## Supporting Information


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SI-1. FTIR-ATR spectra obtained for (a) QPVP-C5, (b) CB7\% before and after the adsorption QPVP-C5 and (c) OCB7\% before and after the adsorption QPVP-C5.


SI-2. Photographs of typical beads. (a) Images of CB7\% and (b) OCB7\%, respectively.

SI-3 Table 1. Characteristics of cellulose beads (CB) and oxidized cellulose beads (OCB). $\mathrm{m}_{\text {wet }}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {wet }}$ and $\rho_{\text {wet }}$ stand for mean mass of wet beads, mean volume of wet beads estimated from $\emptyset_{\text {wet }}$ and mean density of wet beads, respectively. The total negative charges per gram of bead were determined by conductivity titration method.

| Sample | $\mathbf{m}_{\text {wet }}$ <br> $(\mathbf{m g})$ | $\mathbf{V}_{\text {wet }}$ <br> $\left(\mathbf{c m}^{\mathbf{3}}\right)$ | $\boldsymbol{\rho}_{\text {wet }}$ <br> $\left(\mathbf{g} / \mathbf{c m}^{\mathbf{3}}\right)$ | total charges <br> $(\mathbf{m m o l} / \mathbf{g})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{C B 5 \%}$ | $17.8 \pm 0.7$ | $0.018 \pm 0.002$ | $1.01 \pm 0.04$ | $0.0059 \pm 0.0006$ |
| CB6\% | $18.7 \pm 0.5$ | $0.018 \pm 0.002$ | $1.04 \pm 0.03$ | $0.0059 \pm 0.0006$ |
| CB7\% | $19.1 \pm 0.7$ | $0.019 \pm 0.002$ | $0.99 \pm 0.04$ | $0.0059 \pm 0.0006$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| OCB5\%-6h | $23 \pm 1$ | $0.023 \pm 0.003$ | $0.98 \pm 0.09$ | $0.77 \pm 0.06$ |
| OCB6\%-5h | $26 \pm 1$ | $0.024 \pm 0.003$ | $0.99 \pm 0.08$ | $0.50 \pm 0.06$ |
| OCB6\%-6h | $26 \pm 1$ | $0.026 \pm 0.003$ | $0.95 \pm 0.04$ | $0.75 \pm 0.06$ |
| OCB6\%-7h | - | - | - | $1.02 \pm 0.06$ |
| OCB7\%-6h | $25 \pm 1$ | $0.029 \pm 0.003$ | $0.85 \pm 0.08$ | $0.79 \pm 0.06$ |

SI-4 Table 2. Density ( $\rho$ ) and Young's modulus ( ( ) estimated for beads freeze dried in water and in tert- BuOH . The oxidized beads resulted from 6 h oxidation reaction.

|  | $\mathbf{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ |  | tert-BuOH |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sample | $\boldsymbol{\rho}\left(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}\right)$ | $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{M P a})$ | $\boldsymbol{\rho}\left(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}\right)$ | $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{M P a})$ |
| $\mathbf{C B 5 \%}$ | $0.15 \pm 0.04$ | $3.7 \pm 0.4$ | $0.15 \pm 0.02$ | $2.2 \pm 0.3$ |
| CB6\% | $0.18 \pm 0.03$ | $4.9 \pm 0.5$ | $0.17 \pm 0.04$ | $3.7 \pm 0.4$ |
| CB7\% | $0.20 \pm 0.04$ | $5.2 \pm 0.7$ | $0.20 \pm 0.03$ | $4.5 \pm 0.5$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| OCB5\% | $0.09 \pm 0.04$ | $0.49 \pm 0.05$ | $0.26 \pm 0.04$ | $8.7 \pm 0.8$ |
| OCB6\% | $0.11 \pm 0.03$ | $0.53 \pm 0.05$ | $0.36 \pm 0.05$ | $11 \pm 1$ |
| OCB7\% | $0.13 \pm 0.03$ | $0.59 \pm 0.07$ | $0.49 \pm 0.05$ | $17 \pm 2$ |



SI-5. Dependence of the Young moduli on the density determined for CB and OCB freeze-dried in tert-BuOH. The red line corresponds to the linear fit.

SI-6 Table 3. Elemental composition determined for OCB7\%, OCB7\%/QPVP-C5-5 and OCB7\%/QPVP-C5-12.5.

| Sample | CHN |  |  | XPS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(\%)$ | $\mathrm{H}(\%)$ | $\mathrm{N}(\%)$ | $\mathrm{C}(\%)$ | $\mathrm{O}(\%)$ | $\mathrm{N}(\%)$ |
| OCB7\% | $37.6 \pm 0.1$ | $6.6 \pm 0.2$ | 0 | 53.6 | 44.6 | 0 |
| OCB7\%/QPVP-C5-5 | $41.0 \pm 0.5$ | $6.7 \pm 0.2$ | $0.7 \pm 0.1$ | 66.0 | 31.5 | 2.1 |
| OCB7\%/QPVP-C5-12.5 | $44.2 \pm 0.6$ | $6.9 \pm 0.1$ | $1.7 \pm 0.1$ | 72.1 | 22.4 | 4.1 |


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| Survey |  |  |  |  |  |  | High resolution C 1s |  |  |  |
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| Sample | C\% | 0\% | N \% | Traces | O/C | N/C | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 |
| a | 53.60 | 44.57 | 0.00 | $\mathrm{Na}, \mathrm{Ca}$ | 0.83 | 0.00 | 18.58 | 56.30 | 20.70 | 4.43 |
| b | 66.03 | 31.48 | 2.07 | $\mathrm{Na}, \mathrm{Br}$ | 0.48 | 0.03 | 45.96 | 43.64 | 9.97 | 0.44 |
| c | 72.08 | 22.40 | 4.06 | $\mathrm{Na}, \mathrm{Ca}, \mathrm{Br}$ | 0.31 | 0.06 | 28.09 | 57.90 | 11.98 | 2.04 |

SI-7. XPS spectra obtained for (a) OCB7\%, (b) OCB7\%/QPVP-C5-5 and (c) OCB7\%/QPVP-C5-12.5, with the corresponding elemental data.

SI-8 Table 4. Relative decrease of turbidity ( $\Delta \tau, \%$ ) measured for dispersions of $M$. luteus after 24 h contact with OCB7\%, OCB7\%/QPVP-C5-5 and OCB7\%/QPVP-C512.5 and P elemental analysis of beads post biocide assay. The data are mean values obtained for three different sets of the same system with the corresponding standard deviations.

| Samples | $\boldsymbol{\Delta \tau}(\%)$ | Phosphorus P (ppm) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| M. luteus | $23 \pm 2$ | - |
| OCB7\% | $65 \pm 3$ | $252 \pm 17$ |
| OCB7\%/QPVP-C5-5 | $85 \pm 1$ | $559 \pm 11$ |
| OCB7\%/QPVP-C5-12.5 | $99 \pm 1$ | $353 \pm 16$ |



SI-9. Typical SEM image obtained from the interior of OCB7\%/QPVP-C5-12.5 after interacting 24 h with bacteria.

