

## Supporting Information

for

### An Economic and Environmentally Benign Approach for the Preparation of Monolithic Silica Aerogels

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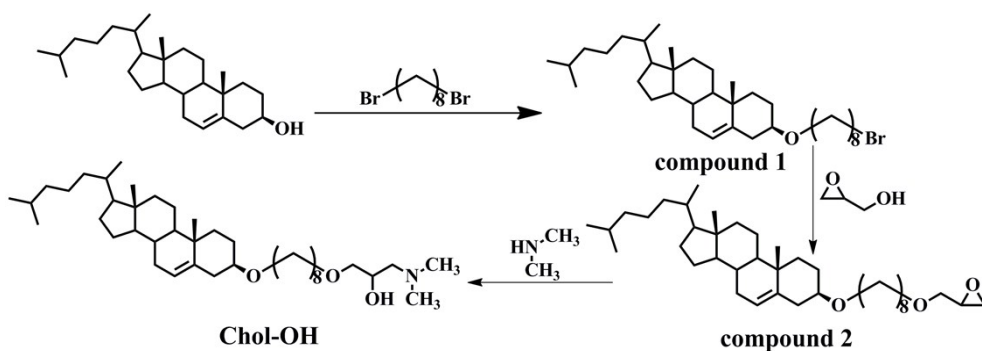


Figure S1. Schematic illustration of the synthesis procedure for stabilizer, Chol-OH.

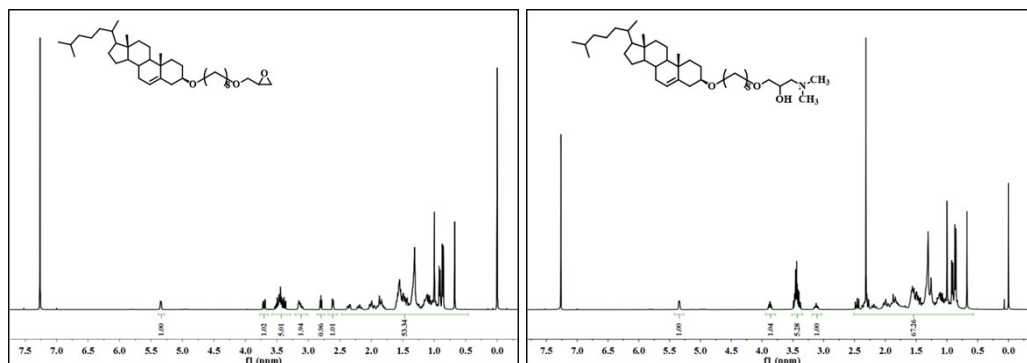
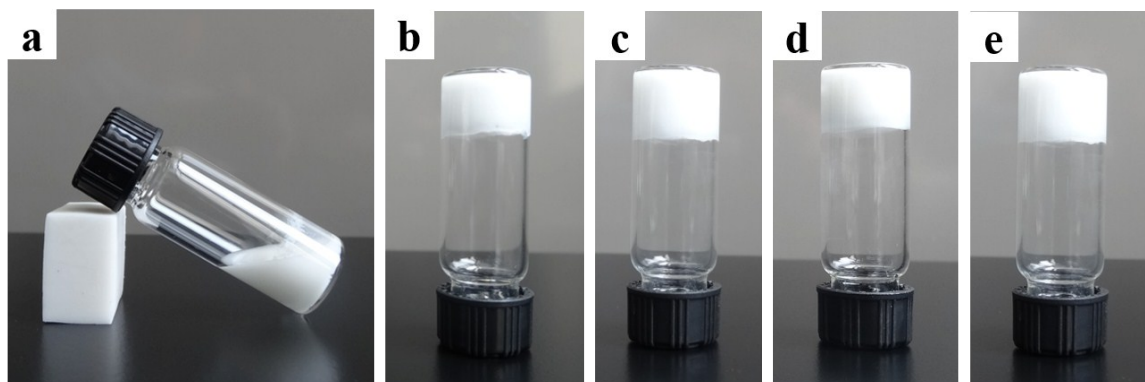
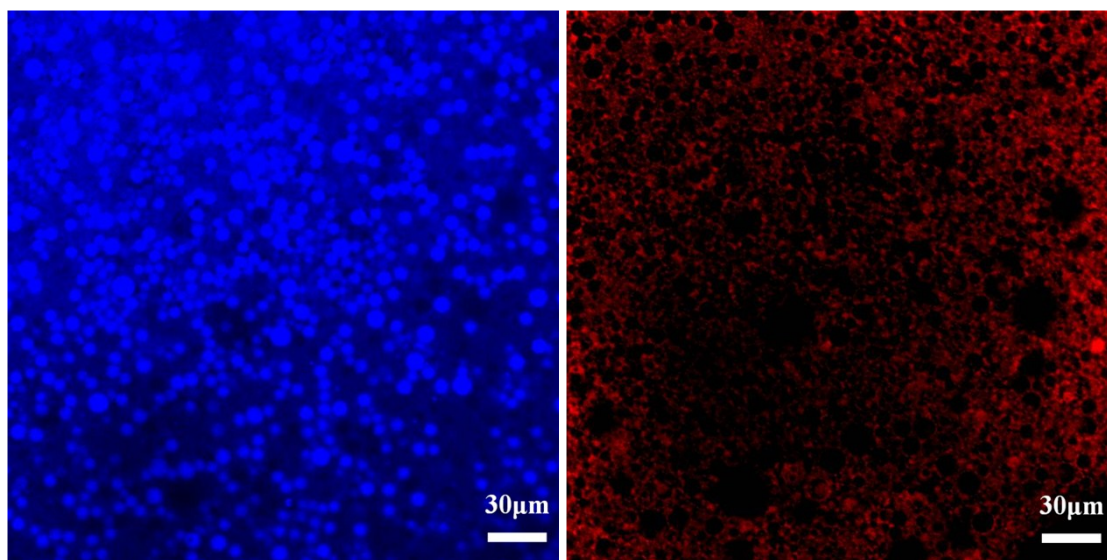


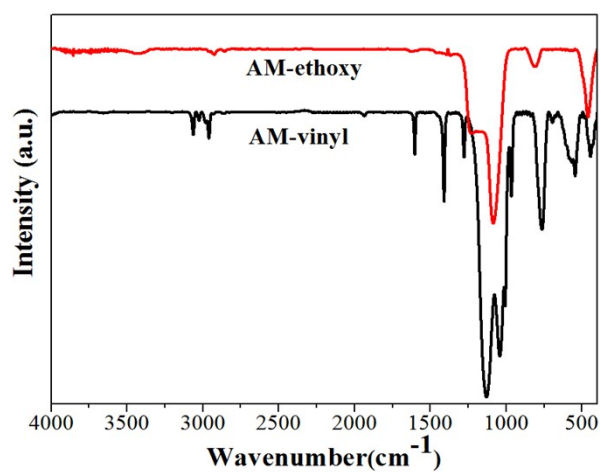
Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of compound 2 and Chol-OH



**Figure S3.** Phase behavior of Chol-OH stabilized water/GE-vinyl system with different water content, where (a) 50%, (b) 75%, (c) 80%, (d) 90%, and (e) 95% (v/v).



**Figure S4.** Confocal fluorescence images of GE-vinyl with 80% content of water. (a) The water phase was labeled by addition of 7-hydroxy-4-methyl coumarin ( $10^{-4}$  M) acted as fluorescent probe. (b) The oil phase, triethoxyvinylsilane, was labeled by addition of Nile Red ( $10^{-3}$  M) acted as fluorescent probe.



**Figure S5.** FT-IR spectra of monolithic silica aerogels: AM-vinyl and AM-ethoxy.