

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Realization of highly photoresponsive azobenzene-functionalized monolayers

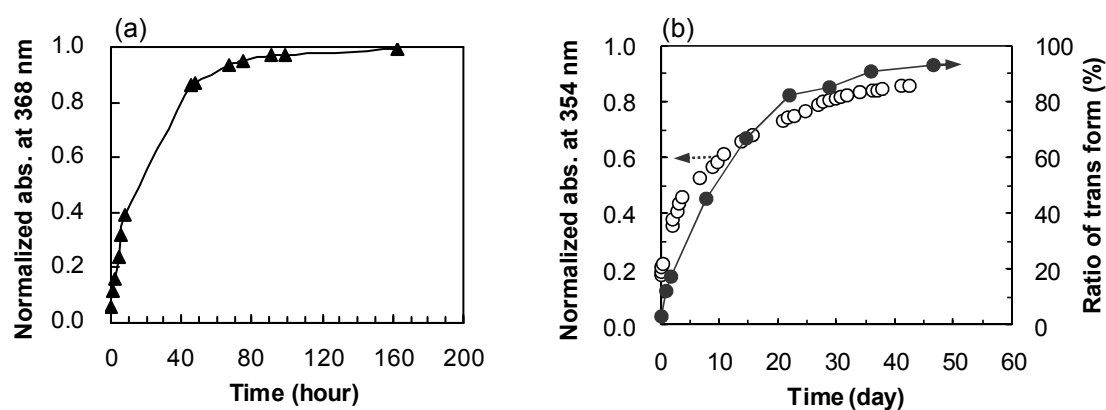
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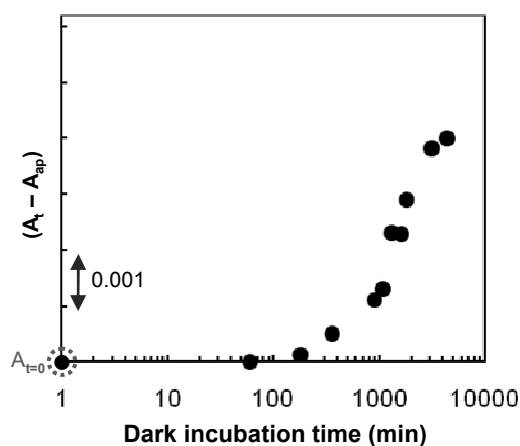
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**Fig. S1** Changes in the normalized absorbance at  $\lambda_{\max}$  of  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  band of (a) MeSH and (b) EtSH in dichloromethane as a function of dark incubation after UV light irradiation. The ratio of the trans form of EtSH was obtained from  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data (in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).



**Fig. S2** Changes in  $(A_t - A_{\text{ap}})$  of cis-EtSH SAMs as a function of thermal cis-to-trans isomerization time after UV light irradiation.  $A_{\text{ap}}$  and  $A_t$  correspond to absorbance at  $\lambda_{\max}$  of as-prepared SAMs and after dark incubation for time (t), respectively.