

# Supporting Information

## Green Synthesis of Multifunctional Carbon Dots with Antibacterial Activities

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### Cell viability assay

Cell viability assay was determined by the MTT colorimetric method using the tetrazolium dye MTT 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide. PC-3 cells were cultured at 37 °C in a 5 % CO<sub>2</sub> in L-glutamine RPMI 1640 medium with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) and 1% penicillin-streptomycin-nystatin (Biological Industries, Beit Haemek, Israel). Cell viability was determined using an MTT colorimetric assay on PC-3 (8000 cells/well) cell line. The PC-3 cells were exposed with CDs with diverse concentrations (100–500 µg/mL) for 24 h incubation. The MTT reagent was added and incubated for 2-4 h. The color intensity was measured at 570 nm by an ELISA plate reader. The cell viability in percentage was calculated as % Cell viability = [ $A_{570\text{nm}}$  of treated cells/  $A_{570\text{nm}}$  of control cells] X 100.

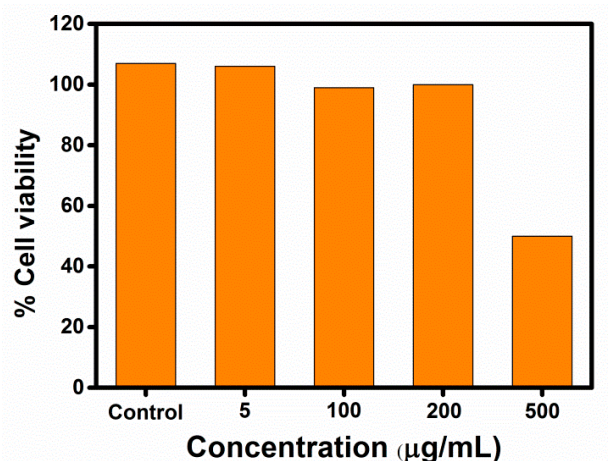


Figure S1. Cell viability of PC-3 cells after 24 h incubation with various concentrations of CDs