## **Supporting Information**

## Electrogenerated Chemiluminescence of Aromatic Hydrocarbon Nanoparticles in Aqueous Solution

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**Figure S1.** (a) Dynamic light scattering (DLS) measurement of rubrene NPs in water, (b) in the presence of Triton X-100



Figure S2. Absorption spectra of rubrene molecules in THF (bulk) and rubrene NPs in water.



Figure S3. Fluorescence spectra of rubrene molecules in THF and rubrene NPs in water.



**Figure S4**. Comparison of absorption spectra of rubrene NCs fresh and after one week (without normalization).



Figure S5. Comparison of fluorescence spectra of nanocrsytals (NCs) of rubrene, fresh and after one week.



**Figure S6**. Rubrene NPs, (100mL of 5e-3M Rubrene/THF solution into water) Current (black curves) and ECL (magenta curves) transients of rubrene NPs in 0.1 M TPrA and 0.1 M NaClO<sub>4</sub> aqueous solution. 0.5 s pulse width and 0 to 0.9 V potential step vs Ag/AgCl.



**Figure S7**. Rubrene NPs, 100mL of 5e-3M Rubrene/THF solution into water, 0.05 s pulse width (up to 0.9 V s Ag/AgCl), 0.1M NaClO4, 0.1M TPrA, ECL (magenta line), electrochemical current (black line).



**Figure S8.** Dependence of ECL emission versus scan rate of potential of the rubrene NPs in aqueous solution containing 0.1 M TPrA in 0.1 M NaClO<sub>4</sub>.



**Figure S9.** Cyclic voltammogram of rubrene NCs at scan rate of 500 mV/s, blank experiment: 0.1 M TPrA in 0.1 M NaClO<sub>4</sub>.



**Figure S10**. SEM image of DPA NCs (prepared by dissolving DPA in DMF and injected the DMF solution into water).