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Supporting Information

2 **Photoresponsive CuS@Polyaniline nanocomposites: An excellent synthetic** 3 **bactericide against several multidrug-resistant pathogenic strains**

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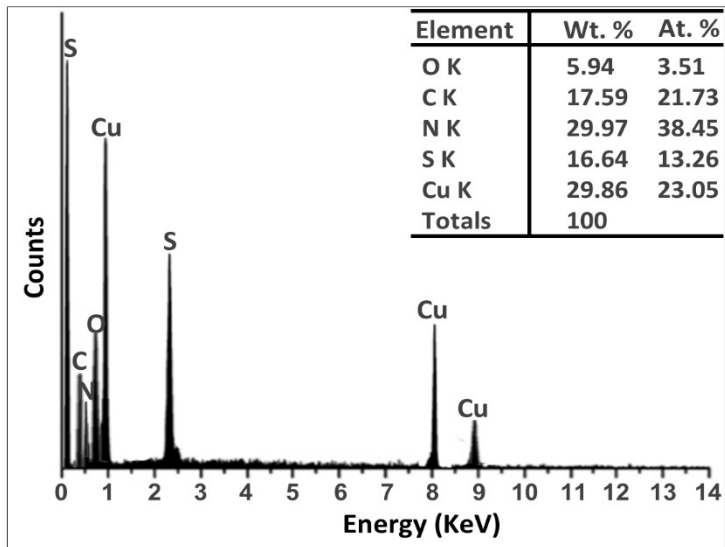
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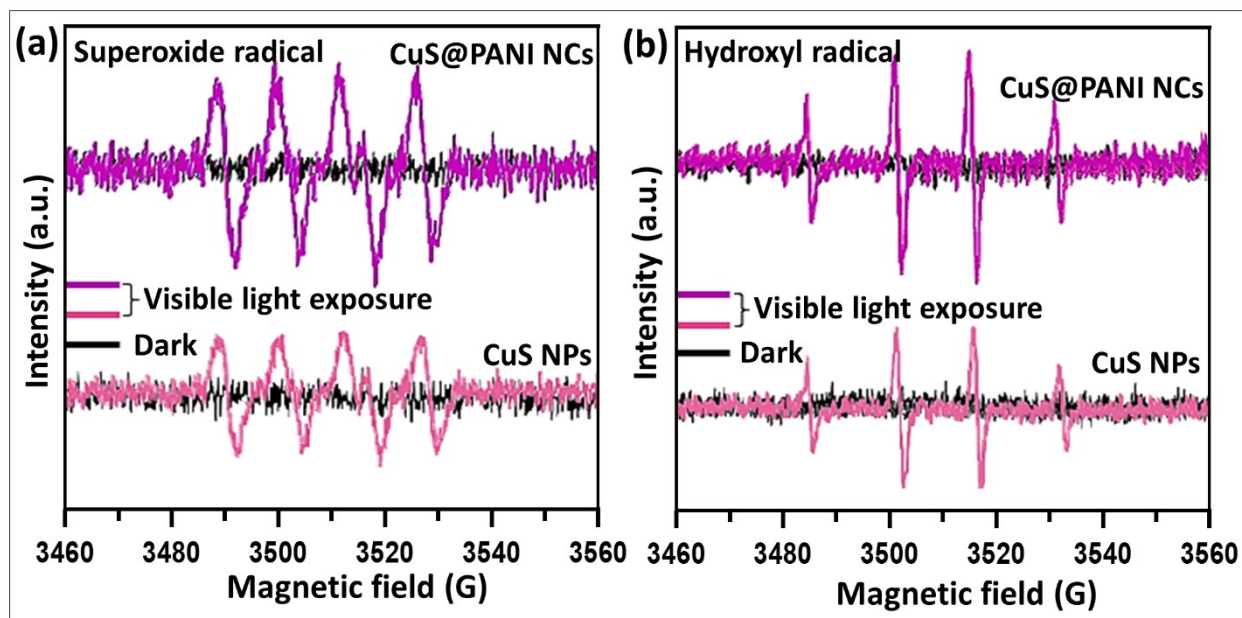
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2 Figure S1 EDS spectrum with inset table of atomic/weight elemental percentages of the CuS@PANI NCs



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4 Figure S2 ESR spectra of (a) DMPO- $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$ and (b) DMPO- $\text{OH}\cdot$ for CuS and CuS@PANI samples under Dark
5 conditions and 20 min of visible light irradiations

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7 Table S1 The relative bactericidal effectiveness of the as-prepared CuS@PANI NCs with reported literatures

Materials	MIC ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$)	Effectiveness	Pathogens
MoS ₂ @Polydopamine-Ag ⁸⁶	125	> 95 %	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>E. coli</i>
PEG@CuS/g-C ₃ N ₄ ¹	200	> 95 %	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>E. coli</i>
Polydopamine@SnS/g-C ₃ N ₄ ³⁸	45	> 90 %	<i>A. fumigatus</i> , and <i>A. flavus</i> , <i>E. faecalis</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .
CuS/protonated g-C ₃ N ₄ ³⁷	40 %	> 98 % ^e	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>E. coli</i>
GO-COOH-CuS-5 ⁷⁴	---	> 90 %	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i>
CuS@Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x ²	500	> 95 %	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>E. coli</i>
CuS@Corn stalk/chitin ⁷³	---	Active	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>E. coli</i>
CuS-BSA ³	50 ppm	80 %	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>E. coli</i>
CuS-BSA/Lysozyme ⁴	200	Active	<i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>E. coli</i>
CuS@PANI (This work)	30	Active	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>S. pneumoniae</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , and <i>P. aeruginosa</i>

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