# **Supporting Information**

# A temperature-responsive $C_2$ wagging vibration in $Sc_2C_2@C_s$ -

 $C_{82}$ 

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### **Experimental Section:**

### 1. The synthesis and purification of Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@C<sub>s</sub>-C<sub>82</sub> and Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@D<sub>2d</sub>-C<sub>84</sub>

Graphite rods were core-drilled and subsequently packed with a mixture of Sc/Ni<sub>2</sub> alloy and graphite powder in a weight ratio of 2:1. These rods were then vaporized in a Krätschmer-Huffman generator at 200 Torr He. The resulting soot was Soxlet-extracted with toluene for 12 h.  $Sc_2C_2@C_s-C_{82}$  and  $Sc_2C_2@D_{2d}-C_{84}$  were isolated from various empty fullerenes and other scandium metallofullerenes by HPLC.

### 2. HPLC data of purified Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@C<sub>s</sub>-C<sub>82</sub> and Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@D<sub>2d</sub>-C<sub>84</sub>

Several separations stage were repeated several times to obtain purified  $Sc_2C_2@C_s-C_{82}$  and  $Sc_2C_2@D_{2d}-C_{84}$ . Figure S2 and Figure S3 are showing the HPLC data of purified  $Sc_2C_2@C_s-C_{82}$  and  $Sc_2C_2@D_{2d}-C_{84}$  with Buckyprep-M columns.



**Figure S1.** The first stage HPLC profile of toluene extract of the soot containing scandium endohedral metallofullerenes ( $20 \times 250$  mm Buckyprep column; flow rate 12 mL/min; toluene as eluent).



**Figure S2.** Chromatogram of the isolated  $Sc_2C_2@C_s-C_{82}$  (20×250 mm Buckyprep-M column; flow rate 12 mL/min; toluene as eluent).



**Figure S3.** Chromatogram of the isolated  $Sc_2C_2@D_{2d}-C_{84}$  (20×250 mm Buckyprep-M column; flow rate 12 mL/min; toluene as eluent).

## 3. UV/Vis-NIR spectra of purified Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@C<sub>s</sub>-C<sub>82</sub> and Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@D<sub>2d</sub>-C<sub>84</sub>



Figure S4. UV/Vis-NIR spectrum of purified  $Sc_2C_2@C_s-C_{82}$  in toluene.



Figure S5. UV/Vis-NIR spectrum of purified  $Sc_2C_2@D_{2d}$ -C<sub>84</sub> in toluene.

# 4. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of purified Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@C<sub>s</sub>-C<sub>82</sub> and Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@D<sub>2d</sub>-C<sub>84</sub>



Figure S6. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of the (a)  $Sc_2C_2@C_s-C_{82}$  and (b)  $Sc_2C_2@D_{2d}-C_{84}$ .

### 5. The temperature-dependent Raman spectra of Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@D<sub>2d</sub>-C<sub>84</sub>

Raman spectra were studied with 633 nm excitation from laser. About 15  $\mu$ g Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@ $D_{2d}$ -C<sub>84</sub> were dissolved in carbon disulfide (CS<sub>2</sub>, 99.999%, Sigma-Aldrich). The signals were detected on an N<sub>2</sub>-cooled camera through a single pass monochromator. The instrument model is Renishaw invia plus, and a resolution of 1 cm<sup>-1</sup> is used for all Raman measurements and 30 min accumulation time. Measurements were performed at selected temperatures from 80 K to 393 K.



Figure S7. The experimental Raman spectra of  $Sc_2C_2@D_{2d}$ -C<sub>84</sub> from 80 K to 393 K.

6. The temperature-dependent Raman spectra of Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@C<sub>s</sub>-C<sub>82</sub> from 80 K to 293 K



**Figure S8.** The experimental Raman spectra of  $Sc_2C_2@C_s-C_{82}$  from 80 K to 293 K.

### 7. The calculated and experimental Raman spectrum of Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@D<sub>2d</sub>-C<sub>84</sub> at B3LYP/DZP level



**Figure S9.** The calculated and experimental Raman spectrum of  $Sc_2C_2@D_{2d}-C_{84}$  at B3LYP/DZP level.

### 8. The calculated Raman spectrum of C<sub>82</sub>-C<sub>s</sub>(6) and Sc<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@C<sub>s</sub>-C<sub>82</sub> at B3LYP/DZP level



Figure S10. The calculated Raman spectrum of  $C_{82}$ - $C_s(6)$  at B3LYP/DZP level.



Figure S11. The calculated Raman spectrum of  $Sc_2C_2@C_s-C_{82}$  at B3LYP/DZP level.