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Figure S1. Cross-sectional views SEM images of micron-sized ZIF-71 filled composite membranes prepared from 20% PDMS with MOF loadings of (a) 20 wt%, (b) 30 wt% and (c) 40 wt%.



Figure S2. ATR-IR spectra of (a) submicron-sized ZIF-71 crystals, (b) typical submicron-sized ZIF-71 filled PDMS membrane and (c) PDMS.



Figure S3. XRD patterns of (a) submicron-sized ZIF-71 crystals, (b) typical submicron-sized ZIF-71 filled PDMS membrane and (c) PDMS.



Figure S4. Schematic diagram of the pervaporation set-up.



Figure S5 Pervaporation performance comparison of submicron-sized and micron-sized ZIF-71 filled membranes. The membranes were prepared by 4% PDMS with 20% ZIF-71 loading. The thickness of the membranes is 2.



Figure S6. Collected IR spectra of ZIF-71 after activation under vacuum at 300 °C (black curve), under ethanol vapor pressure (red curve) and progressive outgassing at room temperature (grey curves). The red-dashed curve shows the spectrum of liquid ethanol of a thin film