# Photoluminescence and optical nonlinearity of CdS quantum dots synthesized in functional copolymer hydrogel template 

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## 1. Preparation and Characterization of copolymer p(MMA-co-AAc)

A) Calculation of AA content in PMMA-co-AA(25)

Molar percentage (f) of AA or carboxyl acid content in the copolymer $=100 x$
where ' $x$ ' is the mole fraction of AA in the copolymer.
Peak intensities are set as $I_{c}=x, I_{a}=3(1-x)$
where $I_{a}$ and $I_{c}$ are the relative intensities of methyl protons (a) and methine proton (b) in MMA and AA respectively
$x=\frac{3\left(I_{c} / I_{a}\right)}{1+3\left(I_{c} / I_{a}\right)}$
$\mathrm{f}=100 x$
$\mathrm{f}=25 \%$
From the weight percentage of monomers used for copolymerization, the mole percentage of AA is $28 \%$.
B) Calculation of AA content in PMMA-co-AA(27).

Using the above calculation, $\mathrm{f}=27 \%$
From the weight percentage of monomers used for copolymerization, the mole percentage of AA is $33 \%$

## 2 Preparation of composite p(MMA-co-AAc)/CdS

Photographs of the copolymer and copolymer-CdS QD composite films are given below


Figure S1. Photographs of a) p(MMA-co-AAc)(17)
b) $\mathbf{p ( M M A - c o - ~}$ AAc)(17)/CdS, b) p(MMA-co-AAc)(23)/CdS, c) p(MMA-co-AAc)(25)/CdS, and d) $\mathbf{p}$ (MMA-co-AAc)(27)/CdS

3 Photoluminescence of $\mathbf{p}$ (MMA-co-AAc)/CdS composites


Figure S2. PL of (a) p(MMA-co-AAc)(17)/CdS, (b) p(MMA-co-AAc)(23)/CdS (c) $\mathbf{p ( M M A - c o - A A c ) ( 2 5 ) / C d S}$, and (d) p(MMA-co-AAc)(27)/CdS in DMF

