## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Facile Synthesis of Composition-Gradient Cd<sub>1-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub>S Quantum Dots by Cation Exchange for Controlled Optical Properties

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Fig. S1 EDX spectra of (a)  $G-Cd_{0.92}Zn_{0.08}S$ , (b)  $G-Cd_{0.82}Zn_{0.18}S$ , (c)  $G-Cd_{0.71}Zn_{0.29}S$ , (d)  $G-Cd_{0.49}Zn_{0.51}S$ , and (e)  $G-Cd_{0.13}Zn_{0.87}S$ .



**Fig. S2** Variation of observed distances between adjacent (111) planes of  $G-Cd_{1-x}Zn_xS$  as a function of x; the standard distances between the (111) planes of cubic zinc-blende ZnS and CdS are indicated with crosses.



Fig. S3 Maximum-normalized PL spectra of as-prepared G–Cd<sub>1-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub>S QDs dispersed in water, where x is indicated inside. The samples were excited at 355 nm, and the inset shows the  $\lambda_{max}$  of QDs versus x.



Fig. S4 HRTEM images of (a) CdS, (b) G-Cd<sub>0.71</sub>Zn<sub>0.29</sub>S, (c) C-Cd<sub>0.68</sub>Zn<sub>0.32</sub>S, and (d) A-Cd<sub>0.74</sub>Zn<sub>0.26</sub>S.



**Fig. S5** PL spectra of various indicated  $Cd_{1-x}Zn_xS$  QDs dispersed in water. The samples were excited at 355 nm. Note that the  $Cd^{2+}$  concentration of the colloidal solution of  $G-Cd_{0.71}Zn_{0.29}S$  QDs has been calibrated to 5.0 mM as those of the other colloidal solutions.



Fig. S6 TGA(black) and DTA(red) curves of G–Cd<sub>0.71</sub>Zn<sub>0.29</sub>S QDs.