Supporting Information for

## Polymeric membrane potentiometric sensors based on templateremoval-free imprinted receptors for determination of antibiotics

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**Fig. S1**. SEM images of the traditional MIP beads with template removals by (a) stirred filtration extraction and (b) Soxhlet extraction.



**Fig. S2**. BET surface area plots of the MIPs with template removal by (A) stirred filtration extraction and (B) Soxhlet extraction.



Fig. S3. Effect of the plasticizer on the potential response.



Fig. S4. Possible existing form of vancomycin in NaOH solution of pH 12.0.



Fig. S5. The electrode responses at higher concentrations (higher than  $10^{-4}$  M). The inset shows the tracing of EMF vs. time.



**Fig. S6**. The potential response of the sensor to 10<sup>-5</sup> M vancomycin ions in the presence of different interfering cations: A: control blank; B: 10<sup>-3</sup> M Na<sup>+</sup>, C: 10<sup>-3</sup> M K<sup>+</sup>.

Table S1.	Performance	comparison	between a	a recently	reported	work and	the present
work.							

	MIP synthesis method	Linear range	LOD (µM)	Selectivity
Vancomycin selective electrode based on MIP (Reference 22)	Tedious template- removal steps	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ to 1.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup> mol L <sup>-1</sup>	6.6	Selectivity coefficients of the electrode over chloramphenicol, metronidazole, cefotaxime, ciprofloxacin, and amoxicillin were 6.98 $\times 10^{-3}$ , 8.54 $\times 10^{-3}$ , > 1, > 1, > 1, respectively.
The present work	Template-removal- free synthesis	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$ to 1.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup> mol L <sup>-1</sup>	0.025	No obvious interferences towards vancomycin detection from sulfamethoxazole, sulfamethazine, ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin, norfloxacin, sulfadiazine, and tetracycline at a same concentration of 10 <sup>-5</sup> M

Samples	Valinomy	Becovery (%)		
Samples	Added	Found	• Recovery (70)	
0	0	N.D	-	
1	5	$4.9~\pm~0.1$	98	
2	50	$52.3 \pm 0.5$	105	
3	100	$101.7~\pm~1.1$	102	

**Table S2**. Application of the proposed method to determination of valinomycin in riverwater samples spiked with different amounts of valinomycin.