

## Supplementary Information

### The effect of otoconial proteins Fetuin A, osteopontin and otoconin 90 on the nucleation and growth of calcite

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Fig. S1 - AFM image of bare mica surface for comparison with protein films in Fig. 4.

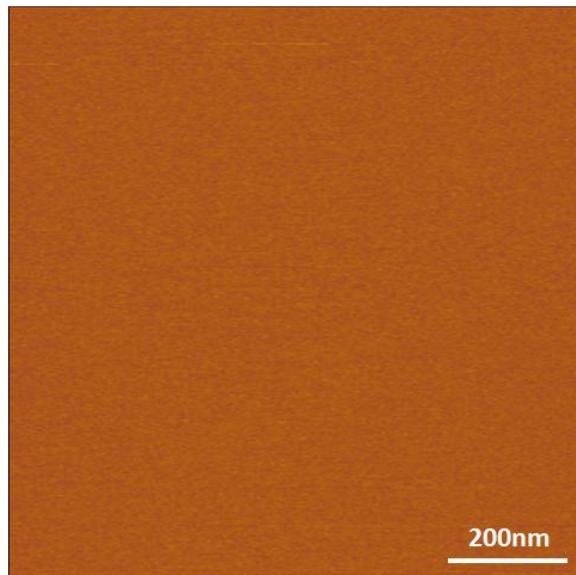


Fig. S2 - Time sequence of optical images showing dependence of nucleation density on time for OPN at  $\sigma = 5.09$ .

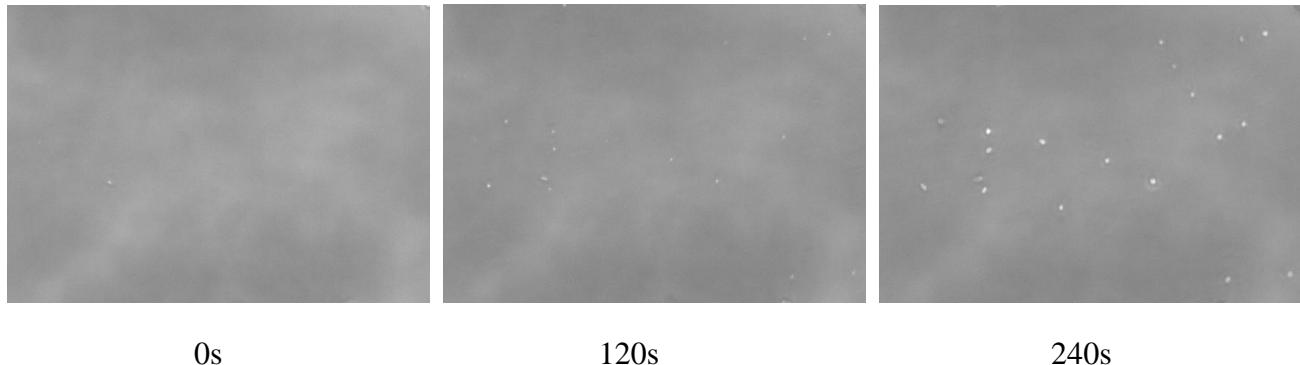


Fig. S3 - Plot showing number density of nuclei vs. time for Fetusin at the indicated values of  $\sigma$ .

