Study of the Optical Properties of Thermoresponsive Polymer Grafted from Porous silicon scaffolds

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Supplementary information

FTIR characterization of the samples modified by the path A and the path B:

FTIR spectra of the pSi surfaces modified according to path A (a) and path B (b) are presented in Figure S1 for (i) a pSi surface modified by oxidation, (ii) the previously oxidized pSi surface after reaction with the (3-(2-bromoisobutyramido)propyl(triethoxy)silane) (BIBAPTES) by silanization and (iii) after NIPAM polymerization. On spectrum (i) of the graphic (a) and (b), the strong band at 1029 cm⁻¹ was assigned to the Si–O stretching vibrational mode. Spectrum (b, i) also exhibited a broad band at 3346 cm⁻¹ assigned to the silanols engaged in a medium-strong hydrogen bond interactions with adsorbed water.

After the reaction between the BIBAPTES and the oxidized pSi surface, bands were observed in spectra (a, ii) and (b, ii) at 1540 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the amide II N-H bending vibrations, 1643 cm⁻¹ for the amide I C=O stretching vibration. Finally, bands were observed at 1459, 2873 and 2934 cm⁻¹ due to the C-H vibrational the surface.

After the polymerization reaction, the sharp band was observed in spectra (a, iii) and (b, iii) at 3285 cm⁻¹ was assigned to the hydrogen bonded O–H (intermolecular) stretching vibrational mode, characteristic from a polymer. Bands at 1367 cm⁻¹ and 1386 cm⁻¹ were attributed to the asymmetrical deformation of the isopropyl group of the PNIPAM. FTIR data therefore confirm the presence of the PNIPAM on the pSi surface.



Figure S1. FTIR-ATR spectra for pSi surface modified following path A (a), (i) after the thermal oxidation at 600° C for 1 hour, (ii) after the silanization reaction for introducing the initiator to the surface and (iii) after polymerization of NIPAM, and following path B (b), (i) after the ozone oxidation, (ii) after the silanization reaction for introducing the initiator to the surface and (iii) after polymerization of NIPAM.