## **Supporting Information**

## Self-Assemblies from RNA Templated Colloidal CdS Nanostructures

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**Figure S1:** 2D AFM images of CdS having Cd/S molar ratio: **2** - Fresh (A), Two Months Aged (B), **4** - Fresh (C), Two Months Aged (D).



**Figure S2A**: Absorption spectra of CdS having Cd/S 4: Fresh (a); Two Months Aged (b).



**Figure S2B**: Fluorescence spectra of CdS having Cd/S 4: Fresh (a); Two Months Aged (b).  $\lambda_{ex}$  380nm



**Figure S3**: Fluorescence spectra of RNA-Cd<sup>2+</sup> (a); RNA-CdS at pH 9.2 containing molar ratio of Cd/S 4 (b); RNA-CdS containing molar ratio of Cd/S 2 at pH 9.2 activated by raising its pH to 11 followed by addition of excess Cd<sup>2+</sup> to make molar ratio of Cd/S 4 (c).  $\lambda_{ex}$  380nm.