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Supporting Information

Chiral co-assembly of a polyoxometalate complex with an achiral pyrene derivative enables redox-modulated circularly polarized luminescence

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Figure S1. Synthetic route for chiral surfactant encapsulated polyoxometalate (CSEP) complex by ion-exchange encapsulation of polyoxometalate with cholesterol-containing chiral surfactants.



Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of CS in CDCl₃.



Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of CSEP in CDCl₃.



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectra of CS and CSEP in CDCl₃.



Figure S5. IR spectra of (TBA)₂[Mo₆O₁₉], CSEP, and CS.

| $(TBA)_2[Mo_6O_{19}]$ | CSEP | CS | S Assignments | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| (CIII *) | 2024 | 2420 | O H acummetric stratching | | |
| | 3034 | 3420 | O–A asymmetric stretching | | |
| 2962 | 2964 | 2967 | CH ₃ asymmetric stretching | | |
| 2932 | 2934 | 2932 | CH ₂ asymmetric stretching | | |
| 2874 | 2854 | 2853 | CH ₂ symmetric stretching | | |
| | 1732 | 1736 | -C=O stretching | | |
| | 1487 | | $CH_2 - N^+$ scissoring | | |
| 1469 | 1466 | 1468 CH ₂ scissoring | | | |
| 1381 | 1377 | 1381 | CH ₃ scissoring | | |
| | 1250 | 1250 | C–O–C asymmetrical stretching | | |
| | 1173 | 1177 | C–N stretching | | |
| | 1030 | 1030 | =C–O–C asymmetrical stretching | | |
| 957 | 957 | | $v_{as}(Mo-O_t)$ | | |
| 806 | 798 | | v _{as} (Mo–O _b) | | |
| 600 | 598 | | δ (O _b -Mo-O _t) | | |
| 434 | 434 | | $\delta(O_b-Mo-O_t)$ | | |

Table S1. Characteristic IR vibration assignments of (TBA)₂[Mo₆O₁₉], CSEP, and CS.



Figure S6. TGA curve of CSEP in air, the residual mass was 41.1% at 600°C, which was consistent with the calculated residual mass of $C_{82}H_{148}N_2Mo_6O_{23}$ (41.0%).



Figure S7. Synthetic route for the achiral pyrenyl fluorophore (Py) through ionic selfassembly of 1,3,6,8-pyrene tetrasulfonic acid tetrosodium salt with oppositely charged surfactant.







Figure S10. TEM images of CSEP (1 mg·mL⁻¹) in the mixed solvents of dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v).



Figure S11. TEM images of CSEP (1 mg·mL⁻¹) in the mixed solvents of dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) after UV irradiation for 10 min.



Figure S12. DLS result of CSEP in dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) solution after UV irradiation for 10 min.



Figure S13. UV-vis spectra of CSEP in dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) under different UV irradiation times.



Figure S14. XRD patterns of the helical assemblies of CSEP at the initial state (top) and the spherical aggregates of CSEP after UV irradiation (bottom).

Table S2. X-ray data of helical assemblies of CSEP at the initial state.

| 20/° | 1.80 | 3.62 | 5.43 | 7.24 | 9.04 | 10.88 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| <i>d</i> /nm | 4.90 | 2.43 | 1.62 | 1.21 | 0.97 | 0.81 |
| hkl | 001 | 002 | 003 | 004 | 005 | 006 |

The weak peak at 2.08 corresponds to the in-plane structure with low ordering.

 Table S3. X-ray data of the spherical aggregates of CSEP after UV irradiation.

| 20/° | 1.62 | 3.22 | 4.8 | 6.56 | 8.08 | 9.70 | 11.3 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <i>d</i> /nm | 5.45 | 2.74 | 1.84 | 1.34 | 1.09 | 0.91 | 0.78 |
| hkl | 001 | 002 | 003 | 004 | 005 | 006 | 007 |



Figure S15. The estimated length of CSEP with sandwich structure.



Figure S16. FT-IR spectra of CSEP at the initial state (black), after UV irradiation (blue), and following H_2O_2 oxidation (red) in KBr pellet.



Figure S17. ¹H NMR spectra of CSEP in its initial state and under UV irradiation for 10 minutes in $CD_2CI_2/CD_3OD/CD_3CN$ (10/1/1 v/v/v).



Figure S18. ¹H NMR spectra of CSEP initial (black), after UV irradiation (blue), and after H_2O_2 oxidation (red) in $CD_2CI_2/CD_3OD/CD_3CN$ (10/1/1 v/v/v).



Figure S19. FT-IR spectrum of CSEP after 3 alternating redox cycles in KBr pellet.



Figure S20. UV-Vis spectrum of CSEP in dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) after 3 alternating redox cycles.



Figure S21. SEM image of CSEP assemblies in dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) solution after the third time H₂O₂ oxidation.



Figure S22. SEM image of CSEP assemblies in dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) solution after the third time UV reduction.



Figure S23. SEM images of CSEP-Py co-assembly systems with different Py doping ratios in dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) solution: a), 5wt%; b), 6wt%; c), 7wt%; d), 9wt%; e), 10wt%; f), 20wt%.



Figure S24. DLS result of CSEP-Py in dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) after UV irradiation for 10 min.



Figure S25. UV-vis spectra of CSEP-Py in dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) under different UV irradiation times.



Figure S26. a) CD spectrum of CSEP-Py casting film on quartz substrate obtained from the mixed solvents. b). CD spectra of CSEP-Py casting film on quartz substrate obtained from mixed solvents after UV irradiation for 10 min.



Figure S27. CD spectrum of CSEP-Py casting film on quartz substrate obtained from mixed solvent after treatment with H_2O_2 .



Figure S28. a) Fluorescence photographs before and after UV irradiation. b) Fluorescence spectra of CSEP-Py solution in dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) at the initial state (black line) and after UV irradiation (red line) (λ_{ex} = 360 nm). c) Fluorescence spectra of CSEP-Py sold-film on quartz substrate at the initial state (black line) and after UV irradiation (red line) (λ_{ex} = 360 nm).



Figure S29. UV-Vis absorption spectrum of CSEP-Py in the mixed solvents of dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) solution at the coloration state after UV irradiation for 10 min and the fluorescence spectrum of CSEP-Py Py solid-film on quartz substrate.



Figure S30. SEM image of CSEP-Py assemblies in the mixed solvents of dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) after the third H₂O₂ oxidation cycle.

Figure S31. SEM image of spherical assemblies of CSEP-Py obtained from dichloromethane/isopropanol/acetonitrile (10/1/1 v/v/v) after the third time UV light reduction.

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