**Supplemental Data** 

Fluorescent amphiphilic silica nano-powder for developing latent fingerprint



Scheme S1. Synthetic scheme for Pt-based luminophore.



Scheme S2. Synthetic scheme for six silica nanoparticles SiO<sub>2</sub>-1/2/3/4/5/6.



Figure S1. ESI-MS of C-N-N- $C_{12}H_{25}$  ligand.



Figure S2. 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of C-N-N-C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>25</sub> ligand in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S3.** 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of C-N-N-C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>25</sub> ligand in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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Figure S4. ESI-MS of Pt complex.



**Figure S5.** 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **Pt** complex in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S6: 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of Pt complex in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S7. High-resolution optical microscopic images of six different silica nanopowders;  $SiO_2$ -1 (a),  $SiO_2$ -2 (b),  $SiO_2$ -3 (c),  $SiO_2$ -4 (d),  $SiO_2$ -5 (e) and  $SiO_2$ -6 (f). All red scale bar seen with each image is of 50 µm.



Figure S8. DSC profiles of SiO<sub>2</sub>-1/2/3/4/5/6.



**Figure S9.** (a) Optical image of commercial black and grey powder, forensic brushes and adhesive tapes for lifting of developed fingerprints; (b) Black and white paper substrates used for preserving lifted fingerprints.



**Figure S10.** (a) Latent fingerprint (LFP) on white paper (notebook paper, porous substrate); (b) The LFP is powder dusted with **SiO<sub>2</sub>-4** but invisible due to same color of white paper and silica powder; (c) The LFP is powder dusted with **SiO<sub>2</sub>-6** and imaged with 365 nm UV light.



Figure S11. (a) Latent fingerprint (LFP) on black paper (painted with black color so non porous); (b) The LFP is powder dusted with  $SiO_2-4$ ; (c) The LFP is powder dusted with  $SiO_2-6$  and imaged with 365 nm UV light.



**Figure S12.** (a) Latent fingerprint (LFP) on metal surface (steel, nonporous); (b) The LFP is powder dusted with  $SiO_2$ -4 but invisible due to similar color contrast of steel and silica powder; (c) The LFP is powder dusted with  $SiO_2$ -6 and imaged with 365 nm UV light.



**Figure S13.** (a) Latent fingerprint (LFP) on wodden surface (semi-porous substrate); (b) The LFP is powder dusted with **SiO<sub>2</sub>-4** invisible due to similar color contrast of wood and silica powder; (c) The LFP is powder dusted with **SiO<sub>2</sub>-6** and imaged with 365 nm UV light.



**Figure S14.** (a) Developed fingerprint by commercial grey powder on glass; (b) same print after lifting with adhesive tape and pested on a black paper substrate, both images were taken under day light. (c) Developed fingerprint by commercial black powder; (d) same print after lifting with adhesive tape and pested on a white paper substrate, both images were taken under day light. (e) Developed fingerprint by SiO<sub>2</sub>-4 powder; (f) same print after lifting with adhesive tape and pested on a black paper substrate, both images were taken under day light. (g) Developed fingerprint by SiO<sub>2</sub>-6 powder; (h) same print after lifting with adhesive tape and pested on a black paper substrate, both images were taken under day light. (g) Developed fingerprint by SiO<sub>2</sub>-6 powder; (h) same print after lifting with adhesive tape and pested on a black paper substrate, both images were taken under 365 nm UV light.



**Figure S15.** (a) Developed fingerprint by amphiphilic silica (**SiO**<sub>2</sub>-**4**) (a-d) and commercial grey powder (e-h) on glass substrate as a deplition series basis.