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## **Supplementary materials**

## Interface Properties of Hydroxyapatite in Ternary Composites

## **Cathodes for Electromethanogenesis**

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**Figure S.1** SEM micrographs of colonized external section (a) and uncolonized internal section (b) of 10HAP-20Cu/C surface and EDS mapping (c).



**Figure S.2** NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD and SO<sub>2</sub>-TPD profiles on hydroxyapatite (desorption data acquired in the isothermal step at 150°C are not shown)



Figure S.3 FT-IR spectrum of HAP in the 500-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region



**Figure S.4** Plots of periodically monitored pH values in the cathodic chamber *vs.* time for biochar (black line), 20Cu/C (red line) and 10HAP-20Cu/C (blue line).



**Figure S.5**. Cyclic voltammograms from -1.5 vs OCP to 1.5 vs OCP at 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup> of the composites (OCP and POLARIZATION) at 14 days of immersion.