

## Supplementary Information

# A one-step method for generating antimicrobial nanofibre meshes via coaxial electrospinning

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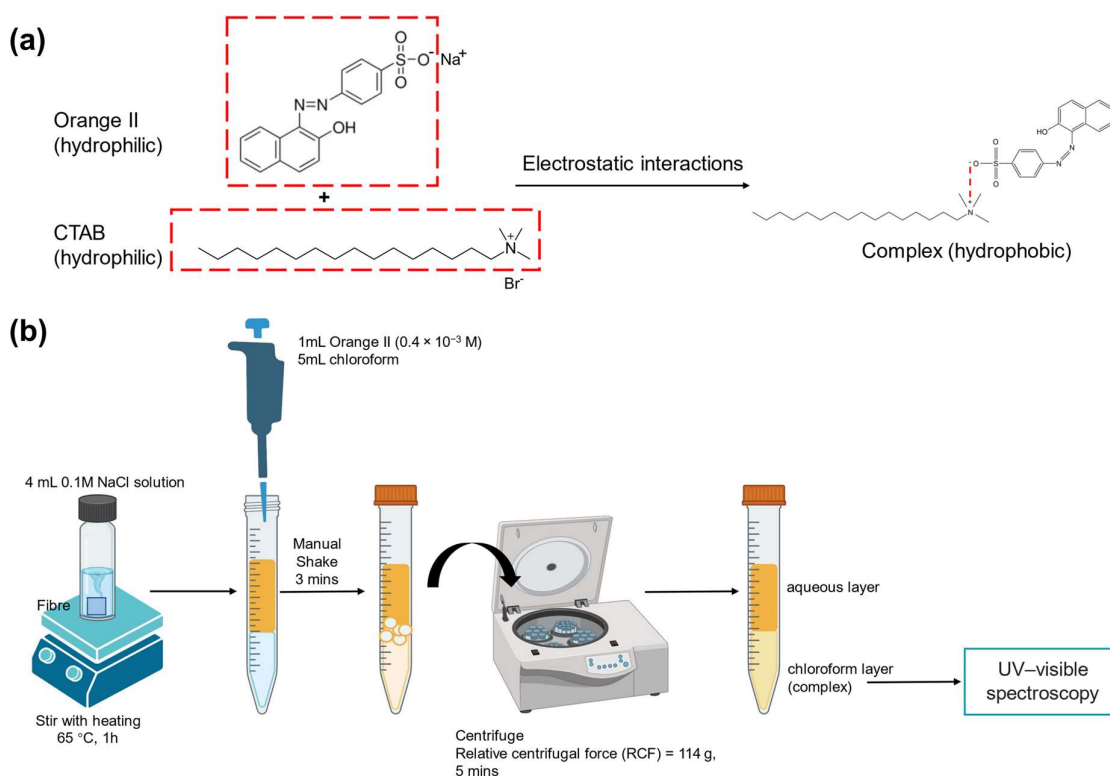
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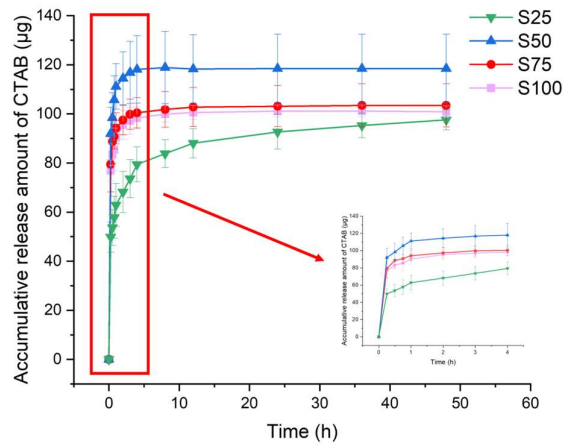
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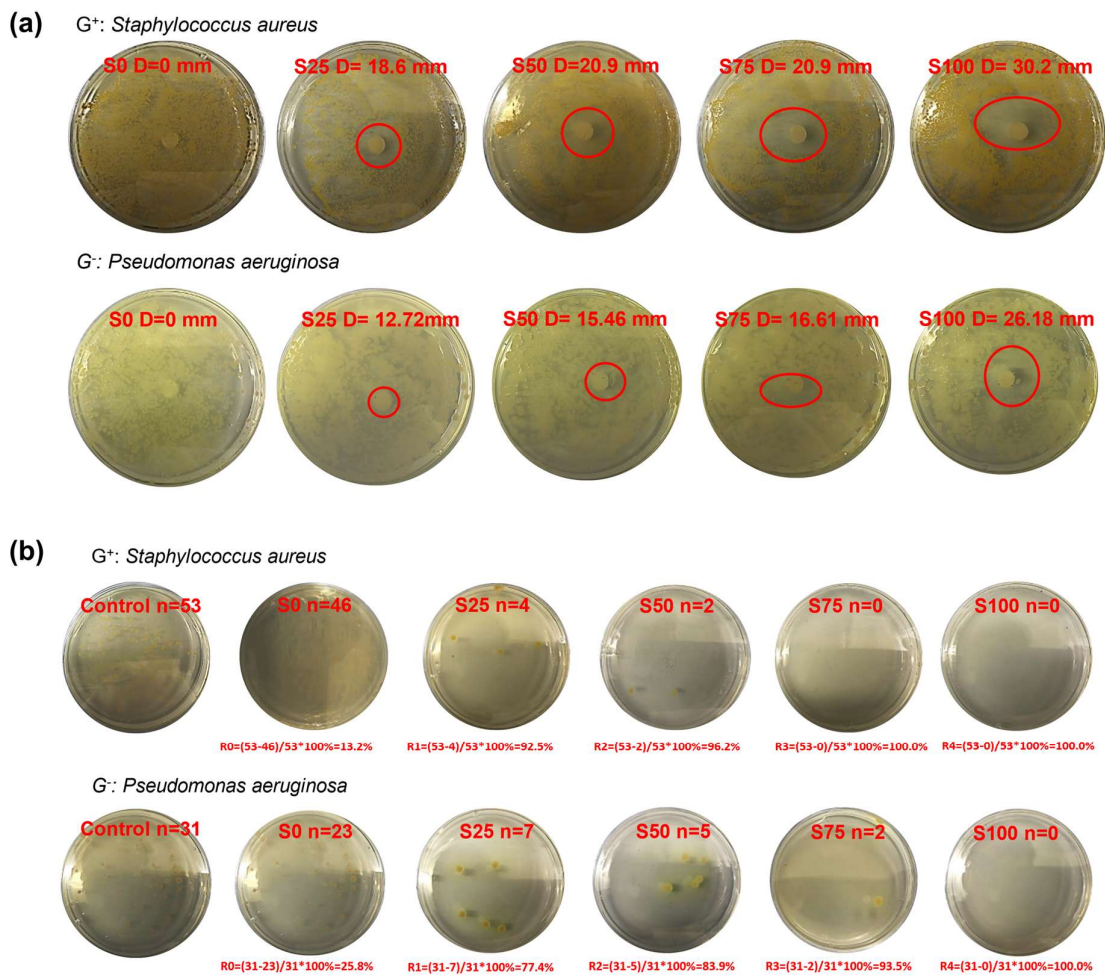
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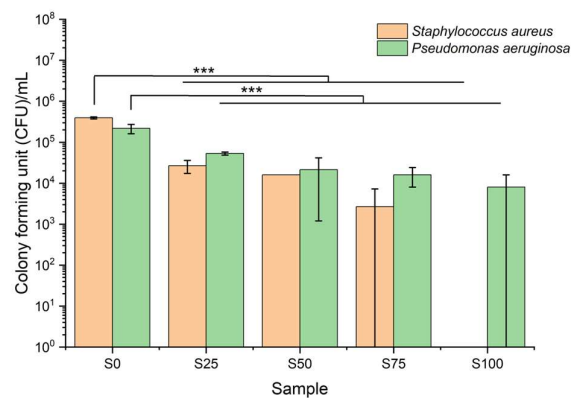
**Fig. S1** (a) Illustration of the interaction between orange II and CTAB; (b) Schematic diagram of the ion-pairing indirect spectrophotometric method (chloroform extraction). Created with BioRender.com



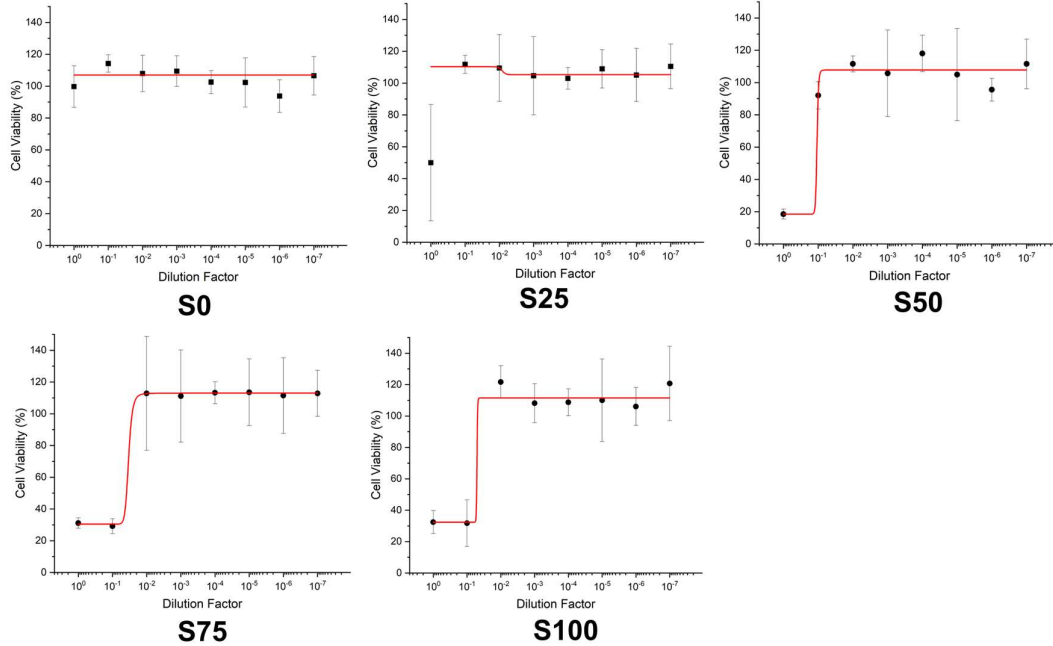
**Fig. S2** Cumulative release amount of CTAB ( $\mu\text{g}$ ) from the electrospun formulations over 48 h, with an inset showing the release profile for the first 4 hours. The maximum theoretical release amount of CTAB from S25, S50, S75, and S100 formulations is  $100.2 \pm 2.0 \mu\text{g}$ ,  $113.4 \pm 9.5 \mu\text{g}$ ,  $96.5 \pm 7.4 \mu\text{g}$  and  $95.6 \pm 5.3 \mu\text{g}$ , respectively. Data are given from three independent experiments as mean  $\pm$  S.D.



**Fig.S3** Exemplar images from (a) agar diffusion experiments (b) colony counting experiments.



**Fig. S4** The results of the S0-S100 formulations in the colony-counting method, expressed as CFU/mL. Positive controls for *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* were  $4.35 \times 10^5 \pm 5.68 \times 10^4$  CFU/mL and  $2.53 \times 10^5 \pm 5.62 \times 10^4$  CFU/mL, respectively. Single factor ANOVA with post hoc Tukey's test. Statistical significance: \*\*\* ( $\alpha=0.01$ , p-value  $\leq 0.001$ ).



**Fig.S5** Cytotoxicity data (dilution factor versus cell viability) for samples S0 to S100 against the Vero E6 cell line, where cell viability (%) is calculated relative to negative control group data (untreated cells). The data are applicable to both RSV and SARS-CoV-2 cases. Positive cytotoxicity results are observed in the row corresponding to dilution factor = 10<sup>0</sup> for S1 and the rows corresponding to dilution factor = 10<sup>0</sup> and 10<sup>-1</sup> for S25, S50 and S100. A positive result refers to the presence of dead cells (decreased cell viability) resulting from cytotoxicity, and the dilution factor = initial volume / final volume.