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Boosting Circularly Polarized Luminescence of Small Organic Molecules via Multi-dimensional Morphology Control

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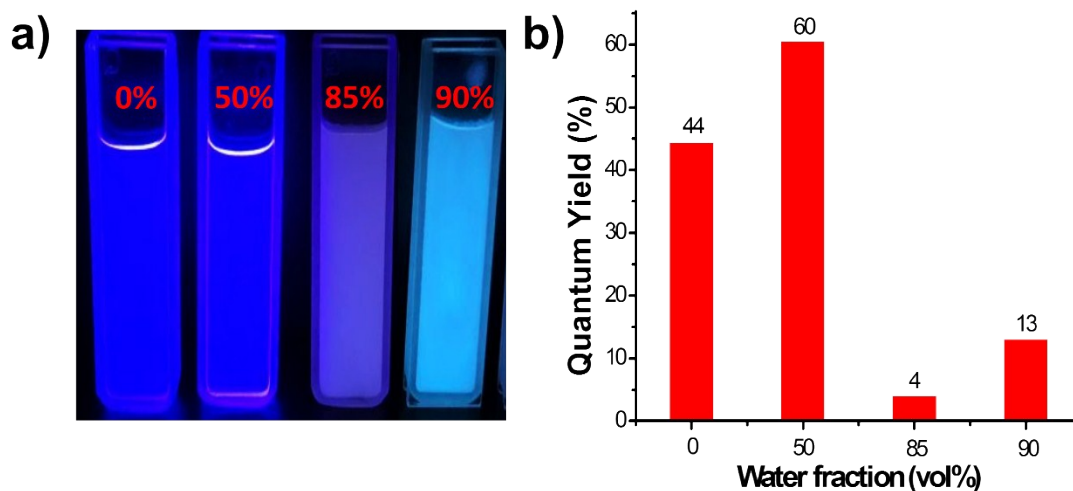


Fig. S1 (a) Photograph of *R*-SPAN prepared in various f_w under a UV lamp ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 365$ nm). (b) Quantum yield of *R*-SPAN prepared in different water fraction. With increasing the volume fraction of water, the emission quantum yield showed increasing and then dramatically quenched due to the aggregation-caused quenching of luminescence ($[R\text{-SPAN}] = 1.5$ mM, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 320$ nm).

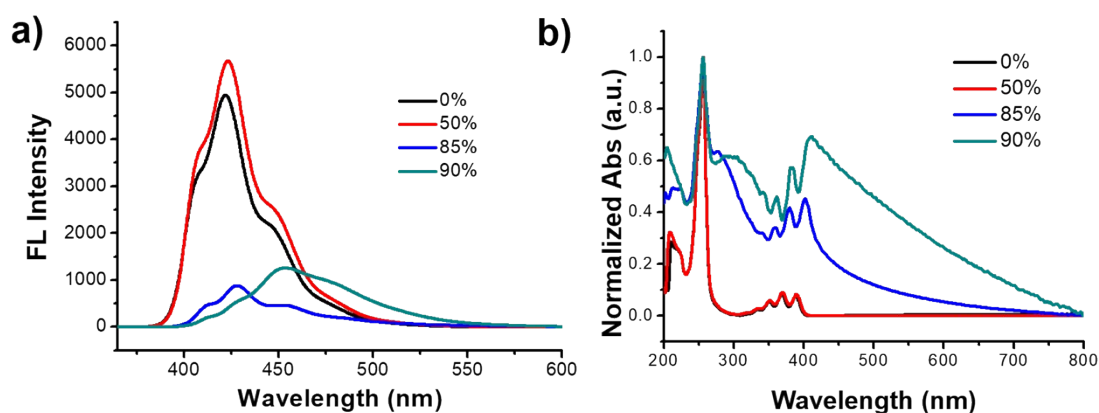
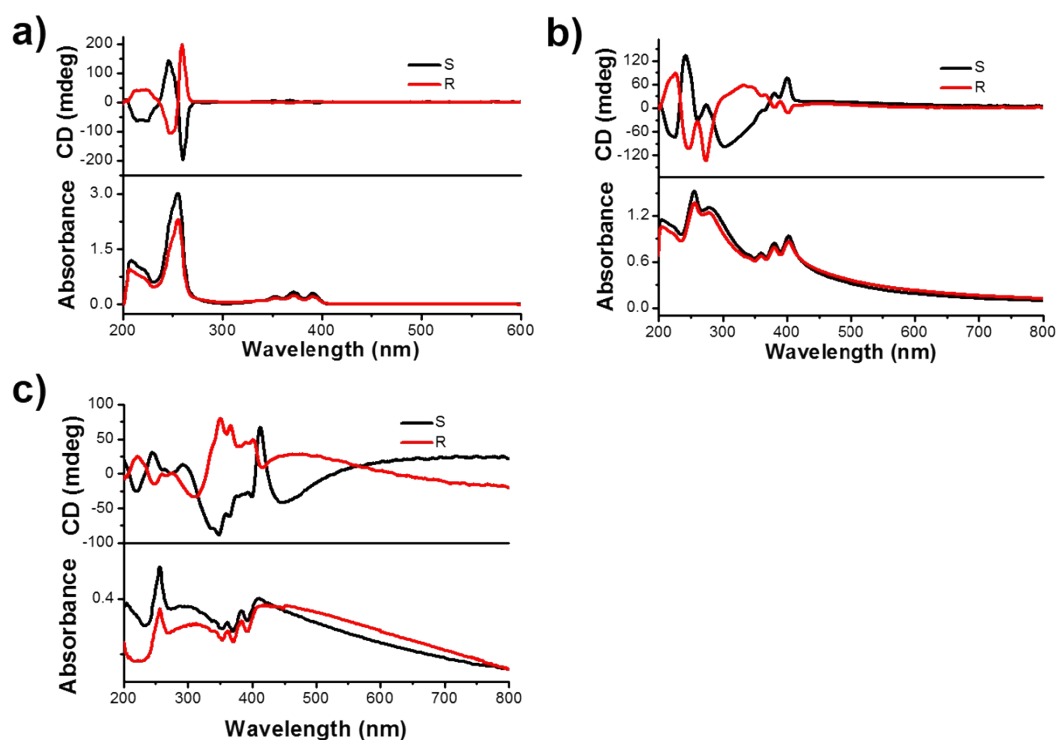


Fig. S2 (a) Fluorescence spectra and (b) UV-vis absorption spectra of *R*-SPAN prepared in different volume fraction of water ($[R\text{-SPAN}] = 1.5$ mM, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 320$ nm). The FL spectra showed obviously red shift and fluorescence quenching by increasing the fraction of water. The absorption spectra of *R*-SPAN showed a slight bathochromic and broadening, which indicated the formation of aggregates.

Table S1. The emission lifetime of *R*-SPAN prepared in various water fraction.

f_w	λ_{\max} (nm)	τ (ns)	$^{(a)}\tau_{\text{avg}}$ (ns)	CHICQ
0%	422	8		1.21
50%	422	8		1.23
85%	432	τ_1 0.85 (33%) τ_2 2.3 (67%)	1.82	1
	460	τ_1 0.75 (18%) τ_2 2.3 (67%) τ_3 6.8 (16%)	2.8	0.99
90%	460	τ_1 0.96 (11%) τ_2 2.8 (70%) τ_3 10.4 (19%)	3.7	1.12

(a) Fluorescence lifetime (τ_{avg}) calculated using the equation $\tau_{\text{avg}} = A_1\tau_1 + A_2\tau_2 + A_3\tau_3$; $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 370$ nm.

**Fig. S3** CD spectra of nanostructures of *R/S*-SPAN in various fraction of water (a) 50%, (b) 85% and (c) 90%. The CD peaks of all samples showed mirror-image signals ($[R/S\text{-SPAN}] = 1.5$ mM).

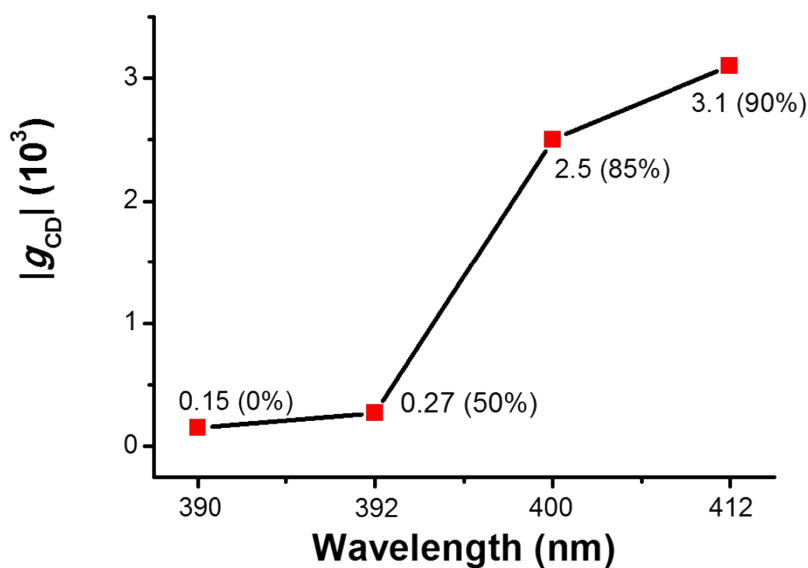


Fig. S4 The plot of g_{CD} of various nanostructures in different fraction of water. The g_{CD} value was recorded at one of the absorption peaks of the anthracene chromophore. With increasing the volume fraction of water, the g_{CD} showed obvious amplification. The g_{CD} of water fraction of 90% was 20 more times than the one of 0%.

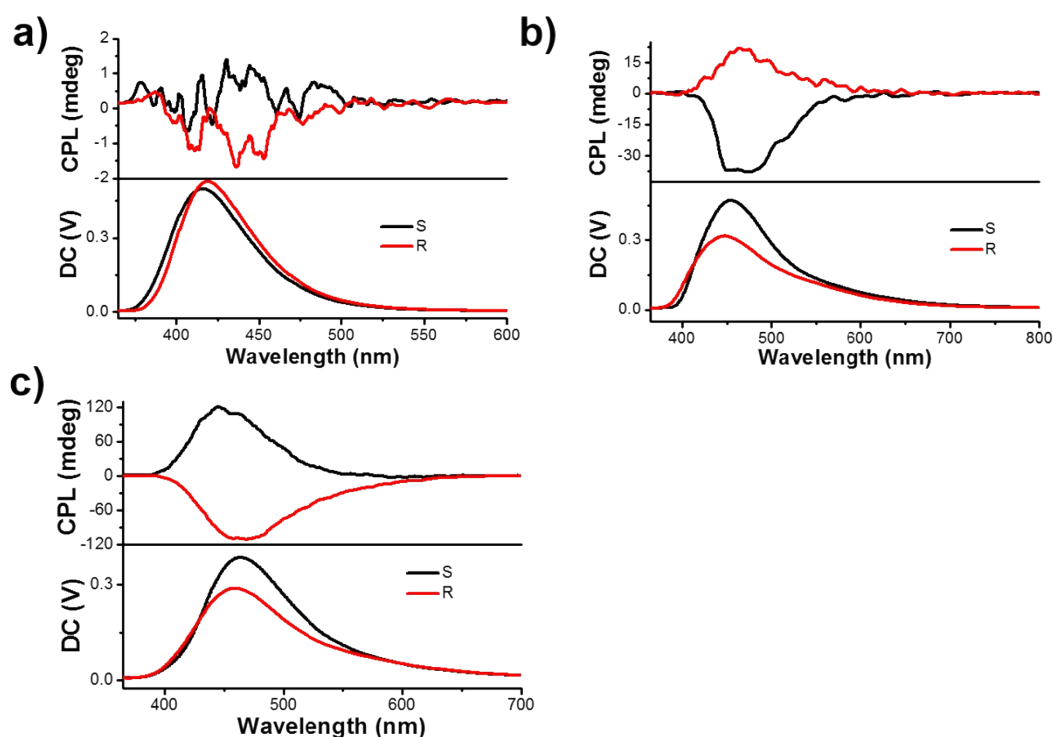


Fig. S5 CPL spectra of *R*- and *S*-SPAN nanostructures in various water fraction (a) 50%, (b) 85% and (c) 90% ($[R\text{-SPAN}] = 1.5\text{mM}$, $\lambda_{ex} = 320\text{nm}$). The CPL spectra showed mirror-image signals. With increasing the fraction of water, the CPL intensity was dramatically increased and the g_{lum} finally amplified two order of magnitude.

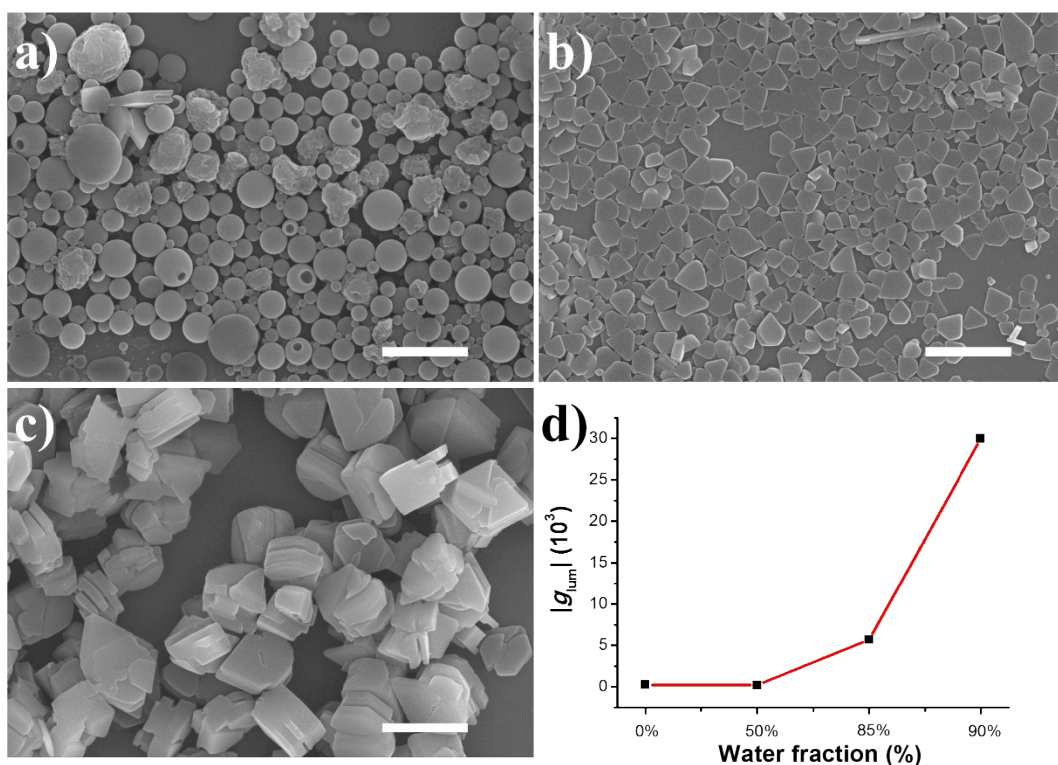


Fig. S6 SEM images of *S*-SPAN nanostructures in water fraction of (a) 50%, (b) 85% and (c) 90%. (d) Plot of g_{lum} value of *S*-SPAN nanostructures in various water fraction. The scale bar is 2 μm . The g_{lum} value of nanostructures finally amplified two order of magnitude.

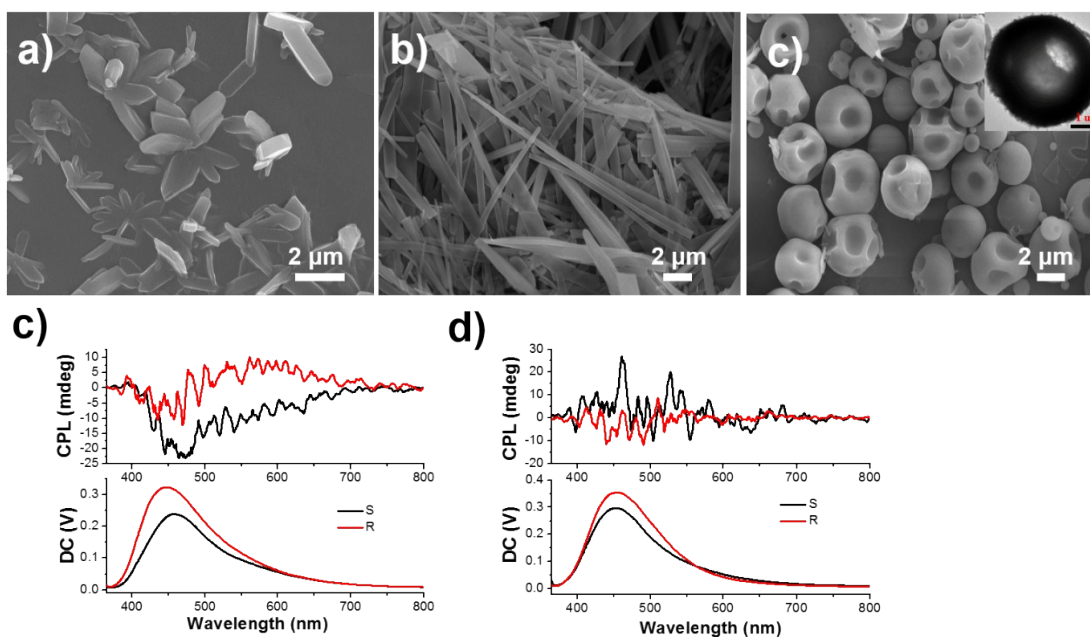


Fig. S7 SEM images of *R*-SPAN nanostructures in the water fraction of (a) 96% and (b) 98%. CPL spectra of *R*- and *S*-SPAN nanostructures at water fraction of (c) 96% and (d) 98% ($[SPAN] = 1.5$ mM, $\lambda_{ex} = 320$ nm). The 1D nanobelts and 0D spheres were obtained in the f_w 96% and 98%. The insert TEM image showed the spheres was hollow. However, it is hard to get a plausible CPL signal in f_w 96% and 98%

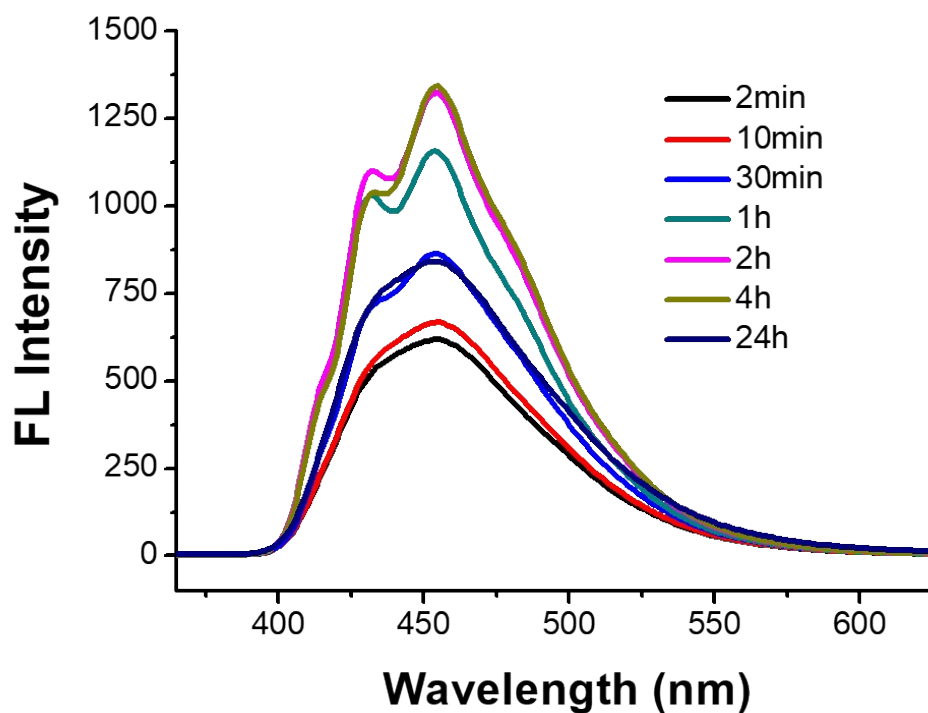


Fig. S8 Fluorescence spectra of *R*-SPAN nanostructures in the water fraction of 90% at different time ($[R-SPAN] = 1.5$ mM, $\lambda_{ex} = 320$ nm). The FL intensity showed gradually increasing with prolonging the aging time.

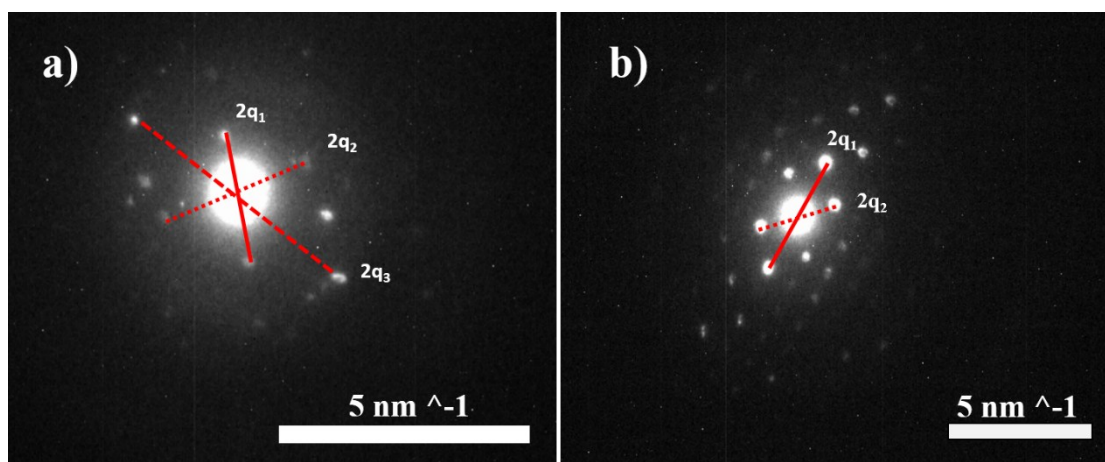


Fig. S9 Selective-area electron diffraction (SAED) of *R*-SPAN nanostructures in the water fraction of (a) 85% and (b) 90% ([SPAN] = 1.5 mM). The 2D and 3D nanoflakes showed ordered diffraction patterns.

Table S2. The *d*-spacing of SPAN nanostructures in various water fraction estimated from the SAED.

f_w %	d_1 (nm)	d_2 (nm)	d_3 (nm)
85 %	0.855	0.542	0.404
90 %	0.753	0.532	

Reciprocal vector $|q| = 1/d$

Table S3. Crystallographic data for *S*-SPAn.

Sample	<i>S</i> -SPAn·THF
CCDC Number	1904614
Chemical formula	C ₉₈ H ₇₈ O ₁₀ P ₂
Formula weight	1477.54
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P 1 21 1
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.835(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.503(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	24.847(6)
α (°)	90
β (°)	100.702(3)
γ (°)	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	3836.5(16)
<i>Z</i>	2
<i>D</i> (g cm ⁻³)	1.279
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.121
<i>T</i> (K)	173.15
Goof	1.093
R1 (<i>I</i> >2 σ (<i>I</i>))	0.0702
wR2(<i>I</i> >2 σ (<i>I</i>))	0.1558