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#### **Supplementary Information for**

# A self-assembling amphiphilic perylene bisimide and its application for WORM memory device

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## SI 1. Synthesis Procedures



Scheme 1. Synthesis procedures for PBI.

SI 2. Thermo-gravimetric Analysis of PBI



Fig. S1 TGA curve of PBI.



**Fig. S2** Changes in UV-vis absorption spectra of **PBI** (a) in methanol and (b) in water at different concentrations; (c) UV-vis spectra of **PBI** in annealed film and as-spun film; (d) Emission spectra of **PBI** in annealed film and as-spun film.

#### SI 4. Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) of PBI

Nanoparticle sizes were determined by dynamic light scattering (DLS) using a 90 Plus particle size analyzer (Brookhaven Instruments). The nanoparticle sizes of **PBI** were measured from the prepared aqueous solution after one hour.



Fig. S3 (a) Particle size distribution of PBI in methanol water  $(1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$ ; (b) Particle size distribution of PBI in water  $(1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$ .



Fig. S4 (a) Particle sizes distribution of PBI in methanol solution  $(1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})$ ; (b) Particle sizes distribution of PBI in water solution  $(1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})$ .

# SI 5. Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)



Fig. S5 (a) SEM image of the nanorods assembled from PBI for 4 days in methanol  $(1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})$ ; (b)

SEM image of nanofibers assembled from **PBI** for 4 days in water  $(1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})$ .

# SI 6 Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)



Fig. S6 TEM image of the nanorods assembled from PBI for 4 days in methanol ( $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M).

# SI 7. X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)



Fig.S7 XRD patterns of PBI nanorods.

# **SI 8. Morphology Properties**



Fig. S8 AFM topographic images of the solution processed PBI films (a) before and (b) after annealed at 80 °C for 1 h. Scan size ( $5 \times 5 \ \mu m^2$ ).

## SI 9. Solution NMR Spectra of PBI







