

## Supporting Information

### **Layer-by-Layer Construction of In Situ Formed Polypyrrole and Bacterial Cells as Capacitive Bioanode for Paper-based Microbial Fuel Cell**

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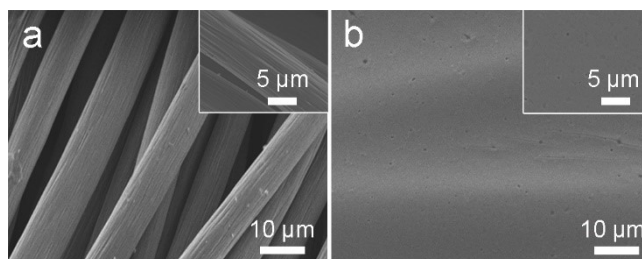
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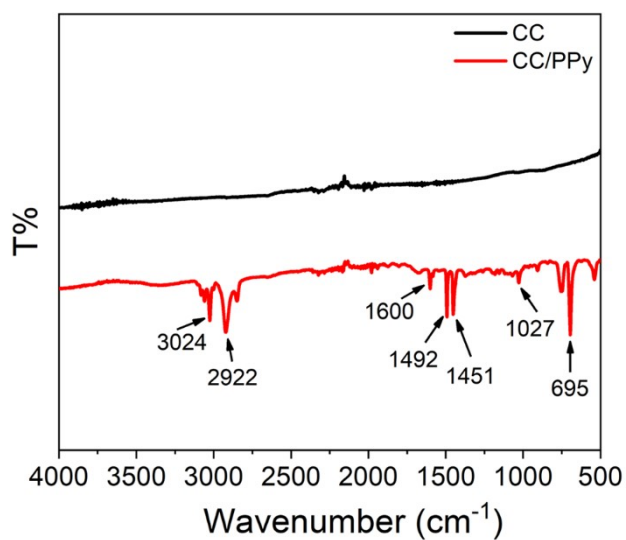
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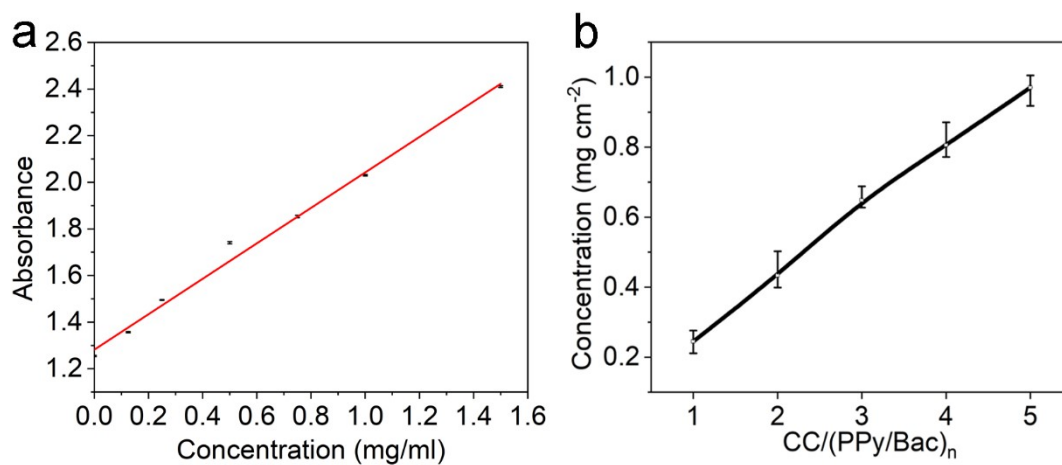
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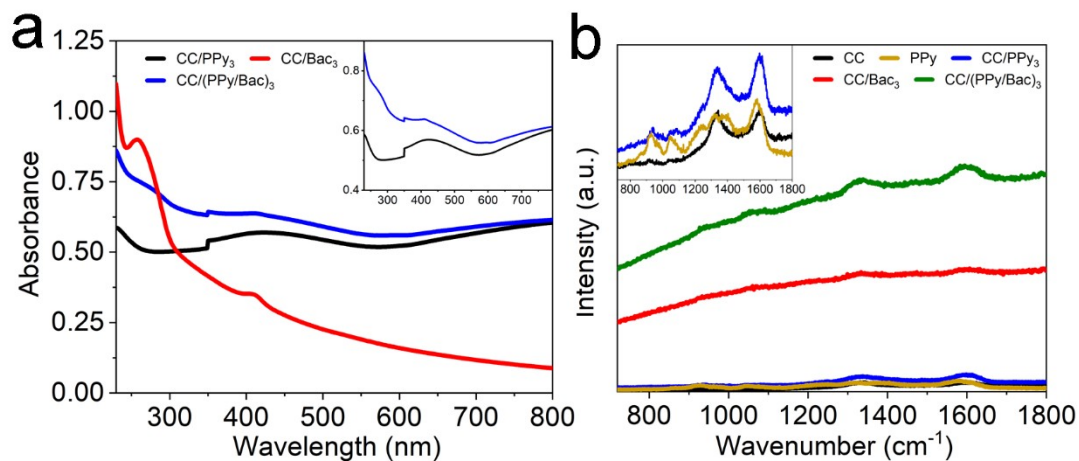
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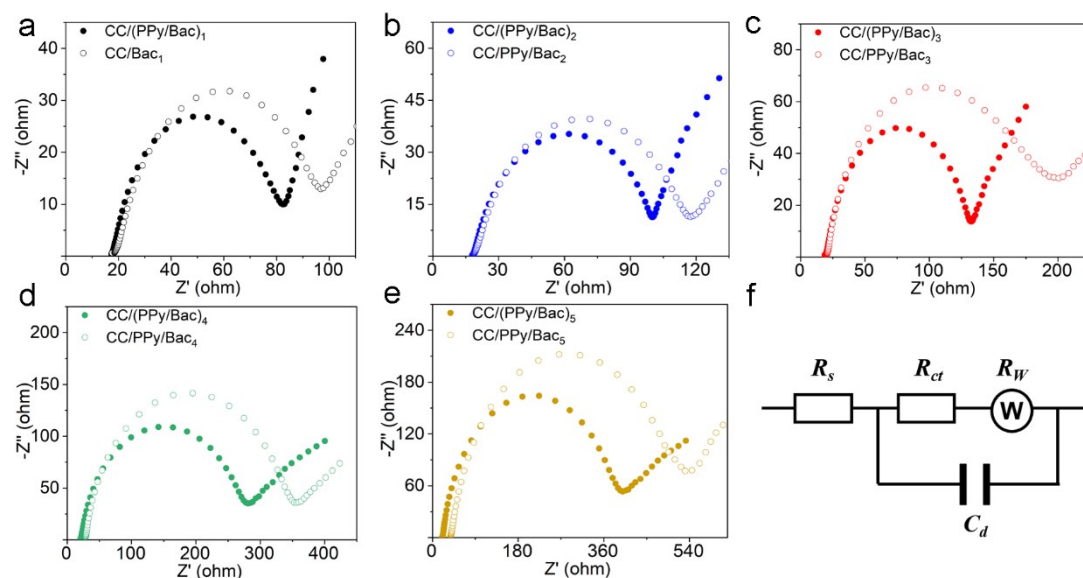
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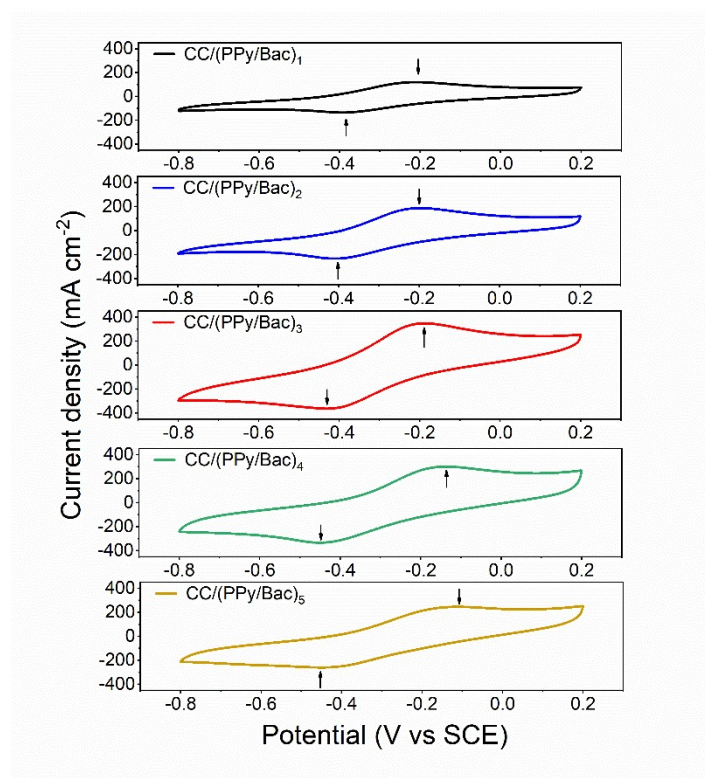
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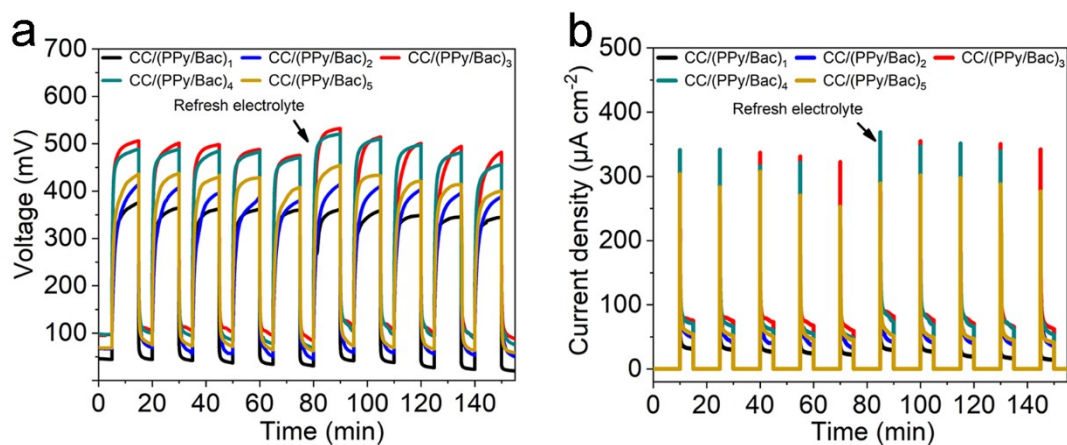
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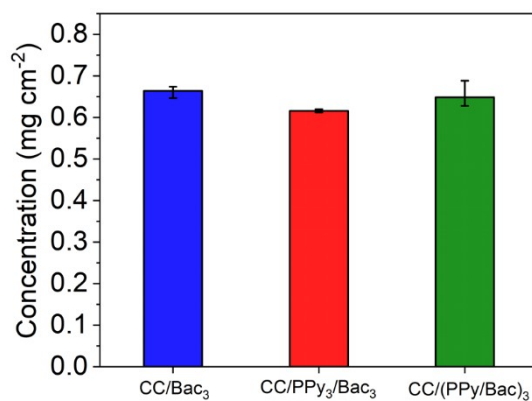
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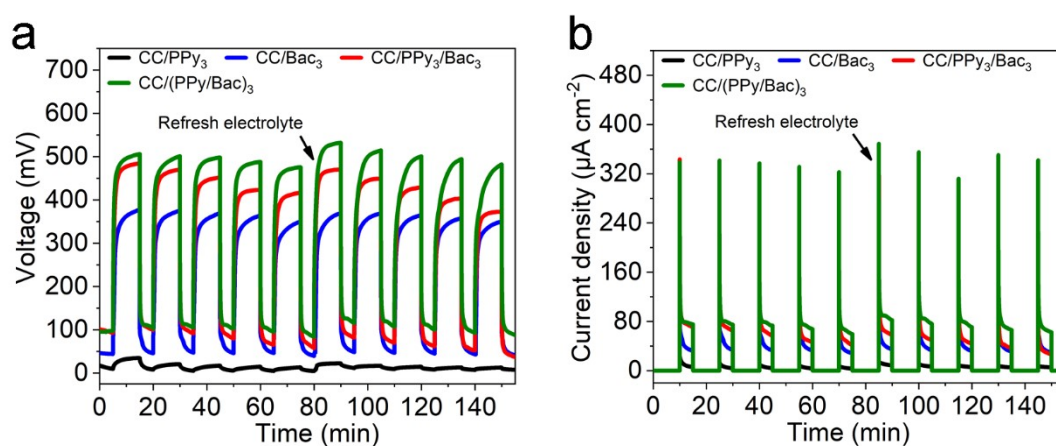
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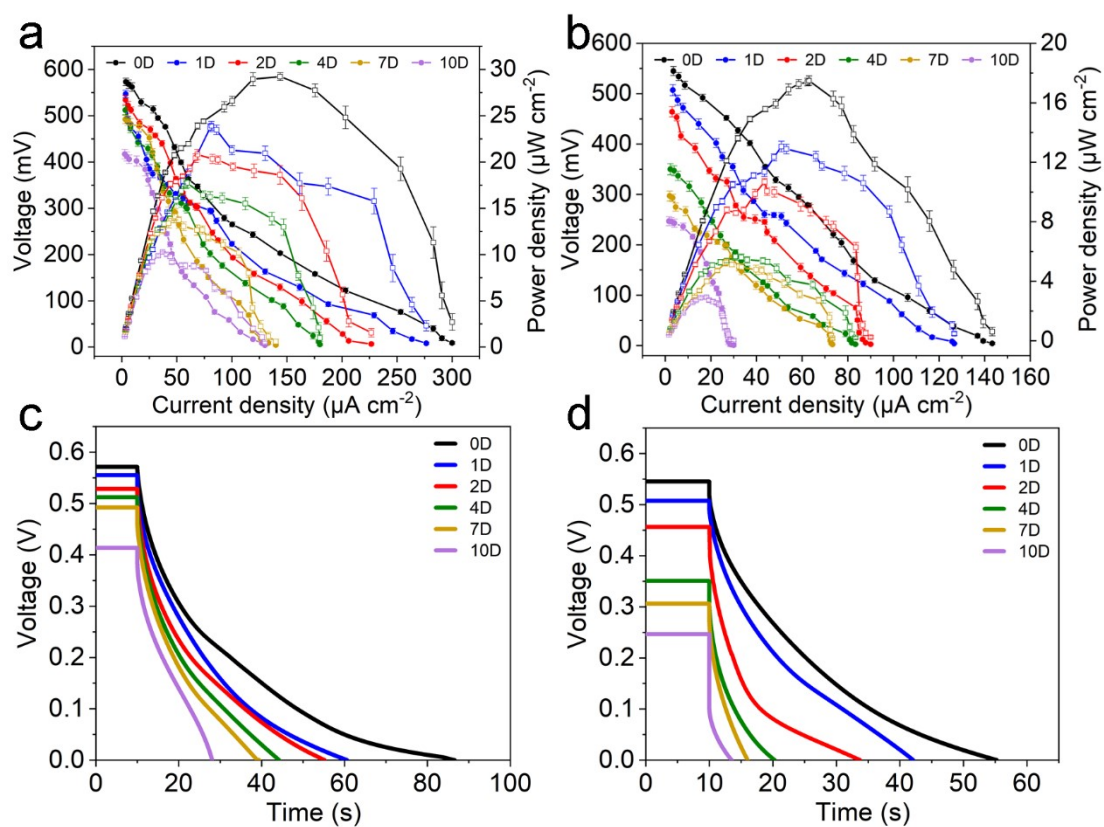
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**Fig. S10.** The power density (a, b) and complete discharge (c, d) curves of SC-PBMFCs after the storage of CC/(PPy/Bac)<sub>3</sub> (a, c) and CC/PPy<sub>3</sub>/Bac<sub>3</sub> (b, d) anodes for different times.

**Table S1.** A detailed comparison of PBMFCs performances with different anodes.

| Electrode Substrates   | Anode Materials                          | Exoelectrogen Type        | PMFC Type    | Power Density              | Ref. |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------|
| Carbon Cloth           | /                                        | <i>S. oneidensis</i>      | Cover type   | 5.5 $\mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$  | 1    |
| Carbon Cloth           | /                                        | <i>S. oneidensis</i>      | Cover type   | 10 $\mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$   | 2    |
| Screen-printed Carbon  | /                                        | <i>S. oneidensis</i> MR-1 | Origami type | 9.3 $\mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$  | 3    |
| Filter Paper           | Graphite ink with AC                     | <i>S. oneidensis</i> MR-1 | Origami type | 0.14 $\mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$ | 4    |
| Carbon Cloth           | /                                        | <i>S. oneidensis</i> MR-1 | Origami type | 1.7 $\mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$  | 5    |
| Carbon Paper           | activated carbon powder mixed with MWCNT | <i>E. coli</i>            | Origami type | 8.4 $\mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$  | 6    |
| Activated Carbon Sheet | /                                        | <i>E. coli</i>            | Origami type | 8.8 $\mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$  | 7    |

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