

## Supplementary material

### Antimicrobial and biological effects of polyaniline/polyvinylpyrrolidone nanocomposites loaded silver nanospheres/triangles

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#### 1 FTIR analysis of Ag-PANI/PVP nanocomposites

Fourier Transformed Infrared (FTIR) spectra of the nanocomposites were recorded in ATR mode by Thermo Nicolet 380 FTIR Spectrophotometer.

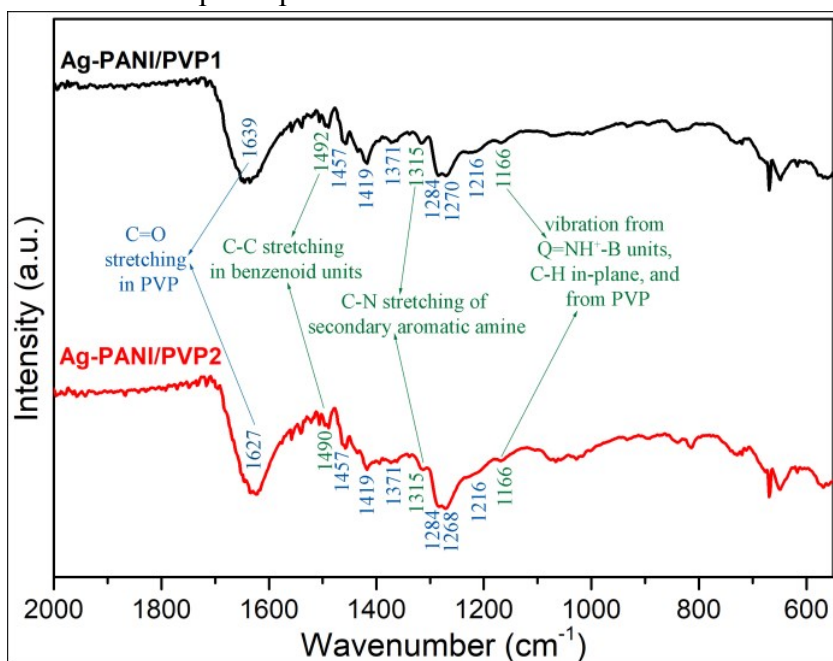


Fig. S1 FTIR spectra of Ag-PANI/PVP1 and Ag-PANI/PVP2 nanocomposites

**Table S1** Wavenumbers and assignments of some characteristic vibrations present in FTIR spectra of both nanocomposites<sup>1-8</sup>

Ag-PANI/PVP1 (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Ag-PANI/PVP2 (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1639	1627	C=O stretching in PVP
1492	1490	PANI- vibration from C–C stretching in B units
1457, 1419	1457, 1419	Confirmation of the PVP molecules' existence in both Ag-PANI/PVP nanocomposites
1371	1371	
1284	1284	
1268, 1216	1270, 1216	
1315	1315	PANI - vibration from C–N stretching of secondary aromatic amine
1166	1166	PANI - vibration from Q=NH <sup>+</sup> –B units in PANI-ES and C–H in-plane deformation vibration, and/or PVP

## 2 Antimicrobial activity of Ag-PANI/PVP nanocomposites

**Table S2** Antimicrobial activity of Ag-PANI/PVP nanocomposites and pure PANI for *E. coli* (Initial number of colonies =  $4.0 \times 10^6$  CFU/mL).

Sample	Concentration (ppm)	Number of microbial colonies 1 h after their contact with (CFU)	Microbial reduction (%) after 1 h	Number of microbial colonies 2 h after their contact with (CFU)	Microbial reduction (%) after 2 h	Number of microbial colonies 4 h after their contact with (CFU)	Microbial reduction (%) after 4 h
PANI	1	$3.8 \times 10^6$	5.0	$3.4 \times 10^6$	15.0	$9.8 \times 10^5$	75.5
	2	$3.3 \times 10^6$	17.5	$3.0 \times 10^6$	25.0	$9.2 \times 10^5$	77.0
	5	$2.4 \times 10^6$	40.0	$2.2 \times 10^6$	45.0	$8.4 \times 10^5$	79.0
	10	$2.1 \times 10^6$	47.5	$1.5 \times 10^6$	62.5	$7.0 \times 10^5$	82.5
	20	$1.5 \times 10^6$	62.5	$1.1 \times 10^6$	72.5	$5.9 \times 10^5$	85.3
Ag-PANI/PVP 1	1	$1.1 \times 10^6$	72.5	$3.4 \times 10^5$	91.5	$2.4 \times 10^5$	94.0
	2	$1.1 \times 10^6$	72.5	$2.9 \times 10^5$	92.8	$2.0 \times 10^5$	95.0
	5	$1.0 \times 10^5$	97.5	$1.0 \times 10^5$	97.5	$6.6 \times 10^4$	98.4
	10	$9.3 \times 10^4$	97.7	$2.4 \times 10^3$	99.9	$8.0 \times 10^2$	99.9
	20	$7.2 \times 10^4$	98.2	$2.0 \times 10^3$	99.9	<10	99.9
Ag-PANI/PVP 2	1	$3.1 \times 10^5$	92.3	$2.8 \times 10^5$	93.0	$1.4 \times 10^5$	96.5
	2	$1.6 \times 10^5$	96.0	$1.0 \times 10^5$	97.5	$4.7 \times 10^4$	98.8
	5	$7.2 \times 10^4$	98.2	$6.8 \times 10^4$	98.3	$5.7 \times 10^3$	99.9
	10	$5.2 \times 10^4$	98.7	$2.0 \times 10^3$	99.9	<10	99.9
	20	$4.1 \times 10^4$	99.0	$1.2 \times 10^3$	99.9	<10	99.9

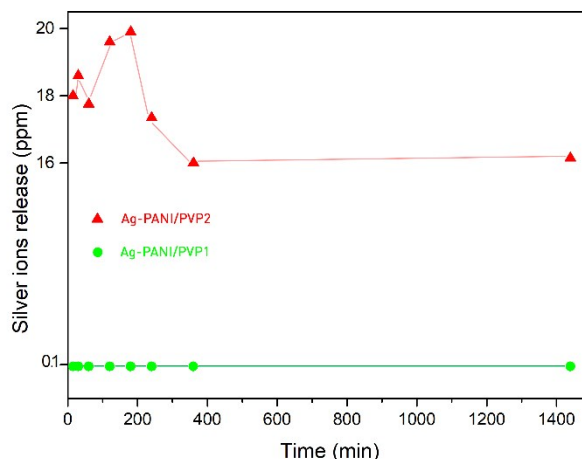
**Table S3** Antimicrobial activity of Ag-PANI/PVP nanocomposites and pure PANI for *S. aureus* (Initial number of colonies =  $5.7 \times 10^6$  CFU/mL).

Sample	Concentration (ppm)	Number of microbial colonies 1 h after their contact with (CFU)	Microbial reduction (%) after 1 h	Number of microbial colonies 2 h after their contact with (CFU)	Microbial reduction (%) after 2 h	Number of microbial colonies 4 h after their contact with (CFU)	Microbial reduction (%) after 4 h
PANI	1	$5.1 \times 10^6$	10.5	$4.7 \times 10^6$	17.5	$4.3 \times 10^6$	24.5
	2	$5.0 \times 10^6$	12.3	$4.6 \times 10^6$	19.3	$4.2 \times 10^6$	26.3
	5	$4.8 \times 10^6$	15.8	$4.0 \times 10^6$	29.8	$3.9 \times 10^6$	31.6
	10	$4.8 \times 10^6$	15.8	$3.8 \times 10^6$	33.3	$3.6 \times 10^6$	36.8
	20	$4.8 \times 10^6$	15.8	$2.9 \times 10^6$	49.1	$2.2 \times 10^6$	61.4
Ag-PANI/PVP 1	1	$2.6 \times 10^6$	54.4	$2.0 \times 10^6$	64.9	$1.2 \times 10^6$	78.9
	2	$2.5 \times 10^6$	56.1	$1.2 \times 10^6$	78.9	$1.0 \times 10^6$	82.5
	5	$2.2 \times 10^6$	61.4	$9.8 \times 10^5$	82.8	$9.2 \times 10^5$	83.9
	10	$2.1 \times 10^6$	63.2	$8.6 \times 10^5$	84.9	$1.2 \times 10^5$	97.9
	20	$2.0 \times 10^6$	64.9	$6.6 \times 10^5$	88.4	$7.2 \times 10^4$	98.7
Ag-PANI/PVP 2	1	$2.0 \times 10^6$	64.9	$1.8 \times 10^6$	68.4	$1.1 \times 10^6$	80.7
	2	$1.9 \times 10^6$	66.7	$6.1 \times 10^5$	89.3	$4.4 \times 10^5$	92.3
	5	$1.9 \times 10^6$	66.7	$3.5 \times 10^5$	93.8	$2.9 \times 10^5$	94.9
	10	$1.3 \times 10^6$	77.2	$2.7 \times 10^5$	95.2	$8.0 \times 10^4$	98.6
	20	$1.2 \times 10^6$	78.9	$1.1 \times 10^5$	98.0	$4.8 \times 10^4$	99.2

**Table S4** Antimicrobial activity of Ag-PANI/PVP nanocomposites and pure PANI for *C. albicans* (Initial number of colonies =  $1.8 \times 10^6$  CFU/mL).

Sample	Concentration (ppm)	Number of microbial colonies 1 h after their contact with (CFU)	Microbial reduction (%) after 1 h	Number of microbial colonies 2 h after their contact with (CFU)	Microbial reduction (%) after 2 h	Number of microbial colonies 4 h after their contact with (CFU)	Microbial reduction (%) after 4 h
PANI	1	$1.8 \times 10^6$	1.7	$1.8 \times 10^6$	1.7	$1.5 \times 10^6$	16.7
	2	$1.7 \times 10^6$	5.5	$1.6 \times 10^6$	11.1	$1.3 \times 10^6$	27.7
	5	$1.7 \times 10^6$	5.5	$1.5 \times 10^6$	16.7	$1.3 \times 10^6$	27.7
	10	$1.6 \times 10^6$	11.1	$1.4 \times 10^6$	22.2	$1.2 \times 10^6$	33.3
	20	$1.5 \times 10^6$	16.7	$1.4 \times 10^6$	22.2	$1.2 \times 10^6$	33.3
Ag-PANI/PVP 1	1	$1.3 \times 10^6$	27.7	$1.0 \times 10^6$	44.4	$8.9 \times 10^5$	50.1
	2	$1.2 \times 10^6$	33.3	$1.0 \times 10^6$	44.4	$7.3 \times 10^5$	59.4
	5	$1.1 \times 10^6$	38.9	$9.5 \times 10^5$	47.2	$7.2 \times 10^5$	60.0
	10	$1.0 \times 10^6$	44.4	$8.7 \times 10^5$	51.6	$2.1 \times 10^5$	88.3
	20	$8.0 \times 10^5$	55.6	$5.8 \times 10^5$	67.8	$1.9 \times 10^5$	89.4
Ag-PANI/PVP 2	1	$1.2 \times 10^6$	33.3	$9.8 \times 10^5$	45.6	$6.5 \times 10^5$	63.9
	2	$1.1 \times 10^6$	38.9	$8.9 \times 10^5$	50.1	$6.1 \times 10^5$	66.1
	5	$1.0 \times 10^6$	44.4	$7.8 \times 10^5$	56.6	$5.2 \times 10^5$	71.1
	10	$8.8 \times 10^5$	51.2	$6.6 \times 10^5$	63.3	$1.9 \times 10^5$	89.4
	20	$7.3 \times 10^5$	59.4	$5.2 \times 10^5$	71.1	$1.6 \times 10^5$	91.1

### 3 Silver ions release



**Fig. S2** Silver ions release from Ag-PANI/PVP1 and Ag-PANI/PVP2 nanocomposites

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