

## Supporting Information

# Facile preparation of Double Rare Earth-Doped Carbon Dots for MRI/CT/FI Multimodal Imaging

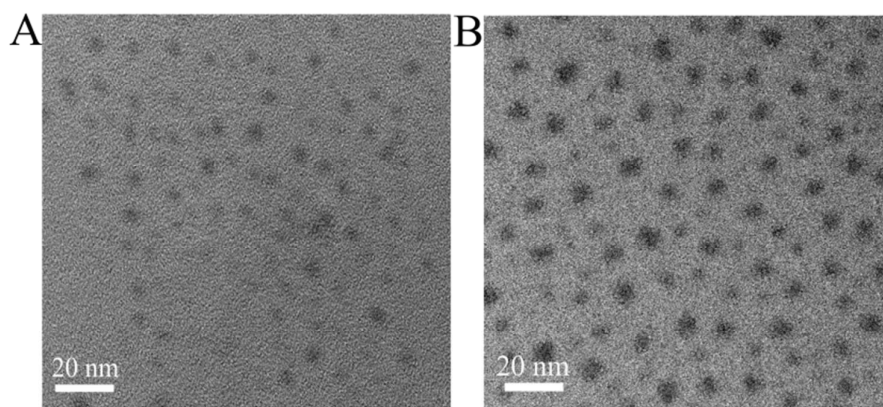
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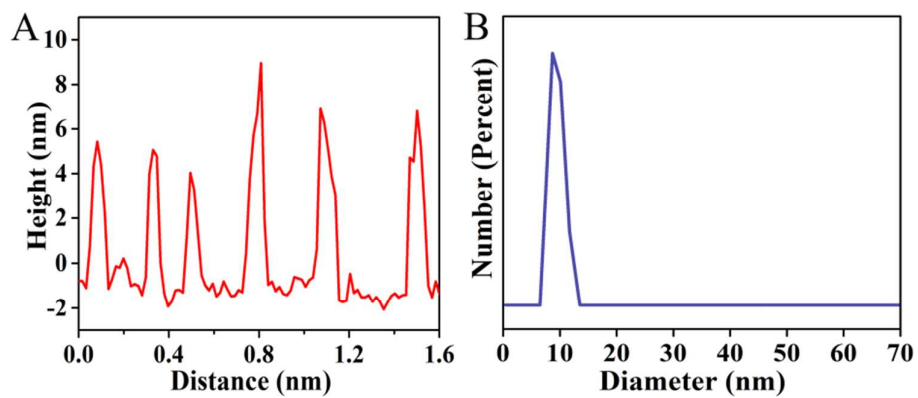
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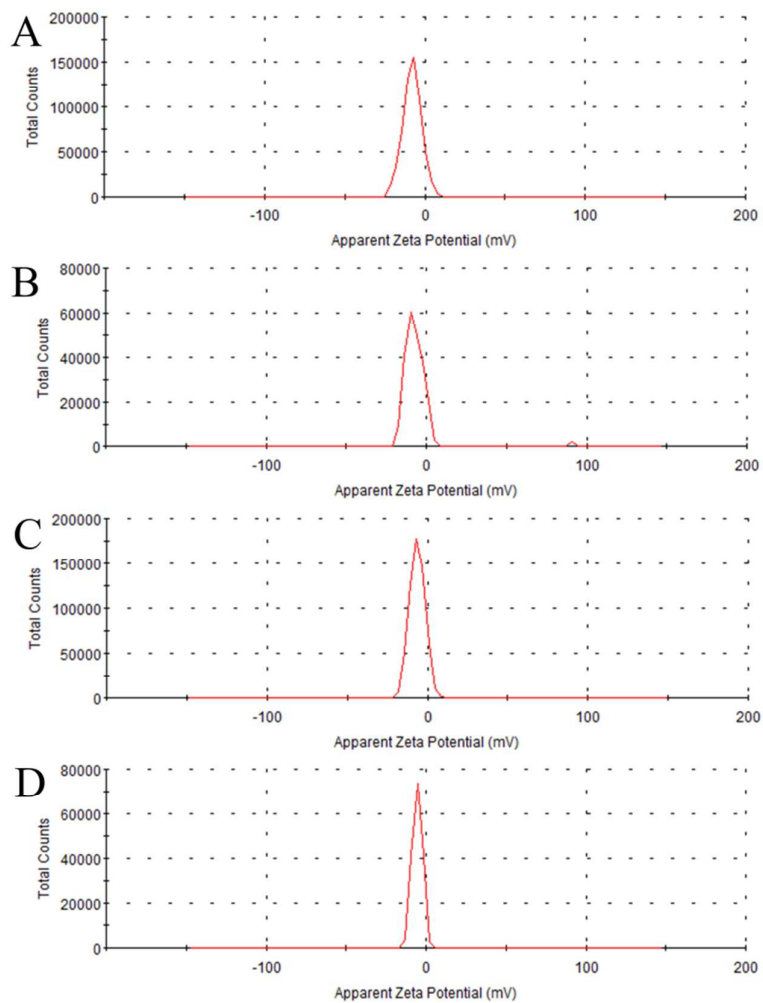
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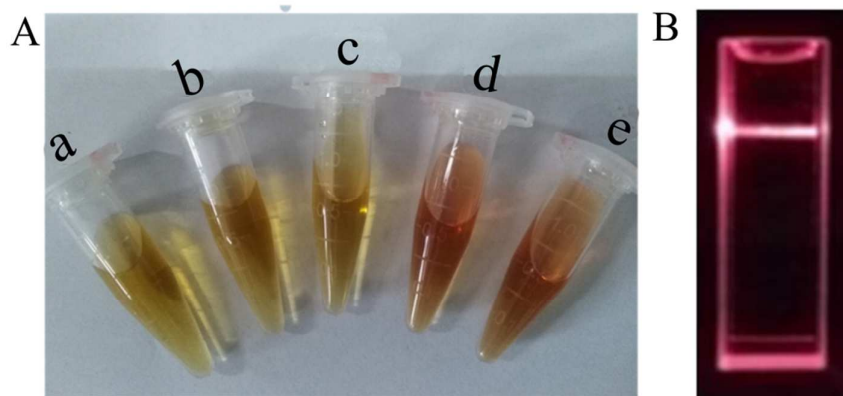
**Figure S1.** TEM images of (A) Gd/Yb@CDs and (B) CDs.



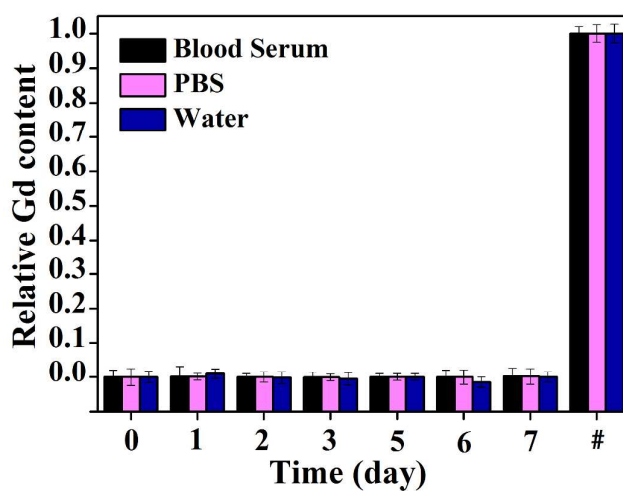
**Figure S2.** (A) The height profile along the line marked in the AFM image, (B) Hydrodynamic size of Gd/Yb@CDs.



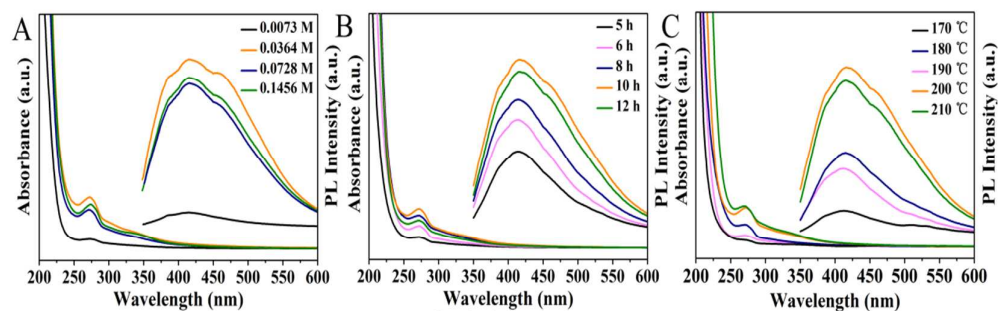
**Figure S3.** Zeta potential of (A) CDs, (B) Gd@CDs, (C) Yb@CDs and (D) Gd/Yb@CDs in water.



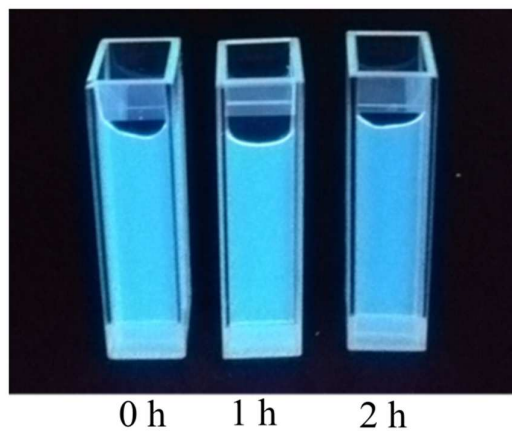
**Figure S4.** (A) The stability of Gd/Yb@CDs in water for 30 days (a), PBS for 0 day (b) and 30 days (c) and DMEM cell medium for 0 day (d) and 30 days (e), (B) The Tyndall effect exhibited by Gd/Yb@CDs in aqueous solution.



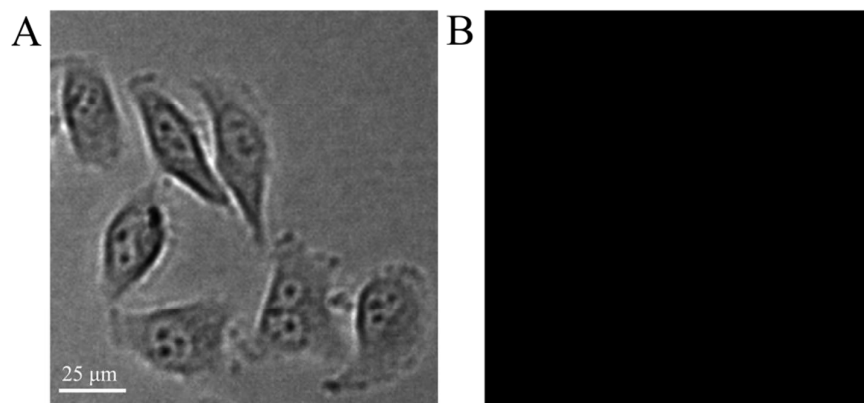
**Figure S5.** The  $Gd^{3+}$  leakage test of Gd/Yb@CDs in blood serum, PBS and water. # represents the overall Gd content in Gd/Yb@CDs.



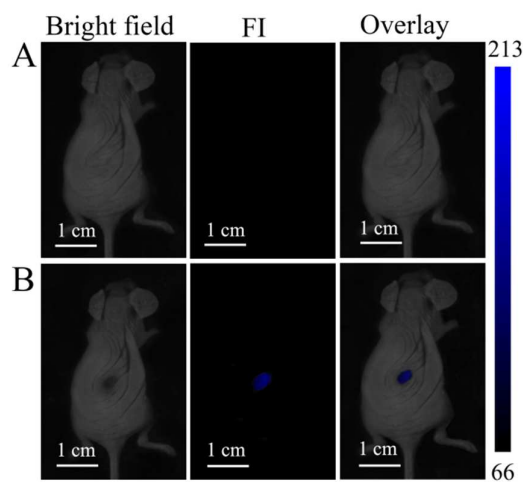
**Figure S6.** The UV-Vis absorption and fluorescence spectra ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 340 \text{ nm}$ ) of Gd/Yb@CDs (A) with various L-arginine concentrations prepared (B) for 5 ~ 12 h (C) at 170 ~ 210 °C.



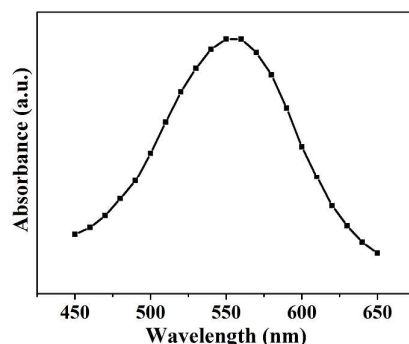
**Figure S7.** Photostability analysis of Gd/Yb@CDs under 365 nm UV light.



**Figure S8.** Cell images without the treatment of Gd/Yb@CDs: (A) bright-field micrograph, (B) fluorescence microscope images of HeLa cells.



**Figure S9.** The *in vivo* fluorescence imaging of mice ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 385 \text{ nm}$ ; irradiation time, 60 s) after subcutaneous injection (A) without and (B) with Gd/Yb@CDs.



**Figure S10.** The UV-Vis absorption of the DMSO solution of purple formazan dye.

Since the maximum absorption of the DMSO solution of purple formazan dye was around 570 nm<sup>1,2</sup>, we chose 570 nm as the absorption wavelength instead of 490 nm, which could increase the detection sensitivity. Additionally, many articles also chose this wavelength in MTT experiments.

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