

***Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)***

***Bio-Inspired Green Surface Functionalization of PMMA for  
Multifunctional Capacitors***

**Characterization**

Characterizations of the pristine PMMA and PDOPA@PMMA samples were done using FTIR, Raman, TGA; XRD.

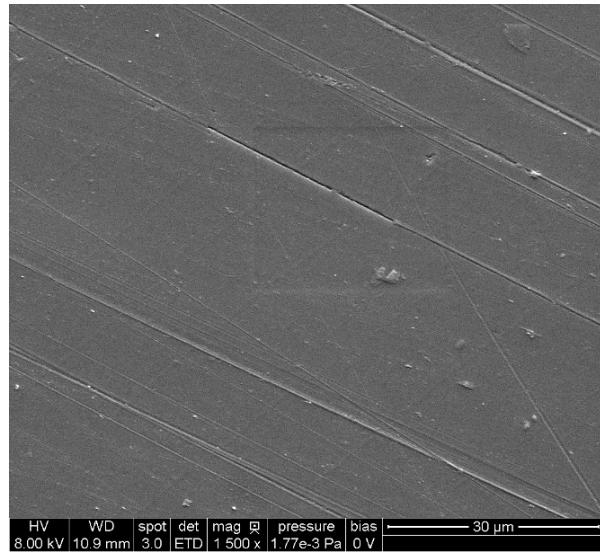
The FTIR spectra of PMMA and PDOPA@PMMA samples were recorded on a Nicolet 460 FTIR spectrometer (Madison, WI).

Raman spectra were recorded with a Thermo Almega spectrometer supplied by Thermo Scientific (West Palm Beach, FL), with a 532 nm laser, a 50  $\mu\text{m}$  aperture, and a grating with 2400 lines/mm. A notch filter cut off most scattered intensity below 100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

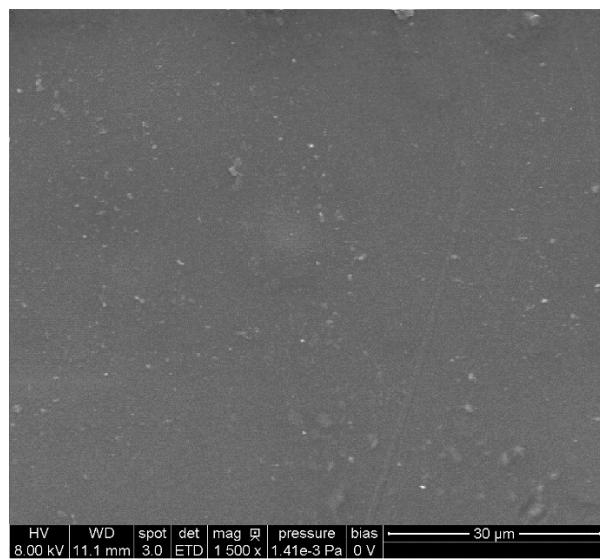
Thermal stability of the samples was studied using thermogravimetric analysis performed on a TA Instruments Q50 thermobalance in nitrogen atmosphere at a heating rate of 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ .

X-ray diffraction study was carried out in APEX II instrument from Bruker AXS (Madison, WI)

The changes in the surface morphology of the pristine PMMA after functionalization/deposition with polydopamine were also studied by SEM. Figure S1 (a, b) shows the SEM images of the pristine PMMA and PDOPA@PMMA. The SEM image shows that the polydopamine has formed a distinctive layer on the pristine PMMA. Thus morphological study further supports the FTIR, Raman, TGA and XRD results.



**Figure S1 (a)** SEM image of pristine PMMA



**Figure S1 (b)** SEM image of PDOPA@PMMA