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## **Electronic Supporting Information**

## Orange and Blue Luminescence Emission to track Functionalized Porous Silicon Microparticles inside the cells of the Human Immune System

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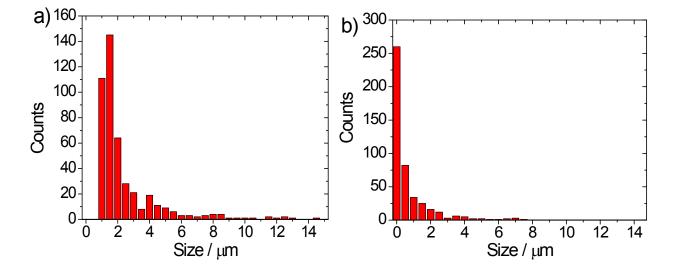


Figure S1. Size distribution of the porous silicon microparticles. (a): major (longitudinal) axis. (b): minor axis.

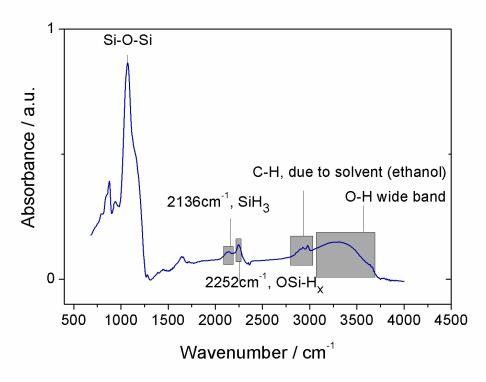


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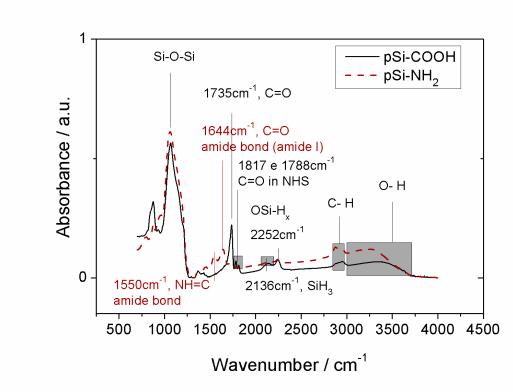


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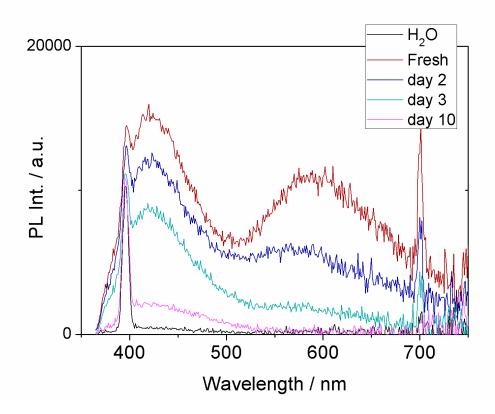


Figure S4. Time course of the PL decay of the amine-micro-pSi in aqueous solution. 9  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> aminomicro-pSi were suspended in water and the spectra were collected at the reported times after shaking the suspension.

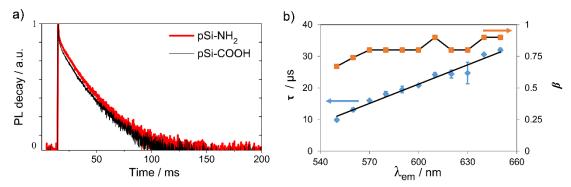


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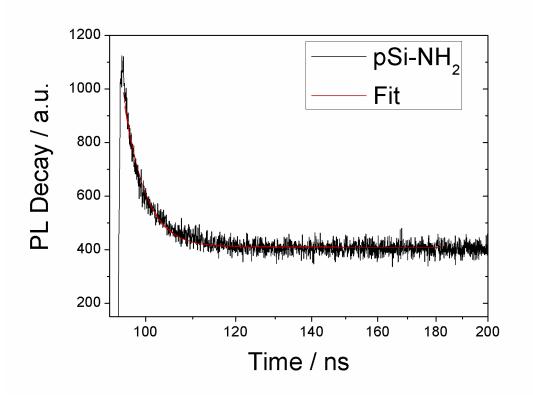


Figure S6. Decay curve of the PL of the amine-micro-pSi. The excitation was set at 375 nm (pulse width 1.2 ns) and the emission was set at 420 nm.