

**Table S1.** Results from ICP-AES analysis for Zn and Cd in water samples following centrifugation.

Assay	Element Analysed ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	
	Zn	Cd
Control	$1.89 \pm 0.49$	<LOQ
10 $\mu\text{g}$ ZnS/L	$4.12 \pm 0.89$	-
100 $\mu\text{g}$ ZnS/L	$70.99 \pm 1.85$	-
1000 $\mu\text{g}$ ZnS/L	$16.34 \pm 1.35$	-
10 $\mu\text{g}$ CdS/L	-	$5.43 \pm 0.53$
100 $\mu\text{g}$ CdS/L	-	$10.60 \pm 0.76$
1000 $\mu\text{g}$ CdS/L	-	$24.51 \pm 0.57$
10 $\mu\text{g}$ (ZnS + CdS)/L	$6.50 \pm 0.34$	$3.44 \pm 0.61$
100 $\mu\text{g}$ (ZnS + CdS)/L	$8.53 \pm 1.22$	$6.44 \pm 1.24$
1000 $\mu\text{g}$ (ZnS + CdS)/L	$24.37 \pm 0.70$	$3.91 \pm 0.63$

LOD: Cd (0.6  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ); Zn (0.3  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ). LOQ: Cd (2.0  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ); Zn (1.0  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ). n = 3