## **Supporting Information**

## Dye colour switching by hydride-terminated silicon nanoparticles

## and its application as an oxygen indicator

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## Figures



Fig. S1 SEM and TEM images of the hydride-terminated silicon nanoparticles with different sizes. The particle size distributions were calculated by counting more than 80 nanoparticles from TEM and SEM images, which were of (a)  $\sim$ 50 nm, (b)  $\sim$ 80 nm, (c)  $\sim$ 44µm, and denoted as Si:H-50nm, Si:H-80nm, and Si:H-44µm, respectively.



Fig. S2 PXRD patterns of the (a) Si:H-50nm, (b) Si:H-80nm, and (c) Si:H-44 $\mu$ m.



Fig. S3 Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of the Si:H-50nm, Si:H-80nm, and Si:H-44 $\mu$ m.



**Fig. S4** Reduction and reoxidation of MB by (a)  $Na_2SO_3$  and (b)  $NaBH_4$  with different dosage of (1) 40 mg, (2) 80 mg, (3) 160 mg, (4) 320 mg, and (5) 1280 mg, respectively.



**Fig. S5** MS spectra of (a) LMB and (b) MB during the MB reduction process by Si:H-50nm.



**Fig. S6** The oxygen indicator film expose to air and store in (a) dark, (b) fluorescent light and (c) sun light, respectively.



**Fig. S7** Digital photos of the oxygen indicator film store in different oxygen-carbon dioxide flow ratios of (a) 1:50, (b) 1:15, (c) 1:4, and (d) 9:1, respectively.