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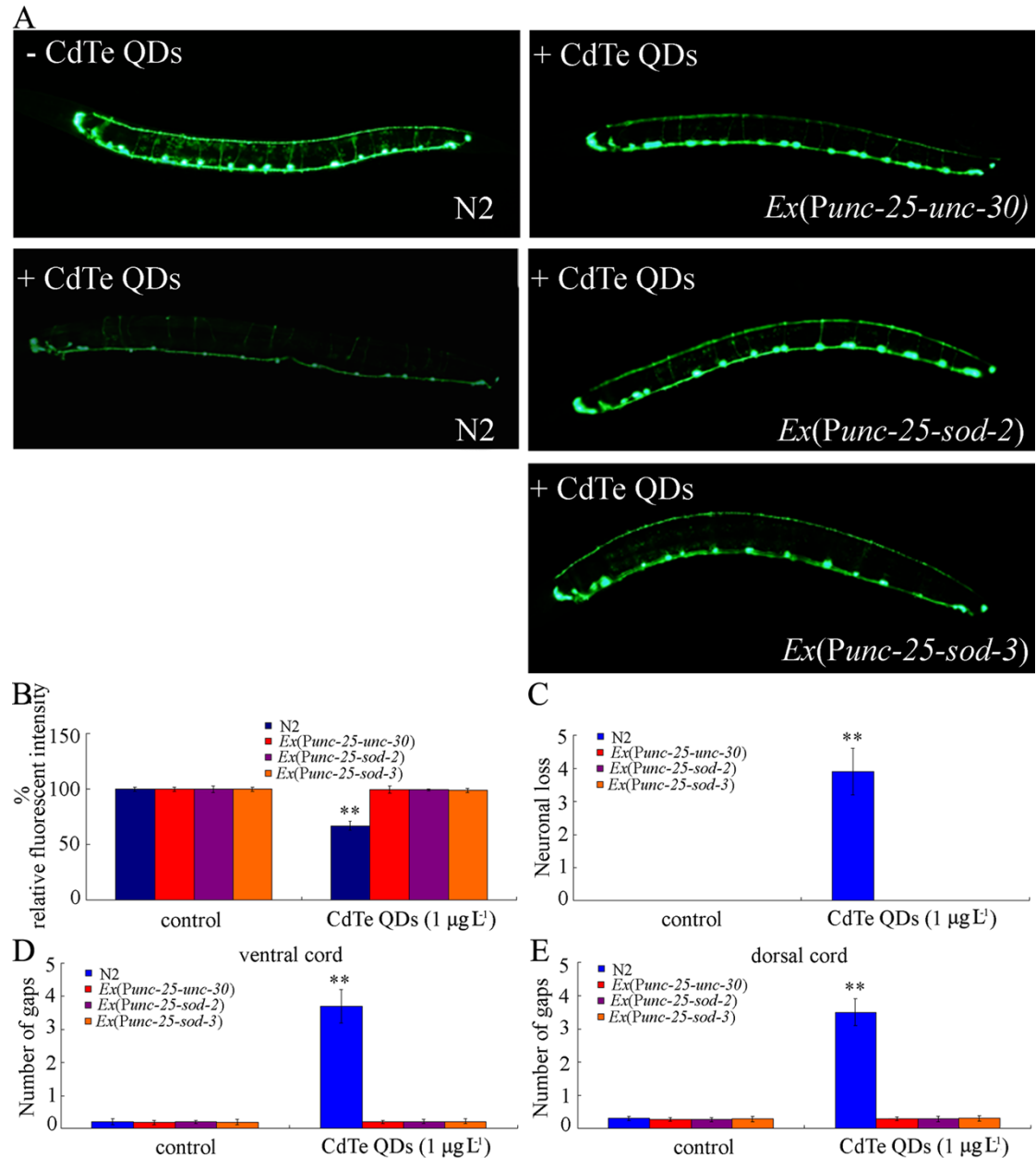


Fig. S1 Development of D-type motor neurons in wild-type and transgenic strains exposed to 1 µg L⁻¹ of CdTe QDs. (A) Pictures showing the development of D-type motor neurons in wild-type and transgenic strains exposed to 1 µg L⁻¹ of CdTe QDs. (B) Fluorescent intensity of cell bodies of ventral D-type motor neurons in wild-type and transgenic strains exposed to 1 µg L⁻¹ of CdTe QDs. (C) Neuronal loss of D-type motor neurons in wild-type and transgenic strains exposed to 1 µg L⁻¹ of CdTe QDs. (D) Gap formation in ventral cord of D-type motor neurons in wild-type and transgenic strains exposed to 1 µg L⁻¹ of CdTe QDs. (E) Gap formation in dorsal cord of D-type motor neurons in wild-type and transgenic strains exposed to 1 µg L⁻¹ of CdTe QDs. Control, without CdTe QDs exposure. Bars represent

means $\pm$ SEM. $**P < 0.01$.

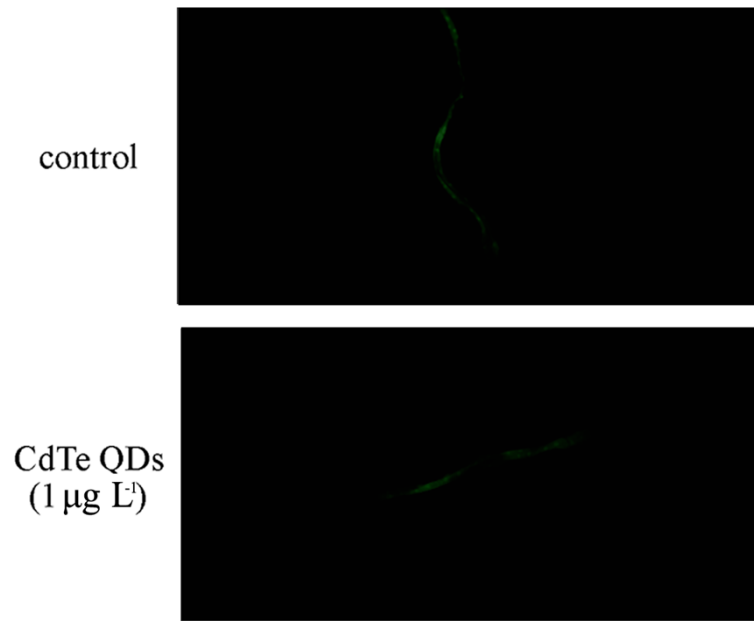


Fig. S2 Effects of the possible released Cd^{2+} from CdTe QDs on *Pmtl-2::GFP* expression in nematodes. Control, without CdTe QDs exposure.

Table S 1. Primers used for quantitative real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

Gene	Forward primer	Reverse primer
<i>tba-1</i>	TCAACACTGCCATCGCCGCC	TCCAAGCGAGACCAGGCTTCAG
<i>unc-30</i>	TCTACCAACAGCCCAAGC	TAAGGTTGGCCGAGCGAT
<i>unc-25</i>	CTGCCTCCGCTGTTCTTG	ATGTTTGCGACTCGCTCC
<i>unc-47</i>	GAAGCATCAGAGCCAATA	CAATAGACCACCATCCAC
<i>sod-2</i>	GGCATCAACTGTCGCTGT	ACAAGTCCAGTTGTTGCC
<i>sod-3</i>	TGACATCACTATTGCGGT	GGGACCATTCCTTCCAAA