## Supplementary information: Effects of surfactant head group modification on vertically oriented mesoporous silica produced by the electrochemically assisted surfactant assembly method

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Figure S1. Positive ion electrospray mass spectrum of C<sub>18</sub>DMEAB in methanol at 25 °C.



Figure S2. Positive ion electrospray mass spectrum of  $C_{18}$ DEMAB in methanol at 25 °C.



Figure S3. Positive ion electrospray mass spectrum of C<sub>18</sub>TEAB in methanol at 25 °C.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $C_{18}$ DMEAB in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



Figure S5.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of C\_{18}DMEAB in CDCl\_3 (77.16 ppm) at 25 °C.



Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of C18DEMAB in D-methanol at 25 °C.



Figure S7.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of C<sub>18</sub>DEMAB in D-methanol at 25 °C.



Figure S8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of C18TEAB in CDCl3 at 25 °C.



Figure S9.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR of C\_{18}TEAB in CDCl\_3 (77.16 ppm) at 25 °C.



**Figure S10** 1D in-plane GISAXS patterns of EASA films produced with  $C_{18}$ DEMAB (a) before (b) after surfactant removal. The film was deposited at a potential of -1.25 V (vs. Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup>) for 20 seconds on ITO electrodes.

Surfactants/Electrode	Redox Probe	I <sub>pa</sub> (mV)	I <sub>pc</sub> (mV)	$\Delta E_{p}$ (mV)
Bare ITO	[Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-/4-</sup>	$2.02 \times 10^{-2}$	$-2.03 \times 10^{-2}$	90
C <sub>18</sub> TAB	[Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-/4-</sup>	1.35 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	$-1.26 \times 10^{-2}$	148
C <sub>18</sub> DMEAB	[Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-/4-</sup>	1.58 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	-3.01 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	104
C <sub>18</sub> DEMAB	[Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-/4-</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
C <sub>18</sub> TEAB	[Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-/4-</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Table S1**. The electrochemical data of a range of mesoporous silica films collected from CV's