Supporting Information for:

## Porosity induced rigidochromism in platinum(II) terpyridyl luminophores immobilized at silica composites

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**Figure S1.** Mass spectrum of  $1 \cdot PF_6$  post its deposition as a thin film from evaporation of a solution of DMSO: acetone on a microscopic glass slide



**Figure S2.** Photographs of (left panel) vials conataining  $1 \cdot PF_6$  in DMSO:acetone (10 mg/10 ml) and the CPGs pre  $1 \cdot PF_6$  loading, and (right panel)  $1 \cdot PF_6$ @CPGs post loading. The colors of the  $1 \cdot PF_6$ @CPGs are observed shift to lower wavelengths as the CPG pore size increases.



**Figure S3.** Emsision spectra of 1•PF<sub>6</sub>@silica composites comapred to pristine 1•PF<sub>6</sub> ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =436 nm). Solid lines: (-----) CPG-1599 Å, (-----) CPG-1057 Å, (-----) CPG-537 Å, (-----) CPG-383 Å, (-----) CPG-70 Å, (-----) MCM-41, (-----) NP-SiO<sub>2</sub>; dashed lines (-----)1•PF<sub>6</sub> crystalline sample, (-----) Average large area emission collected using fluorimeter on a thin film of 1•PF<sub>6</sub> generated from DMSO:acetone solution. The detailed emission on the 1•PF<sub>6</sub> thin film collected using a laser source is shown in the main paper **Figure 7**.



**Figure S4.** Emission spectra of 1-PF<sub>6</sub>@CPGs excited at different wavelengths (blue)  $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm, (green)  $\lambda_{ex} = 410$  nm, (red)  $\lambda_{ex} = 436$  nm.



**Figure S5.** (left panel) Normalized excitation spectra of  $1 \cdot PF_6$ @CPGs monitored at  $\lambda_{em} = 550$  nm: (\_\_\_\_\_) CPG-1057 Å, (\_\_\_\_\_) CPG-537 Å, (\_\_\_\_\_) CPG-383 Å. (right panel) Ratio of the excitation bands at 448/368 vs pore size. The equation of the line:  $I_{448 \text{ nm}}/I_{368 \text{ nm}} = -0.0003 \times \text{pore size} + 1.1637$ .



**Figure S6.** Emission spectra of 1•PF<sub>6</sub>@CPGs over 3 cycles of 1•PF<sub>6</sub> loading onto the CPGs recorded after each cycle ( $\lambda_{ex} = 436$  nm)



**Figure S7.** Emission spectra of  $1 \cdot PF_6$ @CPGs ( $\lambda_{ex} = 436 \text{ nm}$ ) based on drying times post  $1 \cdot PF_6$  loading: (-----) CPG-1599 Å, (-----) CPG-1057 Å, (-----) CPG-537 Å, (-----) CPG-383 Å. (solid lines) dried for 4 hours and (dashed lines) dried for 12 hours.



**Figure S8.** Emission spectra of  $1 \cdot PF_6$ @CPGs ( $\lambda_{ex} = 436 \text{ nm}$ ) with different solvents used for  $1 \cdot PF_6$  loading: (\_\_\_\_\_) CPG-1599 Å, (\_\_\_\_\_) CPG-1057 Å, (\_\_\_\_\_) CPG-537 Å, (\_\_\_\_\_) CPG-383 Å. (solid lines)  $1 \cdot PF_6$  loading from DMSO: acetone and (dashed lines)  $1 \cdot PF_6$  loading from water: acetone



**Figure S9.** Emission spectra of  $1 \cdot PF_6$  (2PGs ( $\lambda_{ex} = 436 \text{ nm}$ ) recorded at different times: (-----) CPG-1599 Å, (-----) CPG-1057 Å, (-----) CPG-537 Å, (-----) CPG-383 Å. (solid lines) spectra collected within 15 minutes post  $1 \cdot PF_6$  loading from DMSO: acetone and (dashed lines) spectra collected after 7 days post  $1 \cdot PF_6$  loading from DMSO: acetone



**Figure S10.** X-ray powder diffractograms of  $1 \cdot PF_6$ @CPGs: (top black trace) blank CPGs, (second from top purple trace)  $1 \cdot PF_6$ @CPG-1599, (third from top green trace)  $1 \cdot PF_6$ @CPG-1057, (second from bottom red trace)  $1 \cdot PF_6$ @CPG-383, (bottom blue trace) pristine  $1 \cdot PF_6$ .



**Figure S11.** X-ray powder diffractograms of  $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ : (top purple trace)  $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ @CPG -1599, (second from top green trace)  $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ @CPG -1057, (second from bottom red trace)  $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ @CPG -383, (bottom blue trace) pristine  $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



**Figure S12.** A plot of the mean size of the ordered crystalline domains calculated using Scherrer equation versus the mean pore sizes of the CPGs. (red symbols and trace) **1**•ClO<sub>4</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O@CPGs (the analysis done at 6.2°); equation of the line:  $\tau$  (nm) = -10<sup>-16</sup> ×(mean pore size, Å) + 92.4; (yellow symbols and trace) **1**•PF<sub>6</sub>@CPGs; equation of the line:  $\tau$  (nm) = -0.03 ×(mean pore size, Å) + 82.6 (the analysis done at 6°)



**Figure S13.** A plot of the ratios of the intensity ratios of the ~550 nm and the ~650 nm emission bands for 1•PF<sub>6</sub>@CPGs ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =436 nm) versus the mean size of the ordered crystalline domains calculated using Scherrer equation; equation of the line: I<sub>550 nm</sub>/I<sub>630 nm</sub> = -0.015×τ (nm) + 1.19.