

## Supporting Information

### Aqueous medium-induced micropore formation in plasma polymerized polystyrene: An effective route to inhibit bacteria adhesion

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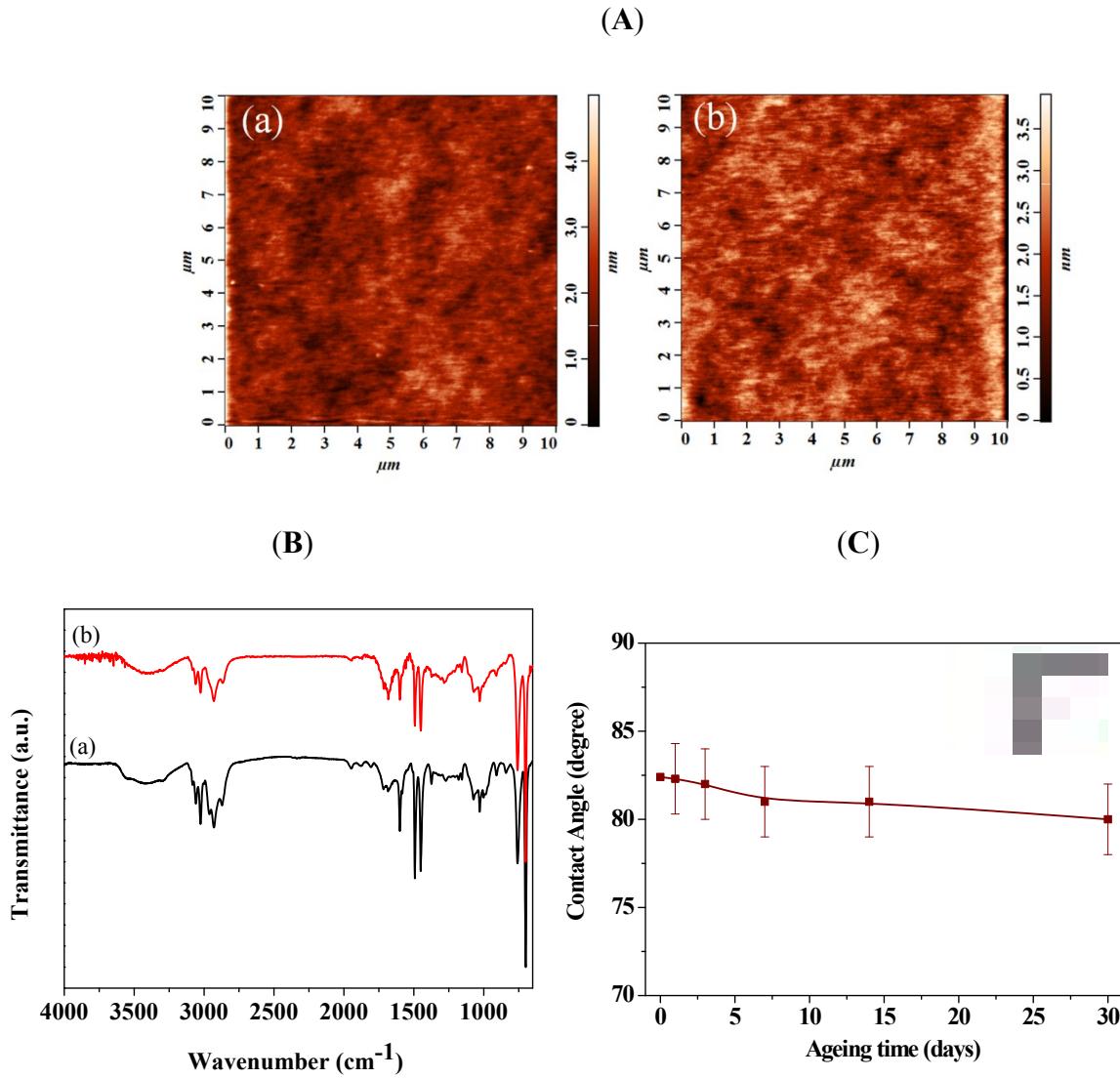
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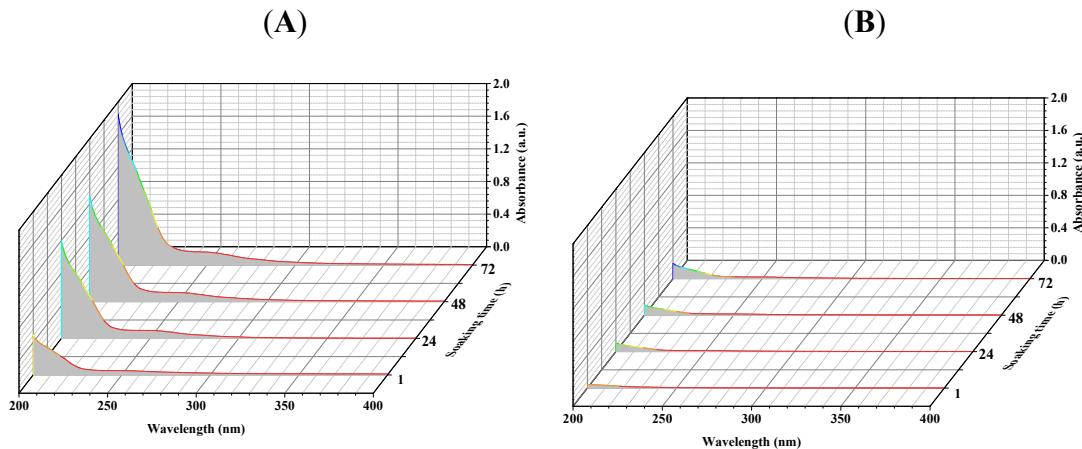
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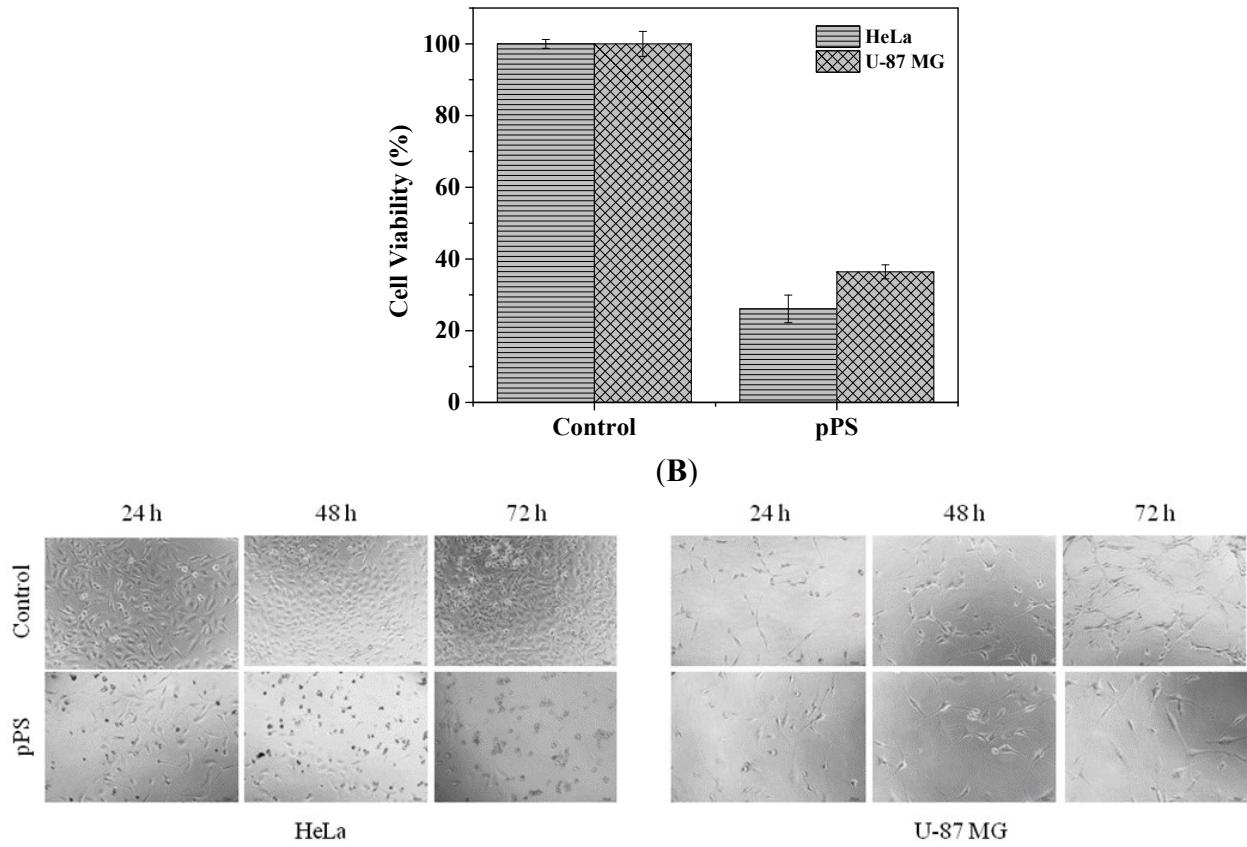
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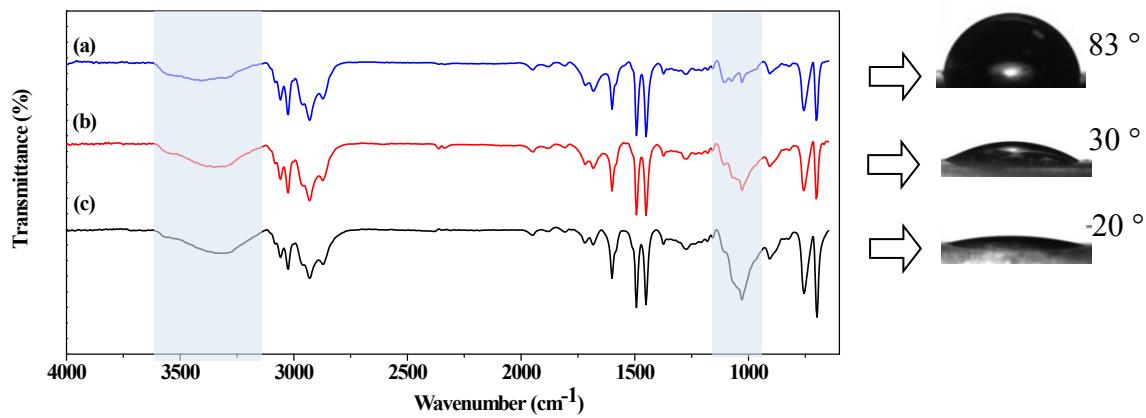
**Figure S1.** The stability of pPS film in air characterized by **(A)** AFM, **(B)** FTIR spectroscopy and **(C)** WCA measurements. The AFM topographic images were scanned over  $10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^2$  and the FTIR spectra were recorded on **(a)** as deposited pPS film and **(b)** after 30 days of storage in ambient air.



**Figure S2.** The kinetics of the **(A)** as-deposited and **(B)** air-aged pPS films dissolution.



**Figure S3.** **(A)** Relative cell viability and **(B)** phase contrast images ( $\times 10$ ) of HeLa and U-87 MG cells over a period of 3 days culture in DMEM (Control) and DMEM containing low cross-linked oligomers extracted from pPS matrix (pPS).



**Figure S4.** FTIR spectra of pPS film previously immersed in Milli-Q water for 72 h (a) and after immersion in dopamine solution for 1 h (b) and 4 h (c). The right images correspond to the WCA values of the surfaces.