

Supporting information for

**Cooperative Effect of Copper-Induction and AIE Leading to Bright
Luminescence of Gold Nanoclusters**

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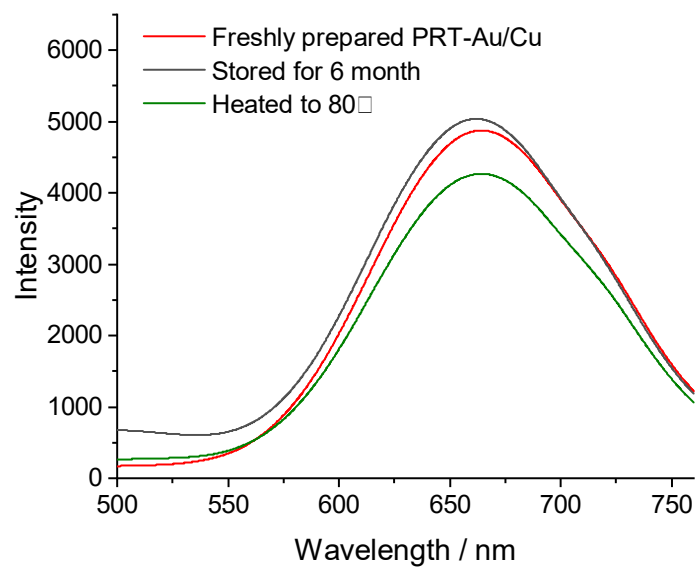


Figure S1. Photoluminescence spectra of **PRT-Au/Cu** composite to show its stability.

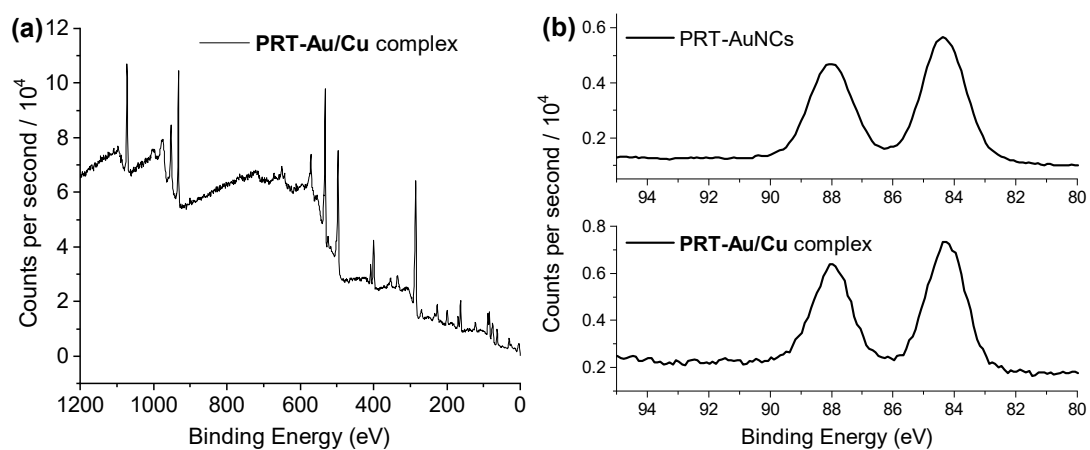


Figure S2. (a) Full spectrum of X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) for **PRT-Au/Cu** complex $c[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = 12$ mM; (b) Comparison of Au 4f spectra between PRT-AuNCs and **PRT-Au/Cu** complex.

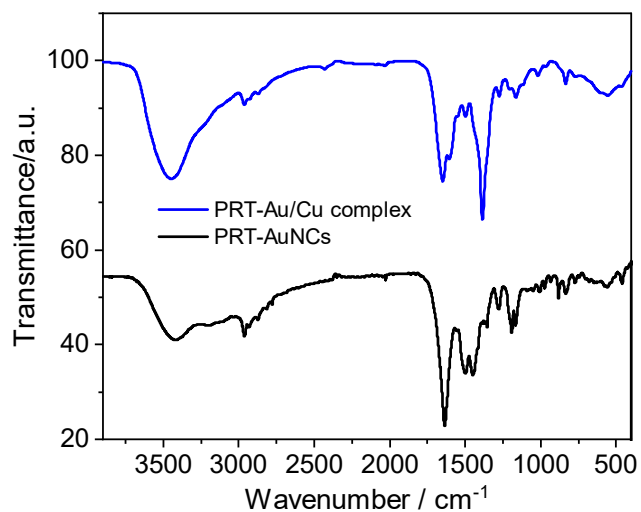


Figure S3. Comparison of FTIR spectra between **PRT-Au/Cu complex** $c[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = 12 \text{ mM}$ and primitive PRT-AuNCs

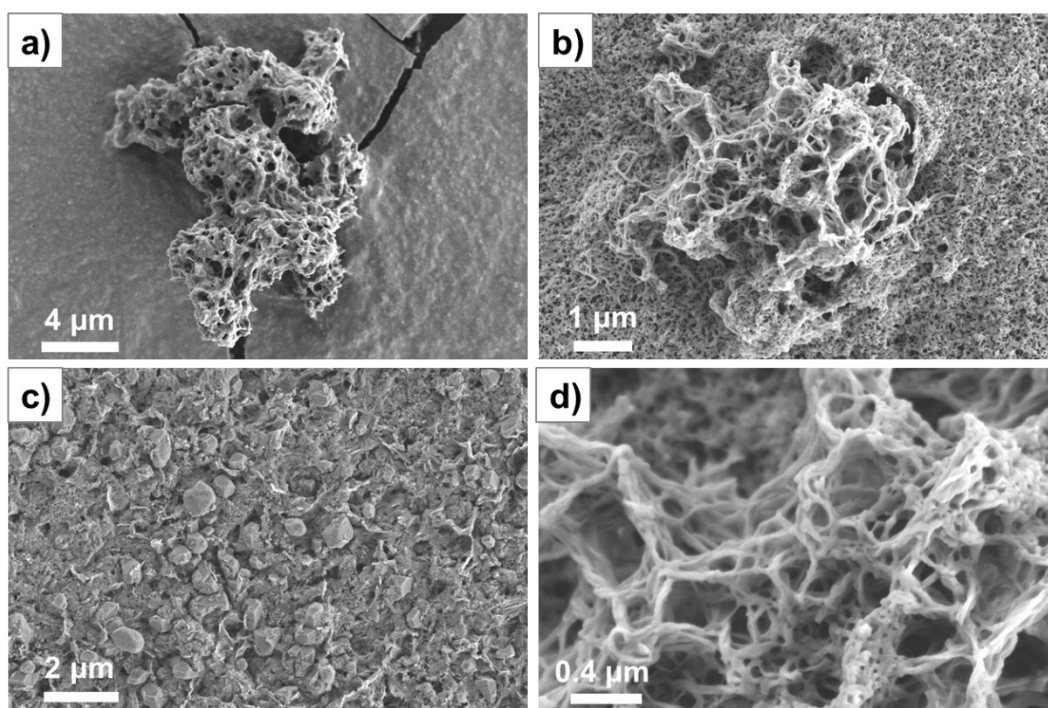


Figure S4. SEM images of PRT-AuNCs/ Cu^{2+} systems with addition of (a) 10 mM; (b, d) 14 mM and (c) 16 mM Cu^{2+} .

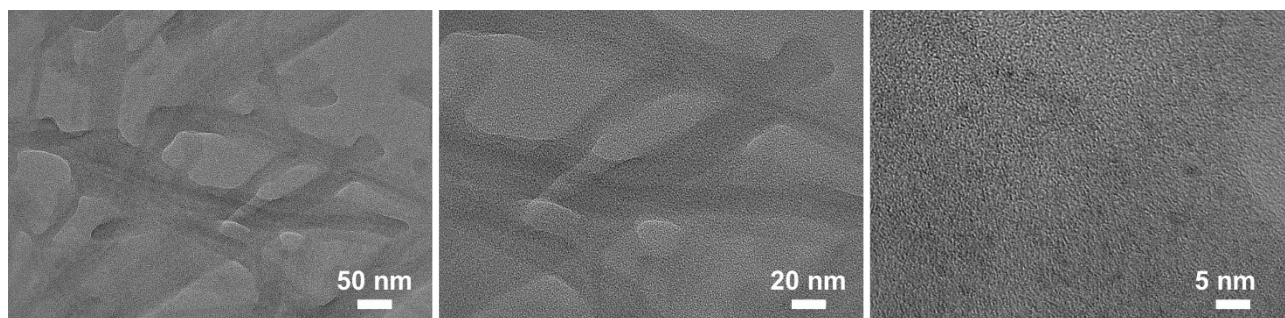


Figure S5. HR-TEM images of **PRT-Au/Cu** composite ($c[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = 12 \text{ mM}$) at high magnification to show its detailed structure and components.

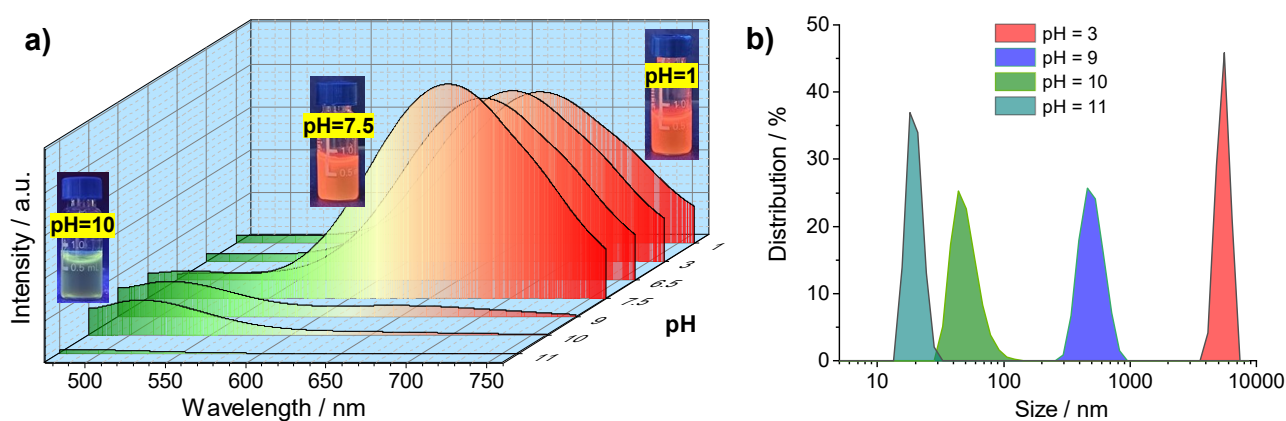


Figure S6. (a) pH-dependent photoluminescence spectra of **PRT-Au/Cu** composite (insets are the photos of samples at different pH under 365 nm UV lamp irradiation); (b) Size distribution of **PRT-Au/Cu** aggregates at different pH measured by dynamic light scattering.

Table S1. Photophysical parameters of **PRT-AuNCs** and **PRT-Au/Cu** composite in powder state

Species	^a $\lambda_{\text{Em}} / \text{nm}$	^b $\tau_1 / \mu\text{s}$	^b $\tau_2 / \mu\text{s}$	^c $\tau / \mu\text{s}$
PRT-AuNCs (powder)	615	9.30 (0.9273)	172.04 (0.0727)	21.13
PRT-Au/Cu (powder)	666	11.72 (0.8389)	169.05 (0.1611)	37.07

^a Maximum emission wavelength.

^b Components of bi-exponential luminescence lifetimes and pre-exponential factors.

^c Averaged luminescence lifetimes measured at excitation wavelength of $\lambda_{\text{Ex}} = 365 \text{ nm}$.

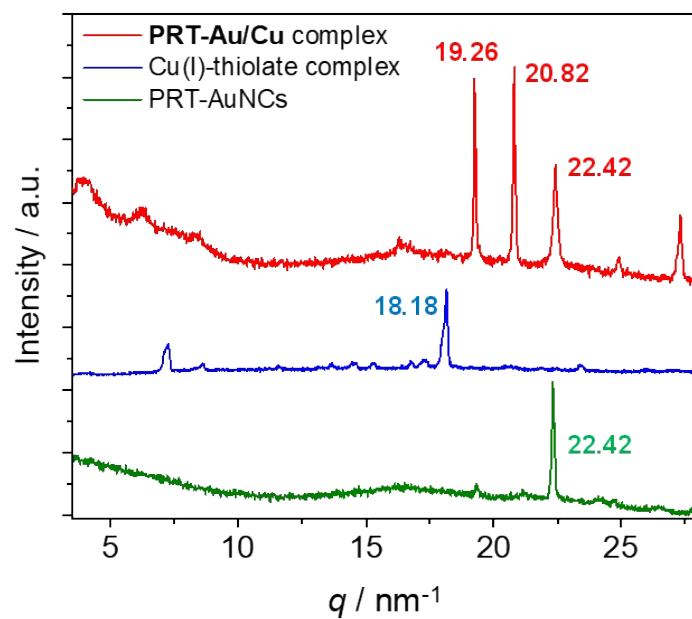


Figure S7. Small angle X-ray scattering patterns of PRT-AuNCs, Cu(I)-thiolate complex and PRT-Au/Cu composite.

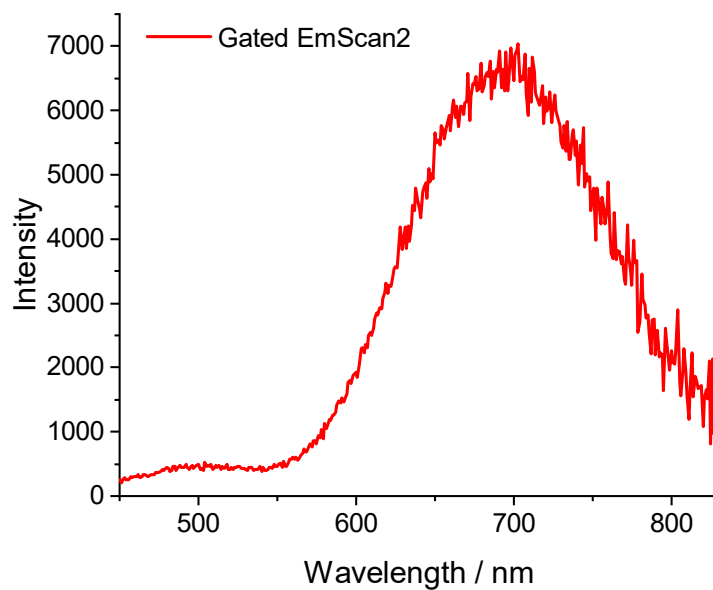


Figure S8. Phosphorescent spectra of PRT-Au/Cu composite ($\lambda_{\text{Ex}} = 385 \text{ nm}$, delay time: 5 μs , gate width: 20 μs).

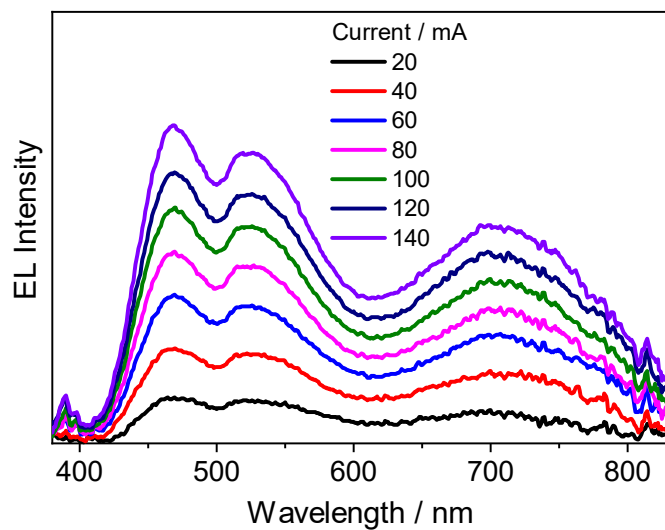


Figure S9. Electroluminescence spectra of the WLED prepared with **PRT-Au/Cu** composite and commercially available $\text{BaMgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{17}:\text{Eu}^{2+}$ and $(\text{Ba,Sr})_2\text{SiO}_4:\text{Eu}^{2+}$.

Table S2. CIE coordinates and correlated color temperature (CCT) of the prepared WLED at different drive current.

I / mA	CIE x	CIE y	CCT / K
20	0.2955	0.369	7001
40	0.2949	0.3684	7045
60	0.294	0.3613	7153
80	0.2925	0.3597	7245
100	0.2925	0.3589	7257
120	0.288	0.3613	7448
140	0.2884	0.3604	7433