

## Supporting Information

### Reducing Polyazomethine to Poly(N-phenylbenzylamine) with Near Infrared Electrochromic, Fluorescence and Photovoltaic Properties

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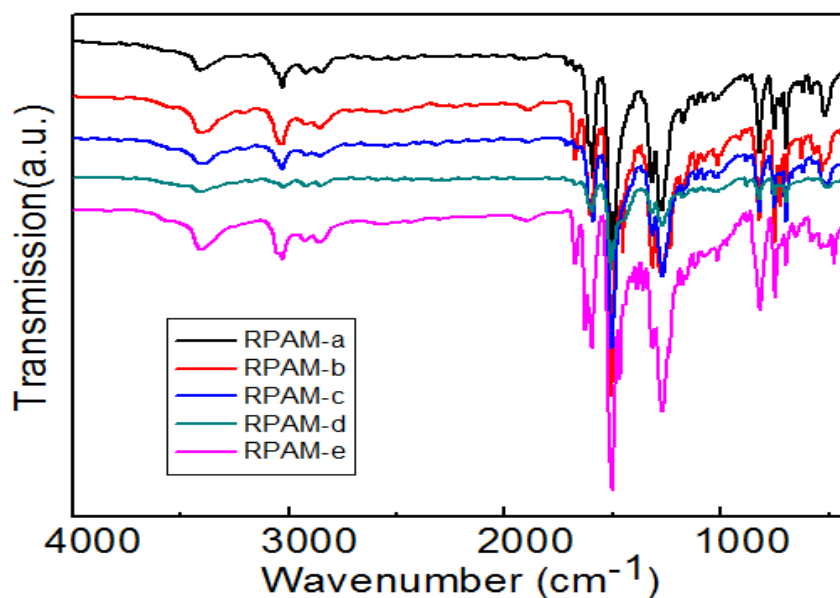


Fig.S1 IR spectra of RPAM-a-RPAM-e

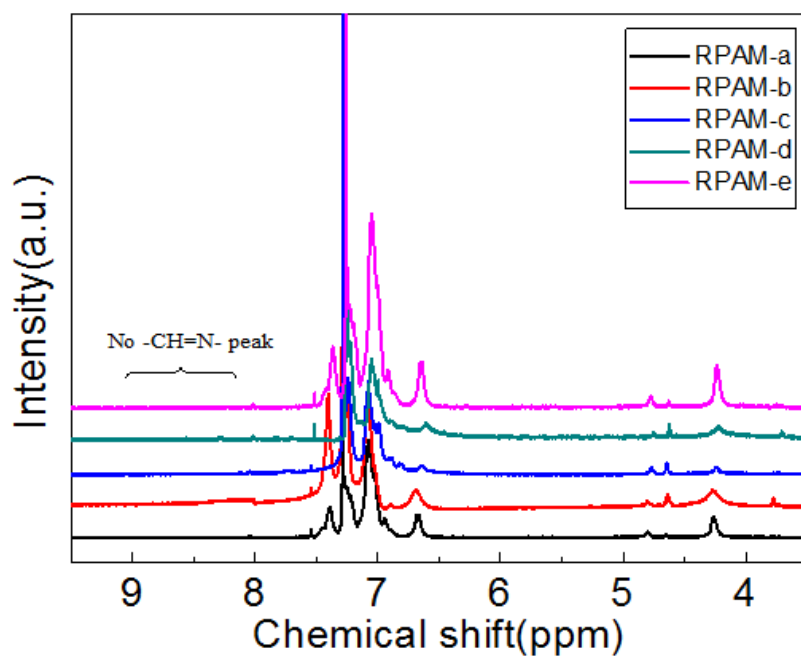


Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of RPAM-a – RPAM-e

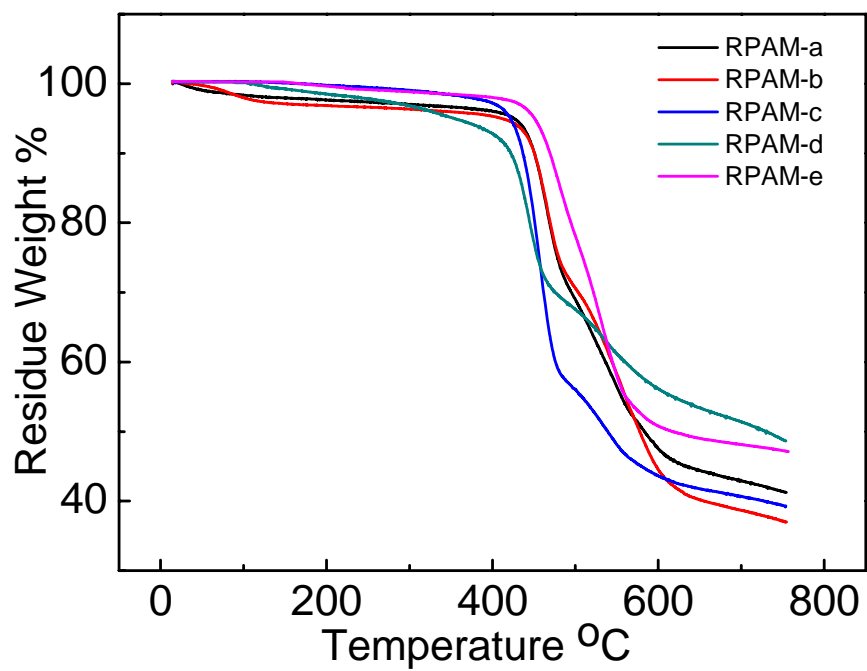
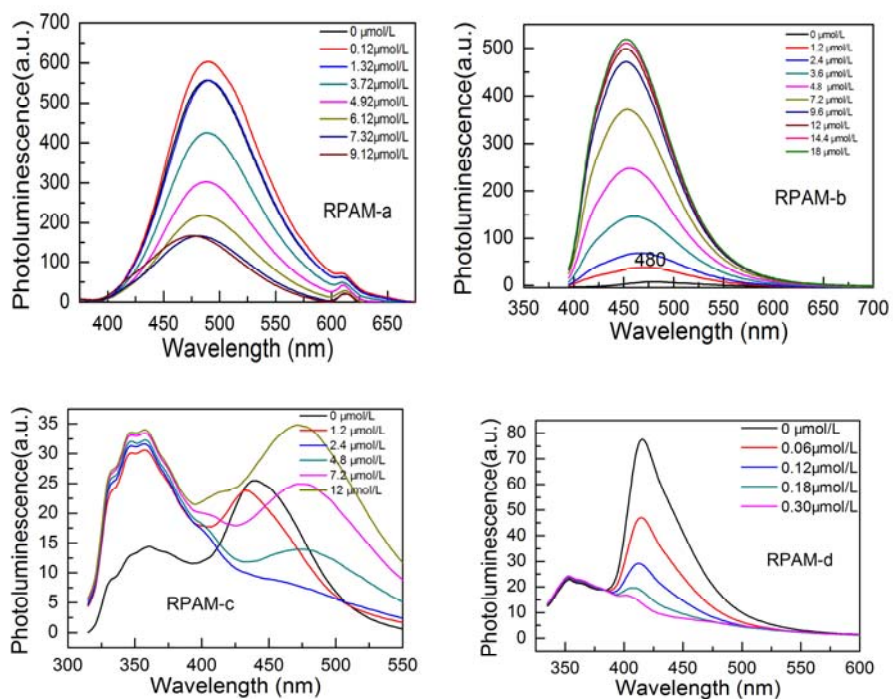
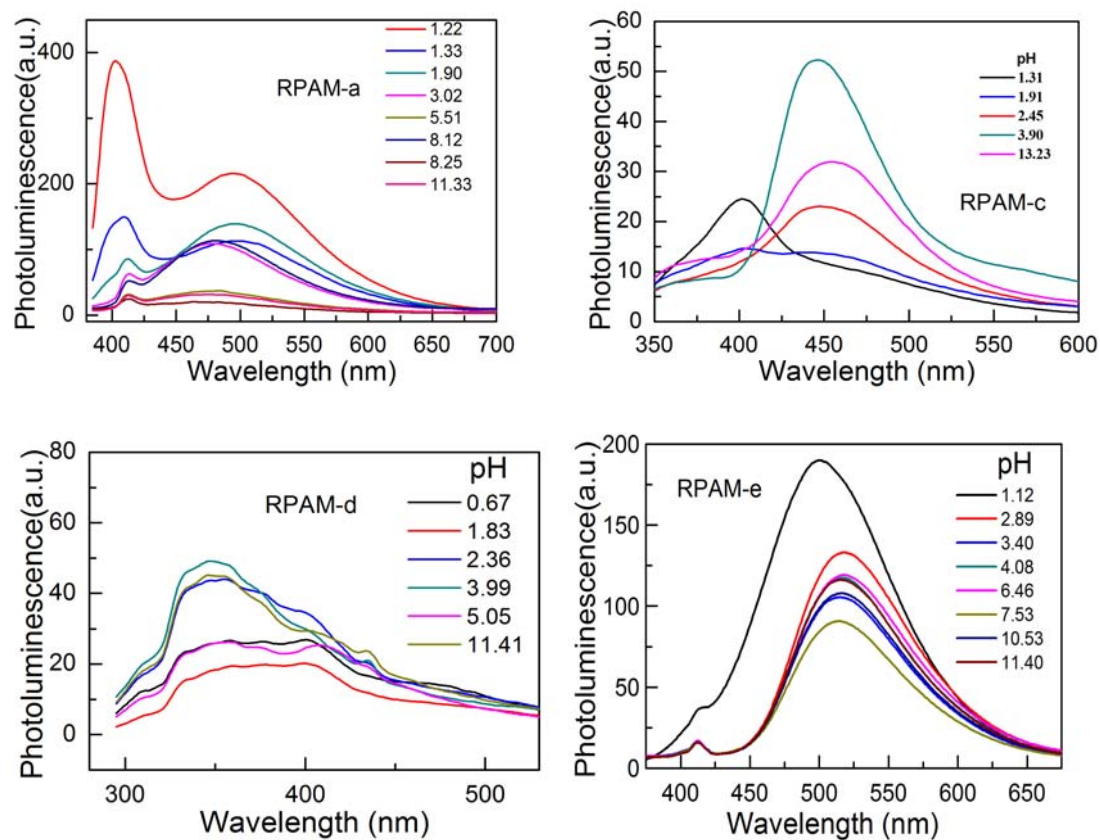


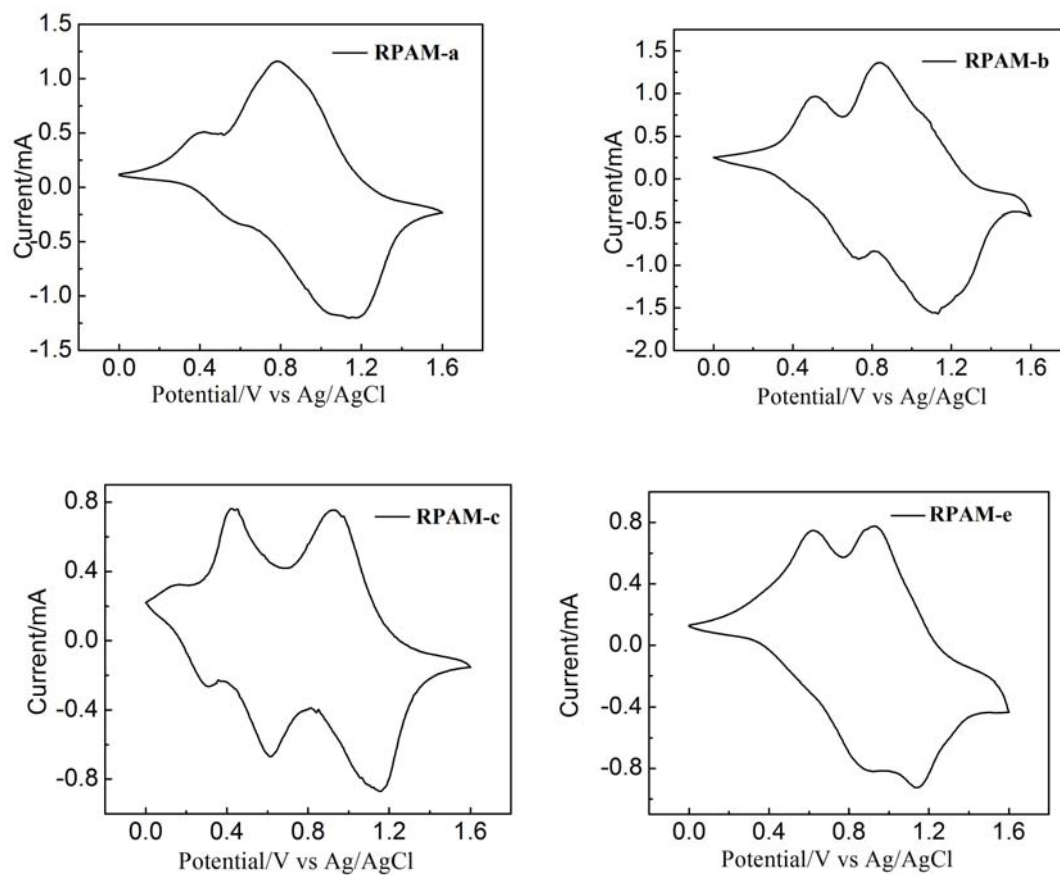
Fig. S3 TG diagrams of RPAM-a to RPAM-e



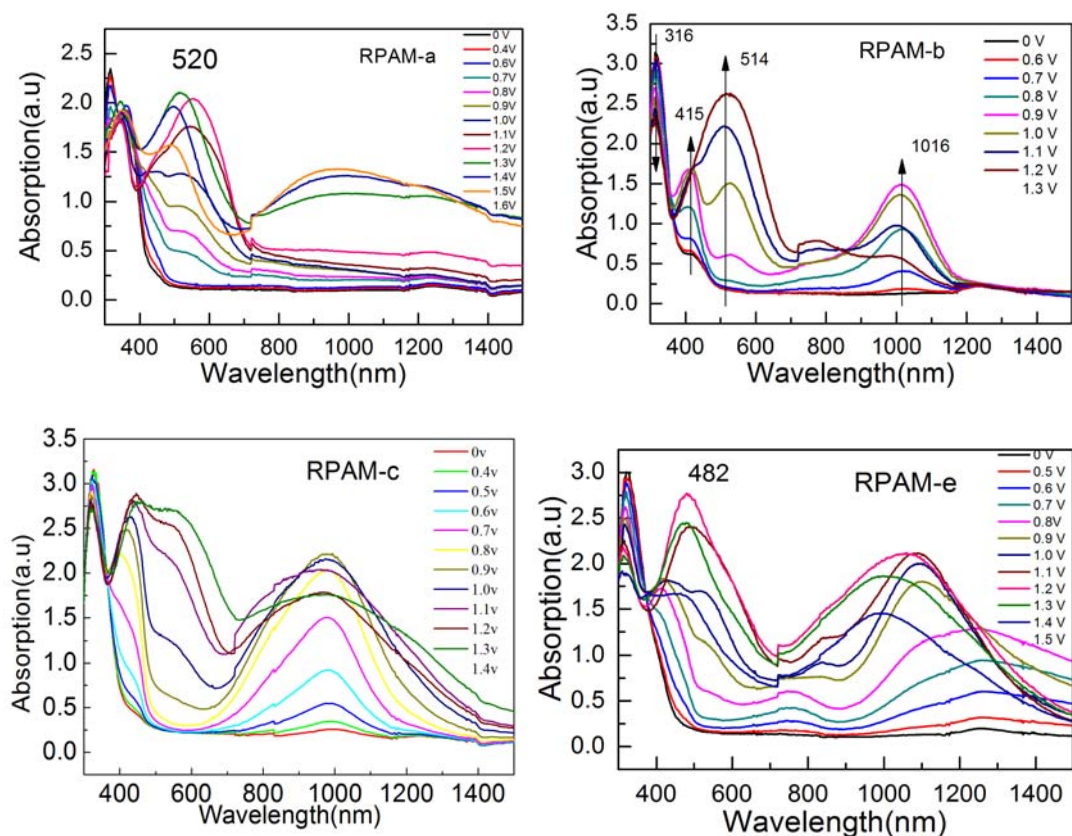
**Fig.S4** Changes of PL intensity of RPAM-a - RPAM-d in THF before and after addition of TFA in THF. ( The inset describes the PL dependence of the concentration of TFA)



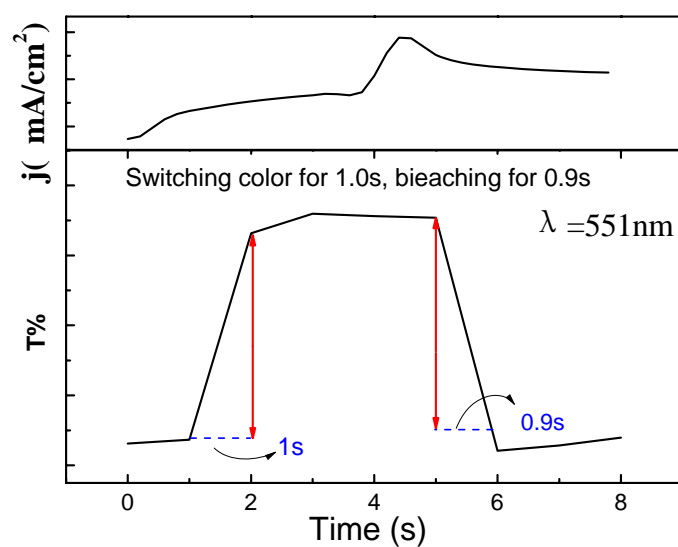
**Fig.S5** PL spectra of RPAM-b (concentration:  $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  C-N bonds ) on addition of various concentrations of proton in the mixed solvent (THF/H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1 v/v ).



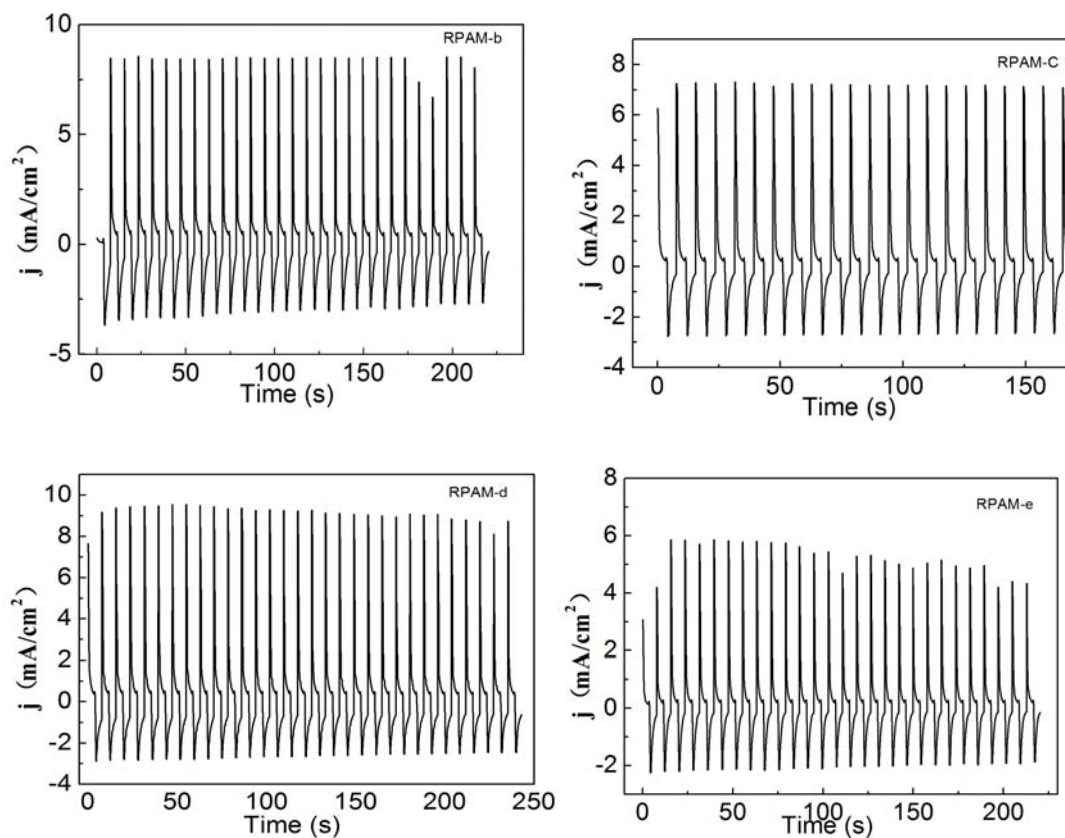
**Fig.S6** Repetitive CV scanning of the RPAM-a, RPAM-b, RPAM-c, RPAM-e film on the ITO/glass electrode in 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub>/MeCN solution over the potential range from 0 to 1.6 V at a scan rate of 50 mV/s



**Fig.S7** Electrochromic behavior of RPAM-a, RPAM-b, RPAM-c, RPAM-e thin film (in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  with 0.1 M  $\text{LiClO}_4$  as the supporting Electrolyte) 0.0-1.6(V vs. Ag/AgCl)

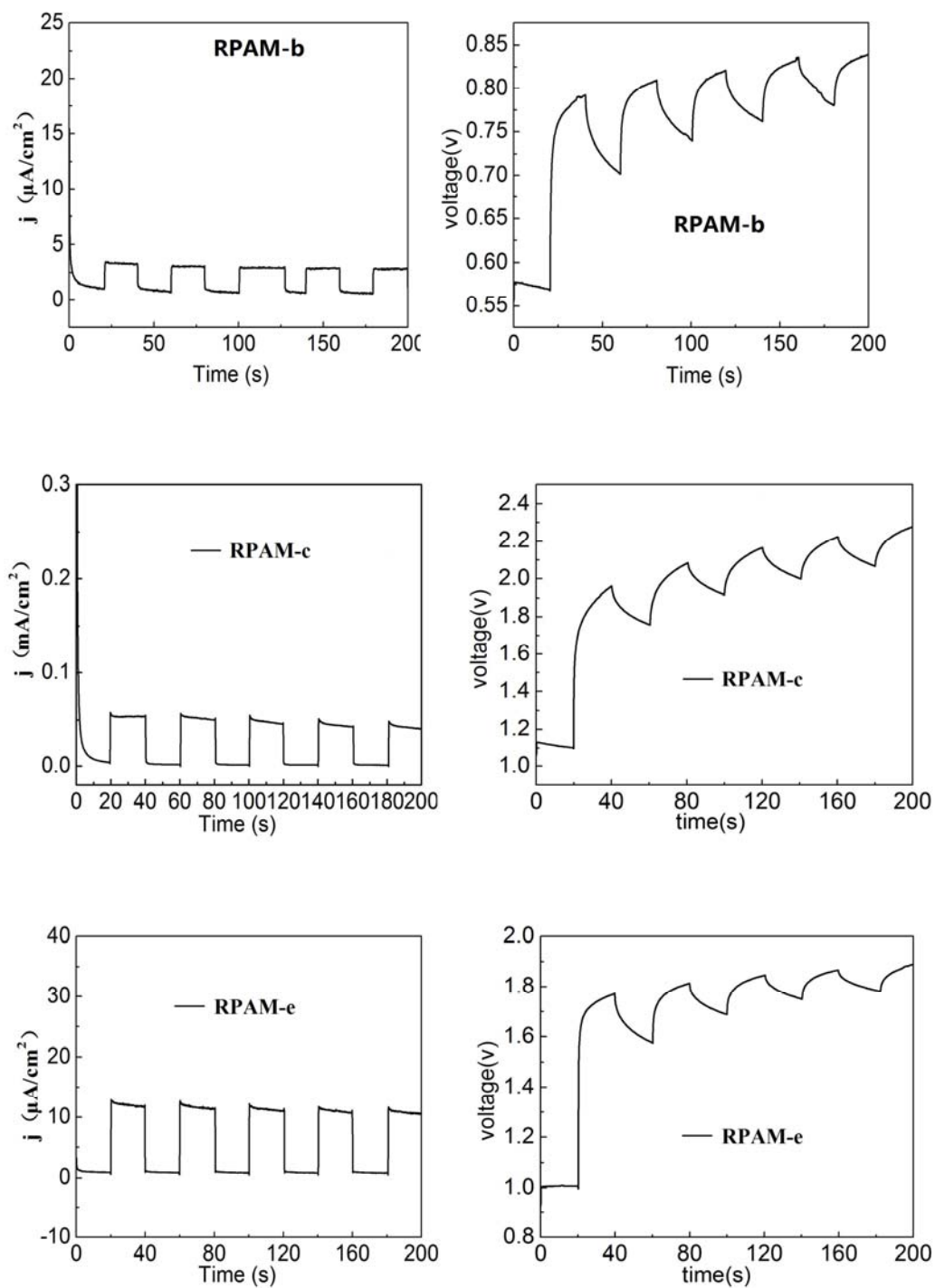


**Fig. S8** Dynamic changes of the transmittance and current upon switching the potential between -0.2 and 1.0 V (vs. Ag/ AgCl) with a pulse width of 8 s applied to the cast film of polymer RPAM-d on the ITO-coated glass slide in MeCN containing 0.1 mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$   $\text{LiClO}_4$ . The absorption was recorded at 551 nm.



**Fig.S9** Current consumption between -0.2 and 1.0 V (vs. Ag/AgCl) of polymer RPAM-b, RPAM-c, RPAM-d, RPAM-e thin film on the ITO-coated glass substrate in a 0.1 mol l<sup>-1</sup> LiClO<sub>4</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution with a cycle time of 8 s.





**Fig.S10** A typical photocurrent and photovoltaic response for an RPAM-b ,RPAM-c, RPAM-e immobilized ITO glass upon exposure to on/off light at room temperature.