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Electronic Supplementary Information for Porphyrin trap and release of microporous organic hollow spheres: Fluorescent alerting systems for organic solvent existence in water

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Experimental Sections

TEM (EDS mapping) and SEM images were obtained using a JEOL 2100F (200 kV) and a FE-SEM (JSM6700F), repectively. The N₂ sorption isotherms (77 K) were measured using a BELSORP II-mini equipment. For the pore size analysis, the DFT method was applied. PXRD patterns were obtained using a Rigaku MAX-2200 operating with filtered Cu-Ka radiation. The absorption and emission spectra were obtained with a JASCO V-630 and JASCO FP-6200 spectrofluorometers, respectively The solid phase ¹³C-NMR spectrum was obtained on a Bruker 400 MHz Solid State DSX NMR spectrometer at the Korea Basic Science Institute (Daegu, South Korea).

Synthetic procedure of Por@MOH-A

The Por-1, Por-4, Por-8, Por-16, and their silica composites containing 19~28 w% porphyrins were prepared by following synthetic procedures in the literature.¹⁻² To prepare Por-SiO₂@MON, the Por-SiO₂ composite (0.30 g) was dispersed in triethylamine (30 mL). After adding (PPh₃)₂PdCl₂ (8.4 mg, 0.50.012 mmol) and CuI (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), the solution was treated with sonication for 1 hour. After adding tetra(4-ethynylphenyl)methane (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 1,4-diiodobenzene (80 mg, 0.24 mmol), the reaction mixture was refluxed for 48 hours. The Por-SiO₂@MON powders were retrieved via centrifugation, washed with methanol, dichloromethane, and acetone, and dried under a vacuum. To prepare Por@MOH-A, the Por-SiO₂@MON was treated with a HF solution (48%, 10 mL) in a Falcon tube for 1 hour. The resultant Por@MOH-A powders were retrieved via centrifugation, washed with water and dried under a vacuum.

Synthetic procedure of Zn-Por@MOH-B

Silica spheres with a 130 nm diameter were prepared by following the Stöber method.³ In a 500 mL roundbottomed flask, ethanol (200 mL), ammonia solution (28~30%, 4 mL), and water (2.7 mL) were stirred for 10 minutes. After adding tetrethylorthosilicate (TEOS, 4.4 mL), the mixture was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature. The silica spheres were retrieved via centrifugation, washed with ethanol, and dried under a vacuum. Microporous organic hollows (MOHs)⁴ and Zn-porphyrins (Zn-Por-1, Zn-Por-4, Zn-Por-8) were prepared by following procedures in the literature.⁵ To prepare Zn-Por@MOH-B, MOH (40 mg) was added to a methanol solution (20 mL) of Zn-Por (0.050 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 hours at room temperature and then the solvent was evaporated. The powders were dried under a vacuum, washed with water until no color leaching was observed, and finally dried under a vacuum.

Release test procedure

The guest@MOH-B (10 mg) was loaded on a sintered glass filter and was packed with sea sand. The system was connected with a 2 mm silicone tube. A peristaltic pump made water flow at a 3 mL/min rate from the reservoir solution to the collector. The solution collected per 2 minutes was analyzed via UV/vis absorption and emission spectroscopy. For Zn-Por@MOH-B materials, the emission peak at 625 nm (with 426 excitation) was analyzed.

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Materials	M.W. of Guests	Entrapped Amount of Guests ^a		Size: L/L ^b
	g/mol	W%	mmol/g	nm/nm
Por-1@MOH-A	1186.5	6.2	0.052	1.9/1.5
Por-4@MOH-A	1166.8	6.4	0.055	2.6/1.8
Por-8@MOH-A	1391.2	3.8	0.027	3.5/2.4
Por-16@MOH-A	1840.1	7.4	0.040	4.9/3.6
Por-1@MOH-B	1186.5	42	0.35	1.9/1.5
Por-4@MOH-B	1166.8	41	0.35	2.6/1.8
Por-8@MOH-B	1391.2	34	0.24	3.5/2.4
Zn-Por-1@MOH-B	1249.8	42	0.33	1.9/1.5
Zn-Por-4@MOH-B	1230.1	40	0.33	2.6/1.8
Zn-Por-8@MOH-B	1454.6	37	0.25	3.5/2.4

Table S1. The amount of guests entrapped in MOHs.

a The amount of guests entrapped in MOHs was obtained by weighing the guests which were extracted using methanol and dried under vacuum.

b L and L' correspond to the following lengths. (Spartan '08 software of Wavefunction Inc. was used.)



Fig. S1 SEM images of Por-SiO₂ composites (Por-1-SiO₂, Por-4-SiO₂, Por-8-SiO₂, and Por-16-SiO₂)



Fig. S2 N₂ adsorption and desorption isotherms of **Por-8-SiO₂** composites, **Por-8-SiO₂@MON**, and microporous organic hollows (MOH-A) obtained by release of **Por-8** guests in **Por-8@MOH-A** through MeOH treatment. (S.A.: surface area)



Fig. S3 PXRD patterns of <u>MOH-A</u> obtained by release of **Por-8** guests in **Por-8@MOH-A** through MeOH treatment, and <u>MOH-B</u> used for **Zn-Por-1@MOH-B** in route B.



Fig. S4 ¹H NMR spectra of the original Por-8 and the Por-8 released from Por-8@MOH-A.



Fig. S5 Pore size distributions of (a) <u>MOH-A</u> obtained by release of **Por-8** guests in **Por-8@MOH-A** through MeOH treatment, (b) <u>MOH-B</u> used for **Zn-Por@MOH-B** in route B. The DFT method was applied for analysis of pore size distribution. The comparison of the size range of guests with pore size distribution (**orange region**, for the size values of guests, refer to table S1).



Fig. S6. (a) Comparison of pore size distributions of MOH-B with Zn-Por-1@MOH-B, (b) comparison of pore size distributions of MOH-B with MOH-B (calculated) in Zn-Por-1@MOH-B (We supposed that the Zn-Por-1 (42w%) entrapped in MOH-B is non-porous. Thus, the volume values on Y-axis were divided by 0.58. As shown in Fig. S6b, the pore size diagrams of MOH-B and "calculated MOH-B" in Zn-Por-1@MOH-B were overlapped well, indicating that the pores of MOH-B in Zn-Por-1@MOH-B were completely retained after entrapment and the guests are located in the inner hollow spaces rather than in the microporous walls). The DFT method was applied for analysis of pore size distribution.



Fig. S7 N₂ adsorption and desorption isotherms of MOH-B and **Zn-Por-1**(42 w%)@**MOH-B**. (S.A.: surface area)



Fig. S8. Solid phase ¹³C NMR spectra of <u>MOH-A</u> obtained by release of **Por-8** guests in **Por-8@MOH-A** through MeOH treatment, and <u>MOH-B</u> used for **Zn-Por-1@MOH-B** in route B.



Fig. S9 TEM images of Zn-Por-1@MOH-B, Zn-Por-4@MOH-B, and Zn-Por-8@MOH-B.



Fig. S10 Zn-EDS mapping images of Zn-Por-1@MOH-B.



Fig. S11 ¹H NMR spectra of the original Zn-Por-1 and the Zn-Por-1 released from Zn-Por-1@MOH-B.



Fig. S12 UV/vis absorption and emission spectra of **Zn-Por-1**, **Zn-Por-4**, and **Zn-Por-8**. Emission spectra were obtained with 436 nm excitation. (The 5×10^{-6} M compounds in water were used.)



Fig. S13 Water contact angle of MOH-B (Pellet). The water contact angles of ACFs were measured using the Theta Optical Tensiometer model (KSV instruments, Ltd.) and lectrooptics comprising a CCTV camera connected to a computer (software Attension Theta).

