Electronic Supplementary Information

Physical Insights into Facilitation of an Unprecedented Complexation Reaction on the Surface of a Doped Quantum Dot Leading to White Light Generation

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Fig. S1. (A) UV-vis (B) digital photograph (captured under 320 nm light from a spectrofluorimeter) of CuQ_2 .



Fig. S2. Emission spectra of different amount (a) 0.0, (b) 2.0, (c) 4.0, (d) 6.0, (e) 8.0, and (f) 10.0 μ L of 0.1 mM CuQ₂ treated Mn²⁺-doped ZnS QDs at an excitation wavelength of (A) 365 nm and (B) 320 nm.



Fig. S3. UV-vis spectrum of CuQ_2 treated Mn^{2+} -doped ZnS QDs (QDC).



Fig. S4. Excitation spectrum (at λ_{em} -598 nm) of CuQ₂ treated Mn²⁺-doped ZnS QDs (QDC).



Fig. S5. Emission spectra (λ_{ex} =365 nm) of CuQ₂ (a) before and (b) after addition of Zn²⁺ ions.



Fig. S6. X-ray photoelectron spectra (A) Mn-2p and (B) Zn-2p of CuQ₂ treated Mn²⁺-doped ZnS QDs (QDC).



Fig. S7. Hue histogram of orange light emitting Mn²⁺-doped ZnS QDs. The hue value calculated by analysing Fig. 1F (manuscript) using Image-J software.



Fig. S8. Emission spectra (λ_{ex} = 365nm) of different amounts (a) 0.0, (b) 2.0, (c) 4.0, (d) 6.0, (e) 8.0, (f) 10.0, and (f) 12.0 µL of 0.1 mM HQ added Mn²⁺ doped ZnS QDs.

Table S1. Chromaticities, CRI and CCT values of white light emitting CuQ_2 treated Mn^{2+} -doped ZnS QDs (QDC) at different excitation wavelengths in the range of 320-365 nm (with respect to Fig. 2A-2B-2C).

| λ_{ex} (nm) | CIE (x,y) | CRI | CCT (K) |
|---------------------|------------|-----|---------|
| 320 | 0.53, 0.43 | 35 | 2019 |
| 325 | 0.52, 0.42 | 36 | 2060 |
| 330 | 0.51, 0.42 | 40 | 2136 |
| 335 | 0.50, 0.42 | 47 | 2284 |
| 340 | 0.47, 0.42 | 57 | 2618 |
| 345 | 0.43, 0.42 | 68 | 3252 |
| 350 | 0.38, 0.42 | 73 | 4191 |
| 355 | 0.34, 0.42 | 71 | 5146 |
| 360 | 0.32, 0.43 | 67 | 5854 |
| 365 | 0.30, 0.42 | 64 | 6322 |

Table S2. Chromaticities, CRI and CCT values of white light emitting CuQ_2 treated Mn^{2+} -doped ZnS QDs (QDC) at different time interval and at an excitation wavelength of 355 nm (with respect to Fig. 2G-2H).

| Time | CIE (x,y) | CRI | CCT (K) |
|---------------|------------|-----|---------|
| 0 sec | 0.45, 0.44 | 36 | 3020 |
| 15 sec | 0.44, 0.38 | 65 | 2638 |
| 59 sec | 0.43, 0.38 | 71 | 2973 |
| 1 min 43 sec | 0.42, 0.38 | 72 | 3025 |
| 2 min 27 sec | 0.41, 0.38 | 75 | 3257 |
| 3 min 12 sec | 0.40, 0.38 | 78 | 3539 |
| 3 min 57 sec | 0.39, 0.39 | 80 | 3877 |
| 4 min 42 sec | 0.38, 0.39 | 80 | 4140 |
| 5 min 26 sec | 0.37, 0.40 | 80 | 4405 |
| 6 min 12 sec | 0.36, 0.40 | 79 | 4609 |
| 6 min 56 sec | 0.35, 0.40 | 78 | 4753 |
| 7 min 41 sec | 0.35, 0.41 | 77 | 4860 |
| 8 min 25 sec | 0.35, 0.41 | 76 | 4930 |
| 9 min 10 sec | 0.35, 0.41 | 76 | 4998 |
| 9 min 55 sec | 0.34, 0.41 | 76 | 5045 |
| 10 min 39 sec | 0.34, 0.41 | 75 | 5069 |
| 11 min 24 sec | 0.34, 0.41 | 75 | 5088 |
| 12 min | 0.34, 0.41 | 75 | 5087 |
| 12 min 54 sec | 0.34, 0.42 | 75 | 5090 |