

# RNA templated water soluble $Mg^{2+}$ / PbSe porous nanostructures with dual fluorescence

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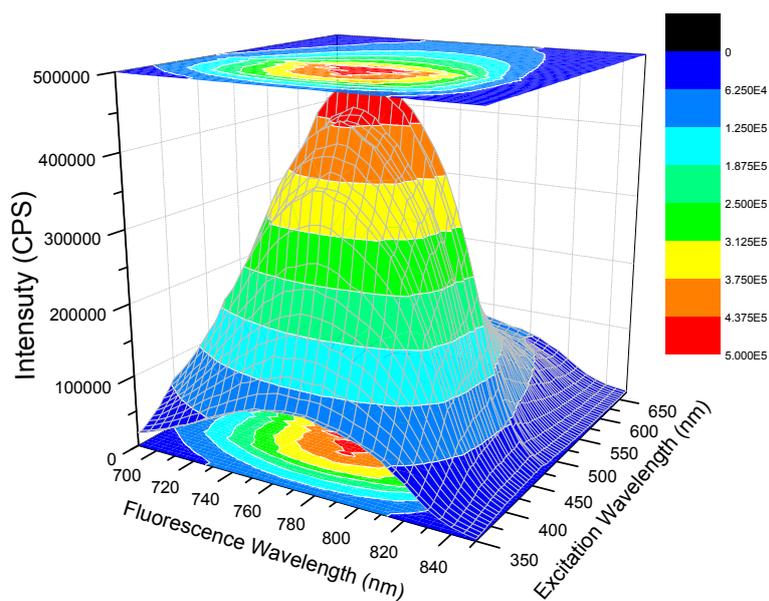
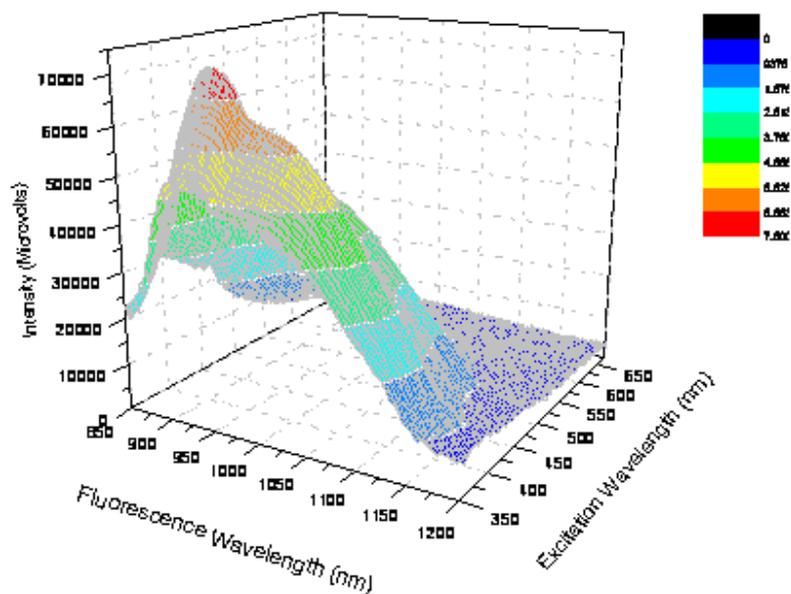
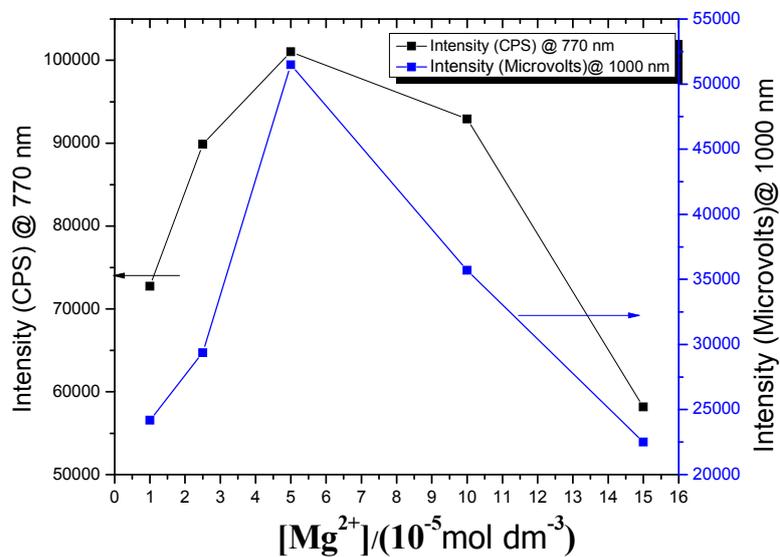


Fig.S1a 3D excitation – fluorescence spectra of SP1 in visible region.



**Fig. S1b** Optimization of excitation and fluorescence wavelength in NIR region.



**Fig. S1c** Effect of internal addition of  $[Mg^{2+}] / (10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3})$  (1.0, 2.5; 5.0; 10.0; 15.0) on fluorescence peak in visible (left) NIR (right) range.

## AFM grain/pore analysis histograms

### Grain Analysis SP1 Fresh

Grains Size: 2.0 nm; Grains collected: 225

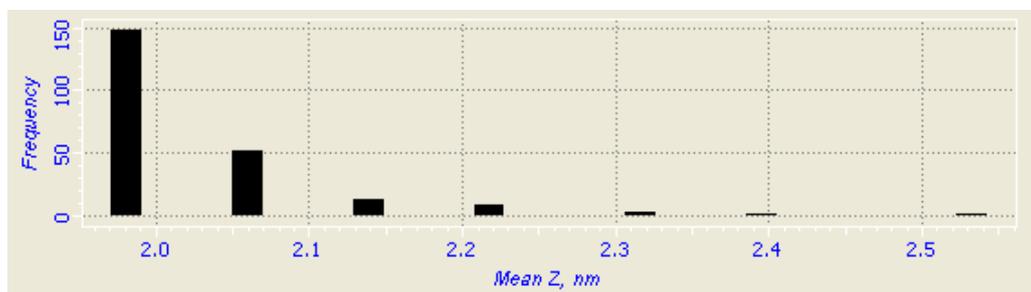


Fig. S2a Histogram of Fresh SP1.

### Pores Analysis SP1 aged

Pore Size: 3.2 nm; Pores collected: 191

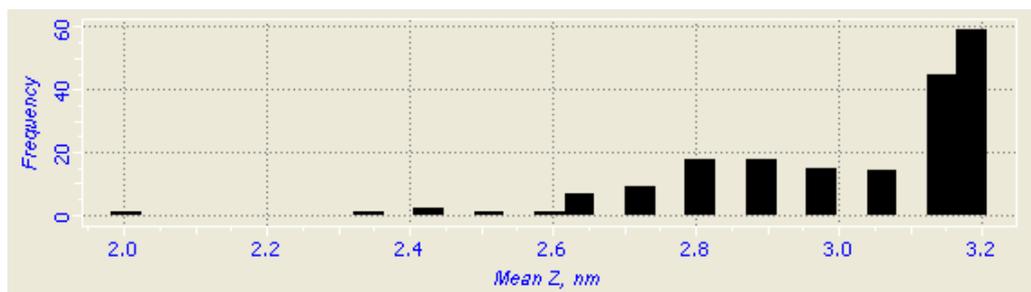


Fig. S2a' Histogram of aged SP1.

### Pores Analysis of Fresh SP2

Pore Size: 2.5 nm; Pores collected: 512

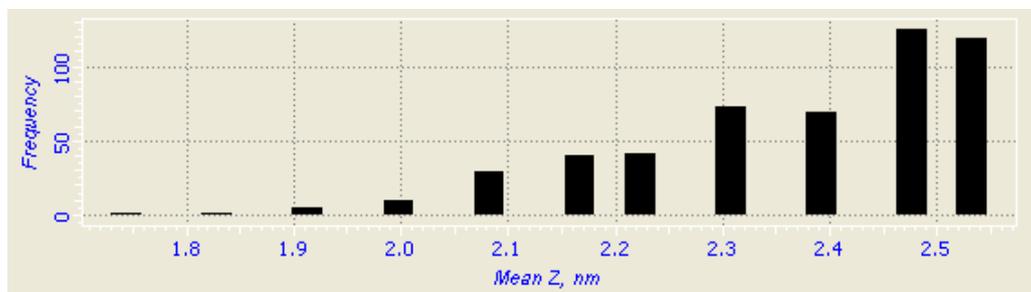
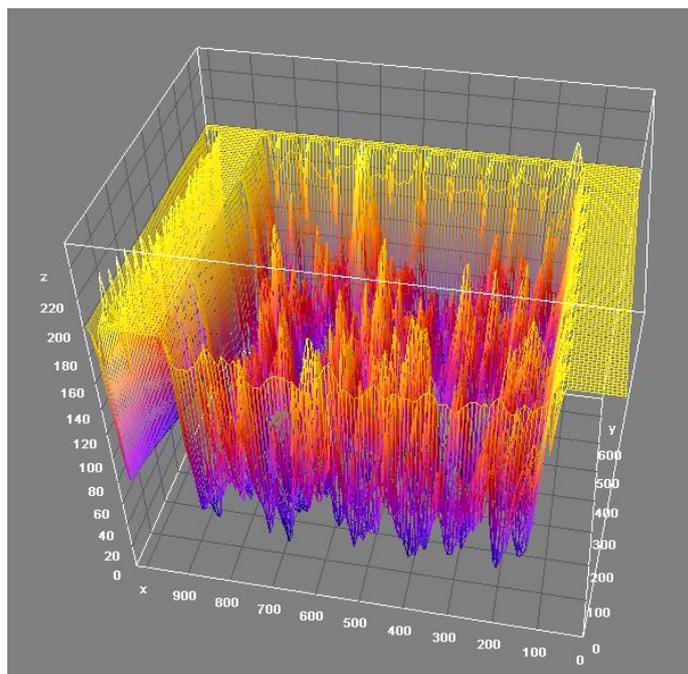


Fig. S2b Histogram of fresh SP2.



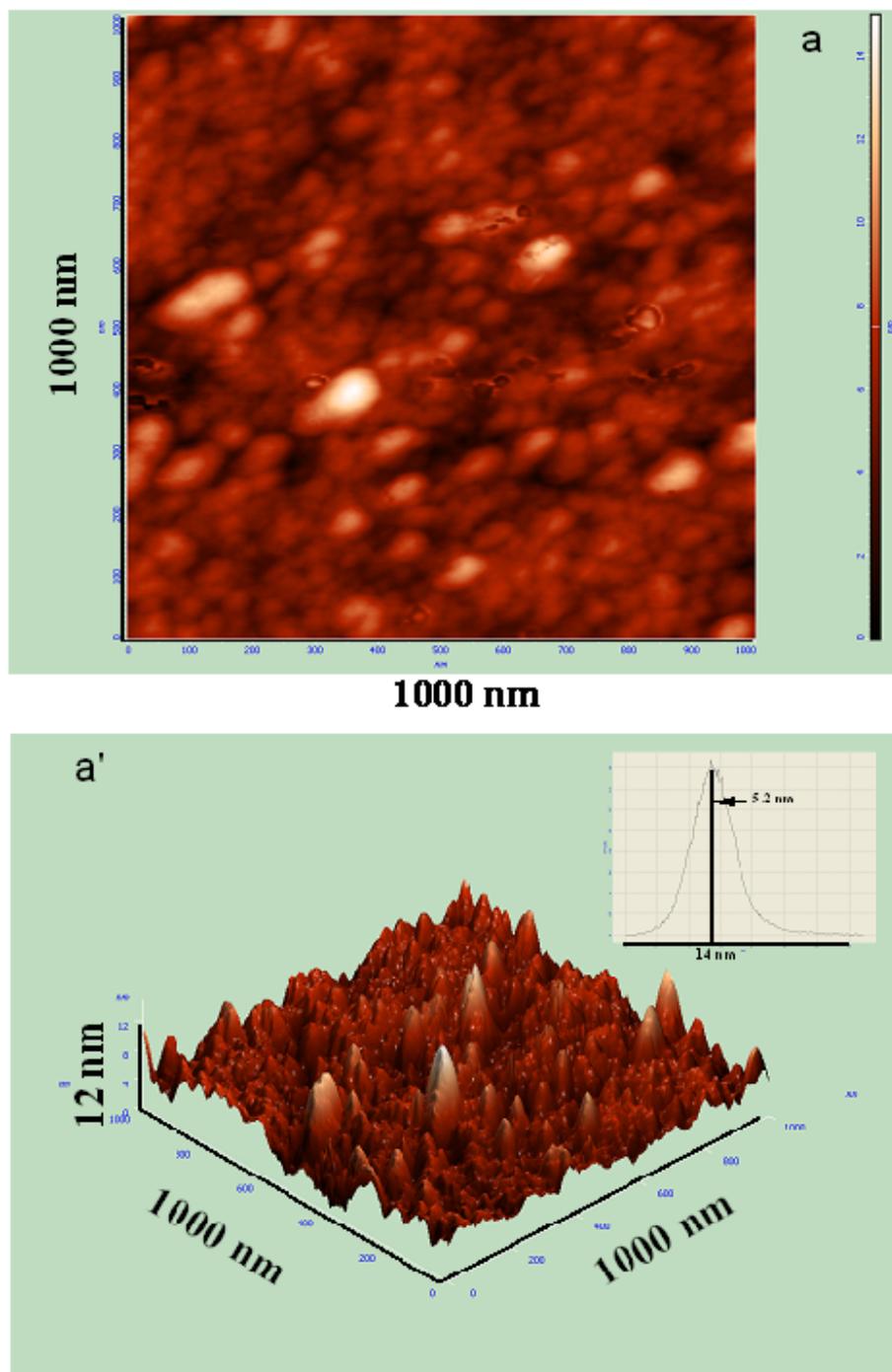
**Fig. S2b'** 3D view of AFM image of SP2 (fresh) with the help of *image J* software.



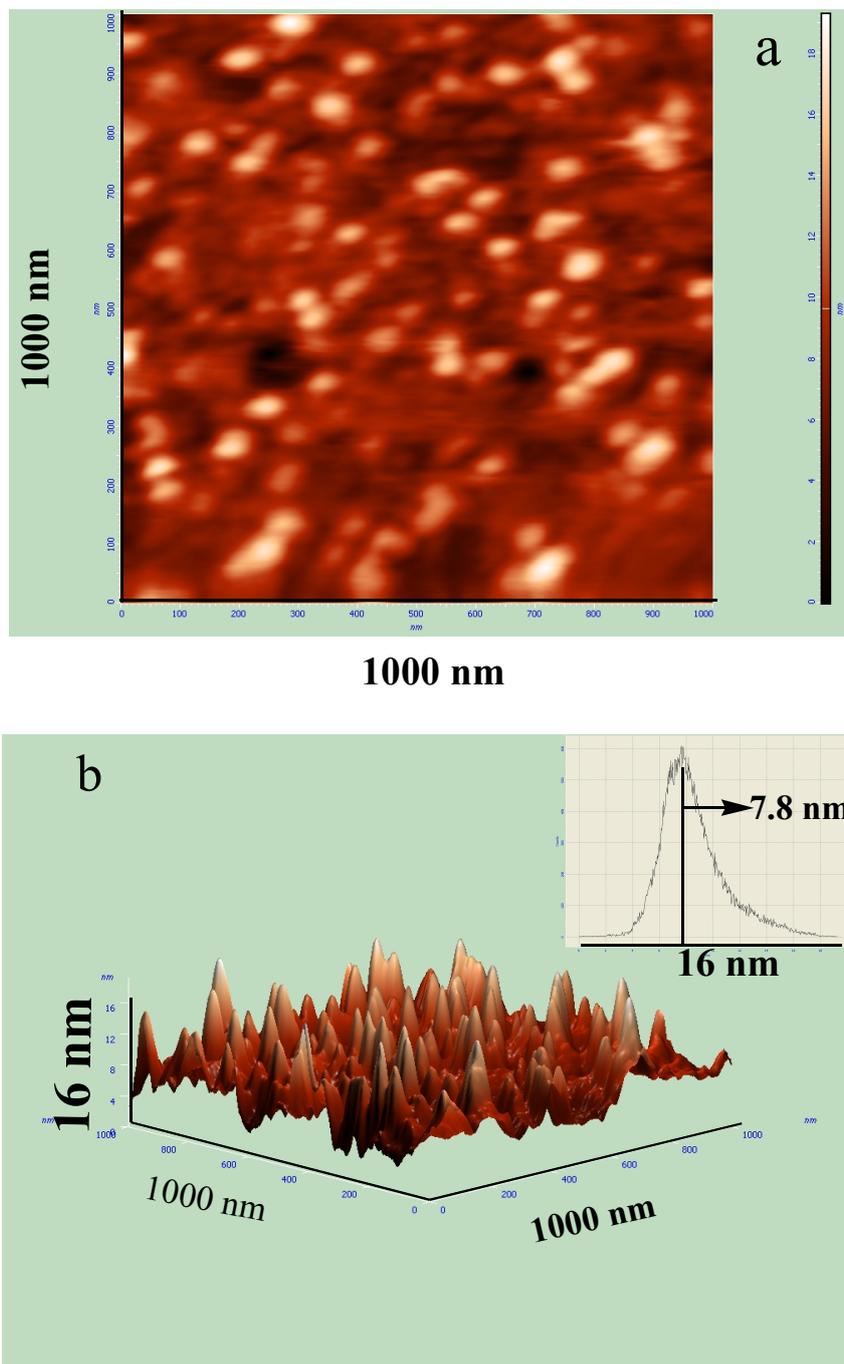
**Fig. S2c** Depth of pores of fresh SP2 along Y axis



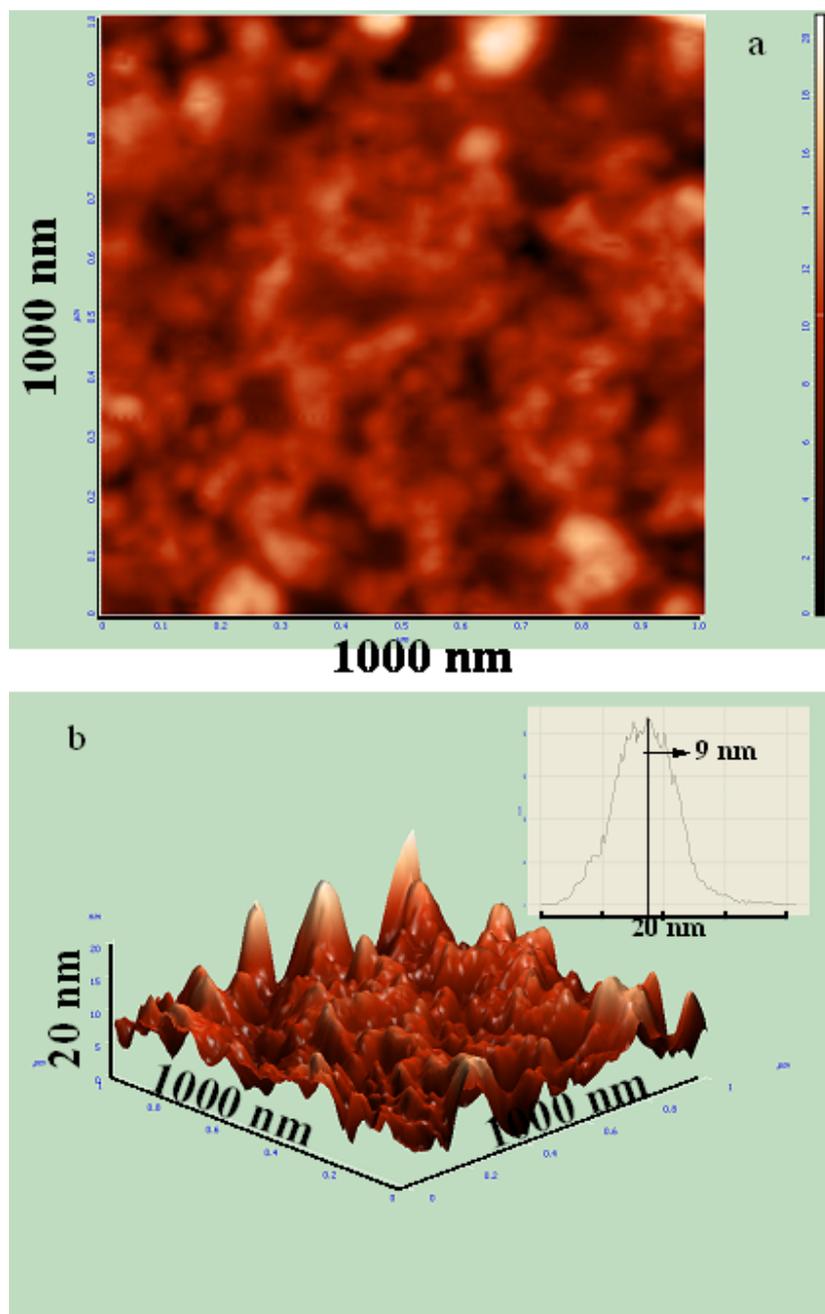
**Fig. S2d** Depth of pores of fresh SP2 along X axis.



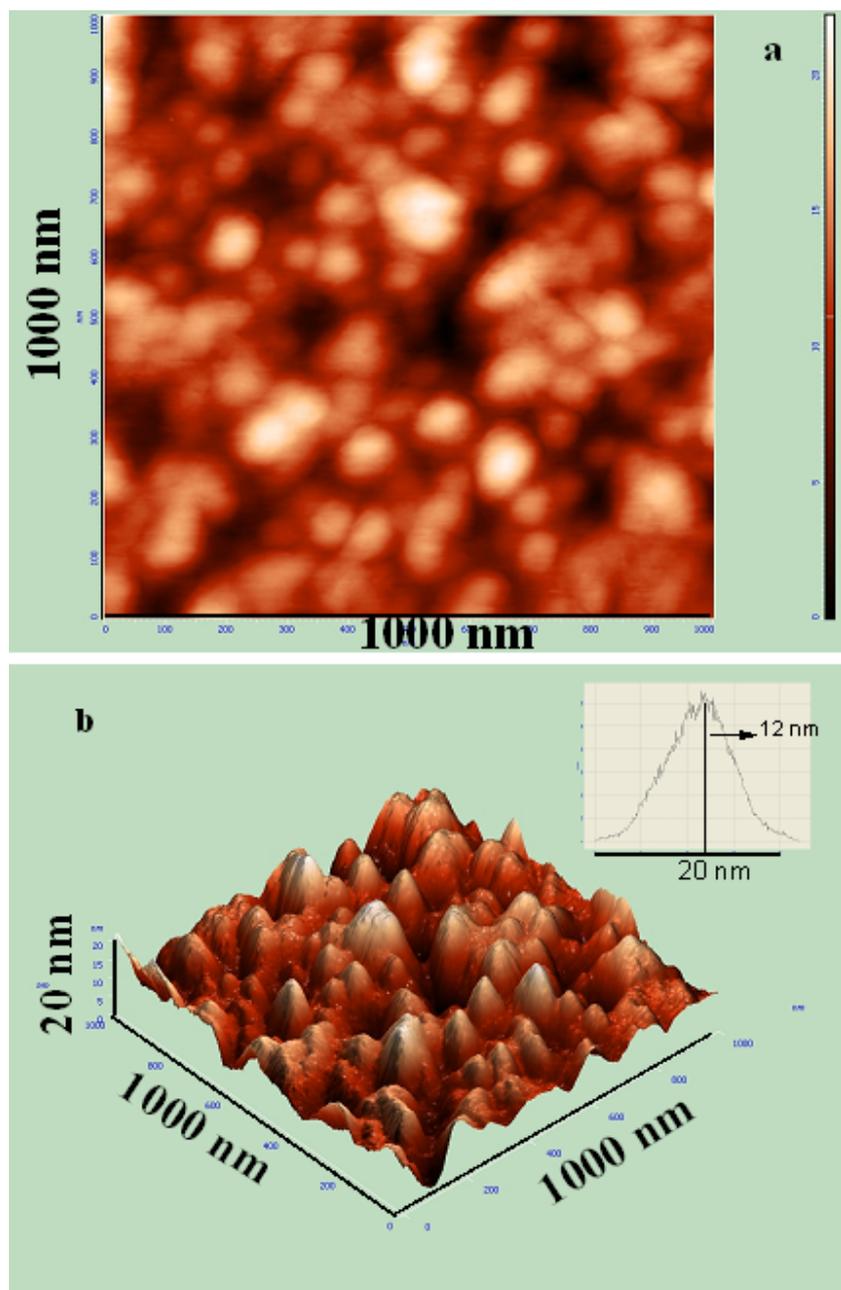
**Fig. S2d'** AFM images of fresh SP3: 2D (a) and 3D (a'), Inset: Roughness histogram.



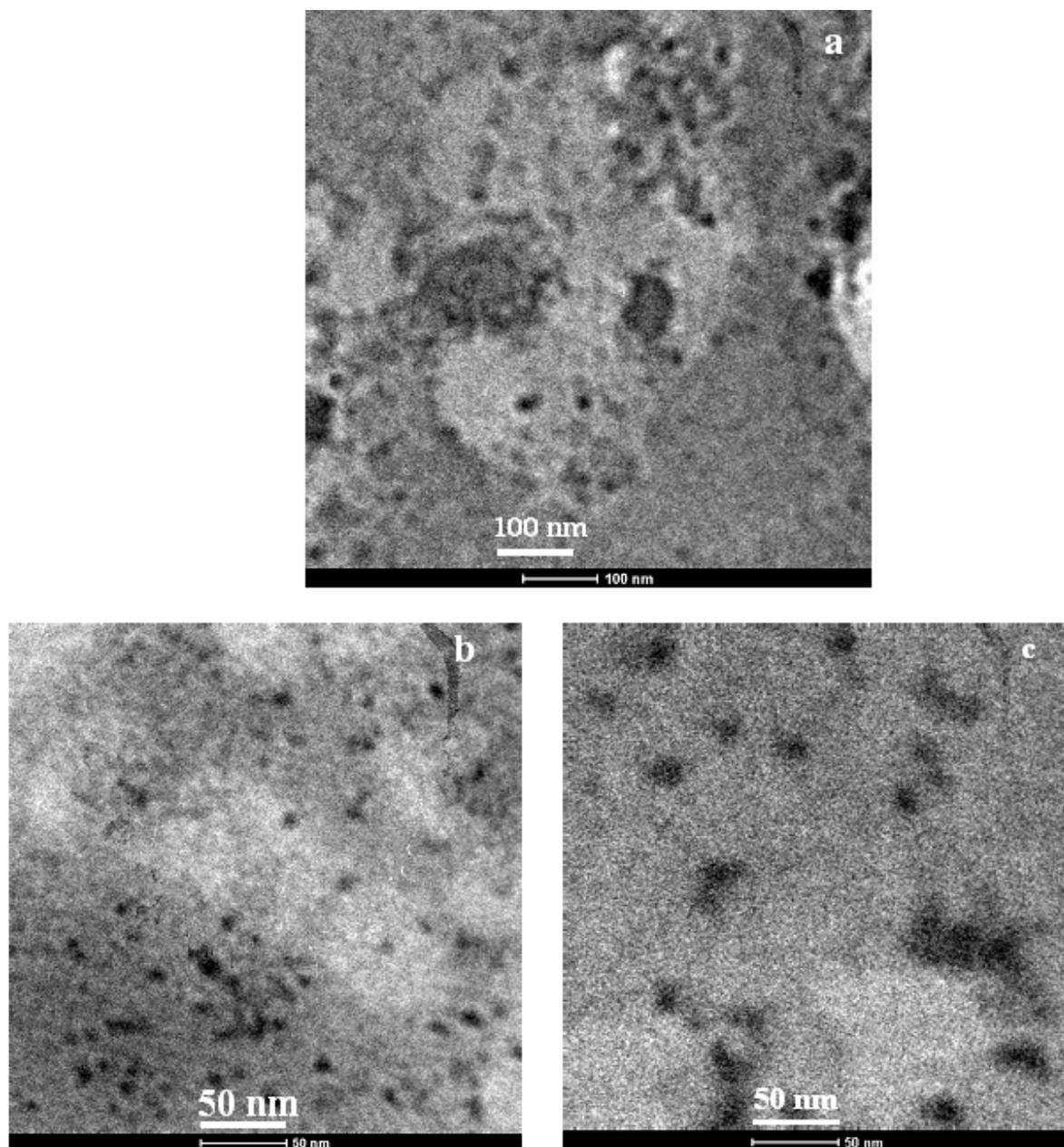
**Fig. S3A** AFM images of fresh SB: 2D (a) and 3D (b); Inset: Roughness histogram



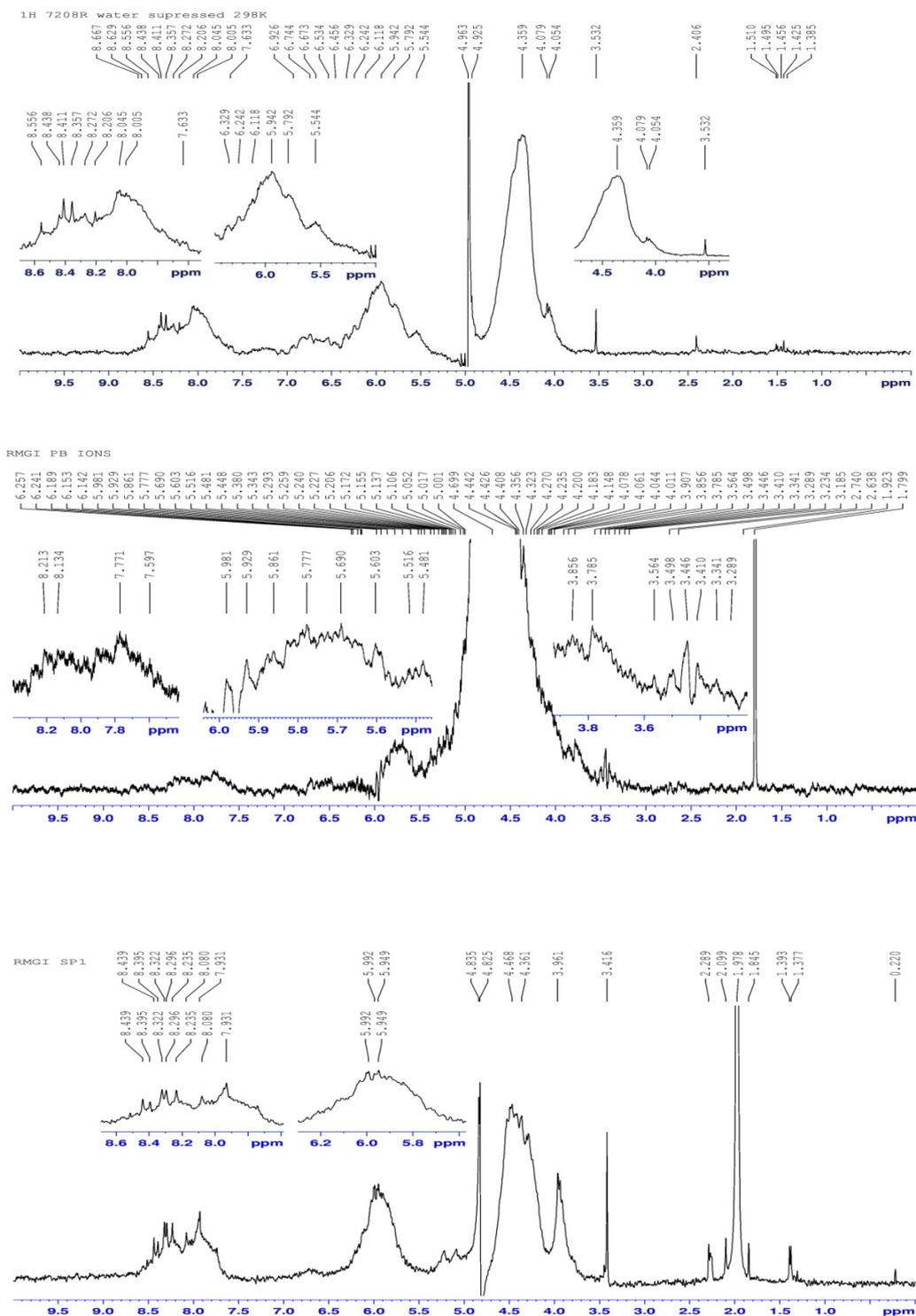
**Fig. S3B** AFM images of fresh SB1: 2D (a) and 3D (b), Inset: Roughness histogram.



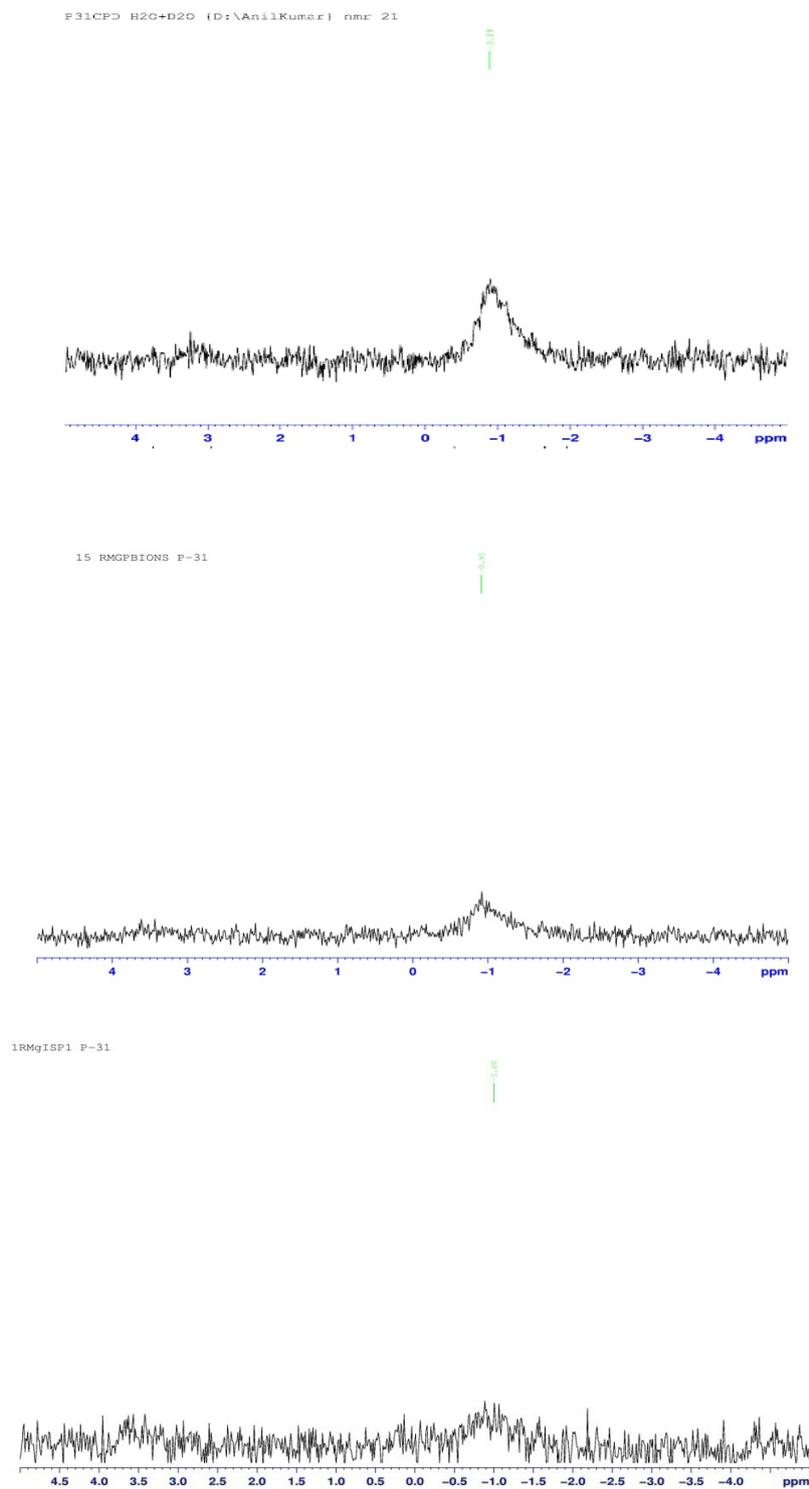
**Fig. S3B'** AFM images of aged SB1: 2D (a) and 3D (b). Inset: Roughness histogram.



**Fig.S4** TEM micrographs of SB (a), SB1 (b) and SB2 (c).

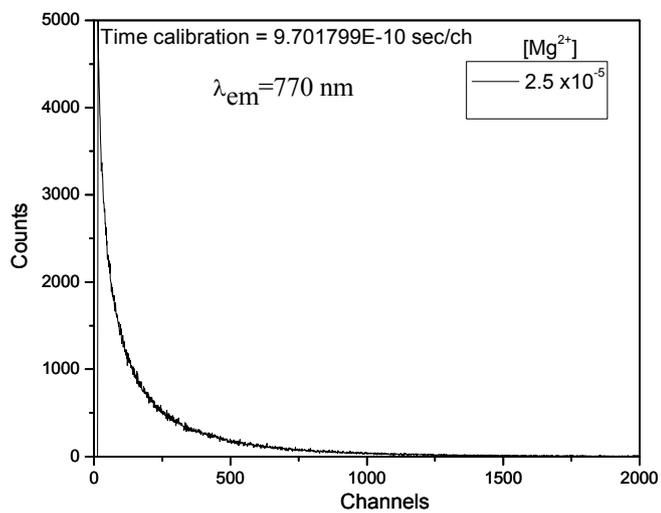


**Fig. S5A**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of SB, SB1, and SP1 (top to bottom)

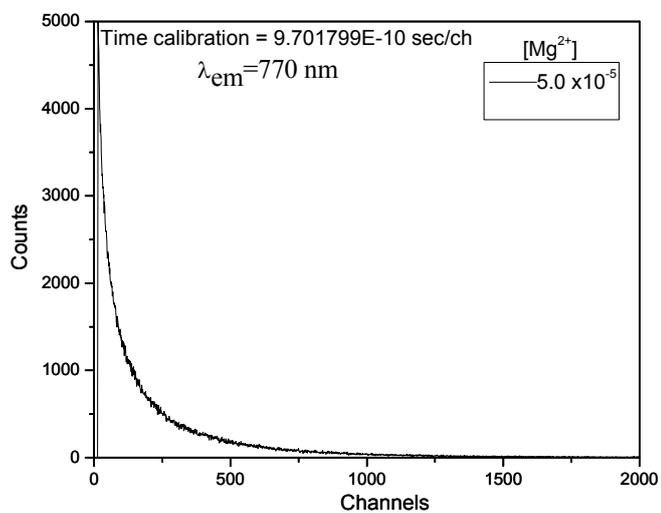


**Fig. S5B**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra of SB, SB1, and SP1 (top to bottom)

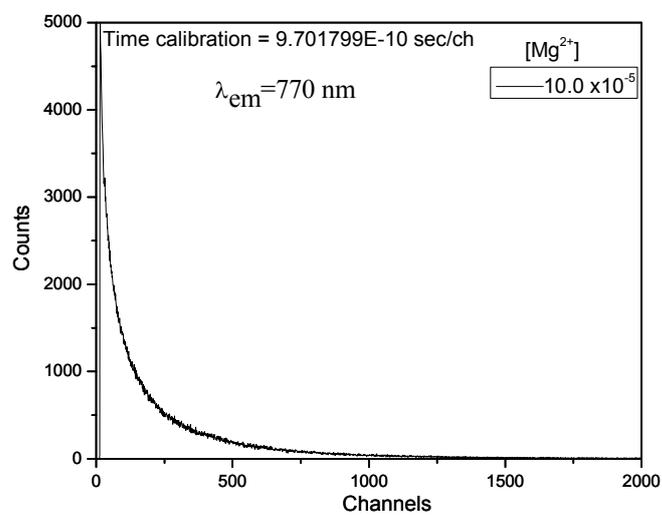
### Fluorescence Decay Curves at $\lambda_{em} = 770$ nm



**Fig.S6A**

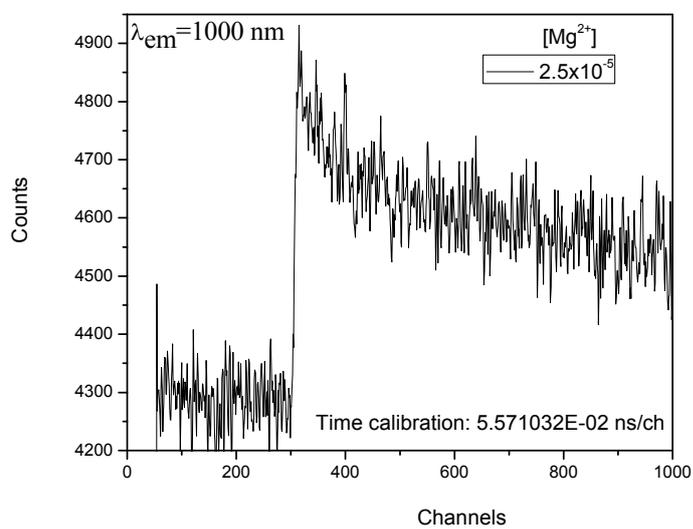


**Fig.S6B**

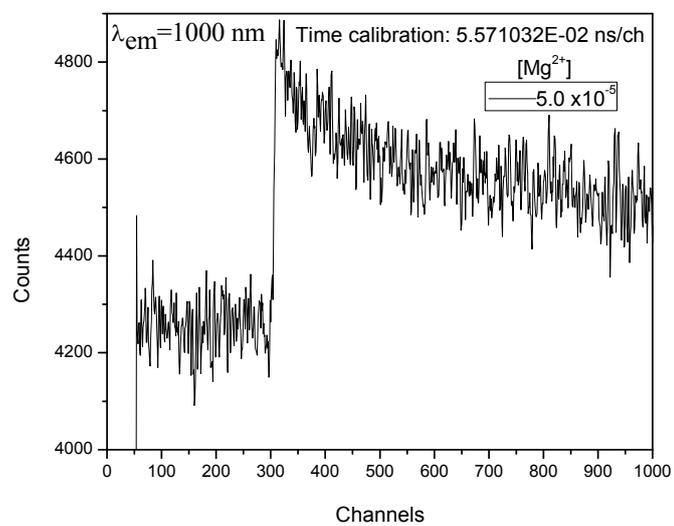


**Fig.S6C**

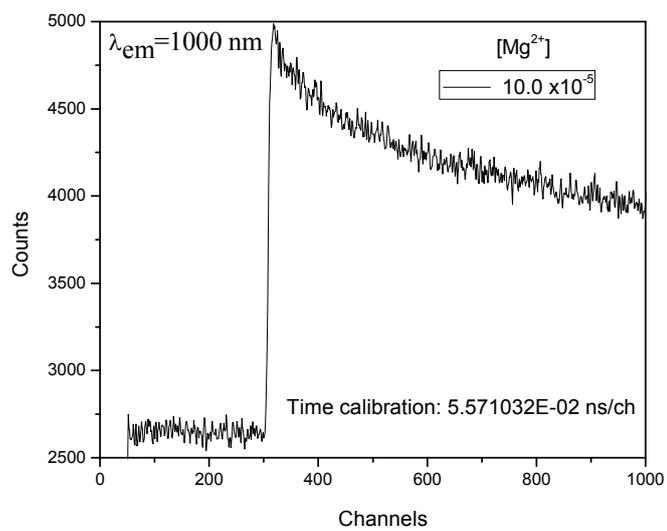
**Fluorescence Decay Curves at  $\lambda_{em} = 1000\text{ nm}$**



**Fig.S7A**



**Fig.S7B**



**Fig.S7C**

**Table S1: XRD spectral data for SP1**

Angle ( $2\theta$ )	( <i>hkl</i> )	Lattice parameter ( <i>a</i> ) in Å
29.13	(200)	6.130
41.59	(220)	6.134
49.34	(311)	6.120

**Table S2 IR spectral data:**

Moiety (constituent) /Functional group	RNA ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) (SB)	Mg <sup>2+</sup> + Pb <sup>2+</sup> on RNA matrix ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) (SB1)	Mg <sup>2+</sup> + Pb <sup>2+</sup> / PbSe on RNA matrix ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) (SP1)
In plane vibrations: G&U	1693 (br)	1690 (br) Change in shape	1690 (br) Change in shape
A&C	1642 (m)	1651(s)	1651(s) Change in shape
G	1544(m)	1570(br)	1570 (s) Change in shape
U (medium)	1469(m)	1487(br)	1487 (br) Change in shape
In plane C2'-OH	1421(br)	1413(s)	1413 (s) Change in shape
Purine in anti confm.	1385(s)	1385(sh)	disappeared
Purine in syn confm.	1355 (sh)	1341 (m)	1345 (br)
C	1281 (sh)	1281 (br)	disappeared
Assym. Stretch PO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	1227 (s)	1240 (s)	1240 (m)
In Ribose vib. due to 2'-OH	996 (br)	disappeared	disappeared
RNA backbone	966 (m)	968 (br)	971 (br)

*s*-strong; *m*- medium; *sh*- shoulder; *br*- broad