

Supplementary Information for

Graphene Oxide Quantum Dots Covalently Functionalized PVDF Membrane with Significantly-Enhanced Bactericidal and Antibiofouling Performance

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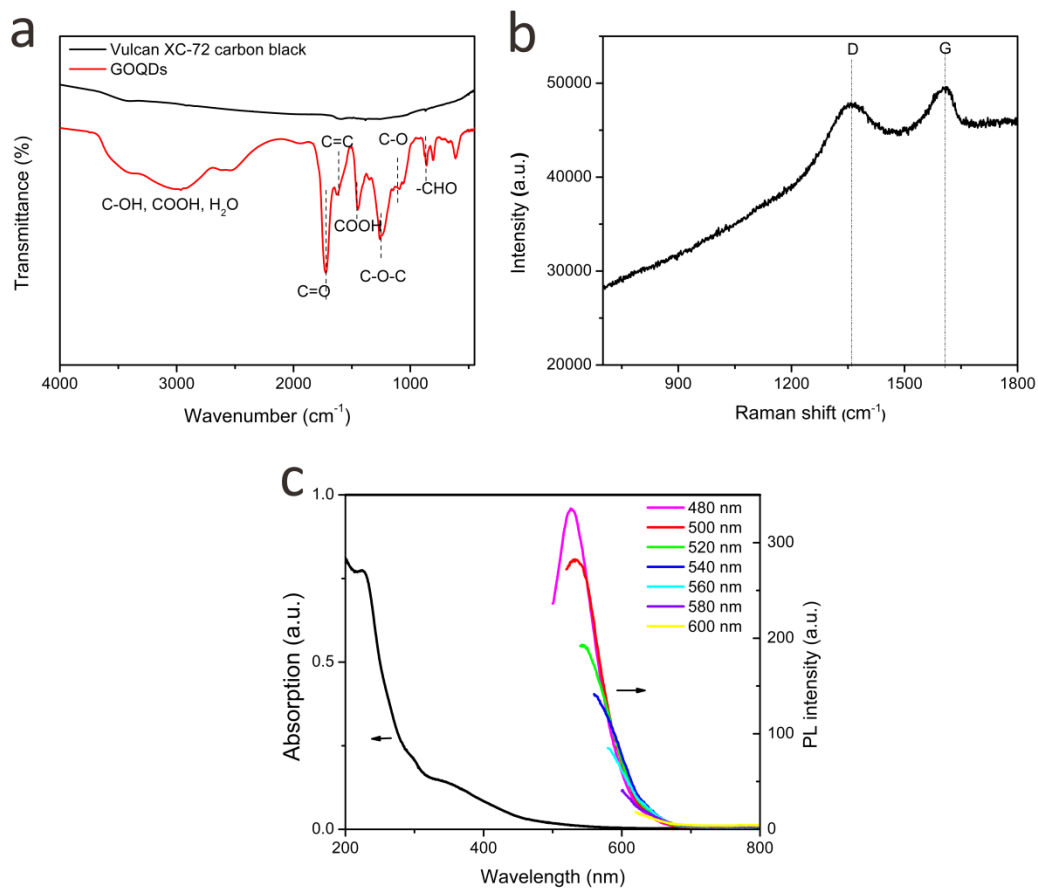


Figure S1. (a) FTIR spectra of carbon black and GOQDs; (b) Raman spectrum of GOQDs; (c) UV-vis absorption and PL emission spectra of the GOQDs aqueous solution.

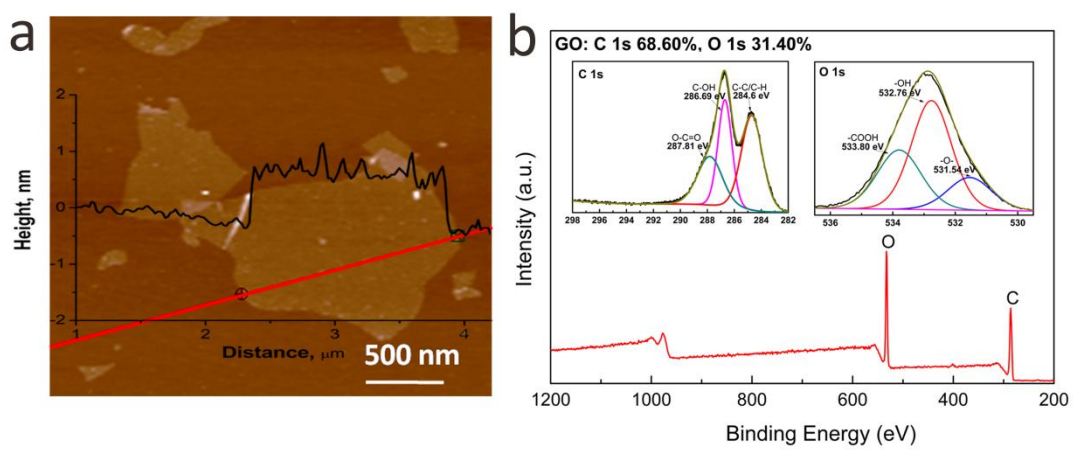


Figure S2. (a) Tapping mode AFM image of GO sheets, inset shows the height profile along the red line; (b) High-resolution XPS spectra of GO.

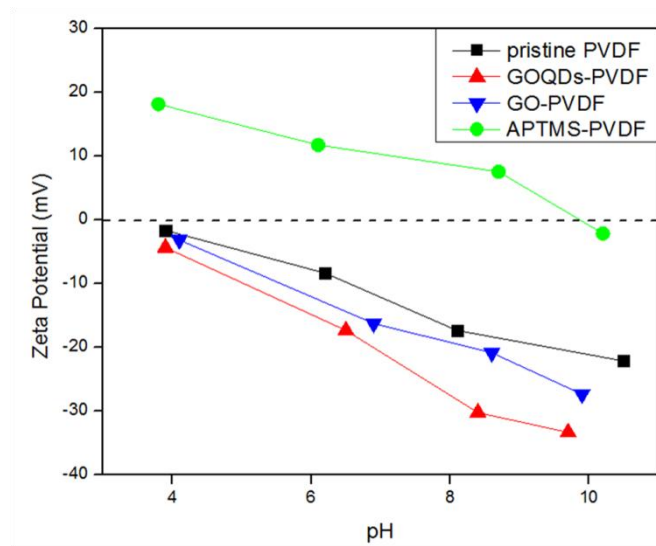


Figure S3. Zeta-potential of pristine PVDF, APTMS modified PVDF, GOQDs-PVDF and GO-PVDF membranes.

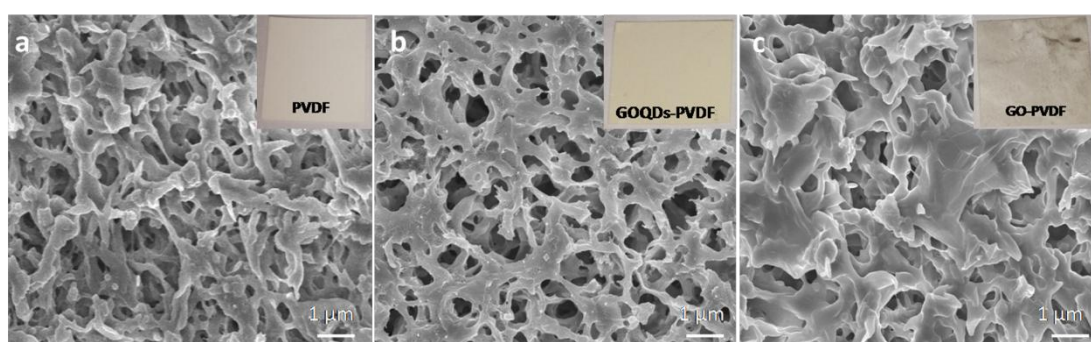


Figure S4. SEM images of PVDF (a), GO-PVDF (b), and GOQDs-PVDF (c). The upper inset are the optical images of the corresponding membranes.

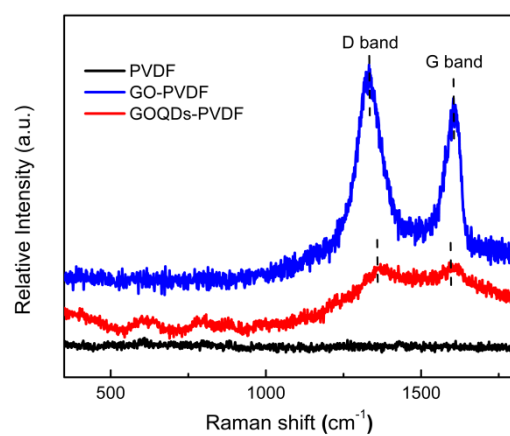


Figure S5. Raman spectra of pristine PVDF, GO-PVDF, GOQDs-PVDF membranes.

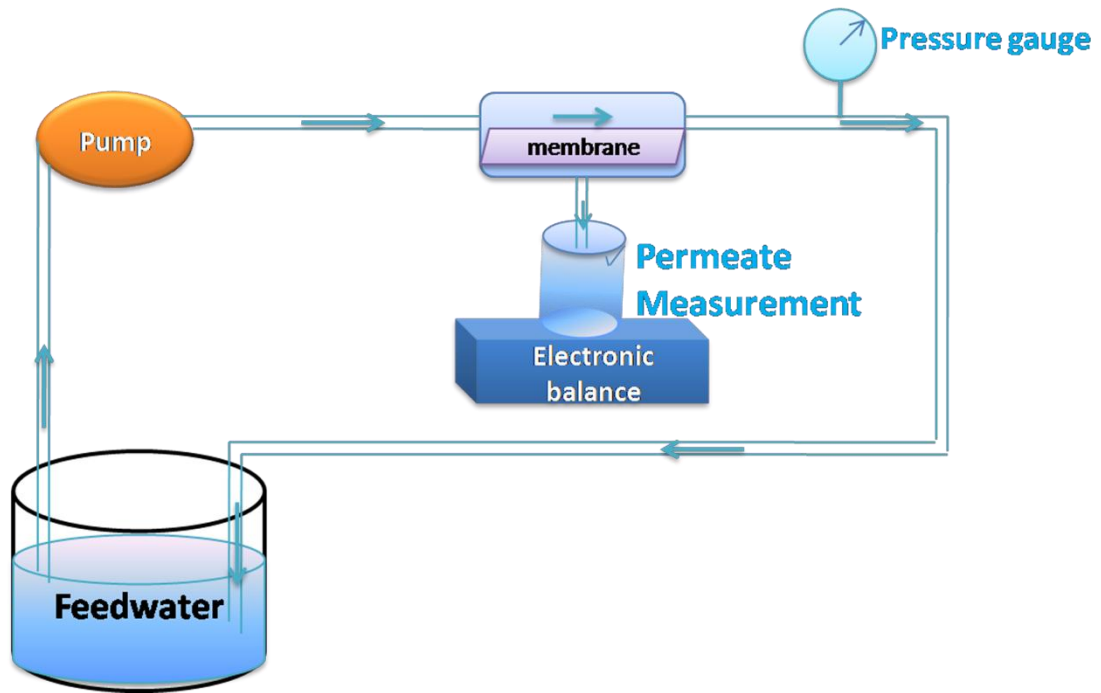


Figure S6. Schematic diagram of the batch experiment setup for filtration test.

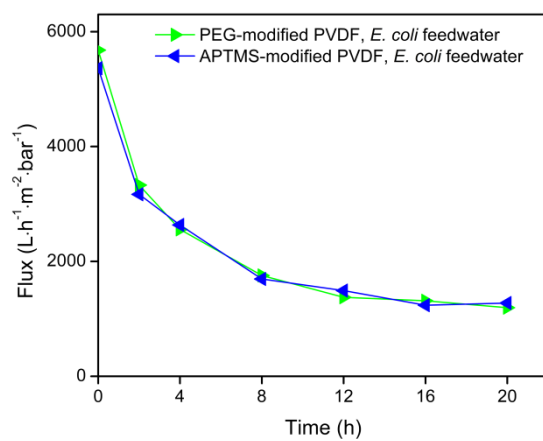


Figure S7. The flux change of PEG-modified PVDF, APTMS-modified PVDF membranes using *E. coli*-containing feedwater during a 20 h continuous filtration test.

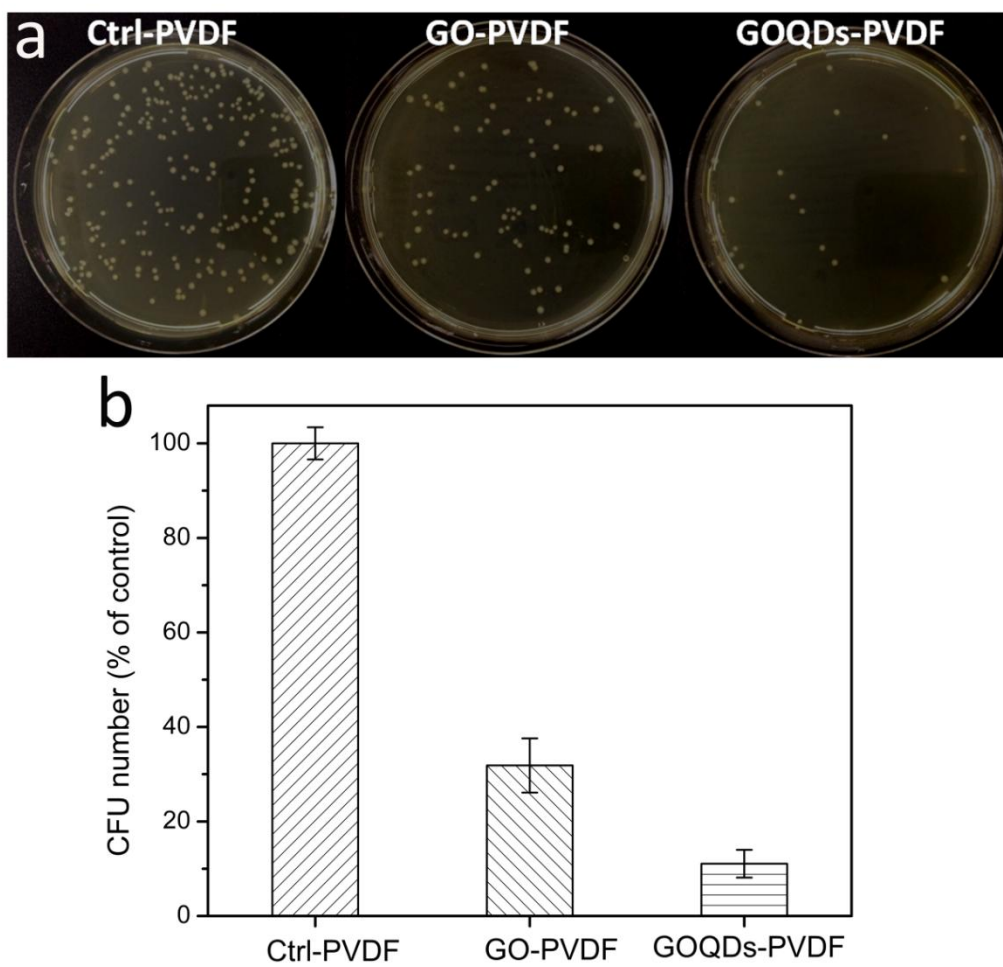


Figure S8. Graphene functionalized membranes reduce the number of *E. coli* cells colonies. (a) *E. coli* suspensions were exposed simultaneously to pristine PVDF, GO-PVDF and GOQDs-PVDF membranes for 1 h. (b) The difference of CFU for the different membranes; CFU was determined by standard plate count method.

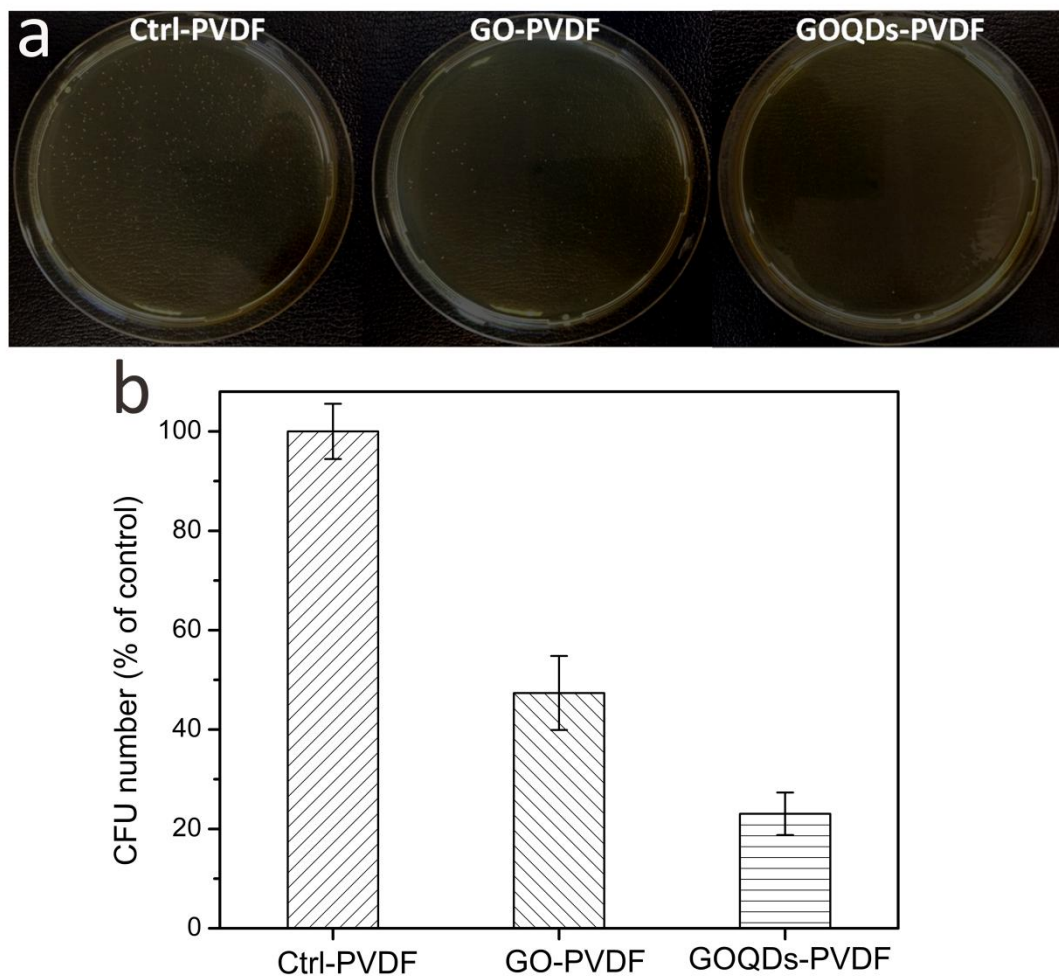


Figure S9. Graphene functionalized membrane reduce the number of *S. aureus* cells colonies. (a) *S. aureus* suspensions were exposed simultaneously to pristine PVDF, GO-PVDF and GOQDs-PVDF membranes for 1 h. (b) The difference of CFU for the different membranes; CFU was determined by standard plate count method.

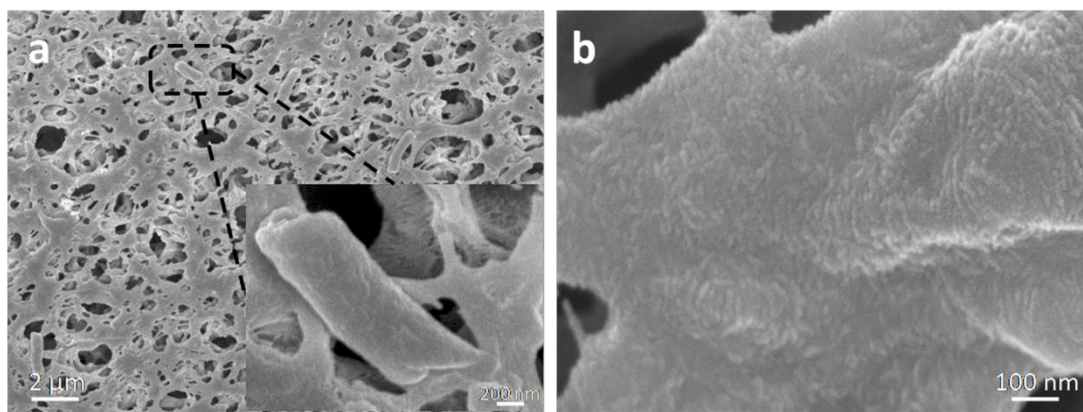


Figure S10. (a) SEM images of GOQDs-PVDF membrane after 10 h filtration test using *E. coli*-containing feedwater; inset the *E. coli* cell on the membrane surface; (b) High-resolution SEM image of GOQDs-PVDF after 10 h filtration test using *E. coli*-containing feedwater.

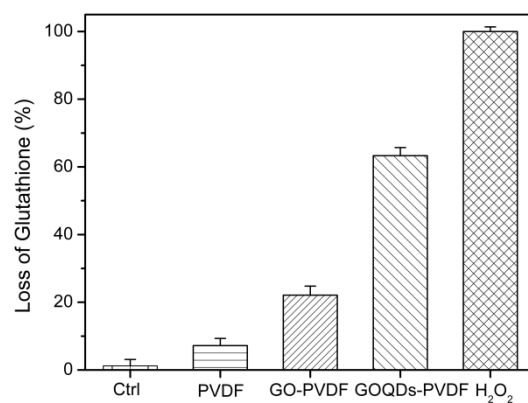


Figure S11. Loss of GSH (0.4 mM) after *in vitro* incubation with pristine PVDF and GO-PVDF for 1 h. H₂O₂ (1 mM) is a positive control. The bicarbonate buffer (50 mM at pH 8.6) without membrane was used as a negative control.