

## Supporting Information

### Interfacial Charge Shielding Directs Synthesis of Dendritic Mesoporous Silica Nanospheres by a Dual-Templating Approach

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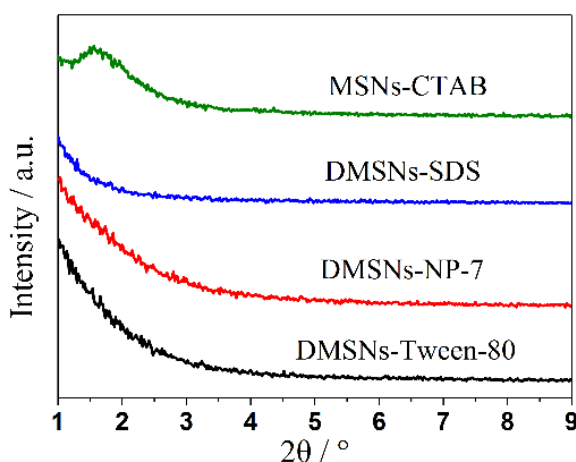


Figure S1 XRD patterns of MSNs synthesized by using different templates.

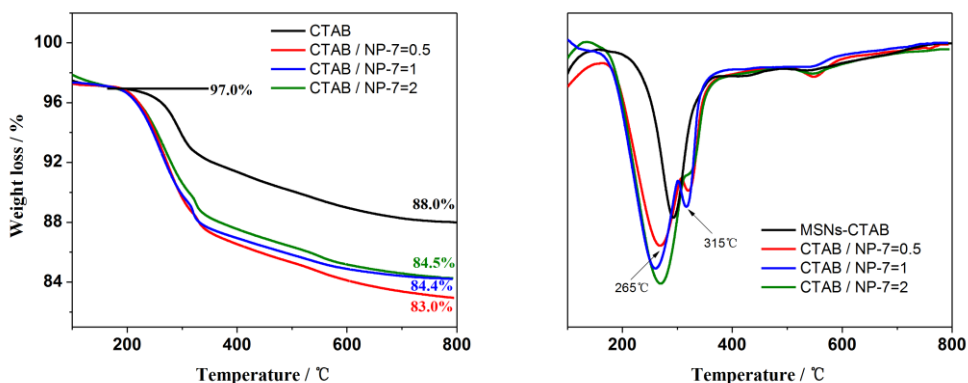
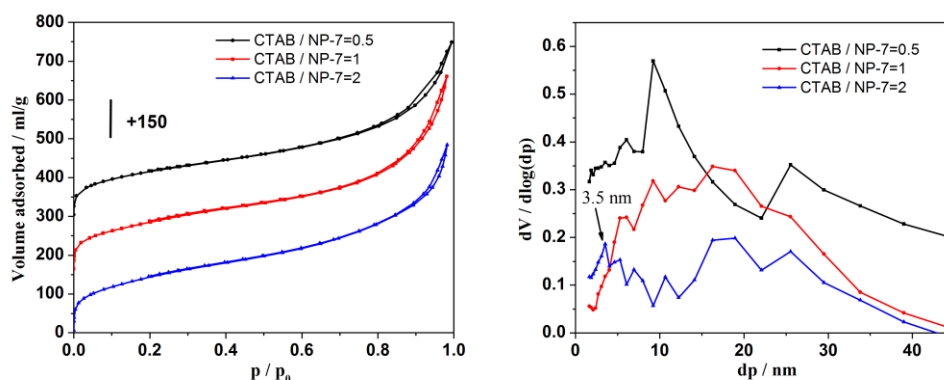
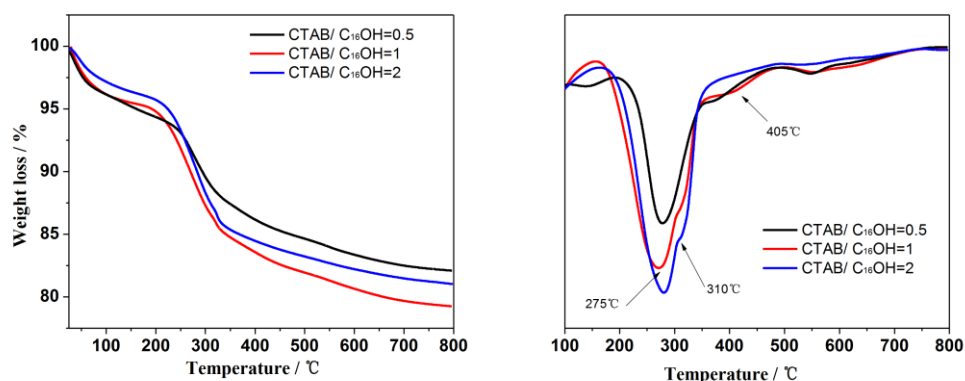


Figure S2. Thermogravimetric analysis (TG) of DMSNs synthesized by using dual templates

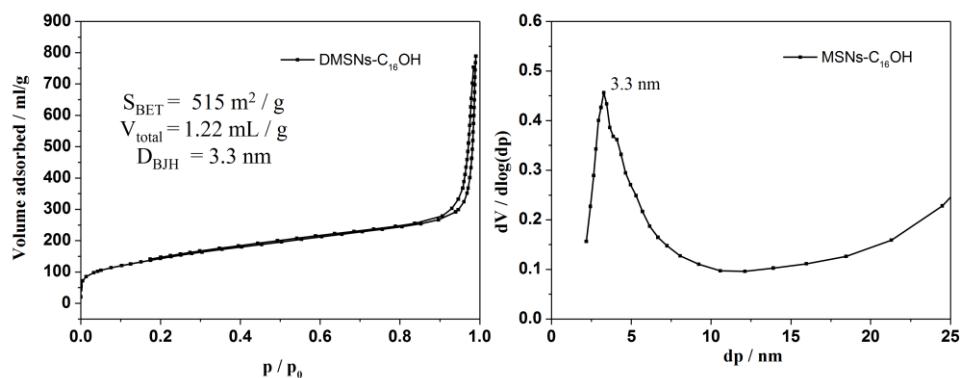
CTAB and NP-7 with different molar ratios of CTAB / NP-7 (0.5, 1 and 2) and the TG of MSNs synthesized by using a solo cationic surfactant CTAB (MSNs-CTAB) was demonstrated for comparison. The weight loss centered at 265 °C was attributed to the electrostatically interacting  $\text{CTA}^+$  from CTAB, the peak minima centered at 315 °C was due to the incorporation of nonionic surfactant NP-7.



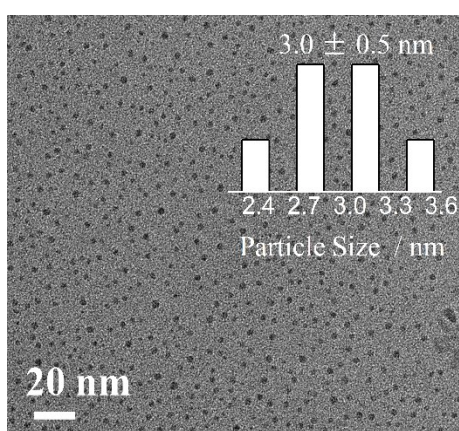
**Figure S3.**  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms (left) and pore size distribution (PSD) plots (right) of the MSNs synthesized by using dual templates CTAB and NP-7 with different molar ratios of CTAB / NP-7: (a) 0.5; (b) 1 and (c) 2, respectively. PSD calculated by the BJH method from desorption branches.



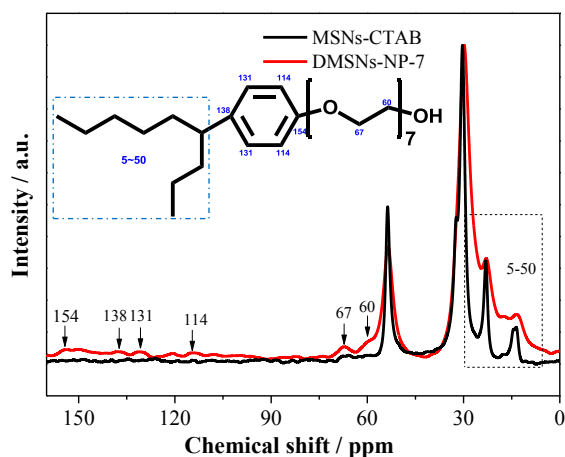
**Figure S4.** Thermogravimetric analysis (TG) of MSNs synthesized by using dual templates CTAB and  $\text{C}_{16}\text{OH}$  with different molar ratios of CTAB /  $\text{C}_{16}\text{OH}$  (0.5, 1 and 2). The weight loss centered at 275 °C was attributed to the electrostatically interacting  $\text{CTA}^+$ , the weight loss centered at 310 °C was attributed to the non-interacting CTAB, and the peak minima centered at 405 °C was due to the incorporation of fatty alcohol 1-hexadecanol ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{OH}$ ).



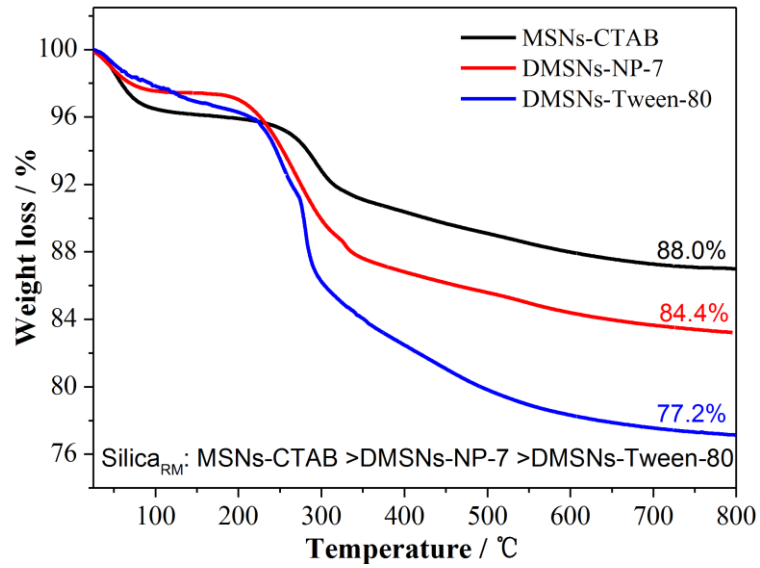
**Figure S5.**  $N_2$  adsorption–desorption isotherms (left) and pore size distribution (PSD) plots (right) of MSNs synthesized by using templates CTAB and pore swelling agent  $C_{16}OH$ . PSD calculated by the BJH method from desorption branches.



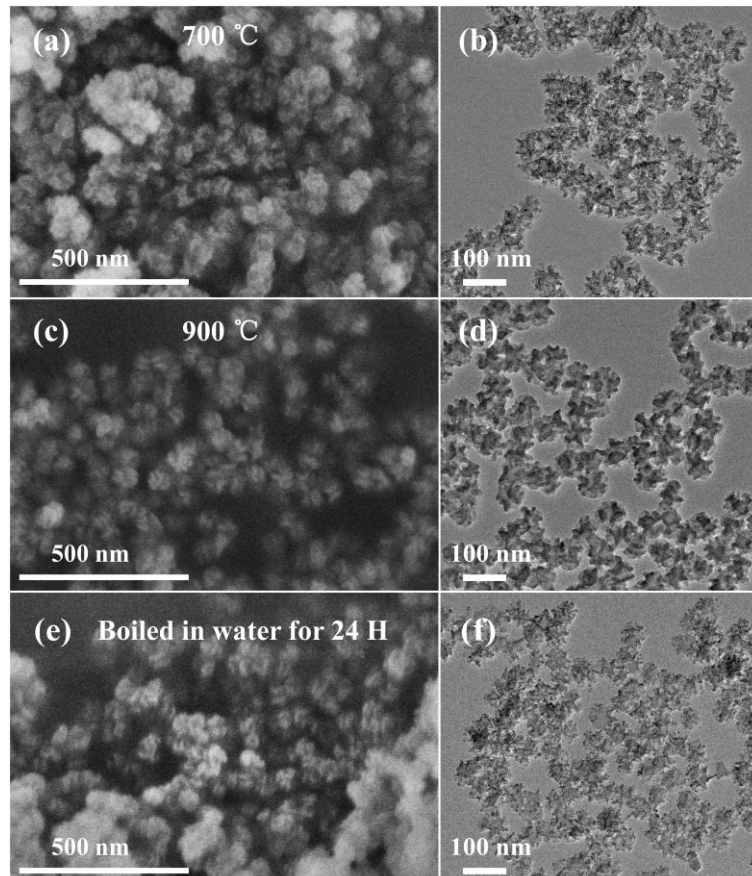
**Figure S6** TEM images of MSNs-CTAB samples collected at the reaction time of 30 s.



**Figure S7.**  $^{13}C$  CP MAS NMR spectra of MSNs synthesized at various reaction conditions. Black line represents the MSNs synthesized by using a solo cationic surfactant CTAB, and the red line represents the DMSNs synthesized by using dual templates CTAB and NP-7. Black arrows point out characteristic chemical shifts of nonionic surfactants NP-7.



**Figure S8.** Thermogravimetric analysis (TG) of DMSNs synthesized by using a solo cationic surfactant CTAB and dual templates CTAB with NP-7 or Tween-80, respectively. Silica<sub>RM</sub> means silica residual mass in unit of percentage obtained from TG analysis at 800 °C.



**Figure S9.** SEM (left) and TEM (right) images of DMSNs-NP-7 calcined at varied temperatures of 700 °C (a and b), 900 °C (c and d), and boiled in water for 24 hours (e and f).

**Table S1. Textural Characteristics of Calcined MSNs Synthesized in Various Reaction Conditions**

Sample <sup>a</sup>	S <sub>BET</sub> <sup>b</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> / g)	V <sub>total</sub> <sup>c</sup> (ml / g)	V <sub>Meso</sub> <sup>d</sup> (ml / g)	D <sub>BJH</sub> <sup>e</sup> (nm)	PSD <sup>f</sup> (nm)
MSNs	675	1.25	0.43	2.4	50 ± 10
DMSNs-Tween-80	371	0.59	0.28	16	74 ± 10
DMSNs-NP-7-0.5 <sup>g</sup>	474	0.71	0.38	12	74±10
DMSNs-NP-7-1	502	0.80	0.41	15	74±10
DMSNs-NP-7-2	565	0.77	0.45	3.5/16	67±10
MSNs-C <sub>16</sub> OH	515	1.22	0.38	3.3	74±10
DMSNs-CTATos <sup>h</sup>	552	1.45	0.41	3.2/16	120 ± 10
DMSNs-SDS <sup>i</sup>	450	1.59	0.83	3.2/10.6	120 ± 10
MCM-41 <sup>j</sup>	853	0.79	0.70	2.9	-

<sup>a</sup>MSNs were synthesized by a single surfactant CTAB or CTAB with C<sub>16</sub>OH, denoted as MSNs-CTAB and MSNs-C<sub>16</sub>OH. <sup>a</sup>DMSNs were synthesized by CTAB with NP-7, Tween-80, and SDS, or a single surfactant CTATos, denoted as DMSNs-NP-7, DMSNs-Tween-80, DMSNs-SDS and DMSNs-CTATos, respectively. <sup>b</sup>Specific surface area measured from N<sub>2</sub> physisorption. <sup>c</sup>Total pore volume measured at P/P<sub>0</sub>= 0.99. <sup>d</sup>Meso pore volume measured at P/P<sub>0</sub>= 0.80. <sup>e</sup>Pore diameter calculated from the BJH theoretical model. <sup>f</sup>Particle size distribution was determined by measuring the diameters of at least 100 particles under TEM. <sup>g</sup>DMSNs-NP-7-X, X represented the CTAB/NP-7 molar ratio. <sup>h</sup>From ref 1. <sup>i</sup>From ref 2. <sup>j</sup>From ref 3.

**Table S2. Formation of cyclohexane oxide (CHO) from cyclohexene using different catalysts<sup>a</sup>**

Catalyst	Conv/%	CHO sel/%	CHO yield/%
Ti-MCM-41-Cal <sup>b</sup>	25.7	92.2	23.7
Ti-MCM-41-Sil	22.8	97.0	22.1
Ti-DMSNs-Cal	14.8	95.5	14.1
Ti-DMSNs-Sil	24.5	96.0	23.5

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: Catalyst, 50 mg; acetonitrile, 10 ml; cyclohexene, 10 mmol; TBHP (5.5 M in decane), 10 mmol; temp., 333 K; time, 2 h. <sup>b</sup>Ti-MCM-41-X, X represented the remove methods of templates: calcination (Cal) or trimethylsilylation (Sil). It is same to Ti-DMSNs.

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