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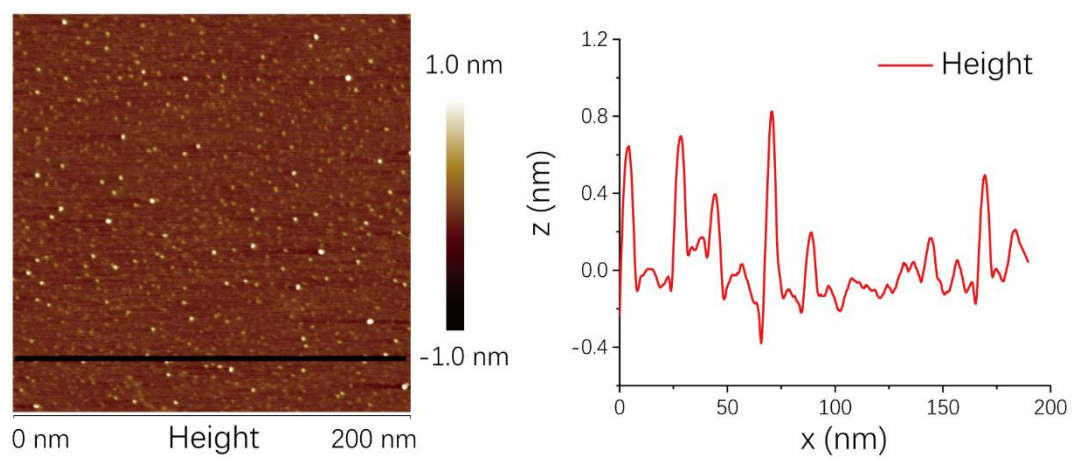


Figure S1. AFM image and topographic heights of the GQDs.

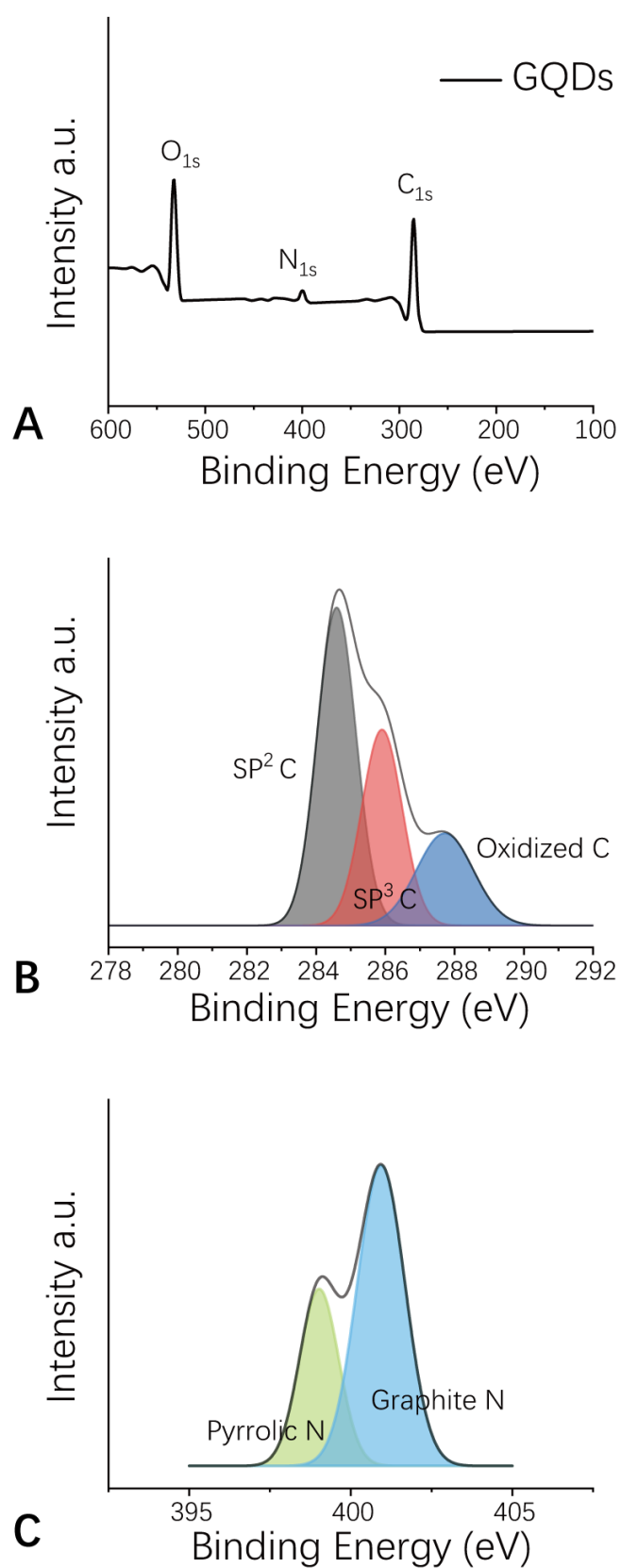


Figure S2. XPS spectra (full survey, C_{1s}, N_{1s}, O_{1s}) of the GQDs (A). Deconvoluted XPS spectra for C_{1s} (B) and N_{1s} (C).

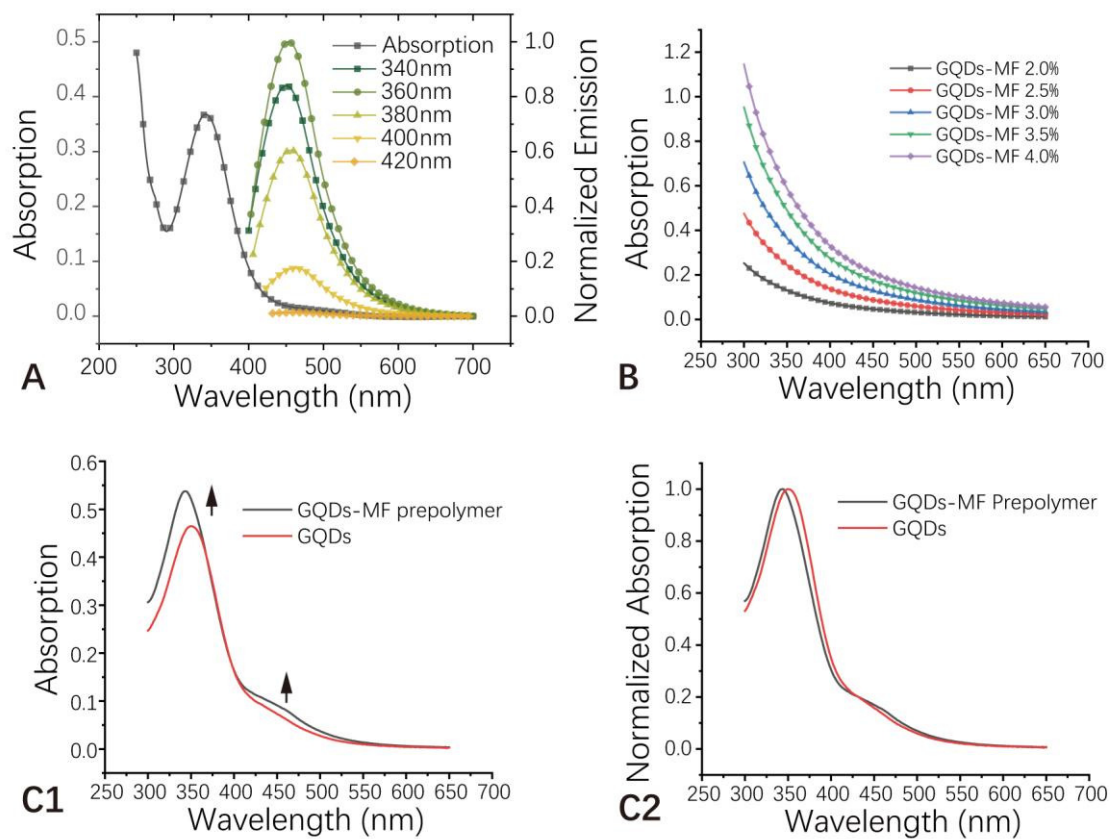


Figure S3. UV-Vis absorption and fluorescence spectra of the GQDs solution, excited at different wavelengths (A). UV-Vis absorptions of the series of GQDs-microspheres (B), the GQDs solution (0.1% wt.) and of the GQDs-MF prepolymer mixture (C1 and C2).

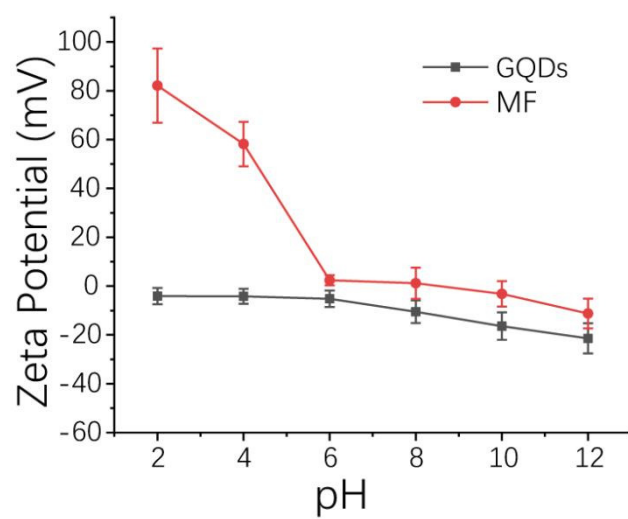


Figure S4. pH-zeta potential curves of GQDs and MF prepolymer in aqueous solutions

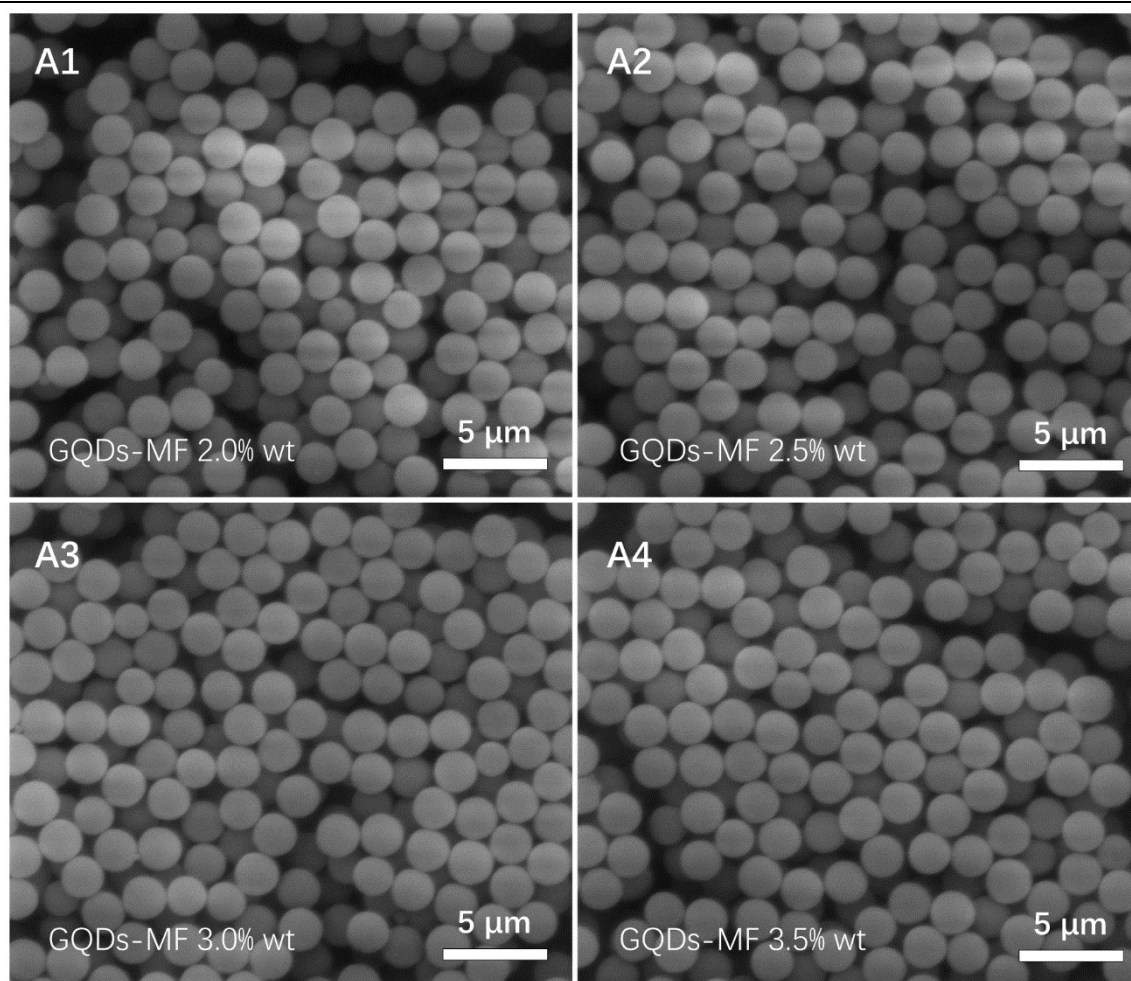


Figure S5. SEM images of GQDs-MF microsphere samples prepared with varied GQDs doping concentrations.

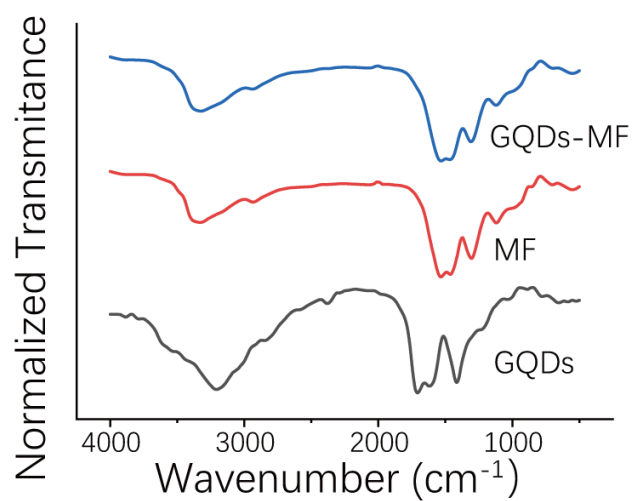


Figure S6. FTIR spectra of the GQDs, GQDs-MF microspheres and blank MF microspheres.

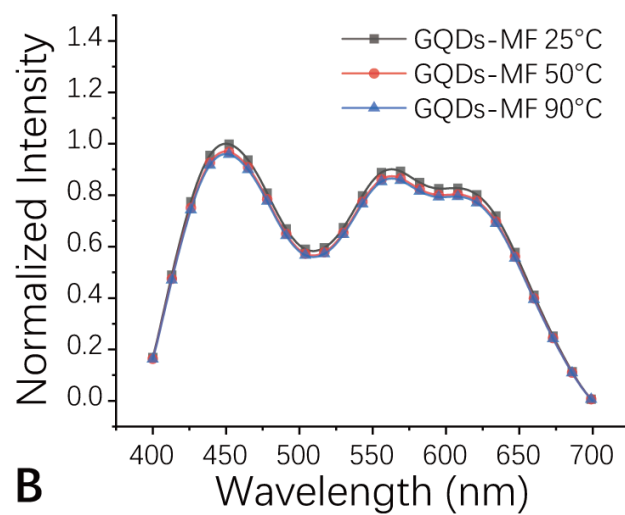
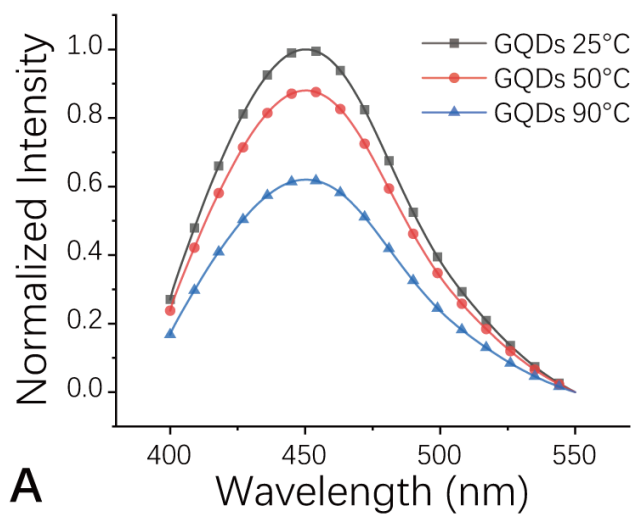


Figure S7. Emissions spectra of the GQDs solution (A) and aqueous suspension of GQDs-MF microspheres at varied temperatures, excited by 360 nm.

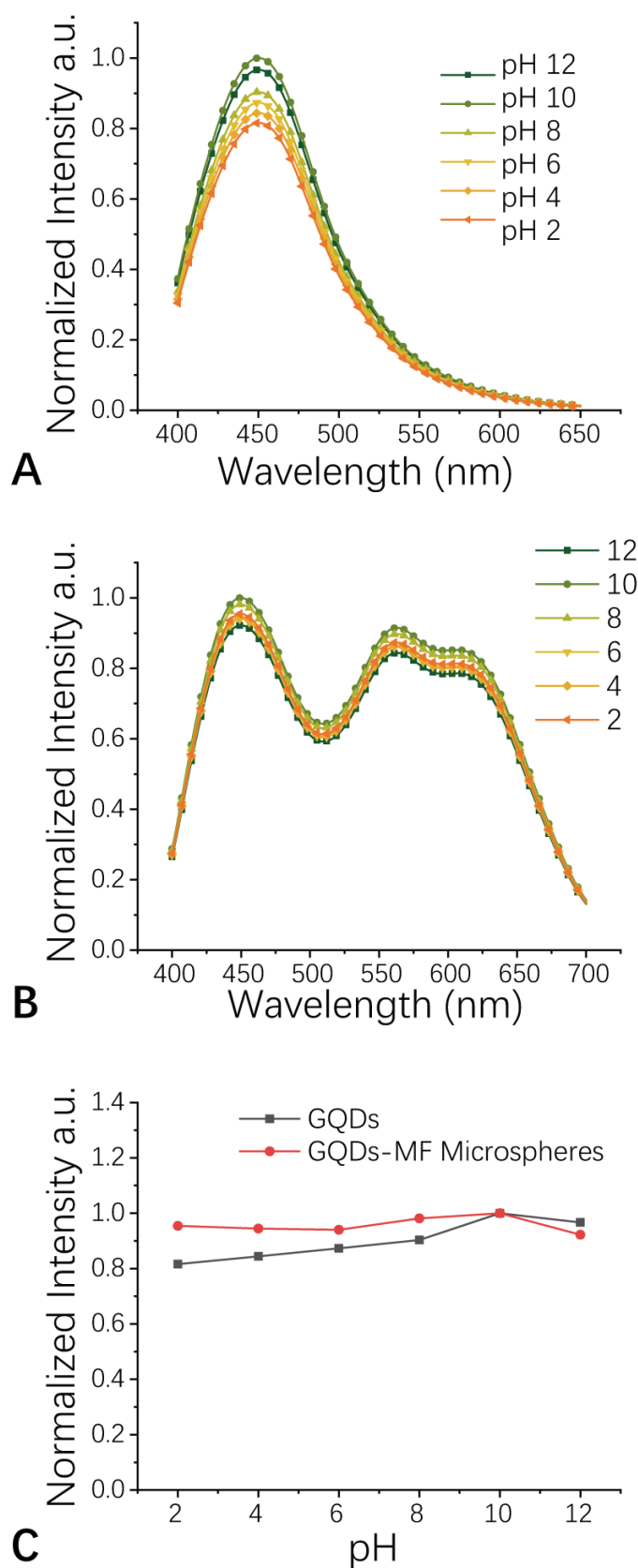


Figure S8. Emission spectra and maximum emission intensity of the GQDs solution and aqueous suspension of GQDs-MF microspheres in solutions of different pH, excited at 360 nm.

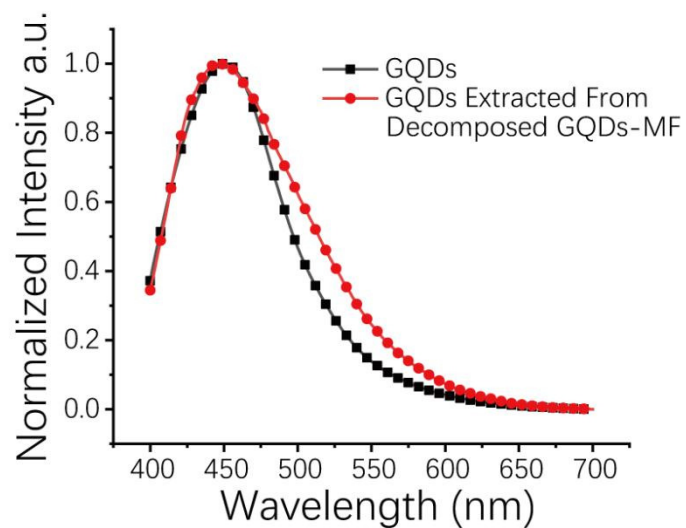


Figure S9. Emission spectra of the GQDs and GQDs extracted from the decomposed GQDs-MF microspheres, the spectra are normalized by maximum intensity, excited at 360 nm.

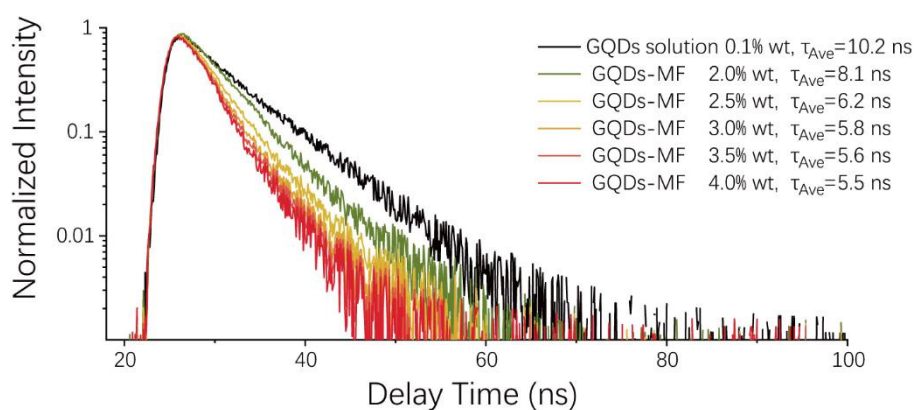


Figure S10. Time-resolved luminescence decay curves of the GQDs solution and series of GQDs-MF microspheres. The emissions were collected at 450 nm, excited at 340 nm.

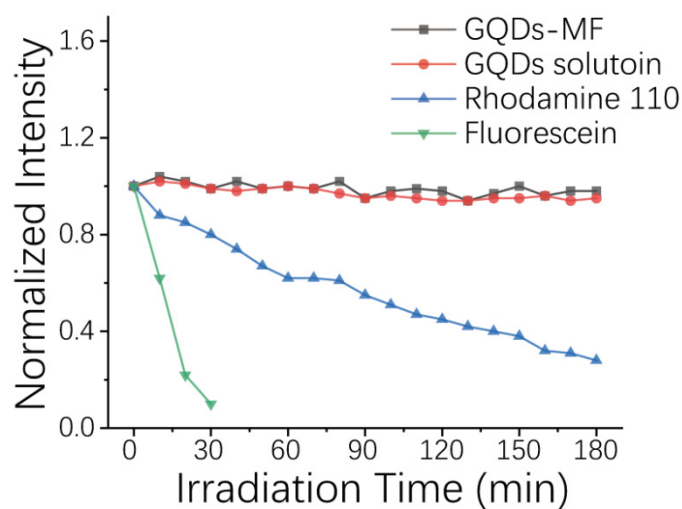


Figure S11. A comparison of the photo-stability of the GQDs solution, GQDs-MF microspheres, Rhodamine 110, and Fluorescein, under UV irradiation by a 300W high pressure mercury lamp

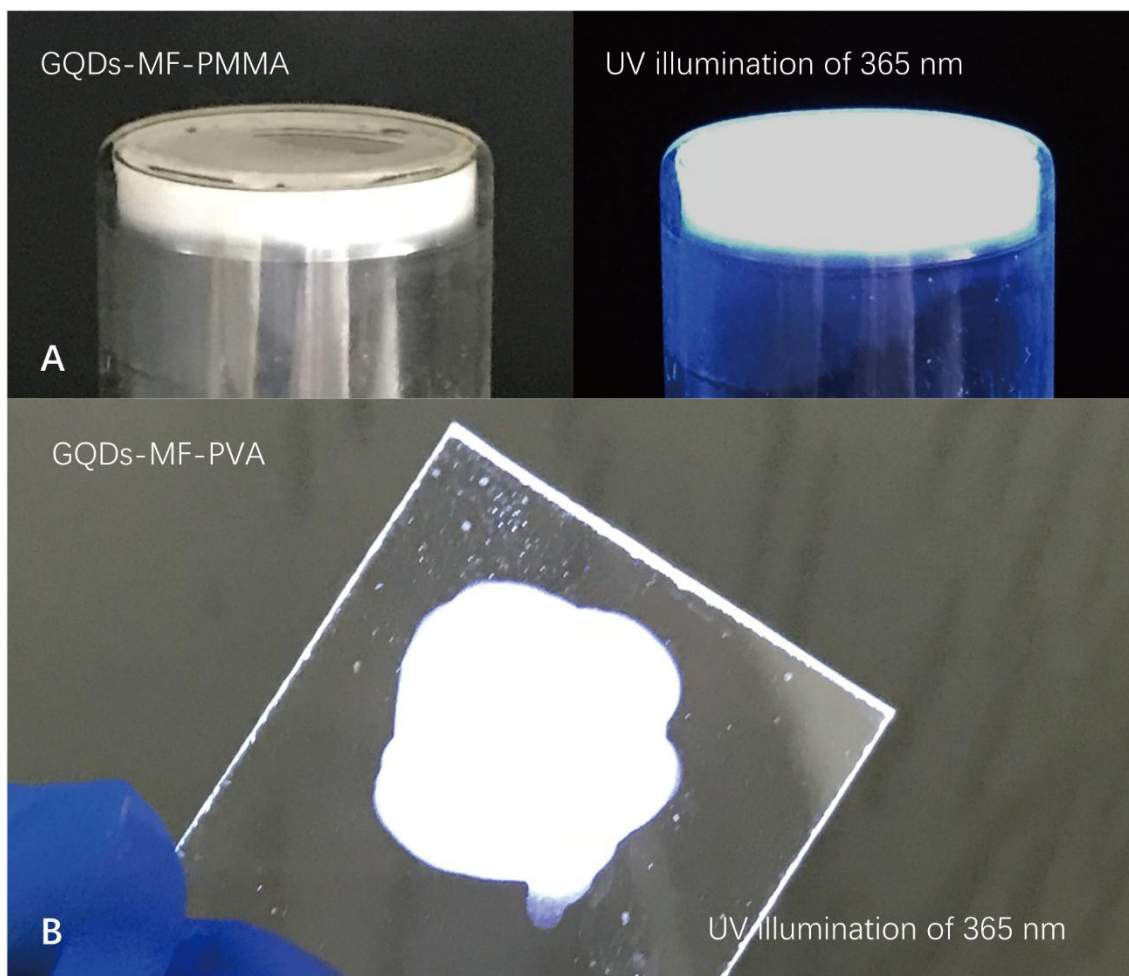


Figure S12. White-light-emitting block and film prepared with GQDs-MF-PMMA and GQDs-MF-PVA materials.

Table S1. QY, CCT, CRI and CIE coordinates for the GQDs solution and GQDs-MF microspheres prepared with different GQDs doping concentrations.

Doping Concentration	QY	CCT (K)	CRI	CIE
0.1% wt solution	0.55	NA	NA	(0.16, 0.14)
2.0% wt.	0.83	10810	0.75	(0.28, 0.28)
2.5% wt.	0.74	7814	0.81	(0.30, 0.29)
3.0% wt.	0.62	6653	0.84	(0.31, 0.31)
3.5% wt.	0.51	5969	0.87	(0.32, 0.32)
4.0% wt.	0.43	5638	0.88	(0.33, 0.32)

Table S2. A comparison of some recently developed GQDs based white-light-emitting materials.

Author and Date	CIE	CRI	QY	EQE	Ref.
This work	(0.28, 0.28); (0.30, 0.29); (0.31, 0.31); (0.32, 0.32); (0.33, 0.32);	0.75-0.88	43-83%	NA	This work
P. Dong et. al. 2017	(0.33, 0.36)	83.9	3.62%	NA	23
Z. Luo et. al. 2016	(0.24, 0.25); (0.25, 0.27); (0.26, 0.28); (0.27, 0.29)	NA	NA	0.24 - 0.19%	46
T. Ghosh et. al. 2015	(0.29, 0.34)	NA	1-2%	NA	25
R. Sekiya et. al. 2014	(0.24, 0.27); (0.34, 0.40); (0.34, 0.39); (0.32, 0.38)	NA	1-2%	NA	21
C.M. Luk et. al. 2012	(0.33, 0.38)	72.0	12%	NA	24