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Supplementary Information

Improved filtration performance and antifouling property of polyethersulfone ultrafiltration membranes by blending with carboxylic acid functionalized polysulfone

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Membrane	PVP (wt.%)	PES (wt.%)	DMF (wt.%)	PSF (wt.%)
PSF	1.5	0.0	81.0	17.5
PES/PSF-4	1.5	13.5	81.0	4.0

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Membrane	Pure water flux ($L \cdot m^{-}$	BSA rejection (%) ^b	Contact angles		
	² ·h ⁻¹) ^a				
PES/PSF-4	816.9 ± 25.0	43.8± 1.8	84.5±0.92		

Table S2. Pure water flux, BSA rejection and contact angle of the PES/PSF-4

^a Pure water flux was measured in a dead-end ultrafiltration testing system at 0.1 MPa and DI water was used as the feed solution.

 $^{\rm b}$ BSA rejection was measured in a dead-end ultrafiltration testing system at 0.1 MPa and 1g·L⁻¹ BSA was used as the feed solution.