

New Journal of Chemistry

ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Size dependence of CdS nanoparticles on the precursor concentration and visible light driven photocatalytic degradation of methylene blue

Smriti Thakur, Rupinder Kaur and Sanjay K Mandal*

Department of Chemical Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Mohali,
Sector 81, Manauli PO, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Punjab 140306, India,

[*sanjaymandal@iisermohali.ac.in](mailto:sanjaymandal@iisermohali.ac.in)

Table of Contents

Figures/Tables	Description	Page No.
Figures S1-S6	EDX spectra and elemental mapping of CdS nanoparticles	S3-S5
Figures S7-S8	PXRD patterns of CdS-1 and CdS-4 after BET surface area analysis and CdS-1 recovered after photocatalysis	S6
Table S1	Comparison of rate constants of CdS nanoparticles	S7
Scheme S1	Reactions involved on the surface of CdS catalyst	S8

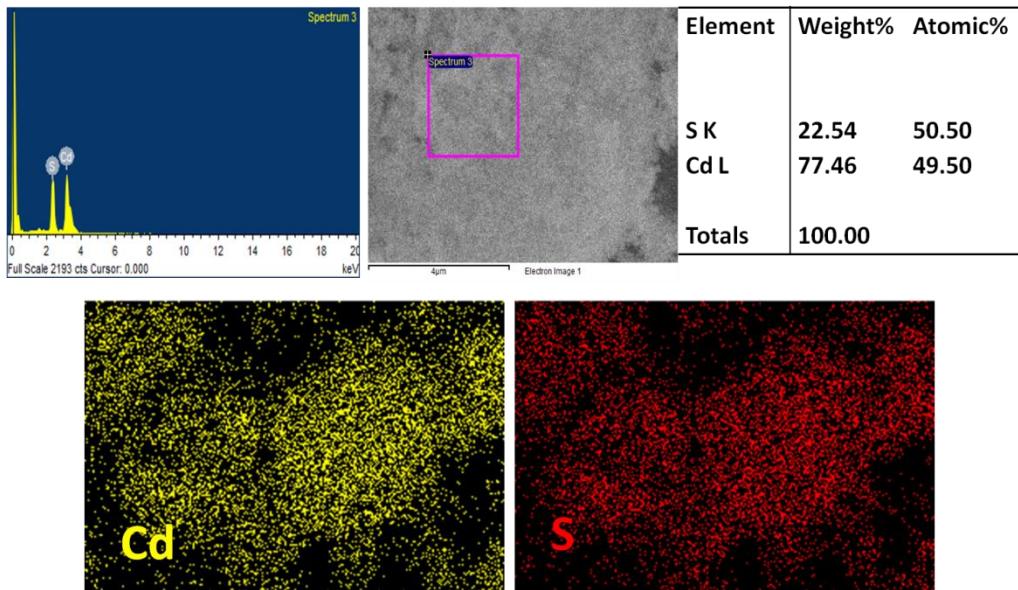


Fig. S1 EDX spectrum and elemental mapping of **CdS-1**.

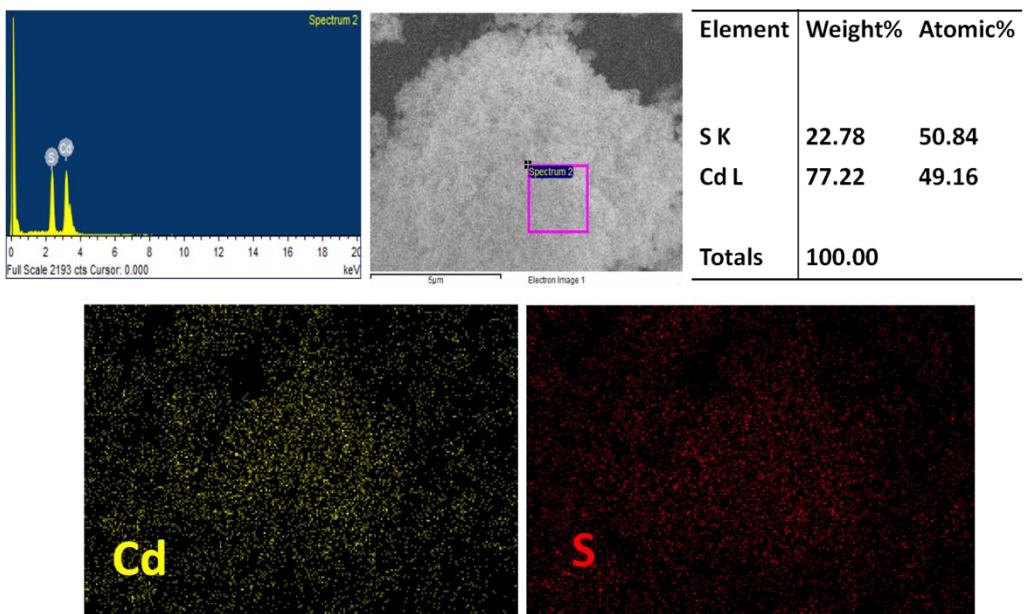


Fig. S2 EDX spectrum and elemental mapping of **CdS-2**.

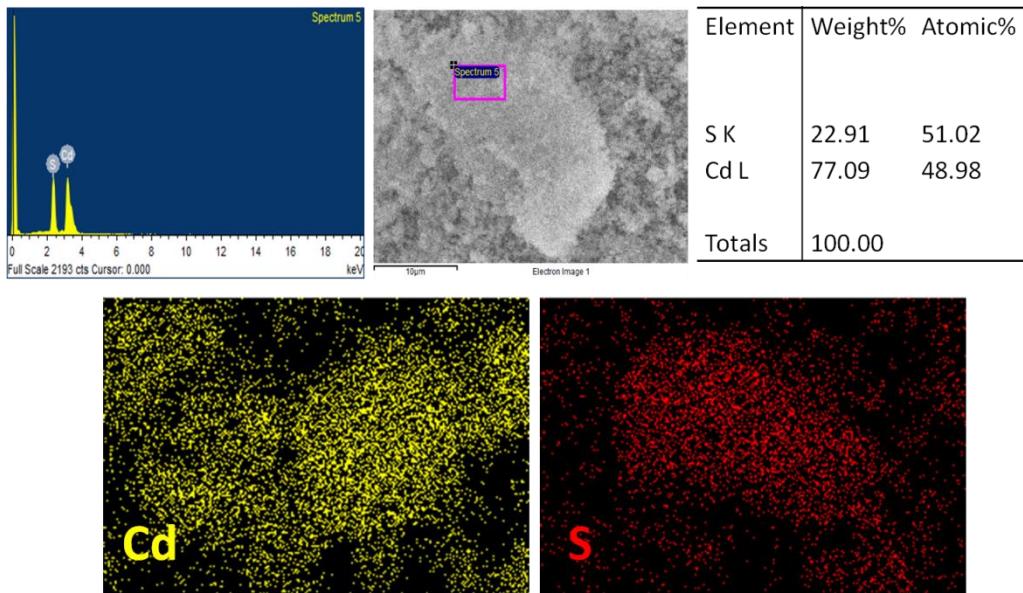


Fig. S3 EDX spectrum and elemental mapping of **CdS-3**.

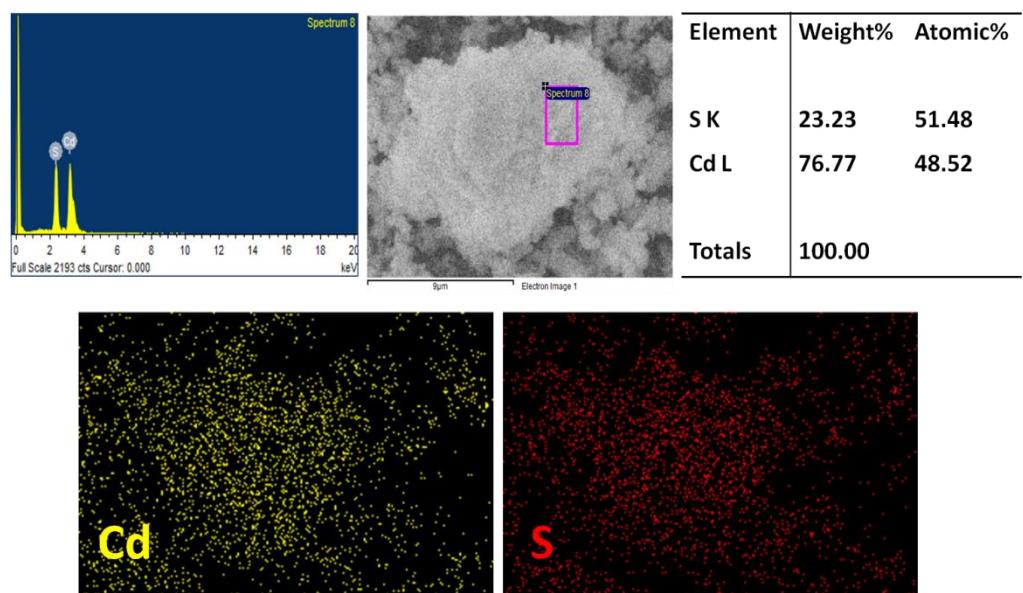


Fig. S4 EDX spectrum and elemental mapping of **CdS-4**.

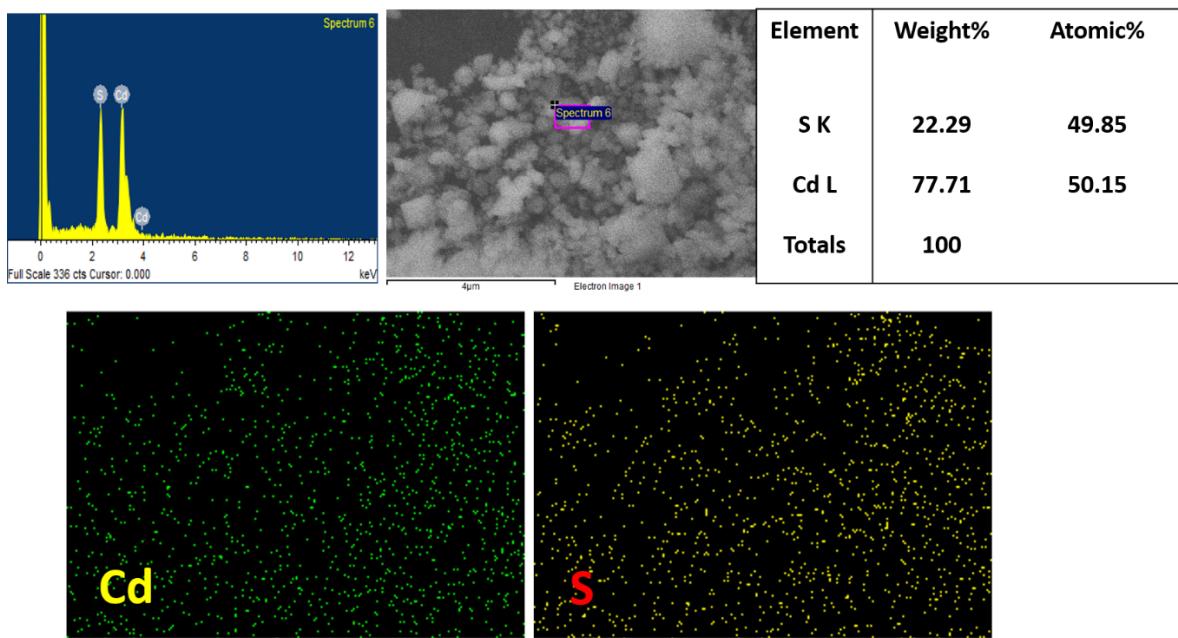


Fig. S5 EDX spectrum and elemental mapping of CdS-5.

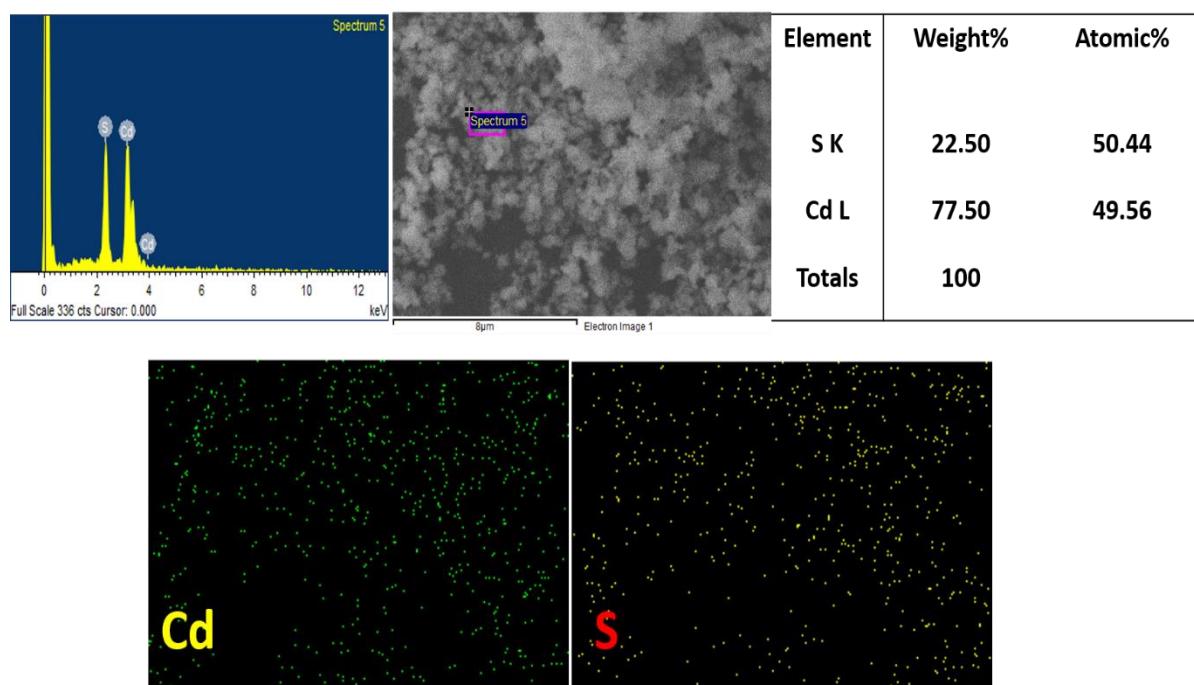


Fig. S6 EDX spectrum and elemental mapping of CdS-6.

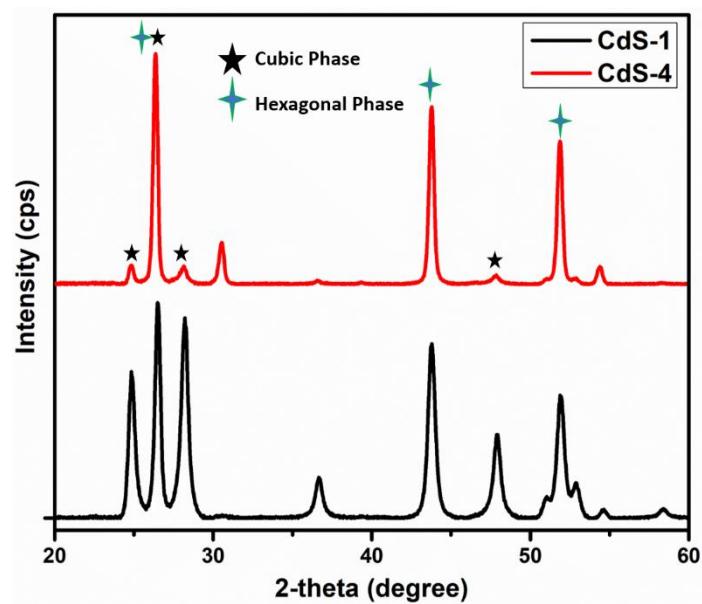


Fig. S7 PXRD patterns of CdS-1 and CdS-4 after the BET surface area analysis.

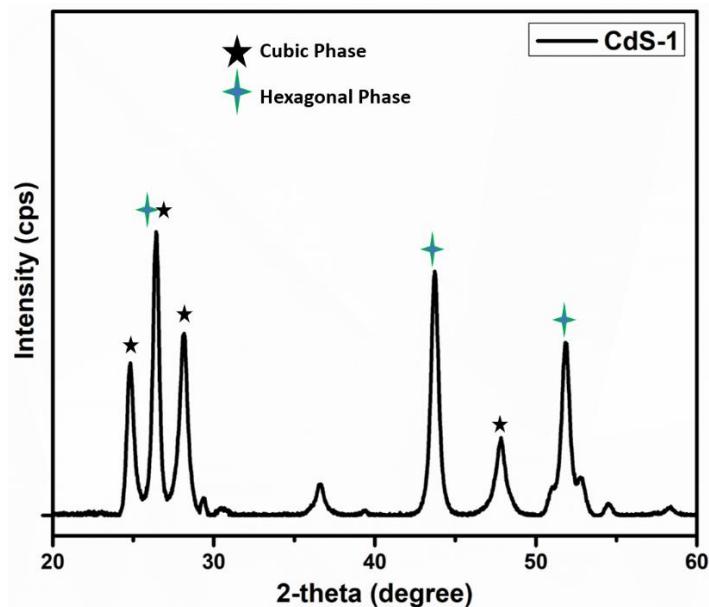


Fig. S8 PXRD pattern of CdS-1 recovered after photocatalysis.

Table S1. Comparison of rate constants of CdS nanoparticles (**CdS-1** to **CdS-4**) with literature values.

Morphology	Rate constant (min ⁻¹)	Time	Reference
Agglomerated Nanoparticles	1.57×10^{-2}	120 min	46
PVP Capped Nanoparticles	0.29×10^{-2}	360 min	47
Hollow microspheres	1.09×10^{-2}	210 min	48, 49
Nanospheres	1.03×10^{-2}	90 min	50
Nanospheres	1.78×10^{-2}	180 min	51
Nanoparticles	1.2×10^{-2}	90 min	52
Nanoparticles	0.4×10^{-2}	140 min	53
CdS-1	1.79×10^{-2}	180 min	<i>This work</i>
CdS-2	1.05×10^{-2}	180 min	<i>This work</i>
CdS-3	0.77×10^{-2}	180 min	<i>This work</i>
CdS-4	0.74×10^{-2}	180 min	<i>This work</i>

Scheme S1. Reactions involved on the surface of CdS catalyst.

