## **Supporting Information**

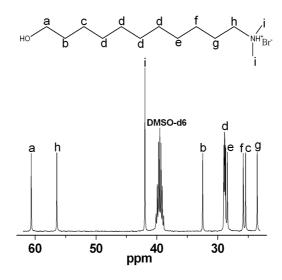
## Covalent Dispersion of Surfactant-Encapsulated Polyoxometalates and In-situ Incorporation of Metal Nanoparticles in Silica Spheres

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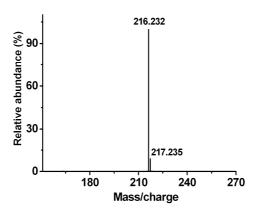
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**Figure S1.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of HUDAH·Br.



**Figure S2.** ESI-MS spectrum of HUDAH·Br. The marked molecular mass is assigned to the weight of  $C_{13}H_{30}N_1O_1(HUDAH^+)$ .

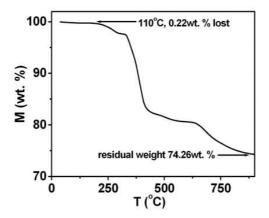
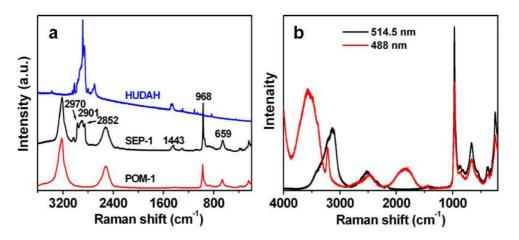


Figure S3. TGA curve of SEP-1.



**Figure S4.** (a) Raman spectra of POM-1 (red), SEP-1 (black) and HUDAH (blue), excitated with 514.5-nm laser; (b) Raman spectra of SEP-1, excitated with 514.5-nm laser (black) and with 488-nm laser (red).

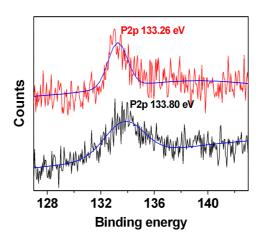
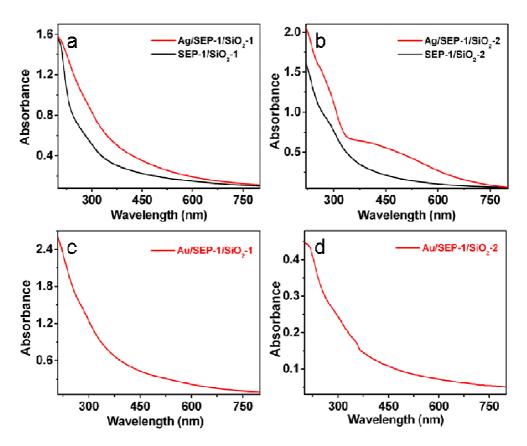
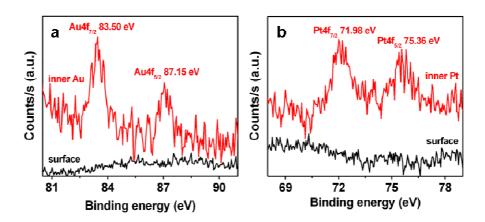


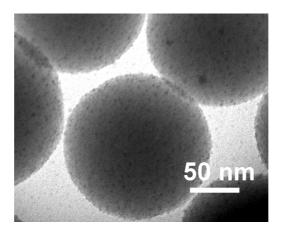
Figure S5. XPS spectra for P (2p) of pure POM-1 (red), and SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub> sphere (black).



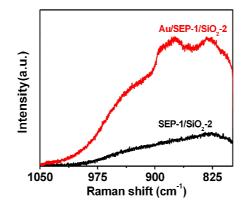
**Figure S6.** UV-vis spectra of (a) SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub>-1 solutions with and without Ag nanoparticles, (b) SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub>-2 solutions with and without Ag nanoparticles, (c) SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub>-1 and (d) SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub>-2 solutions with Au nanoparticles.



**Figure S7.** XPS spectra for (a) Au 4f on the surface (black) and in inner (red) of Au/SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub>-2 spheres, and (b) Pt 4f on the surface (black) and in inner (red) of Pt/SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub>-2 spheres.



**Figure S8.** TEM image of SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub>-1, which undergoes primarily soaking in AgNO<sub>3</sub> solution and subsequent irradiation of UV light.



**Figure S9.** Raman spectra of SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub>-2 with (red) and without (black) Au nanoparticles, excitated with 785-nm laser.