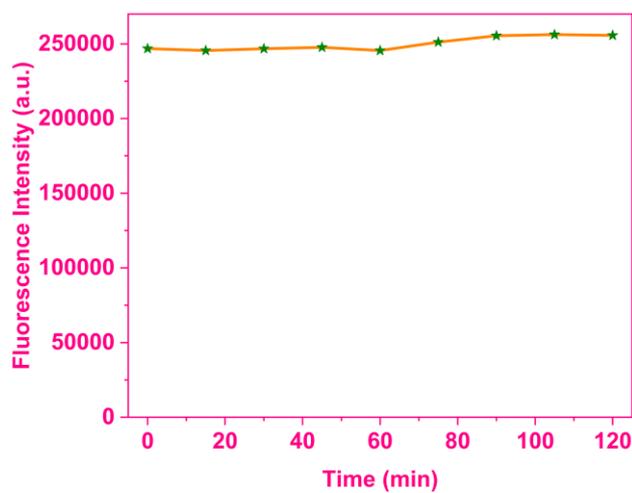


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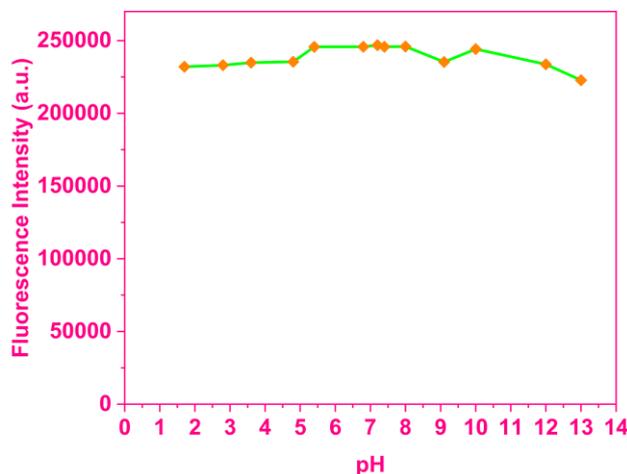


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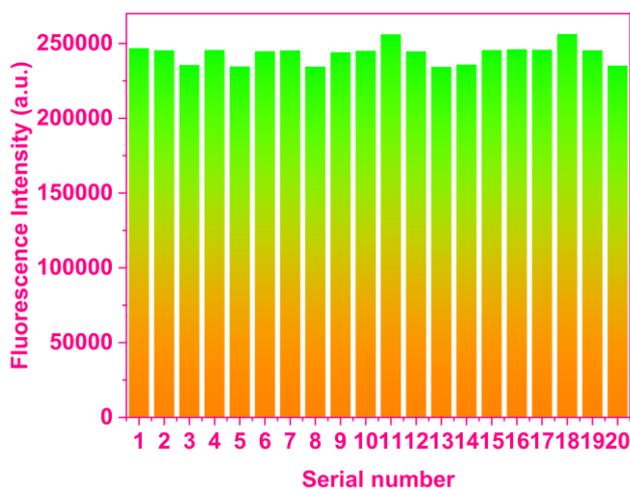


Fig. S8. The fluorescence stability of the CDs in cations. 1, blank, 2, Li^+ , 3, Na^+ , 4, K^+ , 5, Ag^+ , 6, Ca^{2+} , 7, Mg^{2+} , 8, Cu^{2+} , 9, Cd^{2+} , 10, Mn^{2+} , 11, Fe^{2+} , 12, Co^{2+} , 13, Ni^{2+} , 14, Zn^{2+} , 15, Pb^{2+} , 16, Hg^{2+} , 17, Fe^{3+} , 18, Cr^{3+} , 19, Al^{3+} , 20, Sn^{4+} . 20, O_2^- , 21, H_2O_2 , 22, NO , 23, ONOO^- , 24, NO_3^- , 25, PO_4^{3-} , 26, CO_3^{2-} , 27, OAc^- , 28, $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$, 29, ClO^- , 30, GSH. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550 \text{ nm}$.

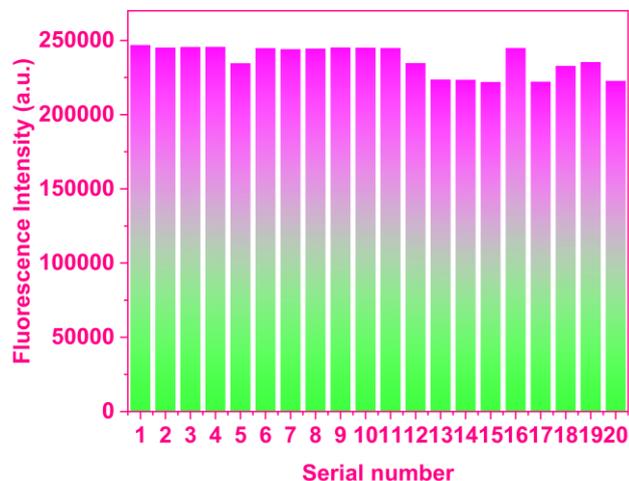


Fig. S9. The fluorescence stability of the CDs in anions and active molecules. 1, blank, 2, AMP, 3, ADP, 4, ATP, 5, Cys, 6, GSH, 7, Hcy, 8, O_2^- , 9, H_2O_2 , 10, NO, 11, H_2S , 12, $ONOO^-$, 13, ClO^- , 14, PO_4^{3-} , 15, CO_3^{2-} , 16, OAc^- , 17, $C_2O_4^{2-}$, 18, SO_3^{2-} , 19, dopamine, 20, ascorbic acid. $\lambda_{ex} = 550$ nm.

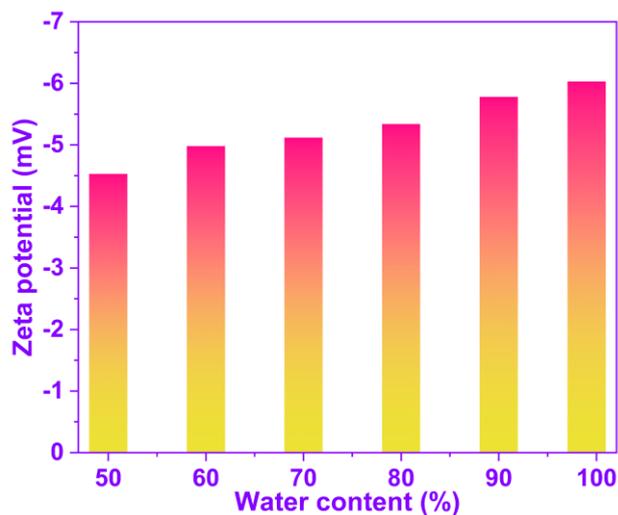


Fig. S10. The Zeta potentials of the CDs in different ratios 1,4-dioxane/ H_2O mixed solvents.

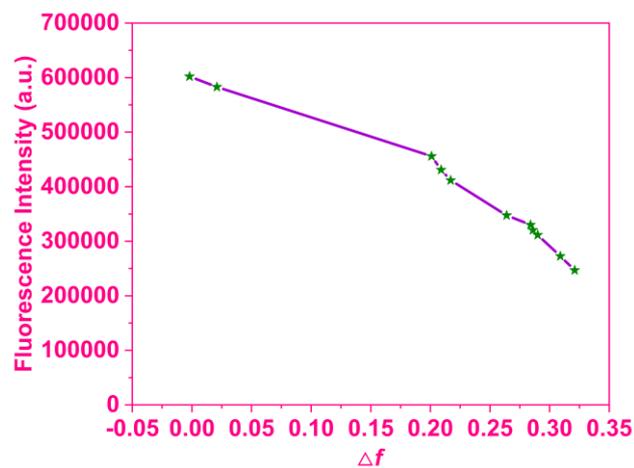


Fig. S11. Fluorescence intensity of the CDs in the solvents with different polarity. λ_{ex} = 550 nm.

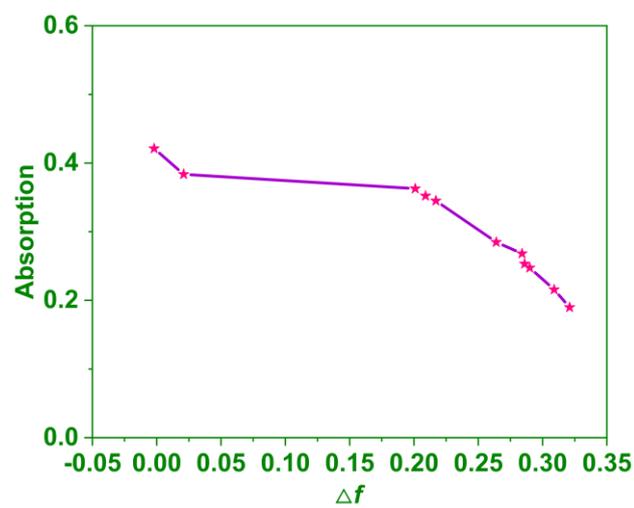


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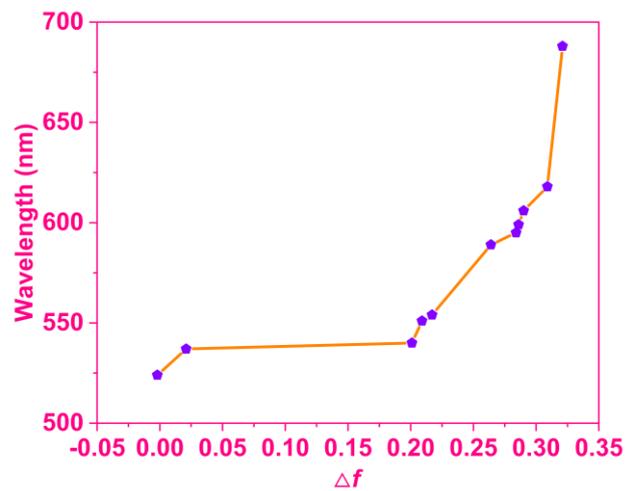


Fig. S13. Fluorescence wavelengths of the CDs in the solvents with different polarity.

$\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550 \text{ nm}$.

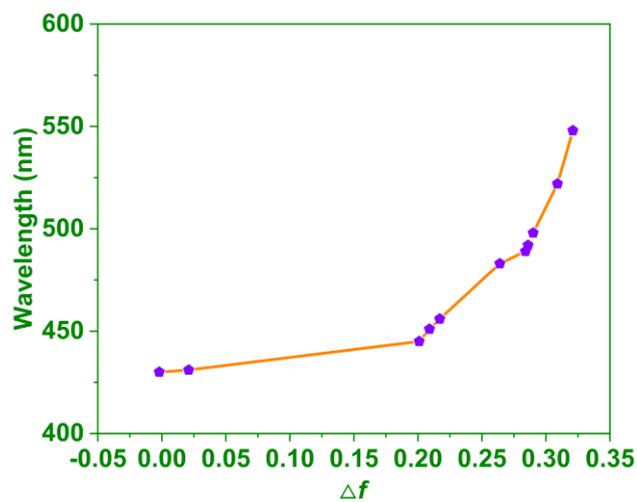


Fig. S14. Absorption wavelengths of the CDs in the solvents with different polarity.

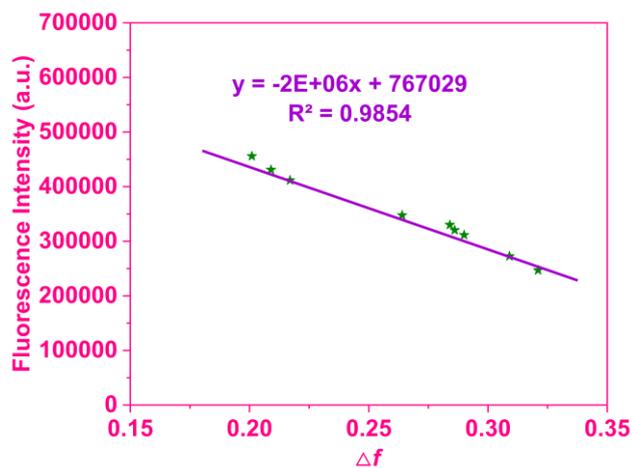


Fig. S15. Linear relationship between fluorescence intensity of the CDs and the solvents with different polarity. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550 \text{ nm}$.

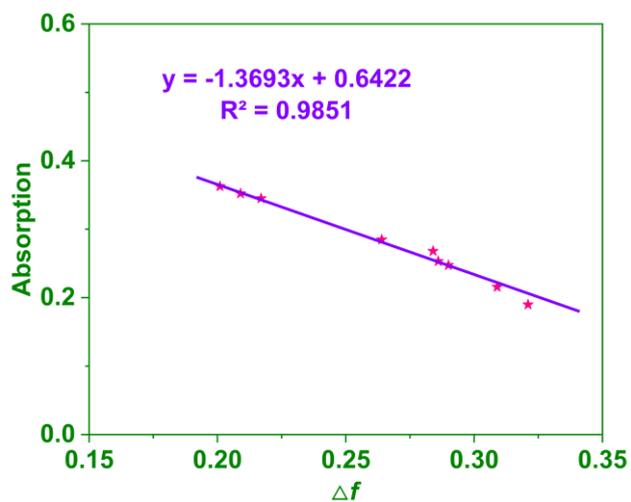


Fig. S16. Linear relationship between absorption intensity of the CDs and the solvents with different polarity.

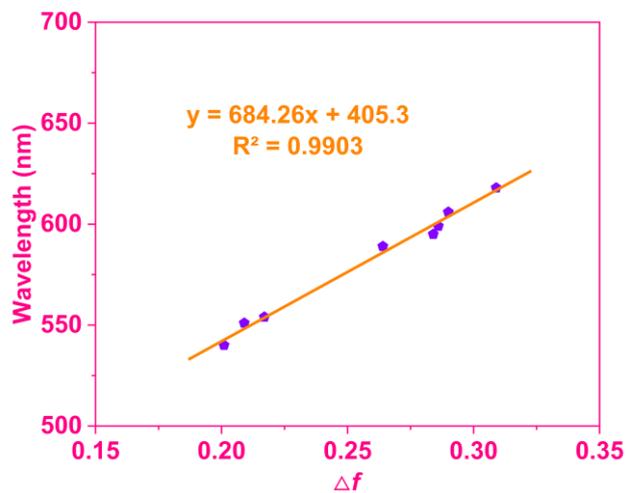


Fig. S17. Linear relationship between fluorescence wavelengths of the CDs and the solvents with different polarity. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550 \text{ nm}$.

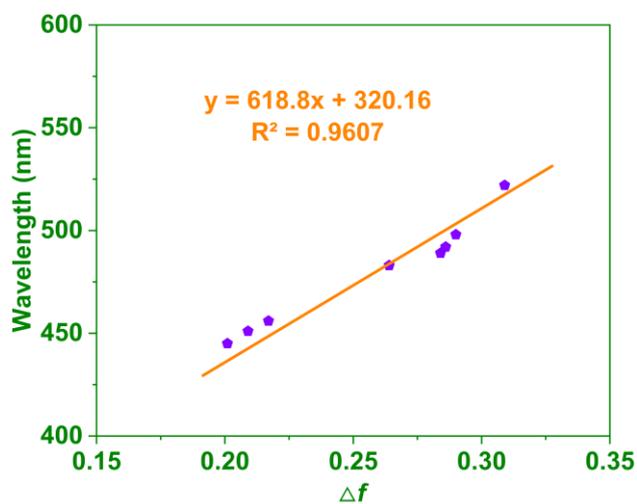


Fig. S18. Linear relationship between absorption wavelengths of the CDs and the solvents with different polarity.

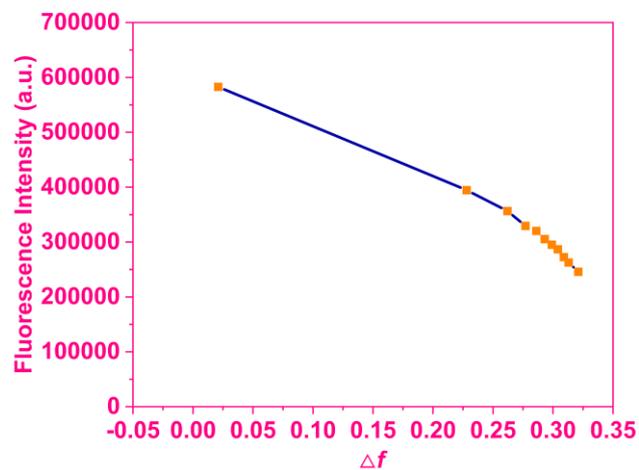


Fig. S19. Fluorescence intensity of the CDs and in different ratios 1,4-dioxane/H₂O mixed solvents. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550 \text{ nm}$.

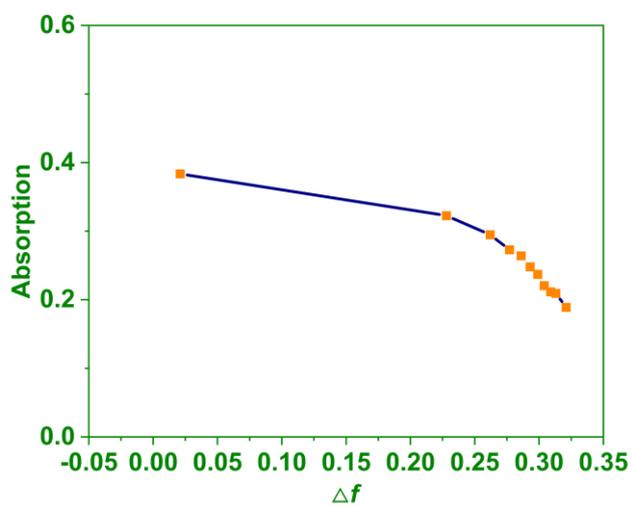


Fig. S20. Absorption intensity of the CDs in different ratios 1,4-dioxane/H₂O mixed solvents.

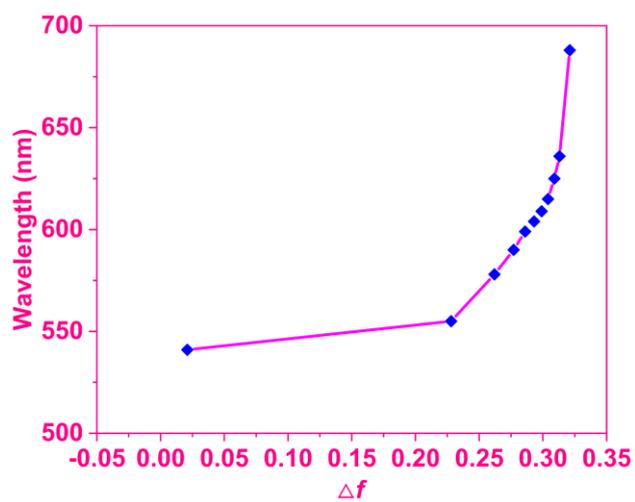


Fig. S21. Fluorescence wavelengths of the CDs and in different ratios 1,4-dioxane/H₂O mixed solvents. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550$ nm.

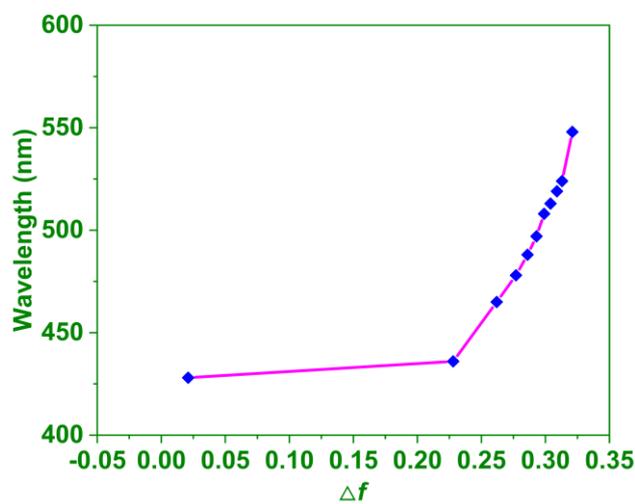


Fig. S22. Absorption wavelengths of the CDs in different ratios 1,4-dioxane/H₂O mixed solvents.

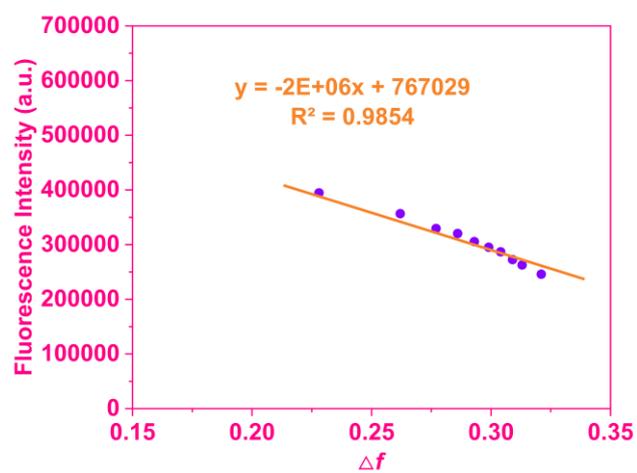


Fig. S23. Linear relationship between fluorescence intensity of the CDs and the polarity of different ratios 1,4-dioxane/H₂O mixed solvents. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550 \text{ nm}$.

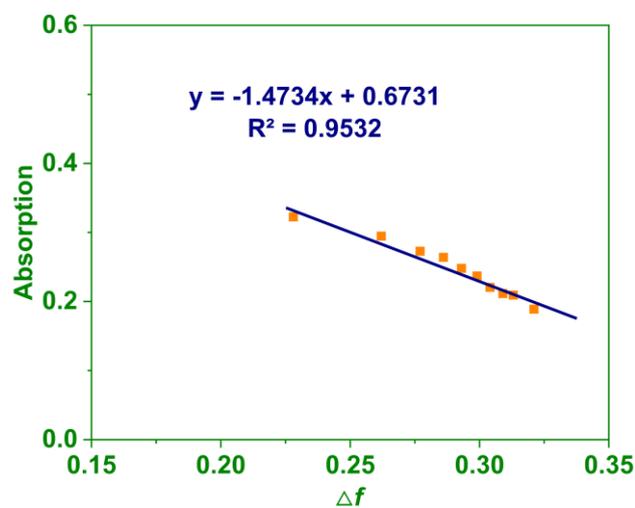


Fig. S24. Linear relationship between absorption intensity of the CDs and the polarity of different ratios 1,4-dioxane/H₂O mixed solvents.

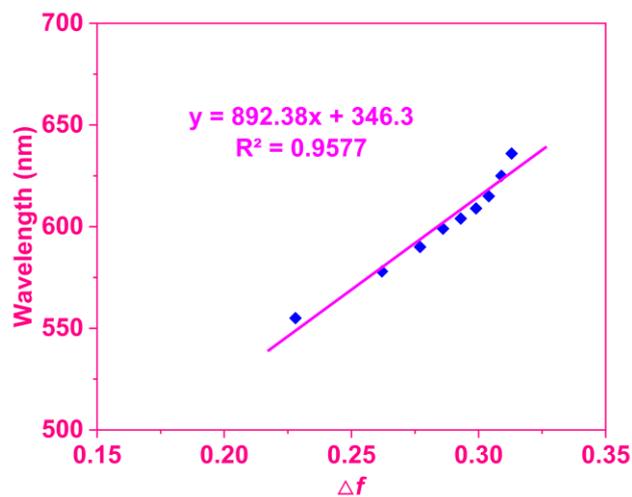


Fig. S25. Linear relationship between fluorescence wavelengths of the CDs and the polarity of different ratios 1,4-dioxane/H₂O mixed solvents. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550$ nm.

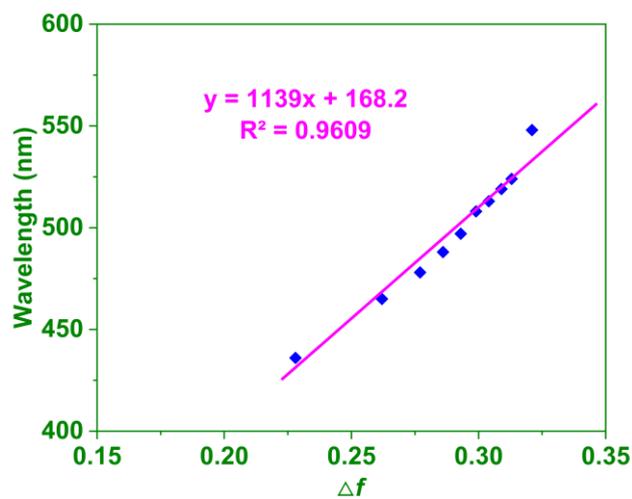


Fig. S26. Linear relationship between absorption wavelengths of the CDs and the polarity of different ratios 1,4-dioxane/H₂O mixed solvents.

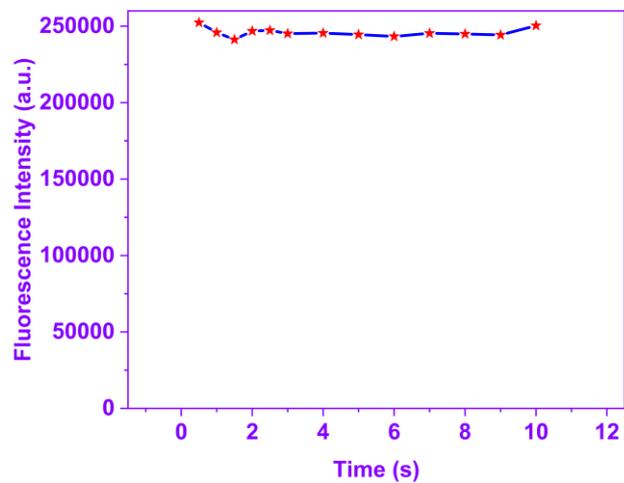


Fig. S27. Response time of fluorescence intensity of CDs to polarity.

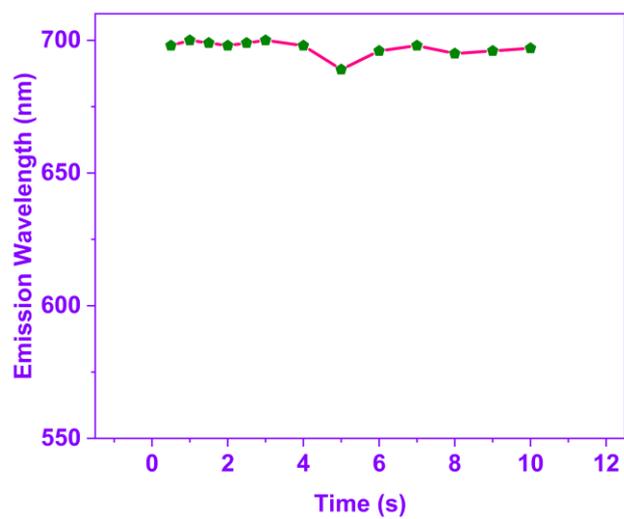


Fig. S28. Response time of emission wavelength of CDs to polarity.

3 Equations about fluorescence lifetime, quantum yield, and polarity.

3.1 Equations for calculation of fluorescence lifetime

$$\tau = \tau_1 B_1 + \tau_2 B_2$$

B_1, B_2 stand for fractional intensities; τ_1, τ_2 are decay times.

3.2 Equations for calculation of quantum yield

$$\varphi_s = \varphi_R \frac{F_S A_R \eta_S^2}{F_R A_S \eta_R^2}$$

φ stands for the fluorescence quantum yield, F refers to the integrated fluorescence intensity, and A is the absorption values. The subscript “R” and “S” correspond to the reference and the sample.

3.3 Equations for calculation of polarity

For the polarity of different solvents:

$$\Delta f = \frac{\varepsilon - 1}{2\varepsilon + 1} - \frac{n^2 - 1}{2n^2 + 1}$$

ε is represent dielectric constant, n refers refractive index, Δf means polarity.

For the polarity of the different ratios 1,4-dioxane/H₂O mixed solvents:

$$\varepsilon_{mix} = f_a \varepsilon_a + f_b \varepsilon_b$$

$$n_{mix} = f_a n_a^2 + f_b n_b^2$$

$$\Delta f = \frac{\varepsilon_{mix} - 1}{2\varepsilon_{mix} + 1} - \frac{n_{mix}^2 - 1}{2n_{mix}^2 + 1}$$

ε is represent dielectric constant, n refers refractive index, Δf means polarity.

Table S1. Calculated polarity of the solvents and detected absorption and emission wavelengths of the CDs in related solvents.

Sample	Solvent	ε	n^2	Δf^a	Abs (nm)	Em (nm)
1	Cyclohexane	2.020	2.034	-0.002	430	524
2	1,4-Dioxane	2.219	2.023	0.021	431	537
3	Ethyl Acetate	6.081	1.882	0.201	445	540
4	Tetrahydrofuran	2.510	1.980	0.209	451	551
5	Dichloromethane	8.930	2.029	0.217	456	554
6	Dimethylsulfoxide	47.240	2.184	0.264	483	589
7	Acetone	20.700	1.846	0.284	489	595
8	Dimethyl Formamide	37.780	1.952	0.286	492	599
9	Ethanol	25.320	1.853	0.290	498	606
10	Methanol	33.000	1.766	0.309	522	618
11	Water	80.400	1.777	0.321	548	688

$$^a \Delta f = \frac{\varepsilon - 1}{2\varepsilon + 1} - \frac{n^2 - 1}{2n^2 + 1}$$

ε is represent dielectric constant, n refers refractive index, Δf means polarity.

Table S2. Calculated polarity of different ratios 1,4-dioxane/H₂O mixed solvents and detected absorption and emission wavelengths of the CDs in related solvents.

Sample	1,4-dioxane	H ₂ O	ϵ_{mix}^a	n_{mix}^b	Δf^c	Abs (nm)	Em (nm)
1	100%	0%	2.219	2.023	0.021	428	541
2	90%	10%	9.825	1.994	0.228	436	555
3	80%	20%	17.444	1.972	0.262	465	578
4	70%	30%	25.055	1.950	0.277	478	590
5	60%	40%	32.670	1.928	0.286	488	599
6	50%	50%	40.285	1.906	0.293	497	604
7	40%	60%	47.900	1.884	0.299	508	609
8	30%	70%	55.515	1.862	0.304	513	615
9	20%	80%	63.130	1.839	0.309	519	625
10	10%	90%	70.745	1.818	0.313	524	636
11	1	99%	80.400	1.777	0.321	548	688

a $\epsilon_{mix} = f_a \epsilon_a + f_b \epsilon_b$

b $n_{mix} = f_a n_a^2 + f_b n_b^2$

c
$$\Delta f = \frac{\epsilon_{mix} - 1}{2\epsilon_{mix} + 1} - \frac{n_{mix}^2 - 1}{2n_{mix}^2 + 1}$$

ϵ is represent dielectric constant, n refers refractive index, Δf means polarity.

4. Calculation details.

The calculations of all the structures were performed with B3LYP function via Gaussian 09 Program. The structures were optimized with a combination of basis of double- ζ quality consisting of 6-31G* for C, H elements, 6-31G** for N, Se, O elements. The complex the CDs with Fe³⁺ (S₀ and S₁ state) was optimized with a combination of basis of double- ζ quality consisting of 6-31G* for C, H elements, 6-3G** for N, Se, O elements. All the optimized structures were confirmed to be local minimums due to the non-existence of imaginary frequency. Frequency analysis was not performed for excited state on account of the exhausting numerical calculation of the force constant for such a large system. The environmental effect of the complex was via PCM model with the solvent molecule.

Table S3. The HOMO and LUMO energy and calculated absorption and emission wavelength of the supposed structures of the CDs.

	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	Δ (eV)	Abs (nm)	Opt (nm)
1	-5.34377	-2.69338	-2.65039	387.23	571.51
2	-5.19139	-2.56359	-2.62780	389.32	575.53
3	-5.45970	-2.39624	-3.06346	335.44	517.17
4	-5.35412	-2.51216	-2.84196	367.75	534.32
5	-4.96009	-2.83380	-2.12630	432.84	727.41
6	-4.87220	-2.73719	-2.13501	421.73	690.84
7	-5.25643	-2.65638	-2.60005	386.21	590.13
8	-4.73506	-2.83624	-1.89881	470.95	903.01
9	-5.13588	-3.64252	-1.49336	512.36	1224.44
10	-5.01207	-2.88223	-2.12984	436.21	701.13

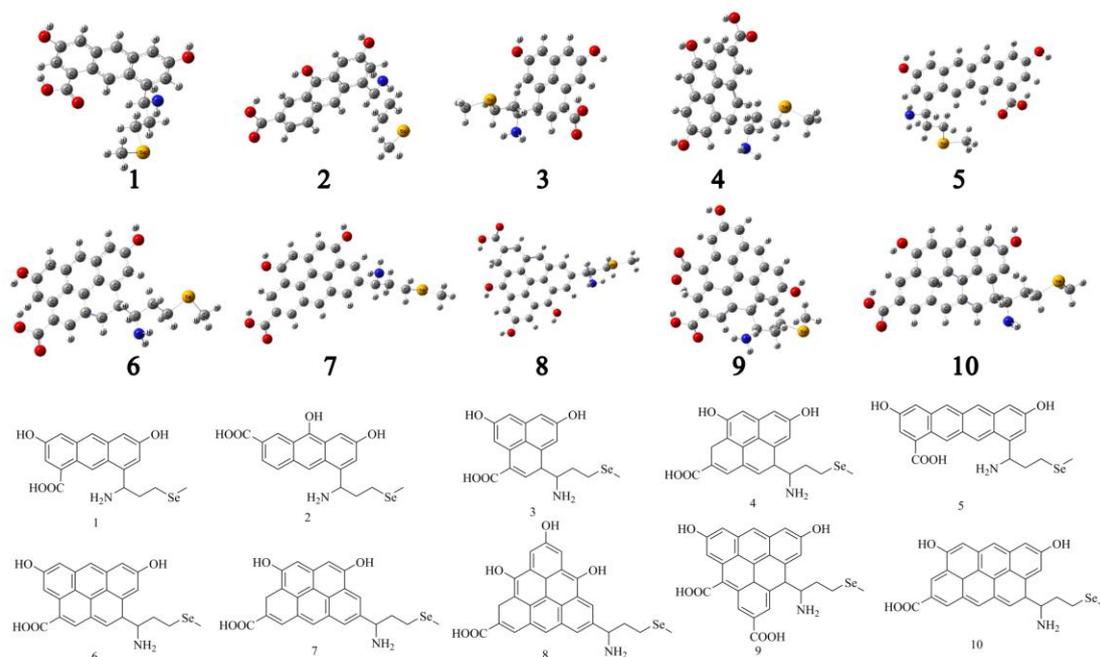


Fig. S29. The optimized structures of the possible structures of the CDs.

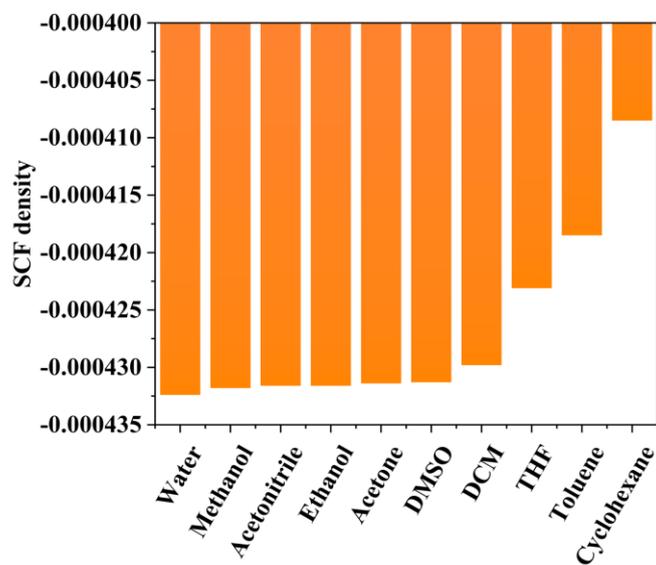


Fig. S30. SCF density of the optimized structure of the CDs in different polarity of solvents.

Table S4. The calculated HOMO and LUMO energy of the CDs at S0 state in solvents with different polarity.

S0	Polarity	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	Δ (eV)
Water	0.321	-5.66841	-2.24140	-3.42700
Methanol	0.309	-5.71004	-2.26154	-3.44850
Acetonitrile	0.305	-5.76446	-2.26453	-3.49993
Ethanol	0.290	-5.76929	-2.23460	-3.53469
Acetone	0.284	-5.83581	-2.24031	-3.59550
Dimethylsulfoxide	0.264	-5.87004	-2.23759	-3.63245
Dichloromethane	0.217	-5.91902	-2.23814	-3.68089
Tetrahydrofuran	0.209	-5.95576	-2.23977	-3.71599
Cyclohexane	-0.002	-5.96664	-2.24031	-3.72633

Table S5. The calculated HOMO and LUMO energy of the CDs at S1 state in solvents with different polarity.

S1	Polarity	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	Δ (eV)
Water	0.321	-5.01207	-2.88223	-2.12984
Methanol	0.309	-5.06676	-2.88142	-2.18535
Acetonitrile	0.305	-5.06676	-2.87924	-2.18752
Ethanol	0.290	-5.06676	-2.87706	-2.18970
Acetone	0.284	-5.06676	-2.87570	-2.19106
Dimethylsulfoxide	0.264	-5.06649	-2.86971	-2.19678
Dichloromethane	0.217	-5.06785	-2.86672	-2.20113
Tetrahydrofuran	0.209	-5.06867	-2.86427	-2.20440
Cyclohexane	-0.002	-5.08799	-2.84822	-2.23977

Table S6. The calculated HOMO and LUMO energy gaps of the CDs in solvents with different polarity.

S1	Polarity	HOMO of S0 (eV)	LUMO of S1 (eV)	Δ (eV)
Water	0.321	-5.66841	-2.88223	-2.78618
Methanol	0.309	-5.71004	-2.88142	-2.82863
Acetonitrile	0.305	-5.76446	-2.87924	-2.88522
Ethanol	0.290	-5.76929	-2.87706	-2.89223
Acetone	0.284	-5.83581	-2.87570	-2.96011
Dimethylsulfoxide	0.264	-5.87004	-2.86971	-3.00033
Dichloromethane	0.217	-5.91902	-2.86672	-3.05230
Tetrahydrofuran	0.209	-5.95576	-2.86427	-3.09149
Cyclohexane	-0.002	-5.96664	-2.84822	-3.11843

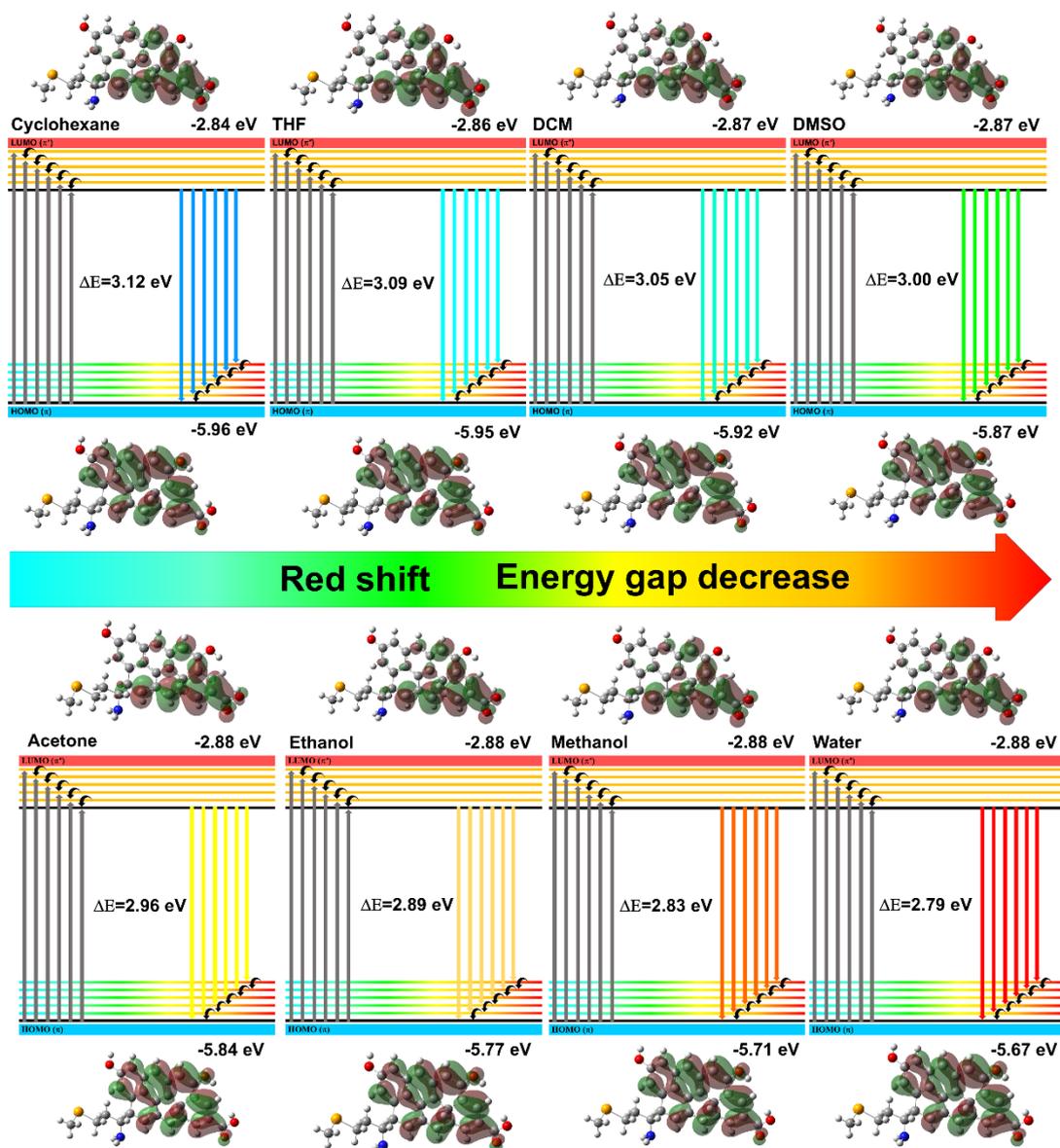


Fig. S31. HOMO and LUMO energies and orbitals of the optimized structure of the CDs in solvents of different polarities.

5. Polarity imaging in living cells.

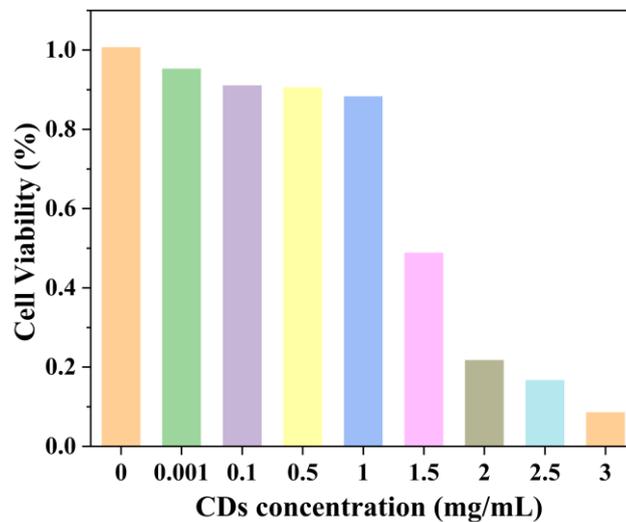


Fig. S32. IC50 detection of cell viability with the change of the CDs concentration.

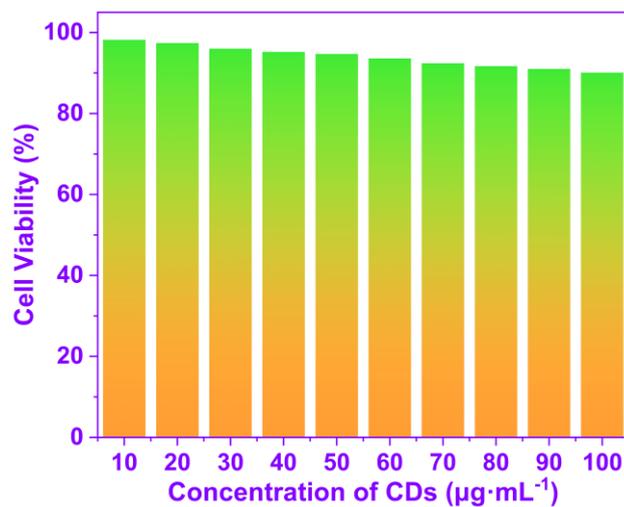


Fig. S33. The influence of cell viability with the change of the CDs concentration.

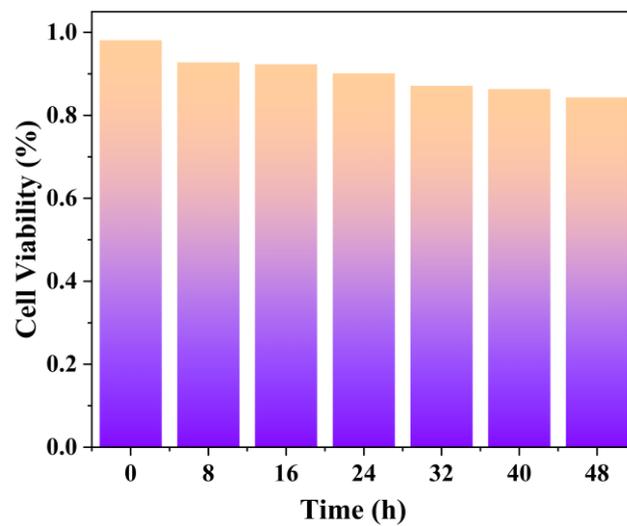


Fig. S34. The influence of cell viability with the change of time.

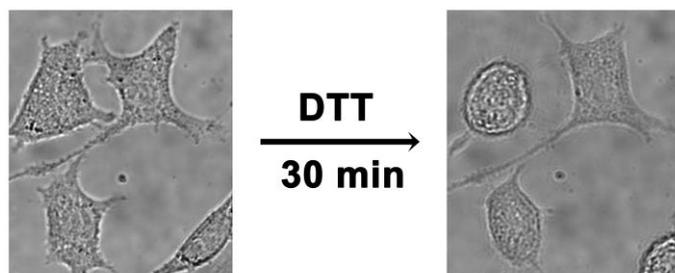


Fig. S35. Bright-field images of HeLa, cells after treatment with 5 mmol L⁻¹ DTT for 30 min.

6. ^1H NMR spectrum of the CDs.

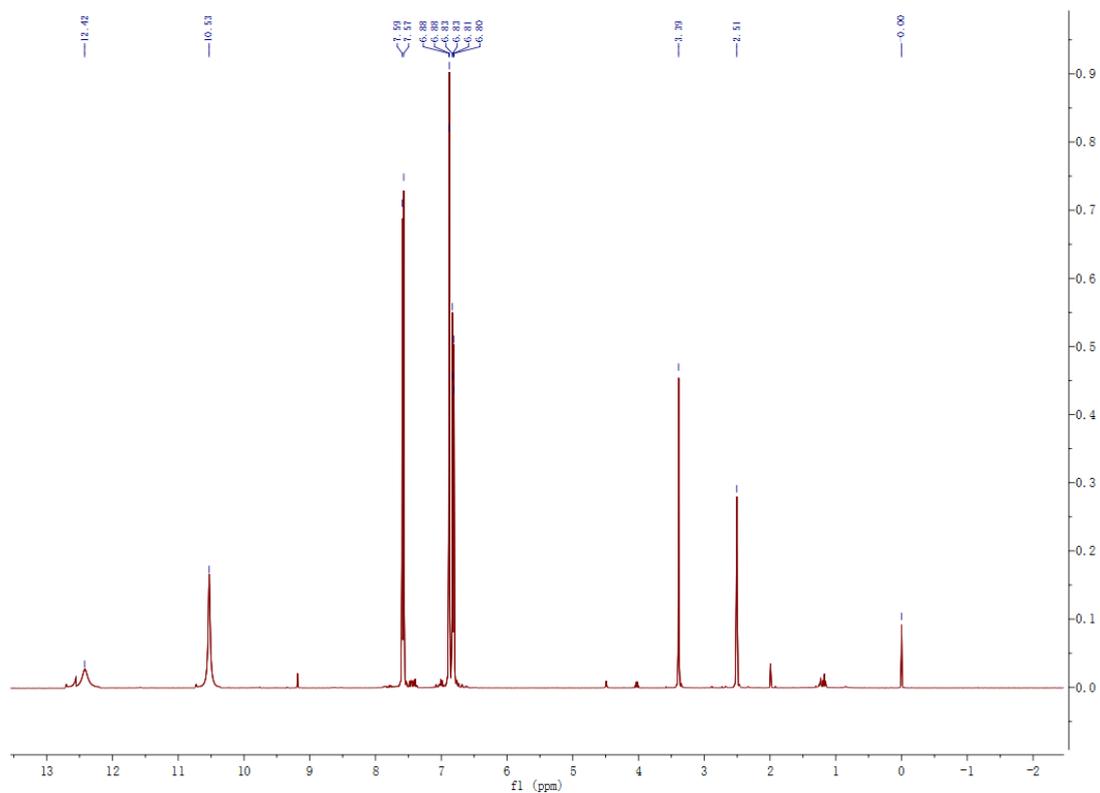


Fig. S36. ^1H NMR spectrum of the CDs in DMSO- d_6 .

7. Comparison of the CDs with other reported methods

Table S7. Comparison of the N, Se-CDs for the detection of polarity and LDs with other reported CDs probes

CDs	LOD		Emission wavelength	Quantum yield	Response time	Response target	Pearson coefficient	Reference
PS-CDs	0.03	0.03-0.229	600 nm	21%	-	polarity LDs cytoplasm	- 0.90 0.60	[1]
R-CDs	0.013	0.013-0.321	612 nm	47.87%	-	polarity Lysosomes Mitochondria	- 0.88 0.72	[2]
R-CDs		-	640 nm	37.2%	-	polarity	-	[3]
r-bCDs	0.02	0.020-0.315	588 nm	-	-	polarity Lysosomal	- 0.89, 0.92, 0.93	[4]
Phenyl-CDs	0.23	0.230-0.300	595 nm	10.5%	-	polarity Lysosome	- 0.93	[5]
PPh-CDs	0.23	-	620 nm	1.77%	-	polarity Lysosome	0.87	[6]
Ni-pPCDs	-	-	605 nm	64.9%	-	polarity RNA, DNA	-	[7]
PCDs	0.189	0.189-0.229	572 nm	-	-	polarity	-	[8]
CDs-3	0.021	0.021-0.32	470 nm	0.87	-	ER polarity	0.85	[9]
CPDs	-	-	631 nm	84.23%	3 min	polarity LDs	- 0.903	[10]
o-CDs	-	-	601 nm	1.75%	-	polarity	-	[11]
N, Cl-CDs	0.093	0.209-0.320	568 nm	21.8%	-	polarity	-	[12]
N, S-CDs	0.209	0.262-0.321	640 nm	27.65%	10 s	polarity Lysosomes Mitochondria	- 0.65 0.75	[13] JMCA
N, Se-CDs	0.021	0.201-0.321	700 nm	32.45%	1 s	polarity LDs Lysosomes Mitochondria	0.96 0.89 0.85	This work

Table S8. Comparison of the N, Se-CDs for the detection of polarity and LDs with other reported organic probes

Probes	LOD	Linear range	Emission wavelength	Quantum yield	Response target	Pearson coefficient	Reference
NOH	0.124	0.124-0.316	474 nm 552 nm	-	Lysosome polarity	0.97	[14]
1a	ET(30)	ET(30)=33.	541 nm (MeOH)	0.73 (DMSO)	LDs polarity	0.94	[15]
1b	=33.9	9-55.4	570 nm (MeOH)	0.87 (DMSO)		0.90	
PI-CHO	ET(30) = 37.4	ET(30)= 37.4-63.1	580 nm	74.13% (THF) 0.86 (CH ₂ Cl ₂)	LDs polarity	0.85	[16]
HPB derivatives	-	-	596 nm (CH ₂ Cl ₂) 593 nm (CH ₃ CN)	0.77 (C ₆ H ₁₂) 0.91 (C ₇ H ₈) 0.76 (CH ₂ Cl ₂)	polarity	-	[17]
ATOP-LD	-	-	493 nm (DMSO)	21.9% (toluene)	LDs polarity	0.95	[18]
CX-P	0.284	0.284-0.321	>650 nm	-	polarity	-	[19]
DCM-ML	0.229	0.229-0.31	705 nm	-	Lysosomal polarity	0.902	[20]
LW-1	-	-	642 nm(CH ₃ CN)	-	LDs polarity	0.976	[21]
CCB	ET(30) =33.9	ET(30)=33. 9-45.6	659 nm	-	LDs polarity	0.89	[22]
LD-HW	0.32	0.3200-0.02 05	689 nm	70.62% (1,4-dioxane) 0.16% (water)	LDs polarity	0.91、0.90	[23]
NIR-BT-P	0.25	0.250-0.298	853 nm	-	Mitophagy polarity	0.85	[24]
PNN	ET(30) =33.9	ET(30)=33. 9-45.1	582.5 nm	34% (toluene)	Mitophagy polarity	0.95	[25]
LDs-CA	1%	1%-90%	636 nm	-	LDs polarity	0.9614	[26]
LDs-BCA			678 nm			0.8394	
LD-TTP	0.258	0.258-0.312	548 nm	-	LDs polarity	0.91	[27]
Hcy-Rh	7.13	7.13-8.44	450 nm 580 nm	31.77%-8.08% (pH2.52-10.50)	pH LDs Mitophagy	0.92 0.95	[28]
)	Lysosome polarity	0.58	
TICT-lipid	ET(30) =33.9	ET(30)=33. 9-45.6	634 nm	-	polarity	-	[29]
Mem-C ₁ C ₁₈ Mem-C ₁₈ C ₁₈	0.210	0.210-0.333	626 nm 614 nm	0.757 (CH ₂ Cl ₂) 0.616 (DMSO)	polarity	-	[30]

lip-YB	-	-	650 nm	73.28%	LDs polarity	0.91	[31]
LDs-Red	ET(30) =33.9	ET(30)=33. 9-45.6	717 nm	83% (toluene)	LDs polarity	0.95	[32]
LCP	-	-	500 nm 662 nm	-	Lysosome polarity	0.91	[33]
COP	0.186	0.186-0.321	679 nm	-	polarity	0.85	[34]
ER-NAPC	130 nM	0 - 10 μ M	545 nm	0.39	O ²⁻ polarity	0.92	[35]
DAF	ET(30) =33.9	ET(30)=33. 9-55.4	550 nm	0.97	LDs polarity	0.6995 \pm 0.0154	[36]
Golgi-P	-	-	810 nm	-	Golgi apparatus polarity	0.93	[37]
DPDO-C	-	-	800 nm	37.82%	Mitophagy LDs polarity	0.92 0.91	[38]
BNT NPs			930 nm	49.2%			
BseNT	-	-	985 nm	17.3%	LDs polarity	0.92	[39]
Probe 1	0.027	0.027-0.290	704 nm	-	LDs polarity	0.90	[40]
CQPP	-	-	671 nm	-	ROS LDs polarity	0.92	[41]
BOB	0.013	0.013-0.32	467 nm 642 nm	-	Mitophagy polarity	0.96	[42]
MLD-1	-	-	560 nm	0.85	Mitophagy LDs polarity	0.95 0.90	[43]
CTPA	ET(30) =33.9	ET(30)=33. 9-45.1	620 nm	20.1%	LDs polarity	0.94	[44]
CPM	0.209	0.209-0.209	620 nm	-	Lysosome polarity	0.93	[45]
MND-Lys	ET(30) =33.9	ET(30)=33. 9-45.1	-	30.8% (toluene)	Lysosome polarity	96.3%	[46]
HXPI - P	ϵ =4.36	ϵ =4.36-80.1	724 nm	-	Mitophagy polarity	0.97	[47]
ZIF-90@Si R	0.34 mM	1 - 7 mM	670 nm	-	ATP	-	[48]
DC-Lyso	-	-	640 nm	0.10 \pm 0.3%	Lysosome polarity	0.93	[49]
ICM	-	-	480 nm 690 nm	0.79	Mitophagy LDs polarity	0.89 0.87	[50]
P1	0.021	0.021-0.209	700 nm	0.68	LDs polarity	0.97	[51]
PPTH	0.17	0.17-0.25	633 nm	1.62%	LDs polarity	0.94、0.92	[52]

DEA-FI-CN	0.0206	0.0206-0.209	-	-	Polarity the TPM content	-	[53]
LIP-Ser	ET(30) =33.9	ET(30)=33.9-45.6	634 nm-	0.415	ROS LDs polarity	0.97	[54]
MQA-DNP	0.0205	0.0205-0.3200	634 nm 714-786 nm	4.904%	H ₂ S polarity	0.92	[55]
DCIMe			604 – 687 nm			0.95	
DCIJ	-	-	630 – 725 nm	-	LDs polarity	0.93	[56]
DCIQ			679 – 811 nm			0.94	
AP-NAP			619 ~ 729 nm		Lysosome	0.94	
AP-NR			604 ~ 647 nm		polarity	0.90	[57]
TP-LDs	0.136	0.136-0.273	508 ~ 618 nm	-	LDs polarity	0.93	[58]
ZP-1	0.0205	0.0205-0.3200	406 ~ 566 nm	70.9 ~ 1.9% (Diox-H ₂ O)	LDs polarity	0.92、0.90	[59]
TPA-DCPP (NPS)	0.363	0.363-0.381	470 ~ 850 nm	--	Lysosome polarity	0.94	[60]
TBPCPP	0.015	0.015-0.265	580 ~ 667 nm	0.89 ~ 0.15 (Tol-DMSO)	LDs polarity	0.98	[61]
LD-B	0.0245	0.0245-0.311	635 -679 nm 642-680nm	-	LDs polarity	0.8586	[62]
SNL	0.022	0.022-0.288	758 ~ 812 nm	-	Lysosome polarity	0.91	[63]
N, Se-CDs	0.021	0.201-0.321	700 nm	32.45%	polarity LDs Lysosomes Mitochondria	0.96 0.89 0.85	This work

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