

Supporting Information

Edible cellulose-based colorimetric timer†

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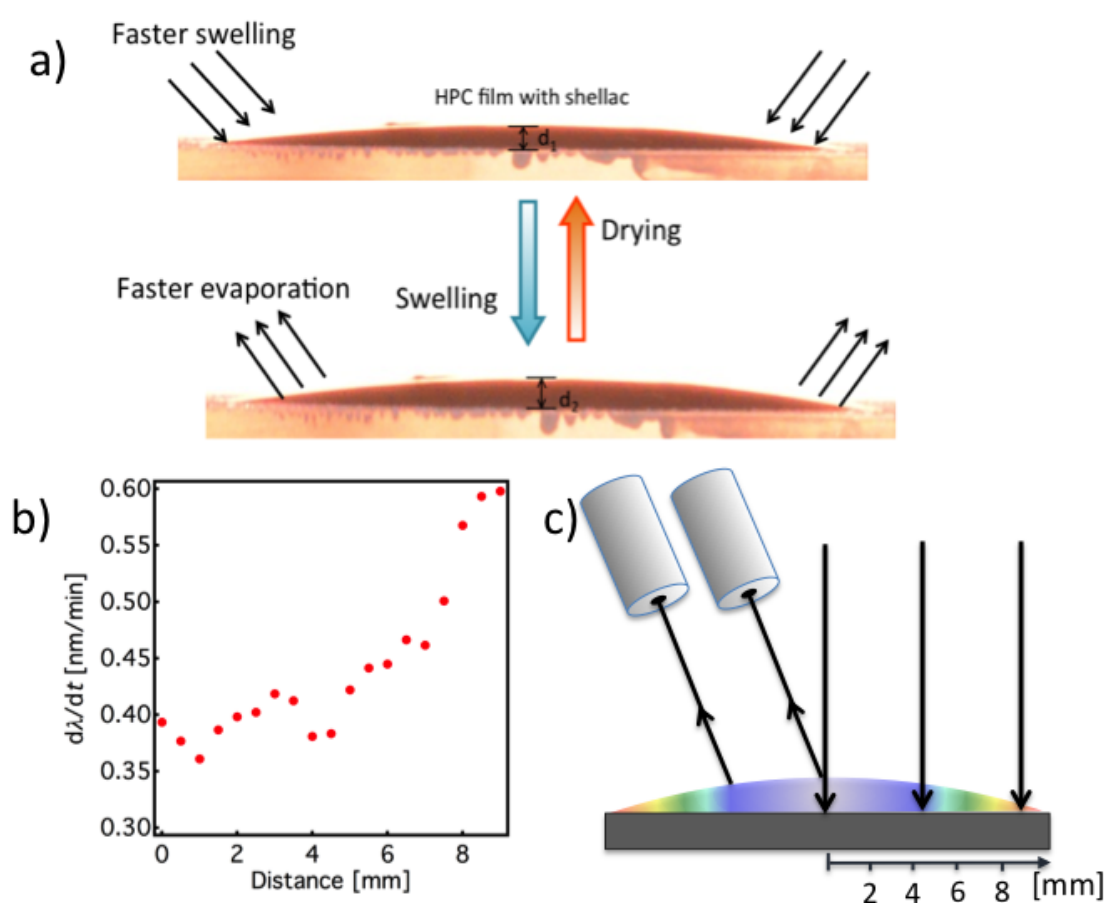


Figure S1. a) Photographic image of the side view of the HPC with shellac timer and the changes in the thickness as a function of water evaporation and swelling b) The colour shift of the timer device as a function of distance from the centre of the device construct in mm. c) Schematic representation of the colour shift experiment presented in (b)

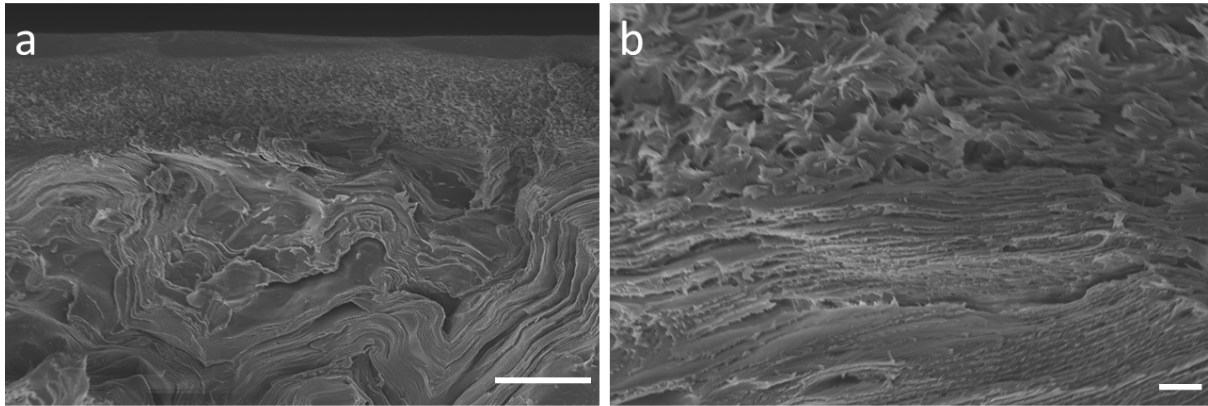


Figure S2. Scanning electron micrographs of the HPC-Shellac timer device in cross-sectional configuration in dry state demonstrating the cholesteric phase of the HPC and the semi-permeable network of the shellac demonstrating no order that can interfere with the light reflection from the HPC cholesteric phase. The scale bars are **a)** 5 μm and **b)** 1 μm