

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### **Beyond the fluorescence labelling of novel nitrogen-doped silicon quantum dot: reducing agent and stabilizer for preparing hybrid nanoparticles and antibacterial applications**

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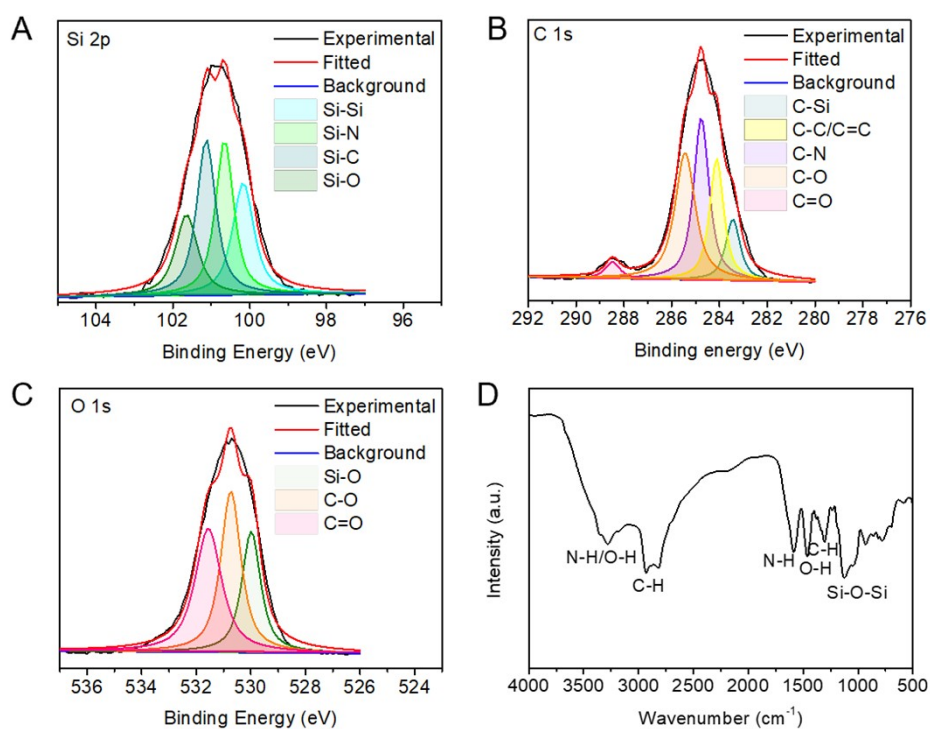


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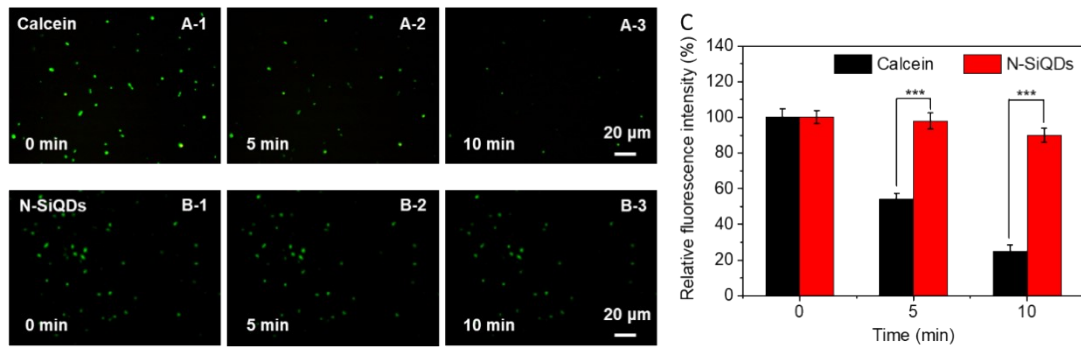


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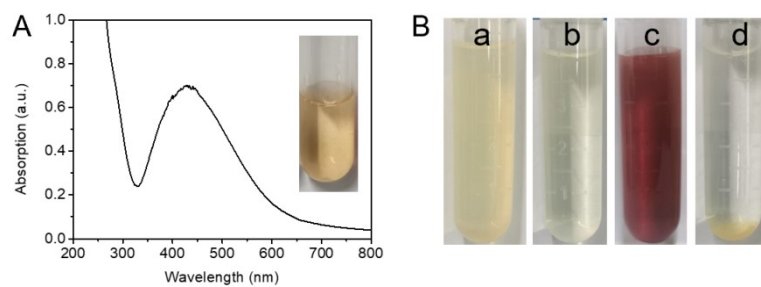


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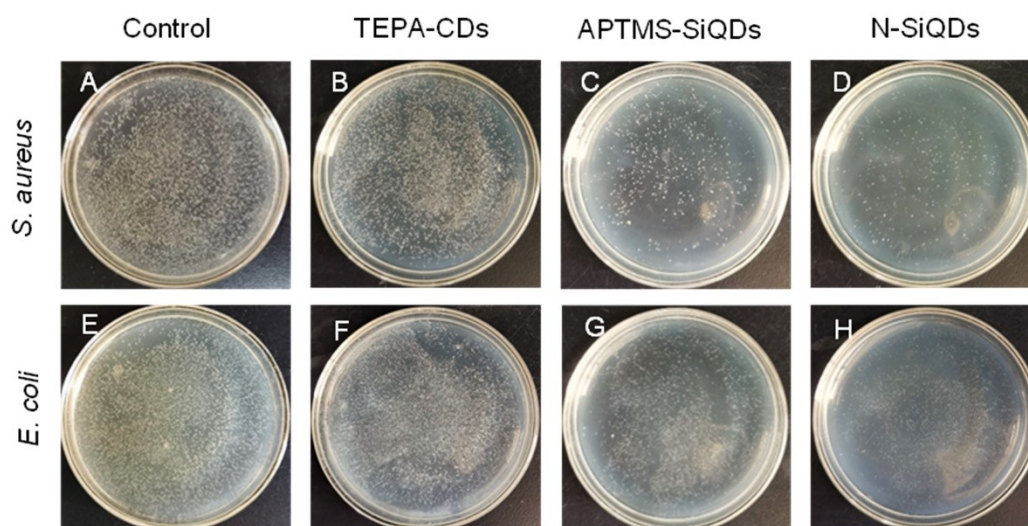


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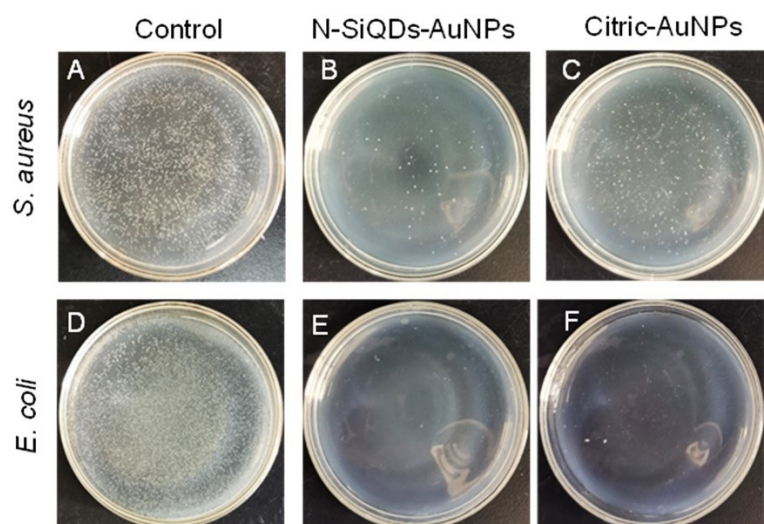


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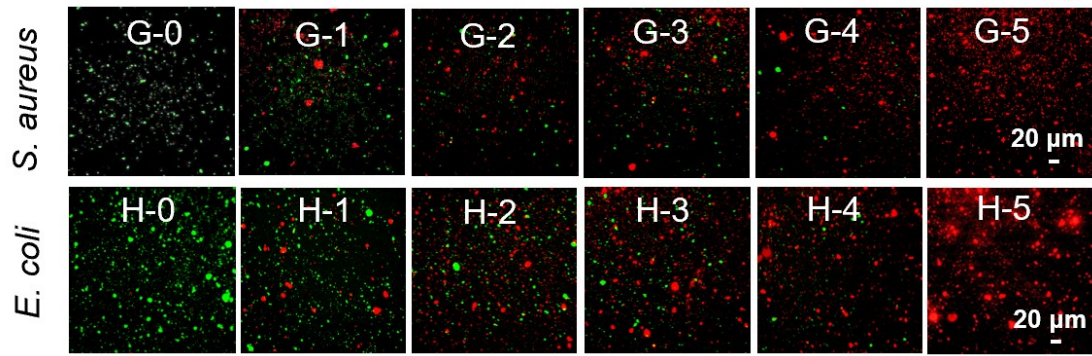


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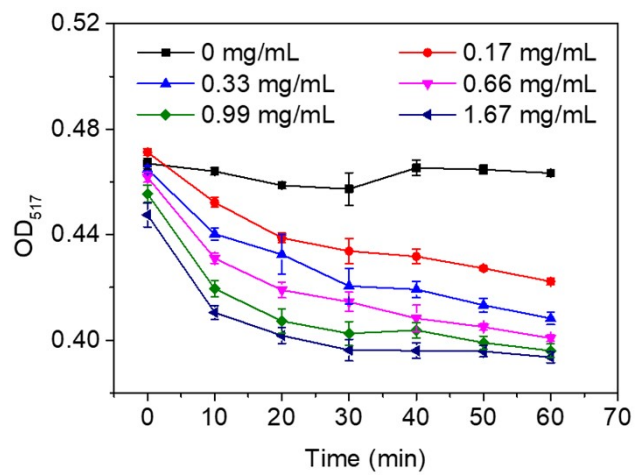


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Catalyst	Composition	Catalytic rate constant (k) ( $10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Reference
PVP <sub>12</sub> -AuNPs	PVP (12 mM) coated gold nanoparticles	6.8	1
PVP <sub>25</sub> -AuNPs	PVP (25 mM) coated gold nanoparticles	3.9	
PVP <sub>50</sub> -AuNPs	PVP (50 mM) coated gold nanoparticles	3.9	
AuNP-CC	Gold nanoparticles prepared with Citrus limon juice as reductant	0.139	2
GNT-AAO	Gold nanotube/porous anodic aluminium oxide composite membrane	0.132	3
SiNWs-AuNPs	Gold nanoparticles coated silicon nanowires	0.204	4
Cirtic-AuNPs	Sodium citrate stabilized gold nanoparticles	1.690	This work
N-SiQDs-AuNPs	Nanocomposites with N-SiQDs and gold nanoparticles	19.31	This work

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