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Poly(alkyl-biphenyl pyridinium) anion exchange membranes with a

hydrophobic side chain for mono-/divalent anions separation

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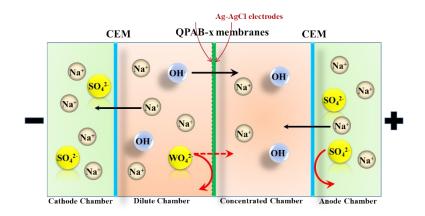


Fig. S1. Graphic diagram of ED stack for mono-/divalent anions separation.

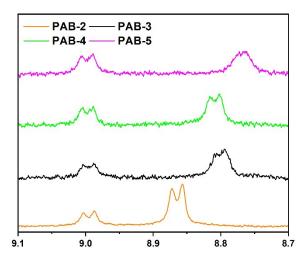


Fig. S2. The $^1\!\text{H}$ NMR of QPAB-x membranes with chemical shift between 8.7-9.1 ppm.

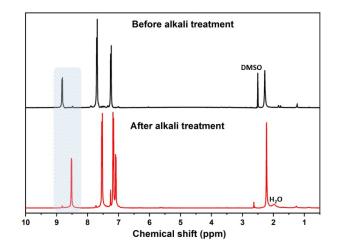


Fig. S3. The ¹H NMR spectra of PAB polymer before (black line) and after (red line) immersing in 1 mol L⁻¹ NaOH solution for 10 days.

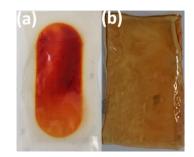
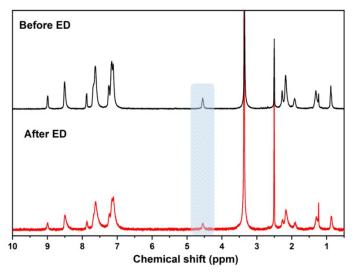


Fig. S4. The photos of (a) the Neosepta ACS membrane after 1 h of ED test in OH-/WO₄²⁻ system; and



(b) the QPAB-2 membrane after 20 h of ED test in OH-/WO₄²⁻ system.

Fig. S5. The ^1H NMR of the QPAB-2 membrane before and after the ED test in OH $^2/WO_4{}^{2^-}$ system for

structure reconfirmation.

S. No.	Polymer	Tensile strength (MPa)	Elongation at break (%)
1	QPAB-2	35.13	16.5
2	QPAB-3	36.14	12.6
3	QPAB-4	33.30	13.5
4	QPAB-5	37.13	16.8

Table S1. Mechanical properties of QPAB-x membranes