

# Supporting Information

## Probing the electronic and optical properties of silica coated quantum dots with first-principles calculations

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**Table S1.** Excitation energies ( $\Delta E$  in nm) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) of Cd<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>2</sub> cluster for B3LYP/DZVP calculated 10 lowest singlet-singlet excited states at  $D_{2h}$  Symmetry.

$\Delta E$	$f$	transition	weight
898	0.000	HOMO→LUMO	0.690
663	0.000	HOMO→LUMO+1	0.681
644	0.013	HOMO-1→LUMO	0.689
552	0.017	HOMO-2→LUMO	0.655
		HOMO-3→LUMO+1	-0.179
528	0.000	HOMO-3→LUMO	0.663
		HOMO-2→LUMO+1	-0.190
517	0.000	HOMO-1→LUMO+1	0.687
482	0.000	HOMO-3→LUMO	0.190
		HOMO-2→LUMO+1	0.658
362	0.090	HOMO-3→LUMO+1	0.567
		HOMO-2→LUMO+4	0.157
		HOMO→LUMO+2	0.324
314	0.220	HOMO-5→LUMO+1	-0.200
		HOMO-4→LUMO	0.616
		HOMO-1→LUMO+3	0.161
295	0.000	HOMO-5→LUMO	-0.332
		HOMO-4→LUMO+1	0.566
		HOMO-1→LUMO+3	0.219

**Table S2.** Excitation energies ( $\Delta E$  in nm) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) of  $\text{Cd}_2\text{Te}_2@(\text{SiO}_2)_{24}$  for B3LYP/DZVP&6-31G\* calculated 10 lowest singlet-singlet excited states at  $D_{2h}$  Symmetry.

$\Delta E$	$f$	transition	weight
616	0.000	HOMO→LUMO	0.704
558	0.000	HOMO-1→LUMO	0.703
534	0.010	HOMO-2→LUMO	0.701
530	0.000	HOMO→LUMO+1	0.704
485	0.000	HOMO-1→LUMO+1	0.705
468	0.000	HOMO-2→LUMO+1	0.704
459	0.027	HOMO-3→LUMO	0.682
		HOMO→LUMO+2	-0.173
449	0.0021	HOMO-4→LUMO	0.705
410	0.000	HOMO-3→LUMO+1	0.670
		HOMO→LUMO+4	0.216
406	0.0015	HOMO-3→LUMO	0.177
		HOMO→LUMO+2	0.682