

## Supporting Information

# Facile synthesis of oxygen and sulfur co-doped graphitic carbon nitride fluorescent quantum dots and their application for mercury (II) detection and bioimaging

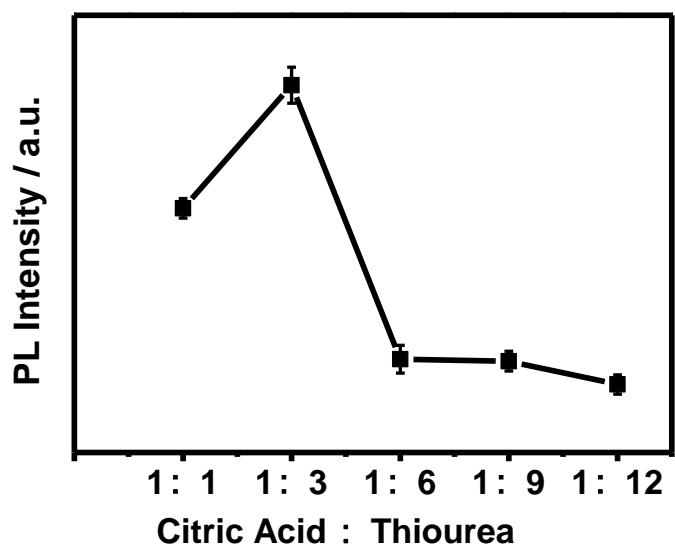
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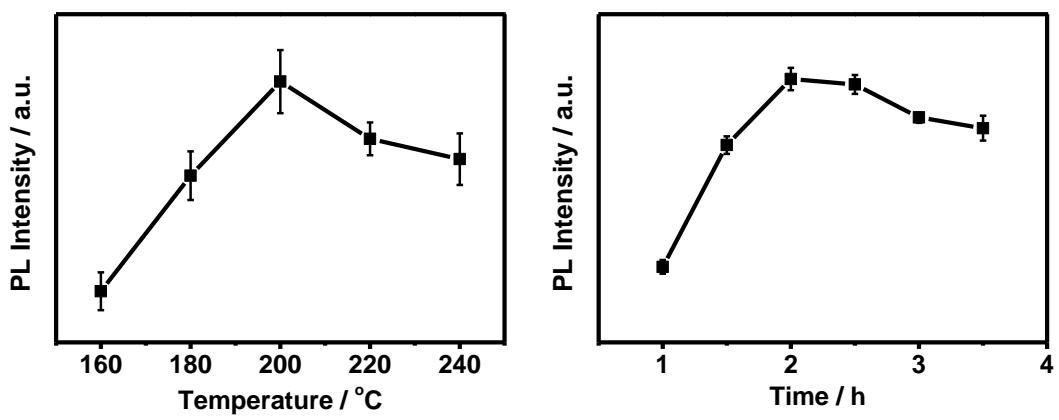
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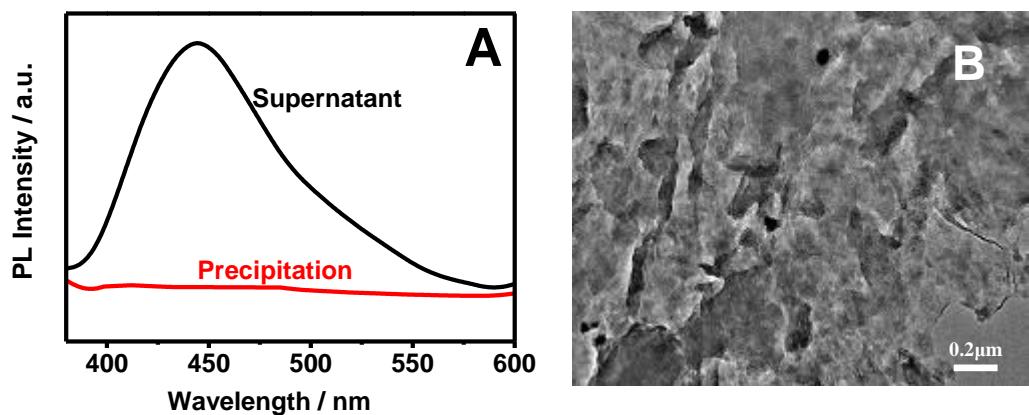
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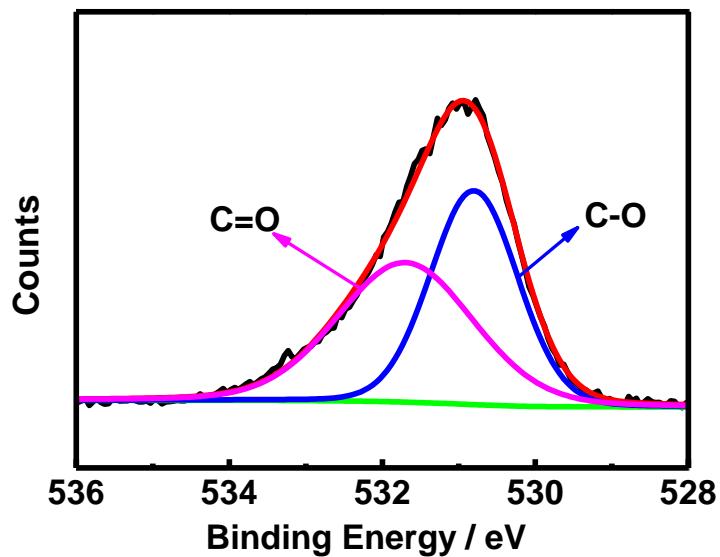
**Fig. S1** PL intensities of OS-GCNQDs in different ratios of citric acid and thiourea.



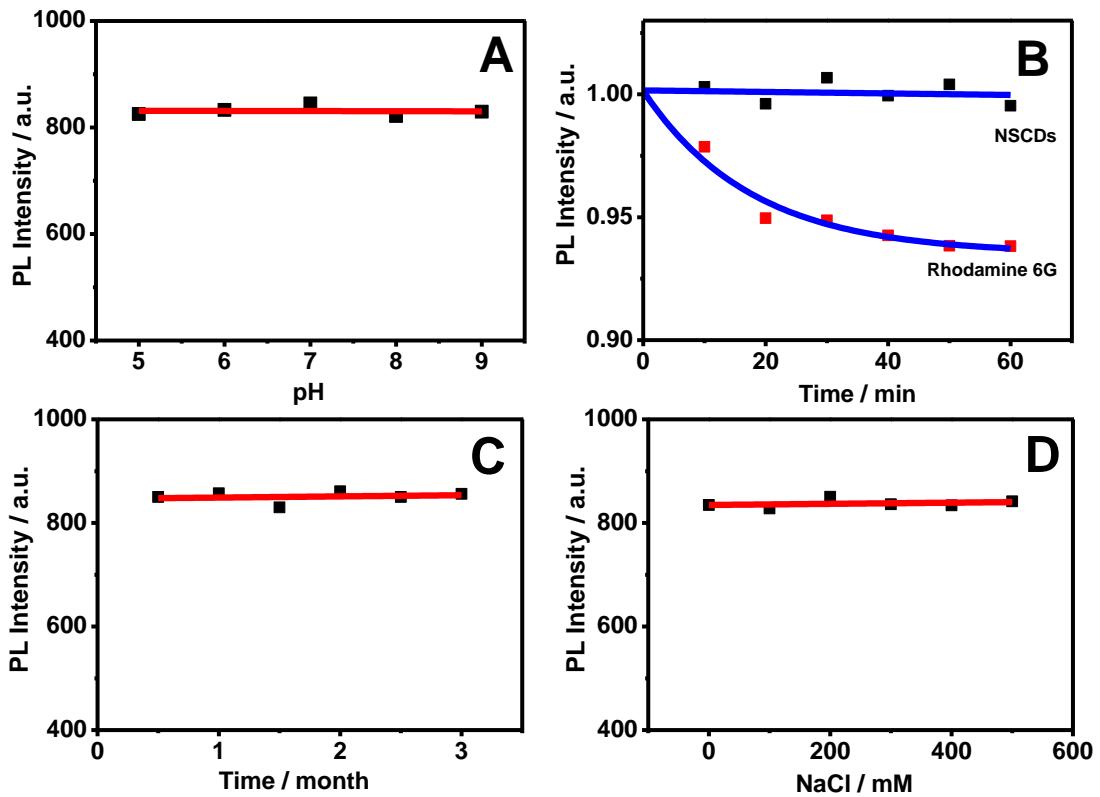
**Fig. S2** PL intensities of OS-GCNQDs with different reaction temperature (A) and time (B).



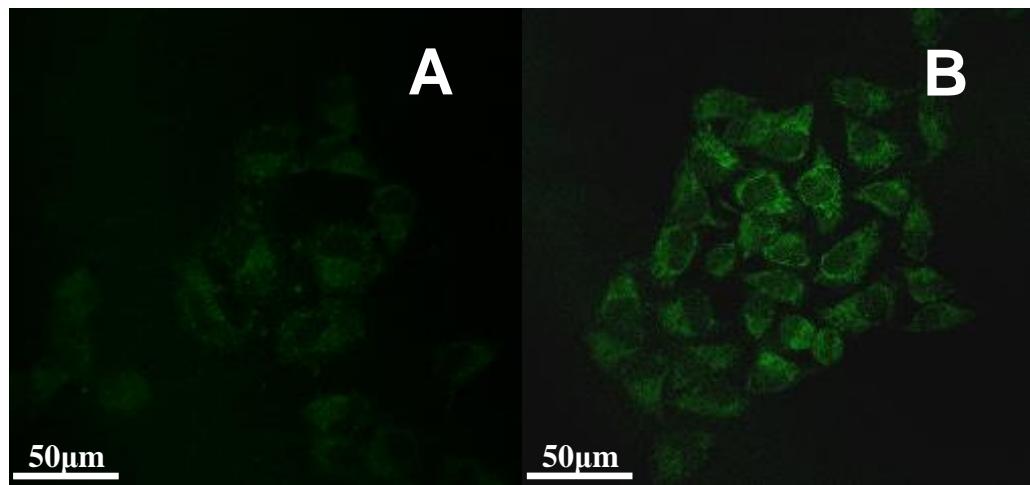
**Fig. S3** (A) PL intensities of the supernatant and precipitation. (B) TEM image of the precipitation.



**Fig. S4** High-resolution O<sub>1s</sub> XPS spectrum of OS-GCNQDs.



**Fig. S5** PL intensities of OS-GCNQDs in different pH values (A), under irradiation by a 500 W Xe lamp for different time intervals with rhodamine 6G (B), and in different storage time (C) and ionic strength (D).



**Fig. S6** Images of HeLa cells in the presence of OS-GNCQDs taken under excitation wavelength of 488 nm with  $7.5 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  (A) and  $75.0 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  (B) of OS-GNCQDs.

**Table S1** Comparison of the sensing performances of different fluorescence probes for Hg<sup>2+</sup> detection.

Fluorescence probes	Detection limit	Linear range	QY (%)	Reference
CdS nanoparticles	4.5 nM	0.015~12.5 μM	—	1
Ag nanoparticles	25 nM	0.05~5 μM	—	2
Au nanoparticles	17 nM	0.167~2.5 μM	5.5	3
CQDs	1 nM	0~40 μM	2.8	4
OS-GNCQDs	0.37 nM	0.001 ~ 20.0 μM	14.5	Our work

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