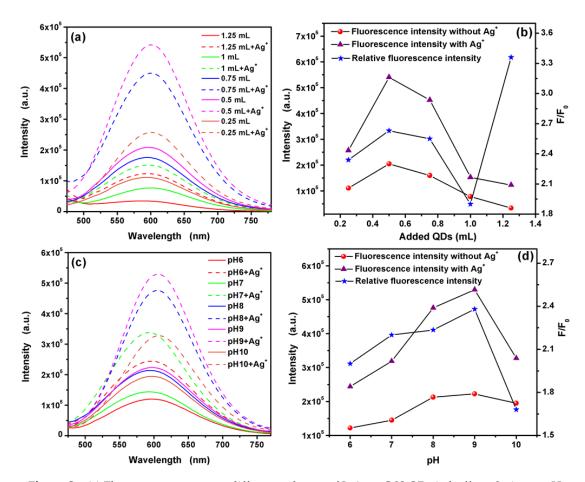
## Supporting Information

## L-Aspartic Acid Capped CdS Quantum Dots as a High Performance Fluorescence Assay for Sliver Ions (I) Detection

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**Figure S1.** (a) Fluorescence spectra at different volumes of L-Asp@CdS QDs in buffer solution at pH 9 and (b) luorescence intensity without (red) and with (violet) 10  $\mu$ M Ag<sup>+</sup>, and the relative fluorescence intensity of volume dependence (blue) of L-Asp@CdS QDs, (c) effect of pH on the fluorescence intensity and (d) fluorescence intensity without (red) and with (violet) 10  $\mu$ M Ag<sup>+</sup>, and relative fluorescence intensity of pH dependence (blue) of L-Asp@CdS QDs.

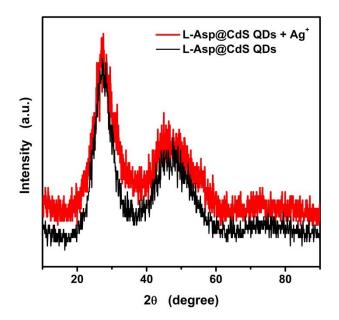
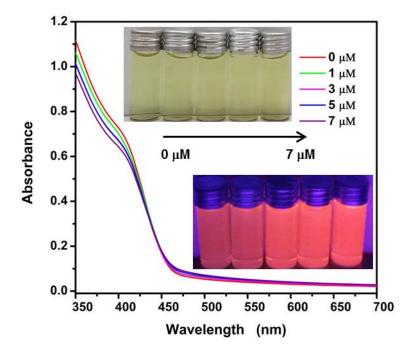
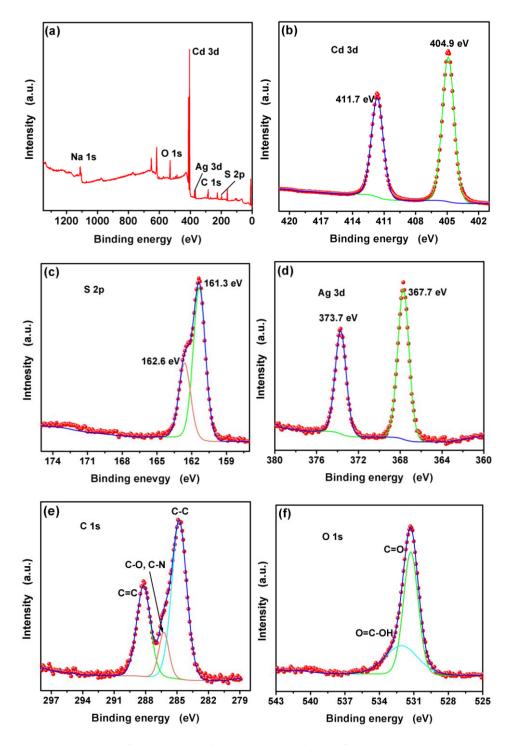


Figure S2. XRD patterns of L-Asp@CdS QDs in the absence and presence of Ag<sup>+</sup> ions.



**Figure S3.** UV–vis absorption spectra of L-Asp@CdS QDs in the presence of various concentrations of Ag+ ions, inset, the photographs under exposure of white and UV (365 nm) light.



**Figure S4.** XPS spectra of the L-Asp@CdS QDs upon addition of Ag+ ions: (a) survey, (b) Cd 3d spectrum, (c) S 2p spectrum, (d) Ag 3d, (e) C 1s and (f) O 1s spectrum.

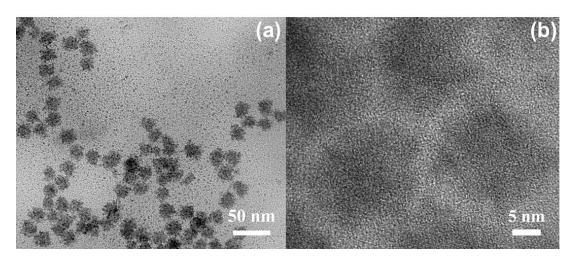


Figure S5. The TEM and HRTEM images of L-Asp@CdS QDs upon addition of Ag^ ions.

Mineral composition (mg/L)		Total dissolved solids (mg/L)	pН
$H_2SiO_3$	20.0-60.0		
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	3.0-15.0	45.0-150.0	6.5-8.5
$Mg^{2+}$	0.03-5.0		

 Table S1.
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