Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for

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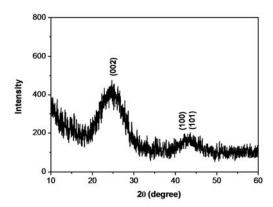
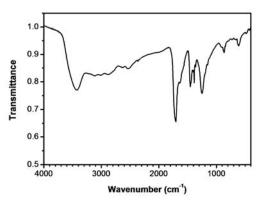


Fig. S1 XRD pattern of the GCQDs.



⁵ Fig. S2 FT-IR spectrum of GCQDs.

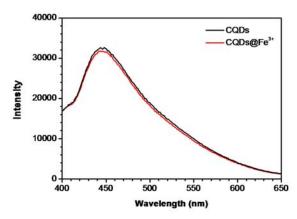


Fig. S3 PL spectra of CQDs prepared by microwave treatment of glucose in the absence and presence of Fe $^{3+}\,(1~\mu M)$