Electronic Supplementary Information

A New Method for the Preparation of Silica-Polycarbazole Composite Particles of a Core-Shell Morphology

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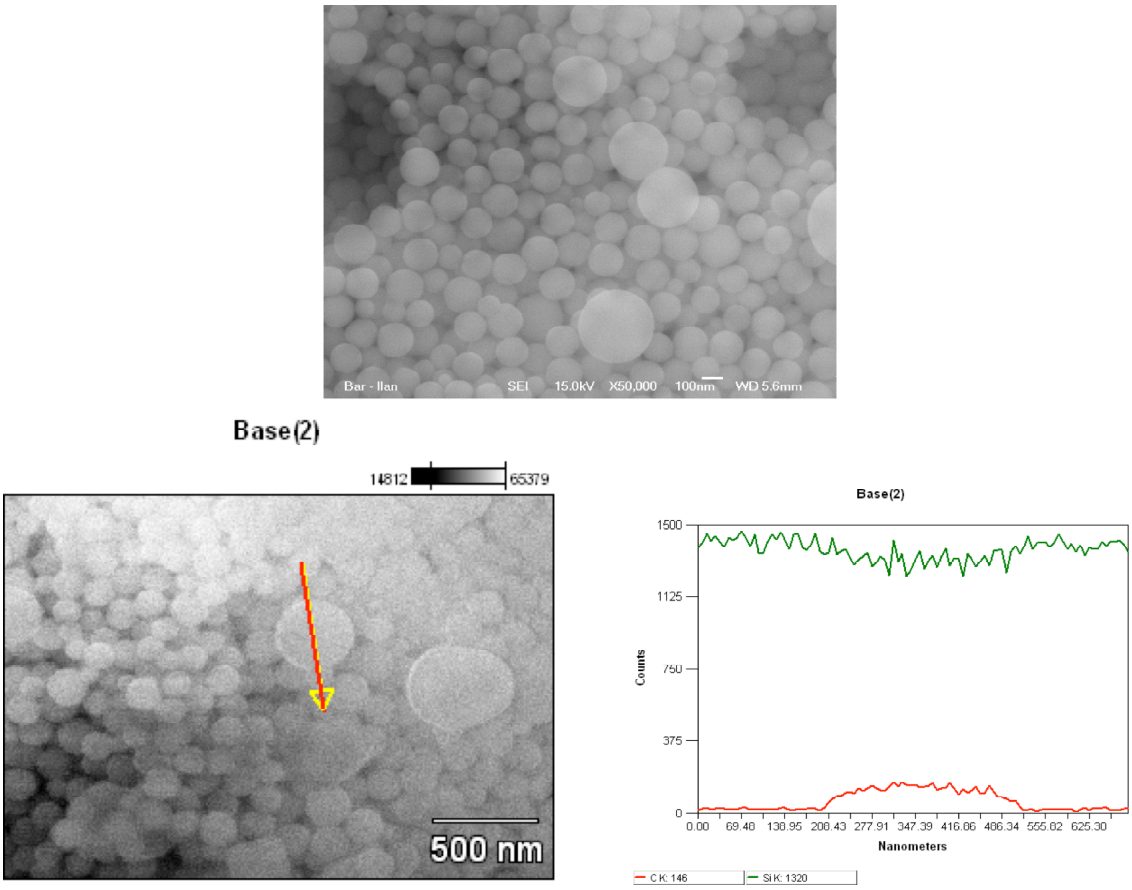
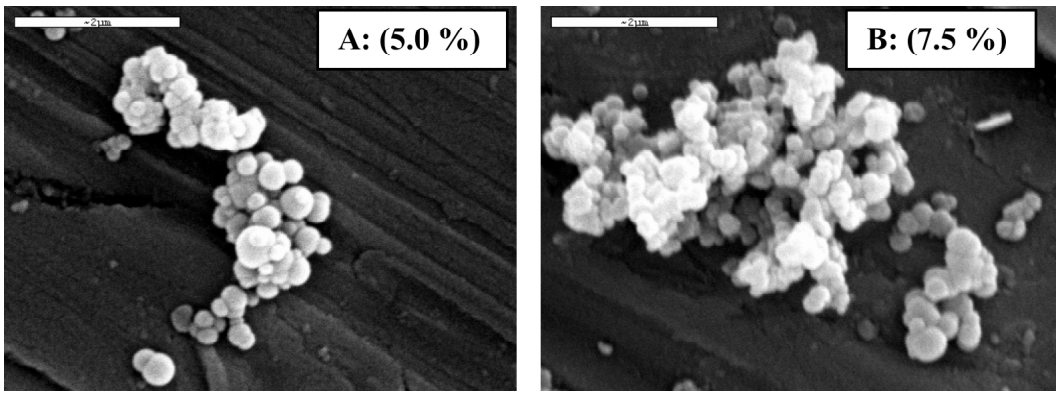
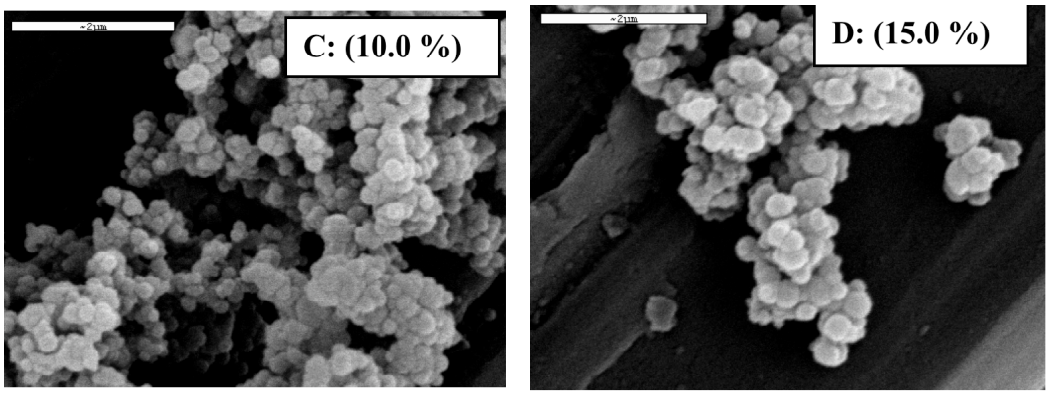
ESI 1. High resolution SEM microphotographs and compositional EDS Linescan analysis of a biphasic SiO_2/polyDCL composite (C and Si elements appearing as *red* and *green* lines respectively)

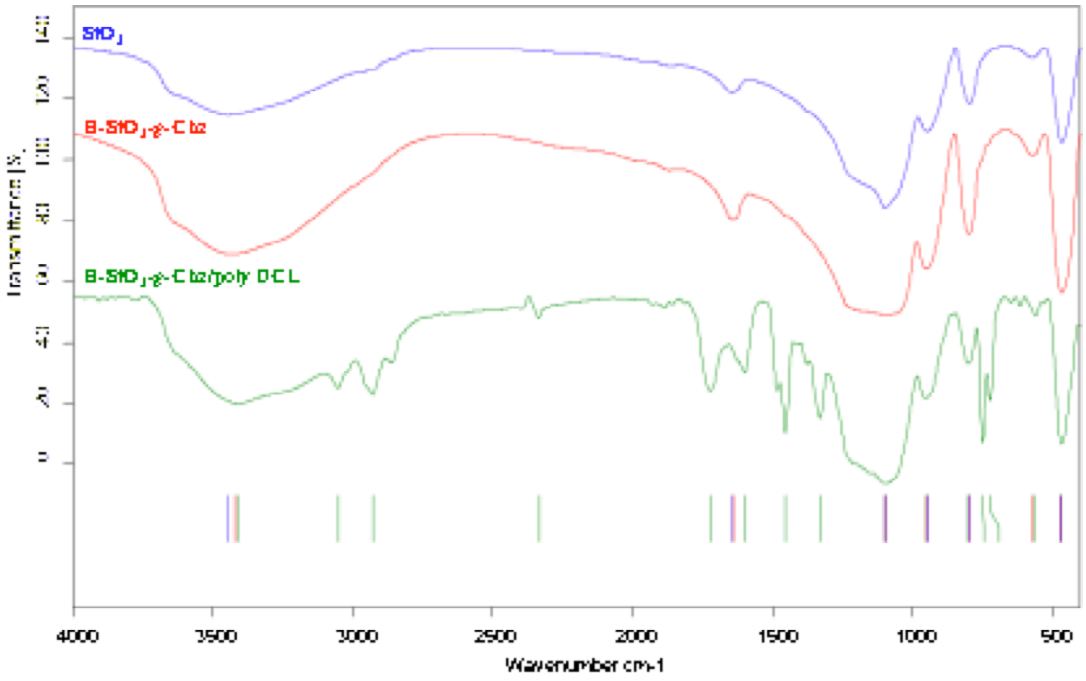


ESI 2. SEM microphotographs of particulate systems obtained using 5.0 (A), 7.0 (B), 10.0 (C), & 15.0 (D) molar % of reagent 2 in W/O micro-emulsion experiments

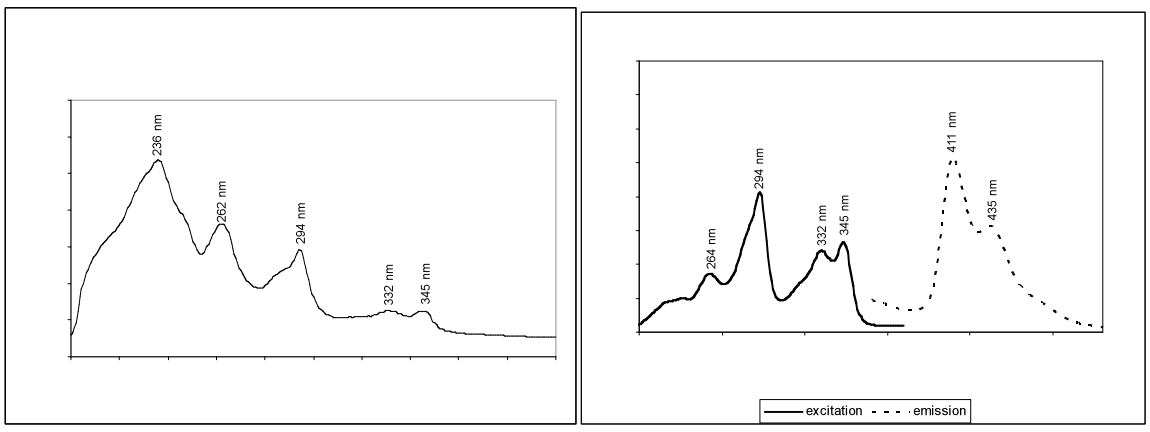




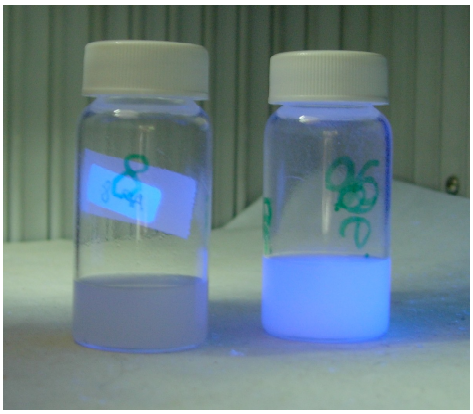
ESI 3. FTIR spectra of unmodified SiO_2 NPs (*blue* graph), hybrid H-SiO_2-*g*-$Cbz_{2\%}$ NPs (*red* graph), and H-SiO_2-*g*-$Cbz_{2\%}$/polyDCL (*green* graph) composite particles



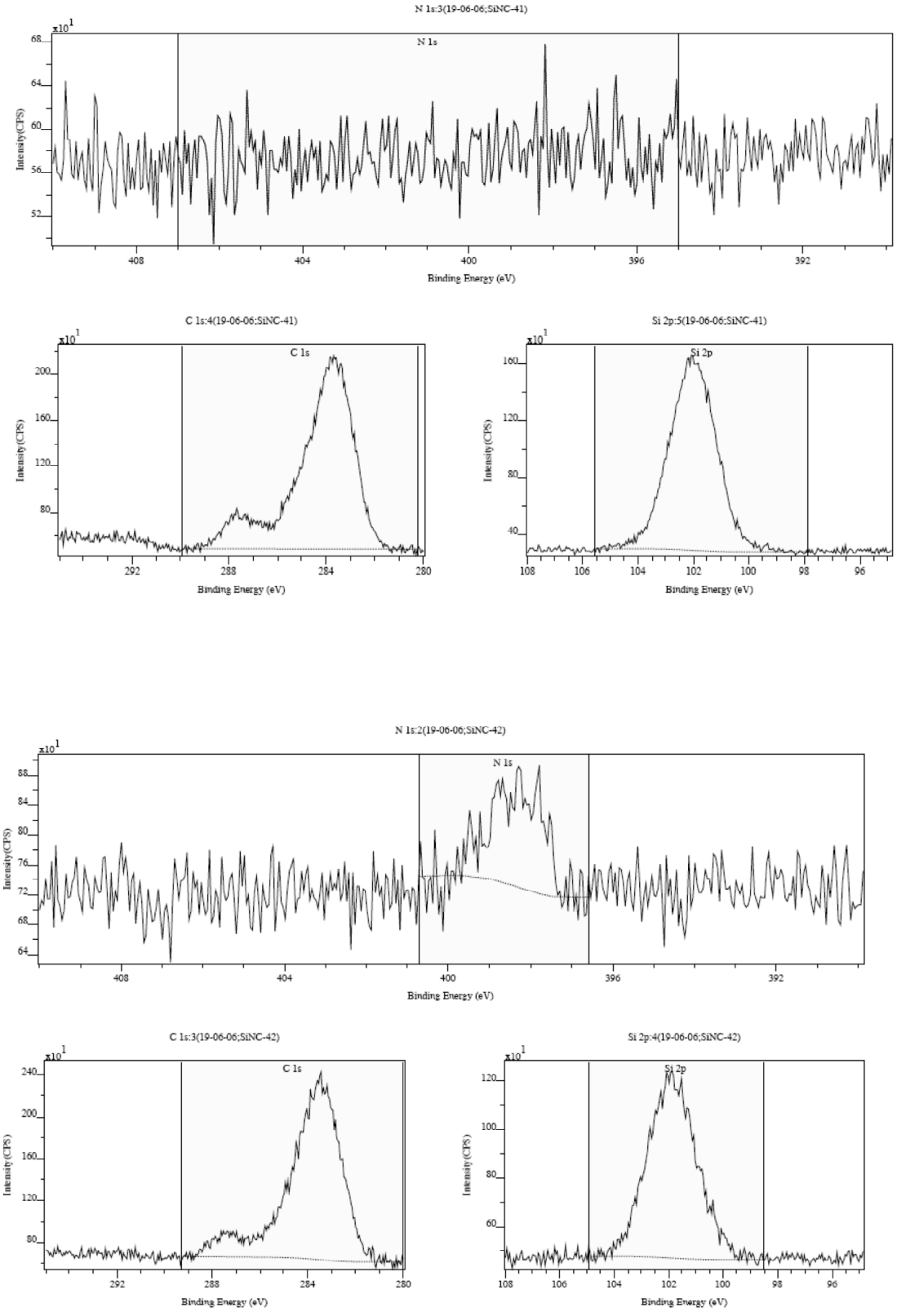
ESI 4. UV-vis absorption (*left*) and fluorescence (*right*) spectra of hybrid H-SiO_2-*g*-$Cbz_{2\%}$ NPs in EtOH (1.0 mg/mL) using a Cary 300 UV-Vis and an AMINCO-Bowman Series 2 fluorescence spectrophotometer respectively



ESI 5. Digital photograph of unmodified SiO_2 (*left*) and hybrid H-SiO_2-*g*-$Cbz_{2\%}$ (*right*) NPs (EtOH suspension, 1.0 mg/mL) showing the fluorescence of Cbz-containing H-SiO_2-*g*-$Cbz_{2\%}$ NPs (CAMAG Spectroline CX UV cabinet, $\lambda_{excitation}$ = 366 nm)



ESI 6. XPS spectra of unmodified SiO_2 (*top*) and of hybrid H-SiO_2-*g*-$Cbz_{2\%}$ NPs (*bottom*)



ESI 7. XPS spectra of the *biphasic* SiO_2/polyDCL material (*top*) and of H-SiO_2-*g*-$Cbz_{2\%}$/polyDCL composite particles of a core-shell morphology (*bottom*)