## Supporting Information

## **One-pot synthesis of polydopamine-Zn complex antifouling coatings**

## on membranes for ultrafiltration under harsh conditions

Huiqing Wu,<sup>a,b</sup> Jia Ming Ang,<sup>a</sup> Junhua Kong,<sup>c</sup> Chenyang Zhao,<sup>a</sup> Yonghua Du,<sup>d</sup> Xuehong Lu\*<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>School of Materials Science and Engineering, Nanyang Technological University, 50 Nanyang Avenue, Singapore 639798

<sup>b</sup>School of Materials Science and Engineering, Xiamen University of Technology, 600 Ligong Road, Xiamen, People's Republic of China

<sup>c</sup> Institute of Materials Research and Engineering, A\*STAR (Agency for Science, Technology and Research), 2 Fusionopolis Way, Innovis, #08-03, Singapore 138634.

<sup>d</sup> Institute of Chemical and Engineering Sciences, A\*STAR (Agency for Science, Technology and Research), 1 Pesek Road, Jurong Island, Singapore 627833

	Element	Weight%	Atomic%
Zn Zn Zn	СК	37.46	54.43
	NK	5.71	7.11
	ОК	28.85	31.47
	Zn L	25.26	6.74
	Pt M	2.73	0.24
PR PR	Zn Zn p Ptol Ptpt pt	t Pt Pt	
0 2 4 6 Full Scale 6325 cts Cursor: 0.000	8 10	12 14 1	6 18 20 kev

Figure S1. Elemental analysis of Zn-PDA complex powder sample by EDX measurement



**Fig. S2** XPS spectra of the original Zn-PDA/PSf membranes and the membranes after immersing in the acidic and alkaline solution for 24 h, respectively.



**Figure S3.** A SEM image showing the surface of a Zn-PDA/PSf membrane and the corresponding EDX mapping



**Figure S4.** SEM images of the cross-sections of(a) PDA/PSf membrane,(b) Zn-PDA/PSf membrane.



**Fig. S5** SEM images of the surfaces of Zn-PDA/PSf membrane prepared at different dopamine:  $Zn^{2+}$  feed molar ratio: (a) 2:1, (b) 1:1, (c) 1:2.