



Supplementary Material

## **Reductive Amination Reaction for the Functionalization** of Cellulose Nanocrystals

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 4-(1-pyrenyl)butyl tosylate 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 4-(1-pyrenyl)butyl tosylate 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S3. 1H-NMR spectrum of 1-(4-azidobutyl)pyrene 3 in CDCl3.



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Figure S5. 1H-NMR spectrum of 4-(1-pyrenyl)butanamine 4 in CDCl3.



Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 4-(1-pyrenyl)butanamine 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S7. AFM  $5x5 \ \mu m^2$  topography recorded on a film of Pyrene modified S\_CNC 7a deposited on quartz from water.



Figure S8. 4-(1-pyrenyl)butanamine 4 emission spectrum in water.



Figure S9. 4-(1-pyrenyl)butanamine 4 UV-vis absorption spectrum in DMSO.



Figure S10. 4-(1-pyrenyl)butanamine 4 UV-vis absorption spectra in CHCl3 and water.



Figure S11. S\_CNC UV-vis 5a absorption spectrum in DMSO.



Figure S12. Pyrene modified S\_CNC 7a UV-vis absorption spectrum in DMSO.