

## Supporting Information

# Composition effect on the optical properties of the aqueous synthesized Cu-In-S and Zn-Cu-In-S quantum dot nanocrystals

*Butian Zhang,<sup>a‡</sup> Yucheng Wang,<sup>a‡</sup> Chengbin Yang,<sup>a</sup> Siyi Hu,<sup>b</sup> Yuan Gao,<sup>a</sup> Yiping Zhang,<sup>a</sup> Yue Wang,<sup>b</sup> Hilmi Volkan Demir,<sup>a</sup> Liwei Liu,<sup>b</sup> and Ken-Tye Yong<sup>a</sup>*

<sup>a</sup> School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore 639798, Singapore Email: [ktyong@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:ktyong@ntu.edu.sg)

<sup>b</sup> Changchun University of Science and Technology, Changchun, Jilin 130022, PR China

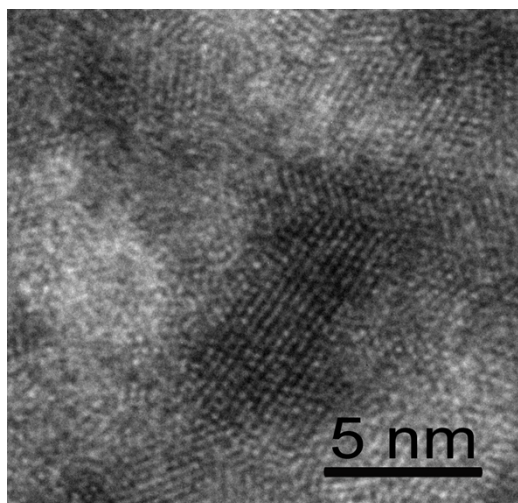


Figure S1. High resolution TEM image of Cu-In-S QDs with a Cu:In ratio of 0.6.

	Feed ratio (MPA excluded)				EDX results			
	Zn(%)	Cu(%)	In(%)	S(%)	Zn(%)	Cu(%)	In(%)	S(%)
<b>0%ZnCuInS</b>	0	18.75	31.25	50	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$18.62 \pm 2.44$	$32.83 \pm 2.50$	$48.55 \pm 3.65$
<b>10%ZnCuInS</b>	5	16.875	28.125	50	$5.07 \pm 0.26$	$15.74 \pm 0.33$	$25.20 \pm 5.84$	$53.99 \pm 6.29$
<b>30%ZnCuInS</b>	15	13.125	21.875	50	$14.25 \pm 5.04$	$10.36 \pm 2.38$	$19.97 \pm 0.78$	$55.43 \pm 6.50$
<b>50%ZnCuInS</b>	25	9.375	15.625	50	$18.83 \pm 3.09$	$6.08 \pm 0.59$	$14.32 \pm 1.34$	$60.77 \pm 4.08$
<b>70%ZnCuInS</b>	35	5.625	9.375	50	$25.49 \pm 0.45$	$2.83 \pm 0.68$	$9.17 \pm 0.82$	$62.51 \pm 1.19$

Table S1. The feed ratio of Zn, Cu, In, S in reaction mixtures and the EDX determined composition ratio in prepared ZCIS QDs.

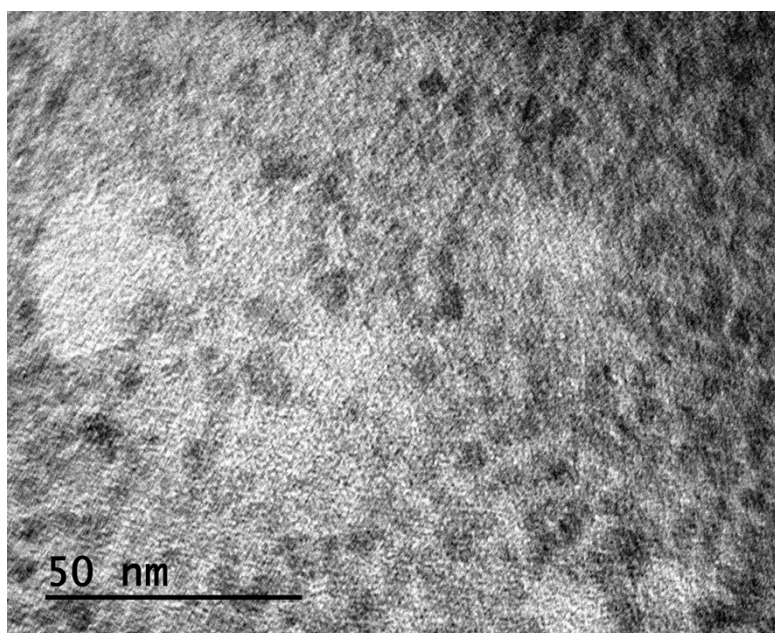


Figure S2. TEM image of 70% ZCIS QDs.

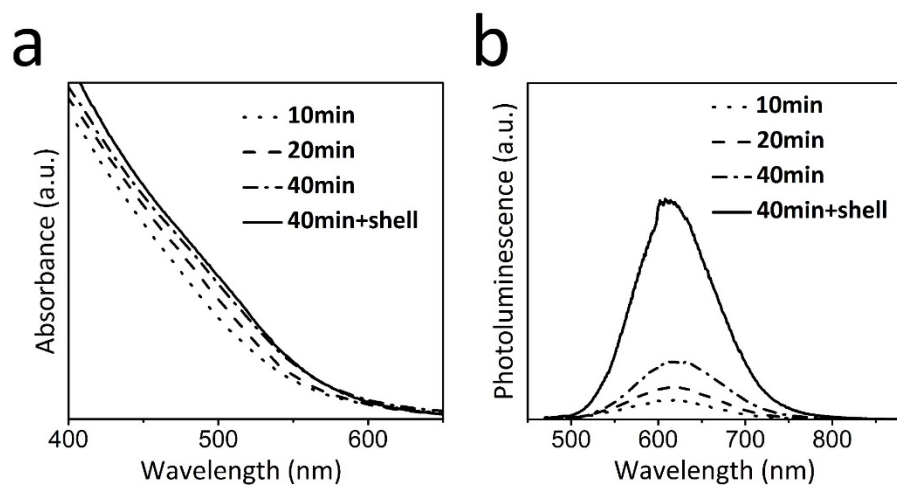


Figure S3. Temporal evolution of (a) absorption and (b) photoluminescence spectra in a growth reaction of ZCIS/ZnS QDs.

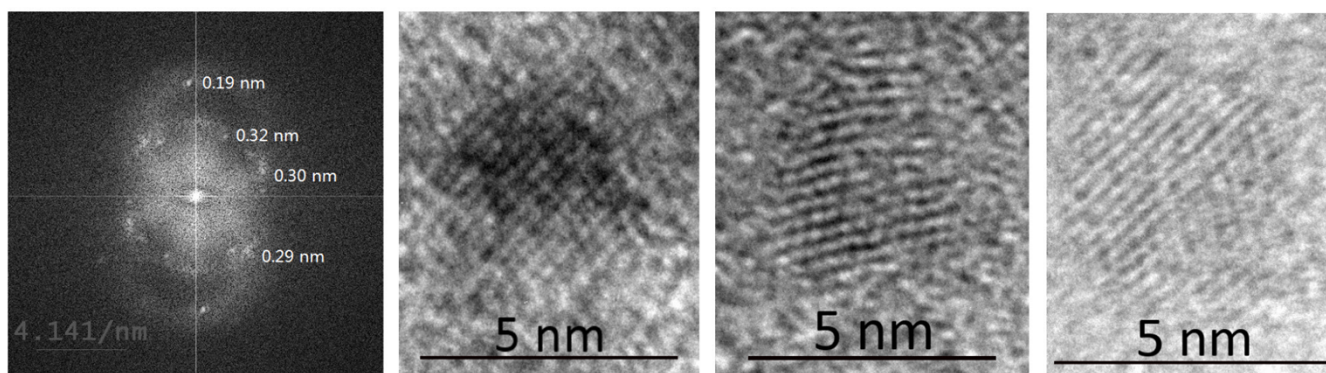


Figure S4. FFT pattern and TEM images of 30% ZCIS/ZnS QDs.

Samples	A1	t1 (ns)	A2	t2 (ns)	Average lifetime (ns)
CIS/ZnS	0.14537	5.08986	0.85463	191.0669	161.0515
10%ZCIS/ZnS	0.21174	4.83501	0.78826	144.3757	110.0229
50%ZCIS/ZnS	0.27424	3.50362	0.72576	131.0161	89.01911

Table S2. The decay constants of the fitted luminescence decay curves. The fitting formula is  $y=A1*\exp(-t/t1)+A2*\exp(-t/t2)$ , in which  $A1+A2=1$ .

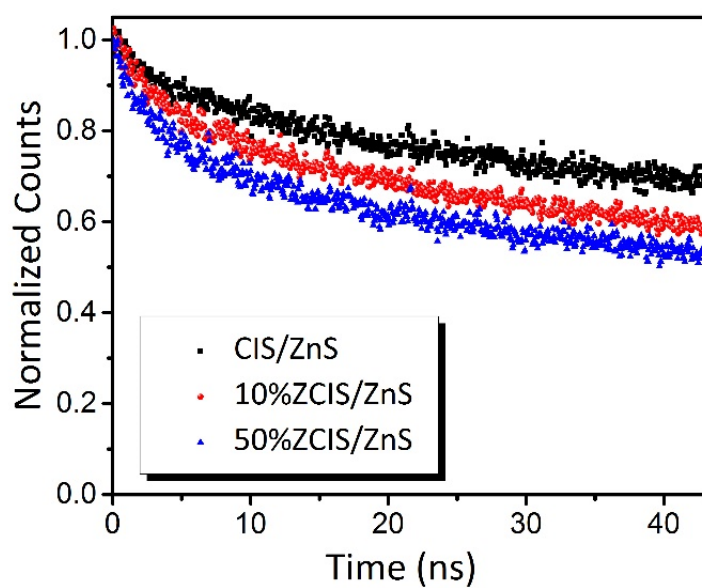


Figure S5. Luminescence decay curves of the 0%, 10% and 50% ZCIS/ZnS QDs in water.

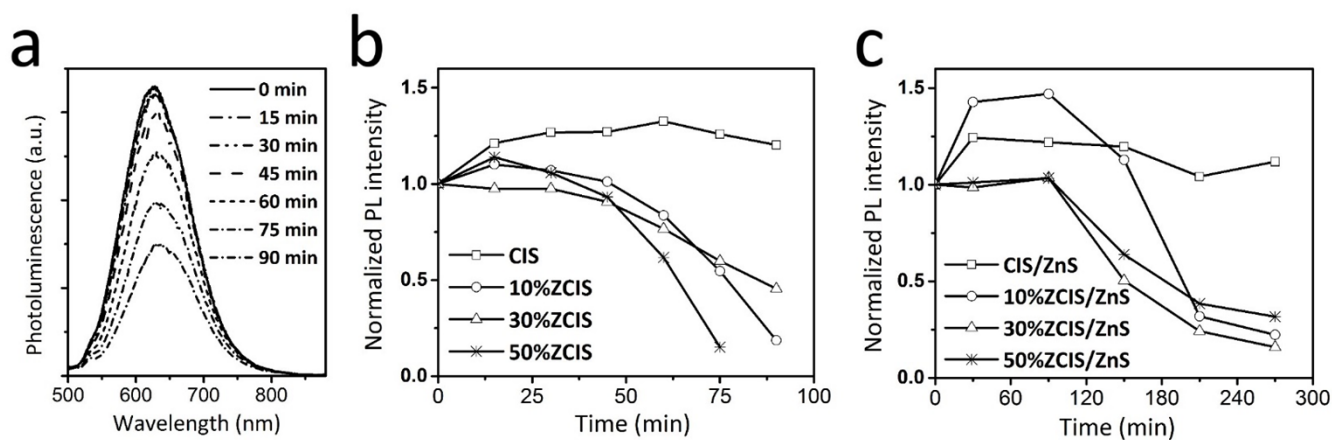


Figure S6. Photostability studies of ZCIS and ZCIS/ZnS QDs. (a) Temporal evolution of photoluminescence spectra of 30% ZCIS QDs under UV irradiation. (b) and (c) PL maximum change of ZCIS and ZCIS/ZnS QDs during different UV irradiation times.