

Supplementary Information for:

3D printed bioactive calcium silicate ceramics as antibacterial scaffolds for hard tissue engineering

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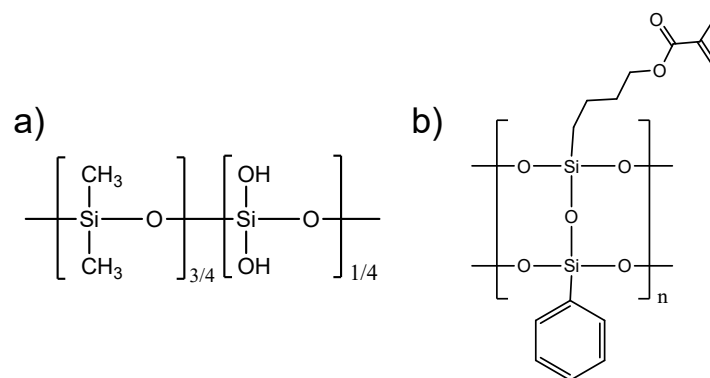


Fig. S1: Chemical formulas of the two preceramic polysilsesquioxane polymers used in this work. a) Commercial resin (SILRES MK) and b) “customized” ladder-like (phenyl-co-methacryl) silsesquioxane resin.

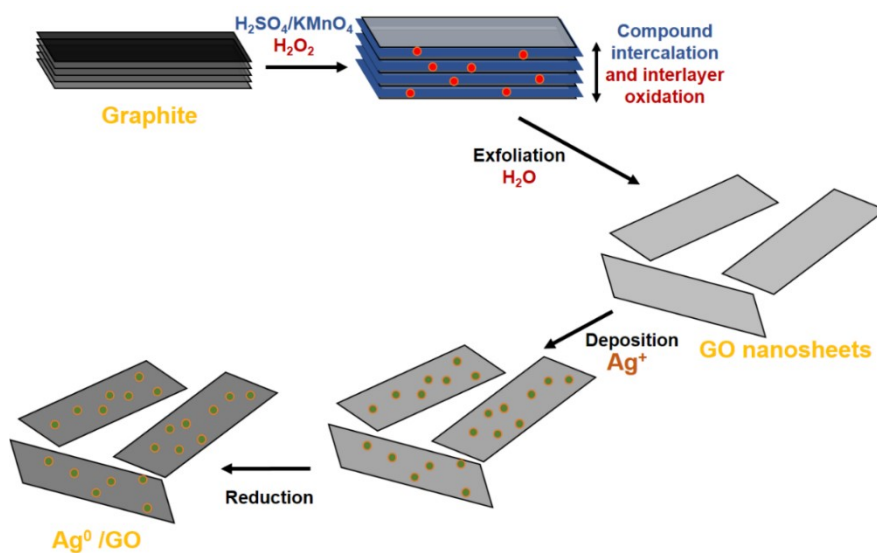
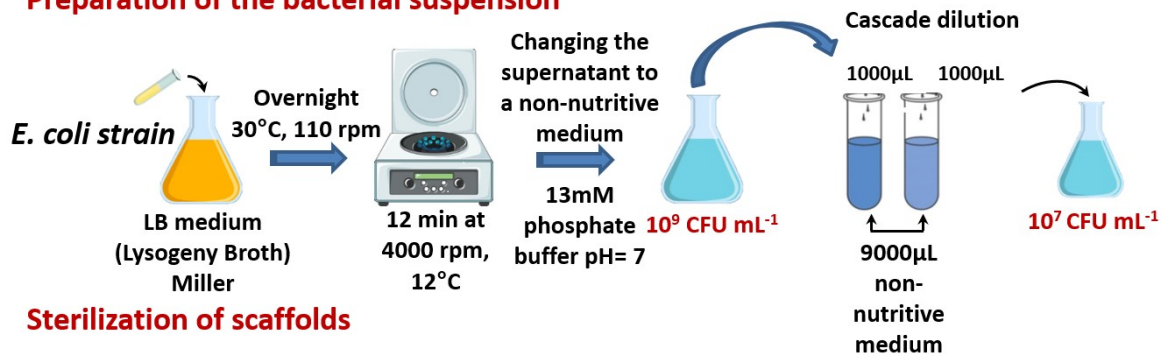


Fig. S2: The different steps involved in depositing silver nanoparticles on graphene oxide nanosheets.

Bactericidal activity assessment

Preparation of the bacterial suspension



Sterilization of scaffolds

100°C oven overnight

Antibacterial test

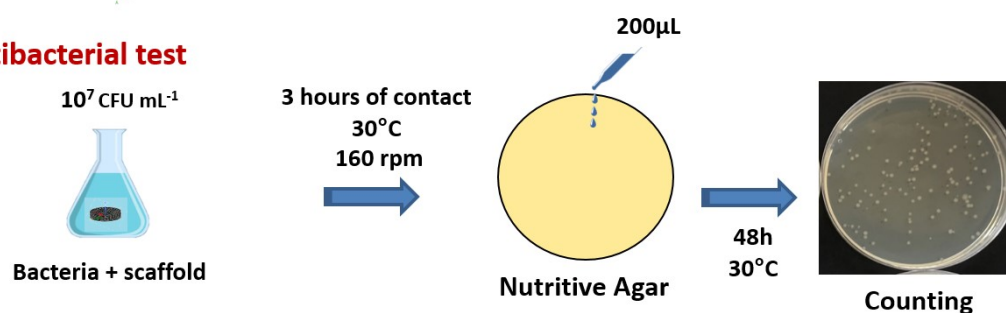


Fig. S3: Schematic protocol used to assess the bactericidal activity of the scaffolds.

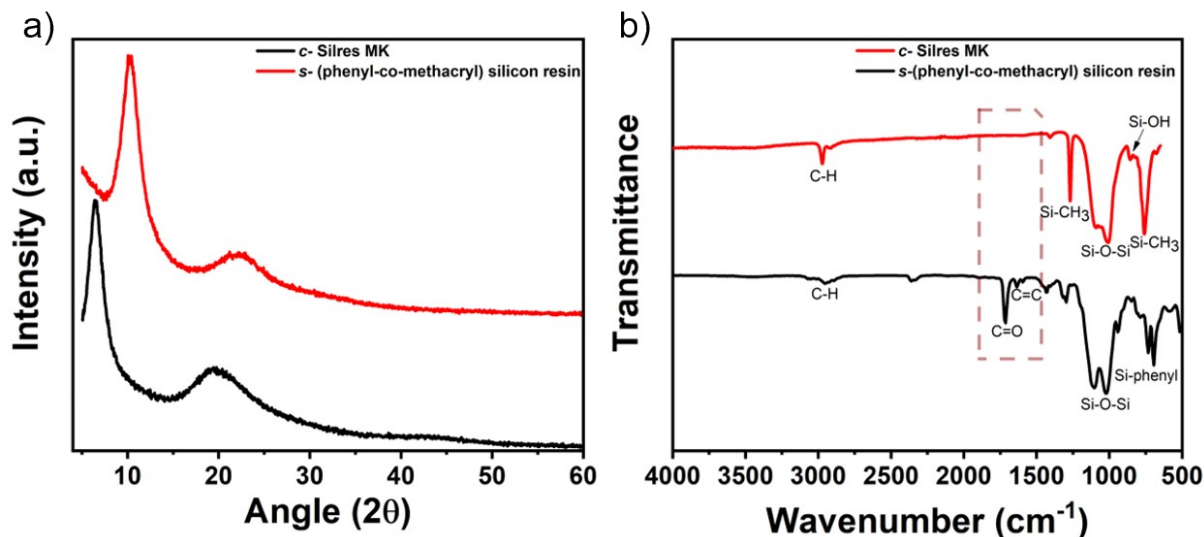


Fig. S4: a) XRD diagrams, b) FTIR spectra of commercial Silres MK and “customized” (phenyl-co-methacryl) silsesquioxane resin.

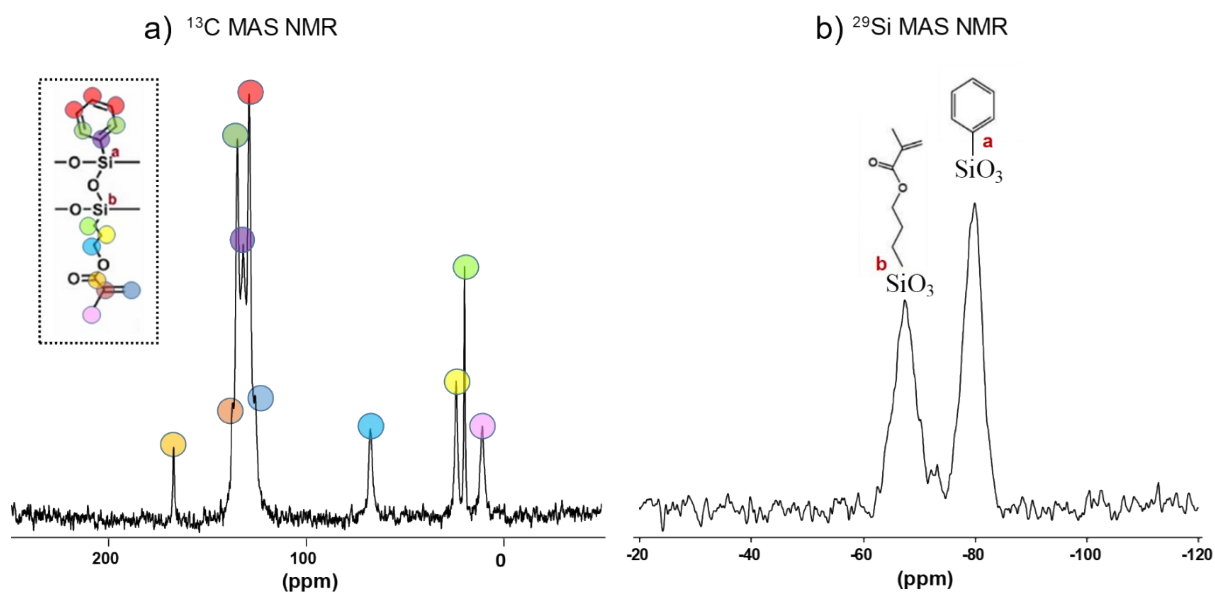


Fig. S5: (a) ^{13}C CP MAS and (b) ^{29}Si MAS solid-state NMR spectra of “customized” (phenyl-co-methacryl) silsesquioxane resin.

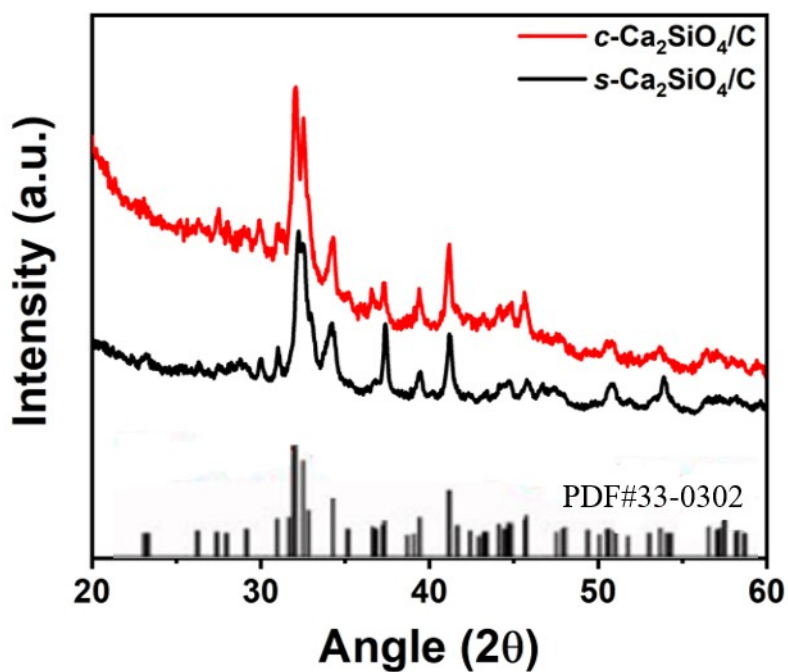


Fig. S6: XRD diagrams of $c\text{-Ca}_2\text{SiO}_4/\text{C}$ and $s\text{-Ca}_2\text{SiO}_4/\text{C}$ ceramic scaffolds.

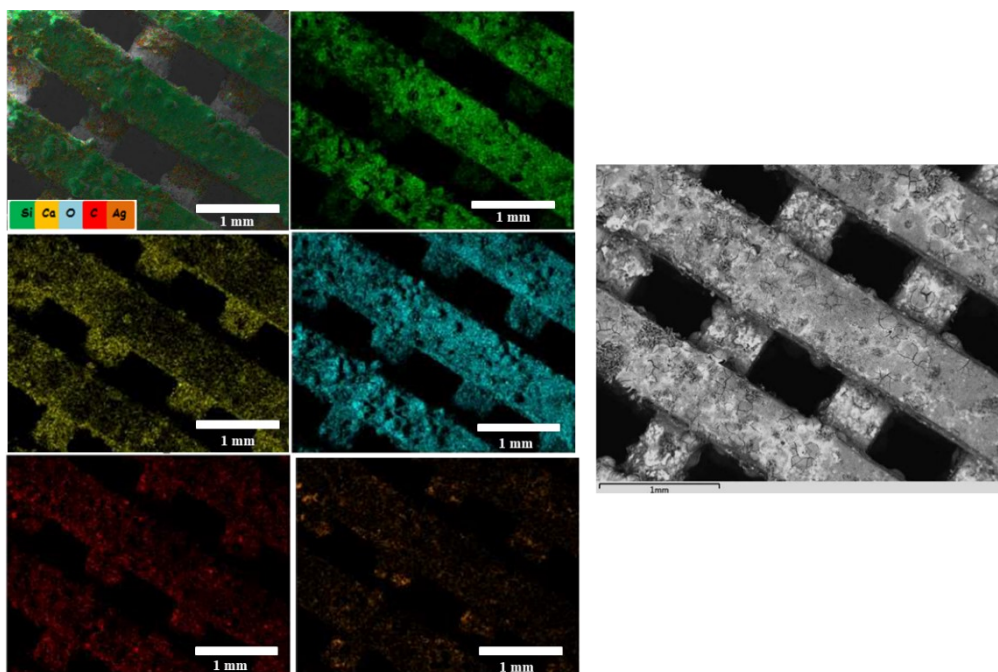


Fig. S7: Scanning Electron Microscopes (SEM) and Elemental mapping (EDX) images of c- $\text{Ca}_2\text{SiO}_4/\text{C-Ag/GO}$ scaffolds functionalized with Ag/GO nanoparticles.

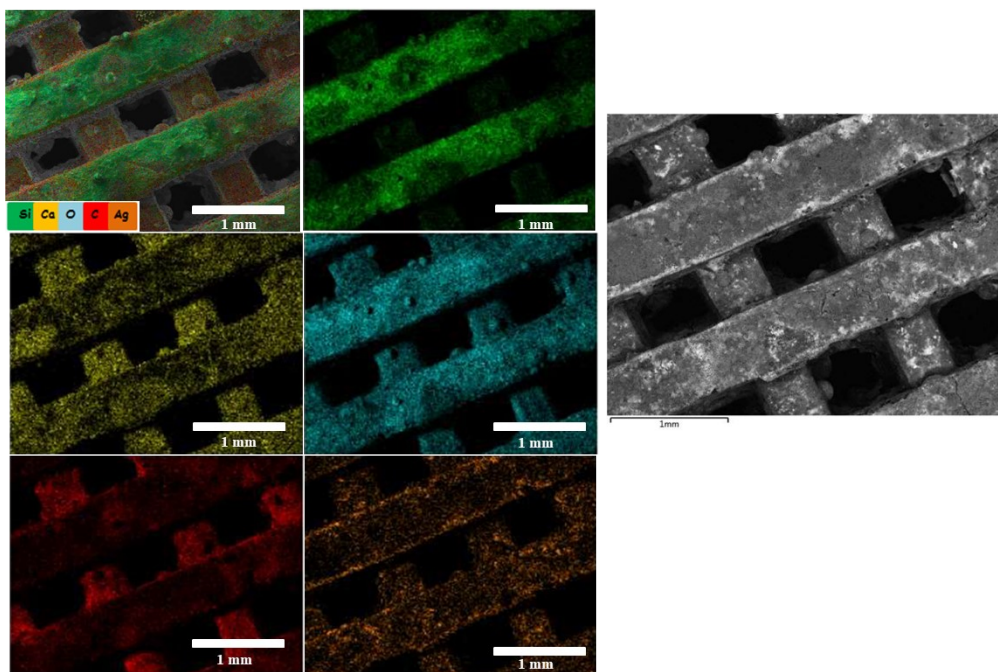


Fig. S8: Scanning Electron Microscopes (SEM) and Elemental mapping (EDX) images of s- $\text{Ca}_2\text{SiO}_4/\text{C-Ag/GO}$ scaffolds functionalized with Ag/GO nanoparticles.