

**Electronic Supplementary Information for:**

**Carbonaceous submicron sized islands: a surface patterning route to hierarchical macro-mesoporous thin films**

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Infrared spectra of : a) Hierarchically textured mesoporous SiO<sub>2</sub> film after calcination at 350°C, b) Hierarchically textured mesostructured SiO<sub>2</sub> film after heating at 200°C, c) As prepared islands (heated up to 180°C).

