

ZnO/PDA/Mesoporous Cellular Foam Functionalized Thin-Film Nanocomposite Membrane towards Enhanced Nanofiltration Performance

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Supplementary Information

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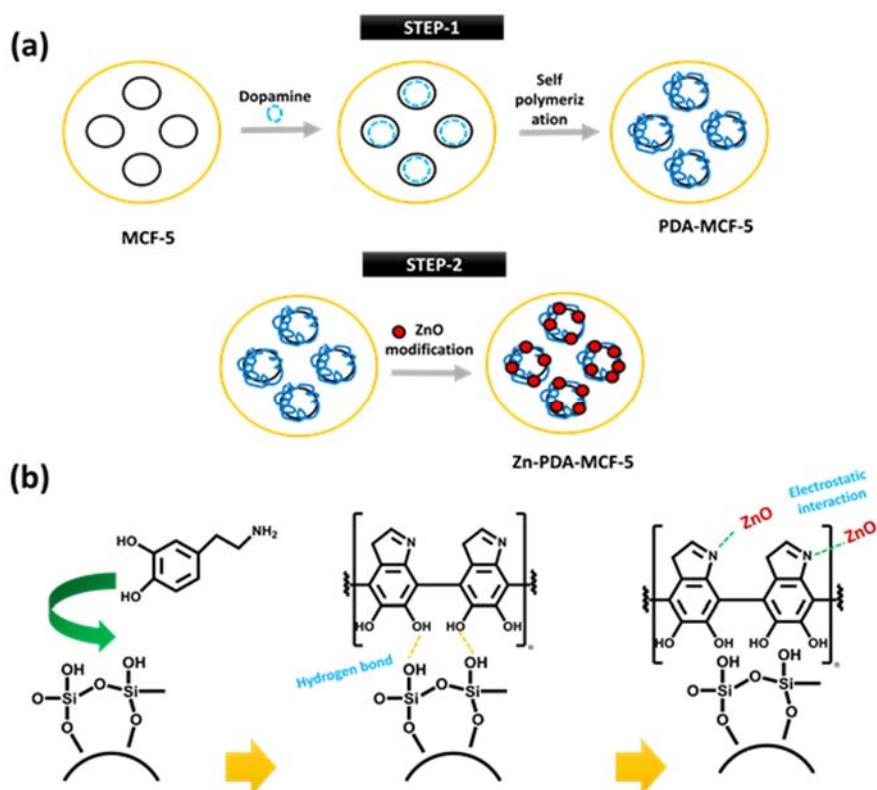


Figure S1. Schematic illustration of synthesis of Zn-PDA-MCF-5 nanoparticle.

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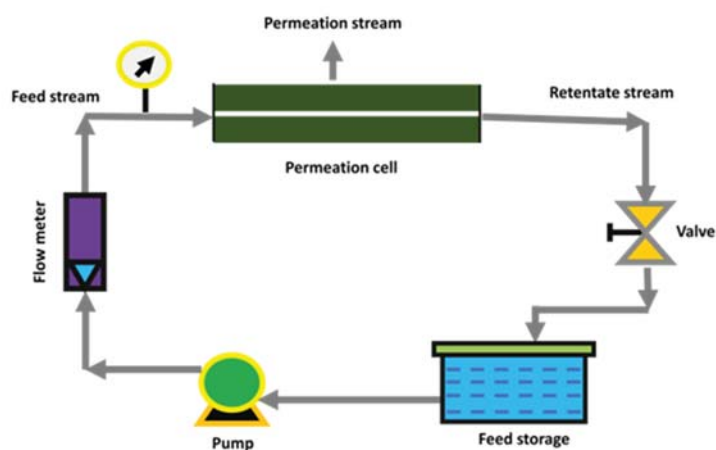


Figure S2. Schematic illustration of crossflow NF system.

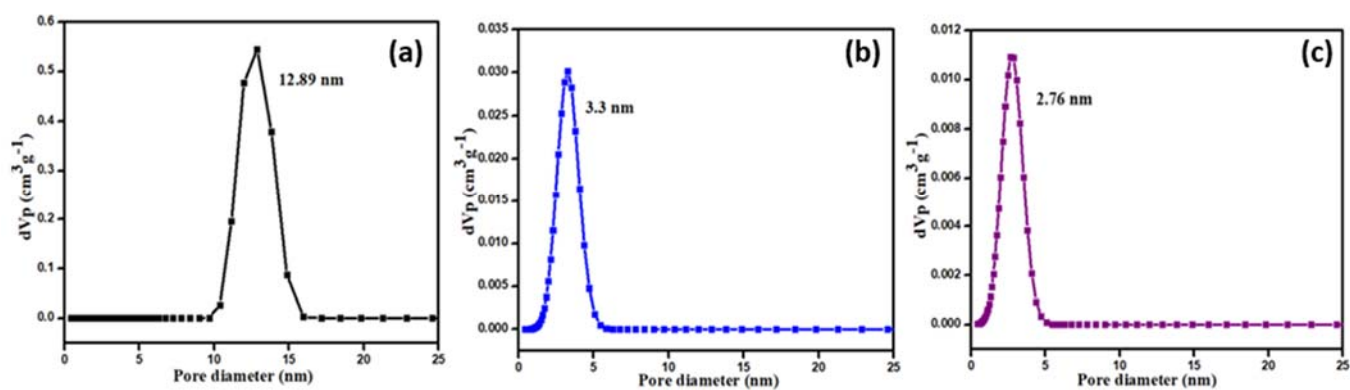


Figure S3. Pore size distribution of (a) MCF-5 silica (b) PDA-MCF-5 (c) Zn-PDA.

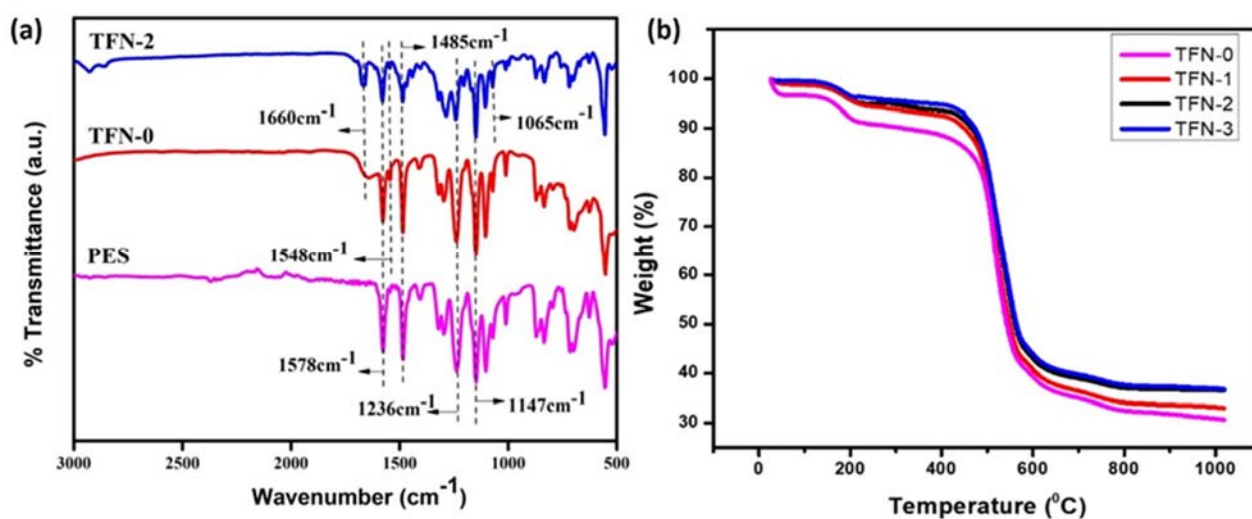


Figure S4. (a) FT-IR spectra and (b) TGA Curves of fabricated membranes.

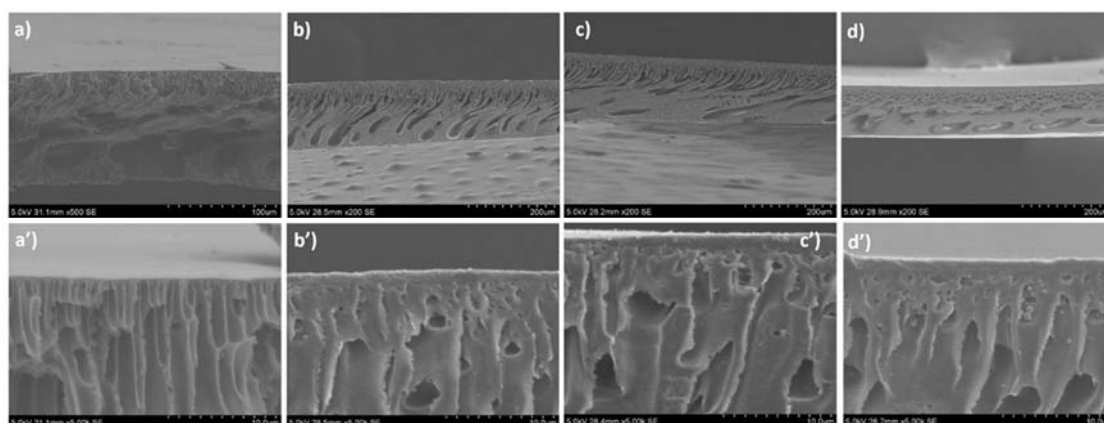


Figure S5. Cross-sectional morphologies of (a, a') PES; (b, b') TFN-0; (c, c') TFN-2; and (d, d') TFN-4 membranes.

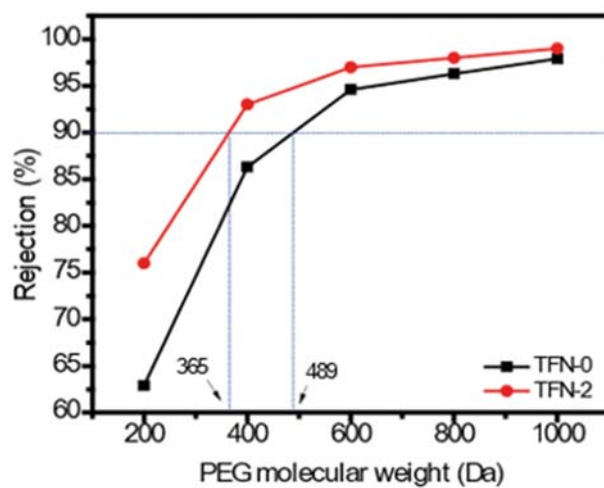


Figure S6. Molecular weight cut-off of membranes.

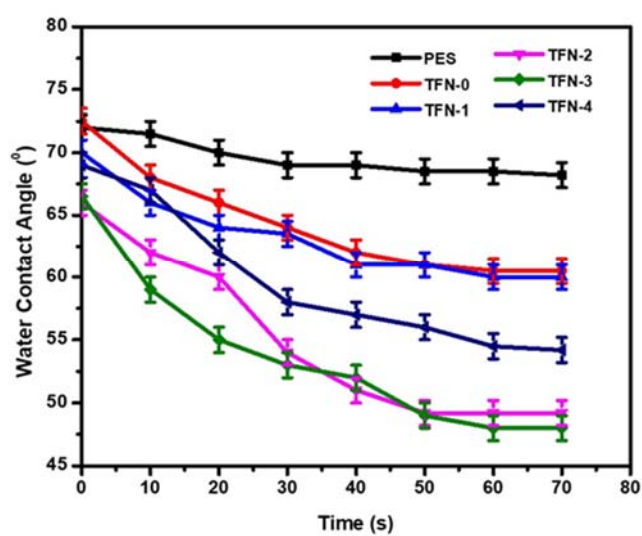


Figure S7. Dynamic water contact angles of the membranes.

Tables

Table S1. Elemental composition from nanoparticles.

Element	Atomic wt. %	
	MCF silica	Zn-PDA-MCF-5
O	72.25	52.50
Si	27.75	10.55
C	0	18.52
N	0	4.67
Zn	0	13.76

Table S2. Brief summary of surface areas and pore sizes of mesoporous fillers.

Samples	Specific Surface Area ^a (m ² /g)	Pore Volume ^a (cm ³ /g)	Pore Size ^b (nm)
MCF-5	389.71	2.13	12.89
PDA-MCF-5	278.12	0.30	03.29
Zn-PDA-MCF-5	138.92	0.12	02.76

^a Calculation based on BET method. ^b Calculation based on NLDFT method.**Table S3.** Roughness parameters of the membranes from AFM.

Membrane ID	Ra (nm)	Rz (nm)	Rrms (nm)
PES	12.80 ± 1.70	40.20 ± 6.30	15.60 ± 1.90
TFN-0	47.80 ± 12.60	133.30 ± 26.90	59.50 ± 19.30
TFN-1	45.20 ± 7.70	164.80 ± 23.60	56.70 ± 9.00
TFN-2	37.83 ± 7.00	143.70 ± 21.60	48.13 ± 9.90
TFN-3	70.60 ± 13.50	227.50 ± 39.50	88.20 ± 16
TFN-4	80.60 ± 15.50	292.50 ± 45.30	99.60 ± 18.80

Ra (average roughness), Rz (mean height roughness) and Rrms (root mean square roughness).

Table S4. Parameters of inorganic ions in the feed solution [1,2].

Ions	Z	Hydrated radius (Å)	D (10 ⁻³ mm ² s ⁻¹)
Na ⁺	1	3.58	1.33
SO ₄ ²⁻	-2	3.79	1.07
Mg ²⁺	2	4.28	0.71
Cl ⁻	-1	3.32	2.03

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