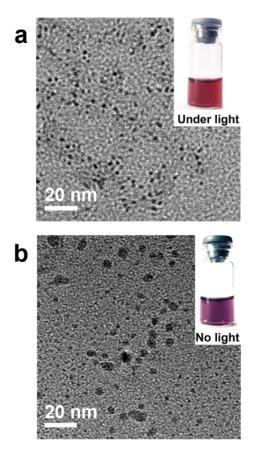
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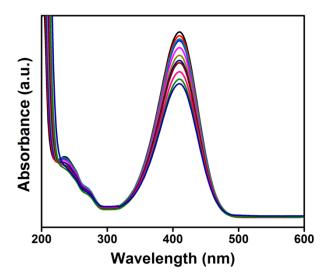
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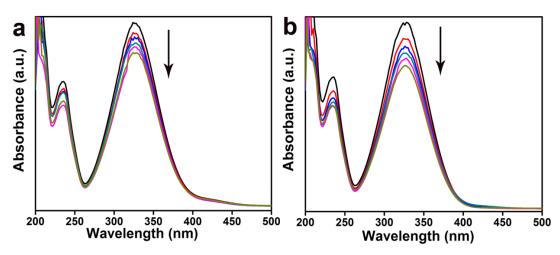
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**Figure S1**. TEM image and digital camera images (inset) of AuNPs-CDs synthesized under (a) visible light and (b) no light.



**Figure S2.** UV-vis absorption spectra for the catalytic reduction of 4-nitrophenol without AuNPs-CDs as catalyst.



**Figure S3.** UV-vis absorption spectra for the adsorption of 4-nitrophenol with (a) CDs and (b) AuNPs-CDs.

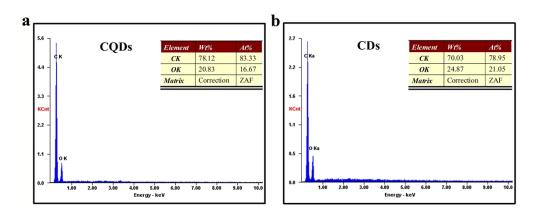


Figure S4. EDX spectra of CDs and CQDs.