Supporting Information

Additive Printing of Recyclable Anti-Counterfeiting Patterns

with Sol–Gel Cellulose Nanocrystal Inks

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Figure S1. Schematic illustration for the preparation of surface functionalized CNCs.



Figure S2. pH titration curves of CNC-DC5700-NPES.



Figure S3. The length distribution of CNC (a) and the diameter distribution of CNC (b), CNC-DC5700 (c) and CNC-DC5700-NPES (d).



Figure S4. POM images of CNC suspension (a) and photographs of suspensions (1 wt.%),

from left to right: CNC, CNC-DC5700, and CNC-DC5700-NPES (b).



Figure S5. DSC traces of DC5700 (a) and NPES (b).



Figure S6. The illustration of long writing area and short writing area in the pattern.



Figure S7. POM images of printed filaments under stretching (a) 0%, (b) 50%, and (c) 100%.



Figure S8. POM images of enlarged "H" printed with different writing angles: 0° (a), 45° (b) and 90° (c) observed under 0°, 45°, 90° and 135° in turn, from left to right.



Figure S9. Photographs of "WHU" patterns printed with the recycled inks using a nozzle with a diameter of 0.6 mm under polarized light. Printing conditions: (a) grid fill width was 0.6 mm and writing angle was 90°. (b) grid fill width was 0.3 mm and writing angle was 45°. The length of all patterns in Y direction was 2 cm.