Supporting Information

Controllable fluorescence *via* tuning the *m*-substituents of added aromatic molecules in a pyrene derivative-decorated porous skeleton

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Reagent	Purity
Sodium Hydroxide (flake)	96.0%
Ethanol	99.5%
Ammonium Hydroxide	25%-28%
Ethyl Orthosilicate	98.0%
Isophorone Diisocyanate	99.0%
Acetone	99.5%
1-Pyrenecarboxylic Acid	97.0%
Acetic Ether	99.5%
Dichloromethane	99.5%
Dimethyl Sulphoxide	99.0%
Ether	99.5%
Tetrahydrofuran	99.5%
Chloroform	99.0%
<i>m</i> -Methylacetophenone	98.0%
Phenol	99.5%
<i>m</i> -Cresol	99.0%
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