# **Supporting Information for**

Bis(8-hydroxyquinolate-5-sulfonate)zinc intercalated layered double hydroxides and its controllable luminescent properties

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#### 1. Structural and compositional characterization of DDS–ZQS(x%)/LDH

**Figure S1.** A) The XRD patterns of the low angle region for DDS–ZQS(x%)/ Mg<sub>2</sub>Al LDH powder samples; B) The plots of interlayer spacing *vs* ZQS anions concentration *x* in DDS–ZQS(x%)/Mg<sub>2</sub>Al LDH; C) The XRD patterns for the DDS–ZQS(x%)/Mg<sub>2</sub>Al LDH films and their XRD of low angle region, D): (a–h, x = 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100), respectively. E) The XRD patterns for powder samples of DDS–ZQS(5%)/M<sub>n</sub>Al LDH (a – c: Mg<sub>3</sub>Al, Zn<sub>2</sub>Al, Zn<sub>3</sub>Al) and (d – f) for film samples of (a – c), respectively.



**Figure S2.** FT-IR spectra of A) DDS–ZQS(x%)/Mg<sub>2</sub>Al LDH (a – f, x = 2, 10, 40, 60, 80, 100). B) (a) DDS–ZQS(5%)/Mg<sub>2</sub>Al LDH, (b) DDS–ZQS(5%)/Mg<sub>3</sub>Al LDH, (c) DDS–ZQS(5%)/Zn<sub>2</sub>Al LDH, (d) DDS–ZQS(5%)/Zn<sub>3</sub>Al LDH.



Figure S3. TG/DTA data for A) ZQS and B) ZQS(100%)/Mg<sub>2</sub>Al LDH.

### 2. Optical properties of DDS–ZQS(x%)/LDH





**Figure S4.** The UV-vis absorption spectra of A) (a) ZQS  $(5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  aqueous solution, (b) ZQS crystal, (c) DDS–ZQS(5%)/Mg<sub>3</sub>Al LDH, (d) DDS–ZQS(5%)/Mg<sub>2</sub>Al LDH, (e) DDS–ZQS(5%)/Zn<sub>3</sub>Al LDH, (f) DDS–ZQS(5%)/Zn<sub>2</sub>Al LDH. B) DDS–ZQS(x%)/Mg<sub>2</sub>Al LDH film (x = 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100).



**Figure S5.** The photoluminescence spectra of a) ZQS  $(5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  aqueous solution, b) magnified nearly 50 multiple of curve a, c) ZQS crystal with the excitation at 370 nm.



**Figure S6.** 1931 CIE chromaticity diagram for DDS–ZQS(x%)/Mg<sub>2</sub>Al LDH powder (x = 2, 5, 10, 40, 80, 100, white square labels were marked with the varied direction indicated by the arrow).



**Figure S7**. Fluorescence decay curves and residual plots of double-exponential fitting for the DDS–ZQS(x%)/LDH film samples with varied *x*, and one-exponential fitting for ZQS solution.

samples	$\tau_i(ns)$	$A_i(\%)$	<\cap\$(ns)	$\chi^2$
DDS-ZQS(2%)/Mg2Al LDH	1.21	36.63	13.20	1.35
	20.13	63.37		
DDS-ZQS(5%)/Mg2Al LDH	7.09	19.41	22.86	1.23
	26.66	80.59		
DDS-ZQS(10%)/Mg2Al LDH	2.06	43.26	12.38	1.22
	20.24	56.74		
DDS-ZQS(40%)/Mg2Al LDH	2.32	36.26	11.19	1.14
	18.24	56.74		
DDS-ZQS(80%)/Mg2Al LDH	2.66	30.44	11.07	1.18
	14.75	69.56		
ZQS(100%)/Mg2Al LDH	3.71	41.31	10.50	1.22
	15.28	58.69		
DDS-ZQS(5%)/Mg3Al LDH	7.49	20.35	17.98	1.02
	20.66	79.65		
DDS-ZQS(5%)/Zn2Al LDH	10.71	15.55	28.23	1.15
	31.46	84.45		
DDS-ZQS(5%)/Zn <sub>3</sub> Al LDH	9.23	22.75	25.14	1.26
	29.83	77.25		
ZQS solution ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$ M)	2.67	100	2.67	1.01
ZQS crystal	6.63	22.80	17.14	1.09
	20.24	77.20		

**Table S1**. The double-exponential fitting of fluorescence decay data of ZQS and DDS–ZQS(x%)/LDH film.