

**Supplementary Table 1.**

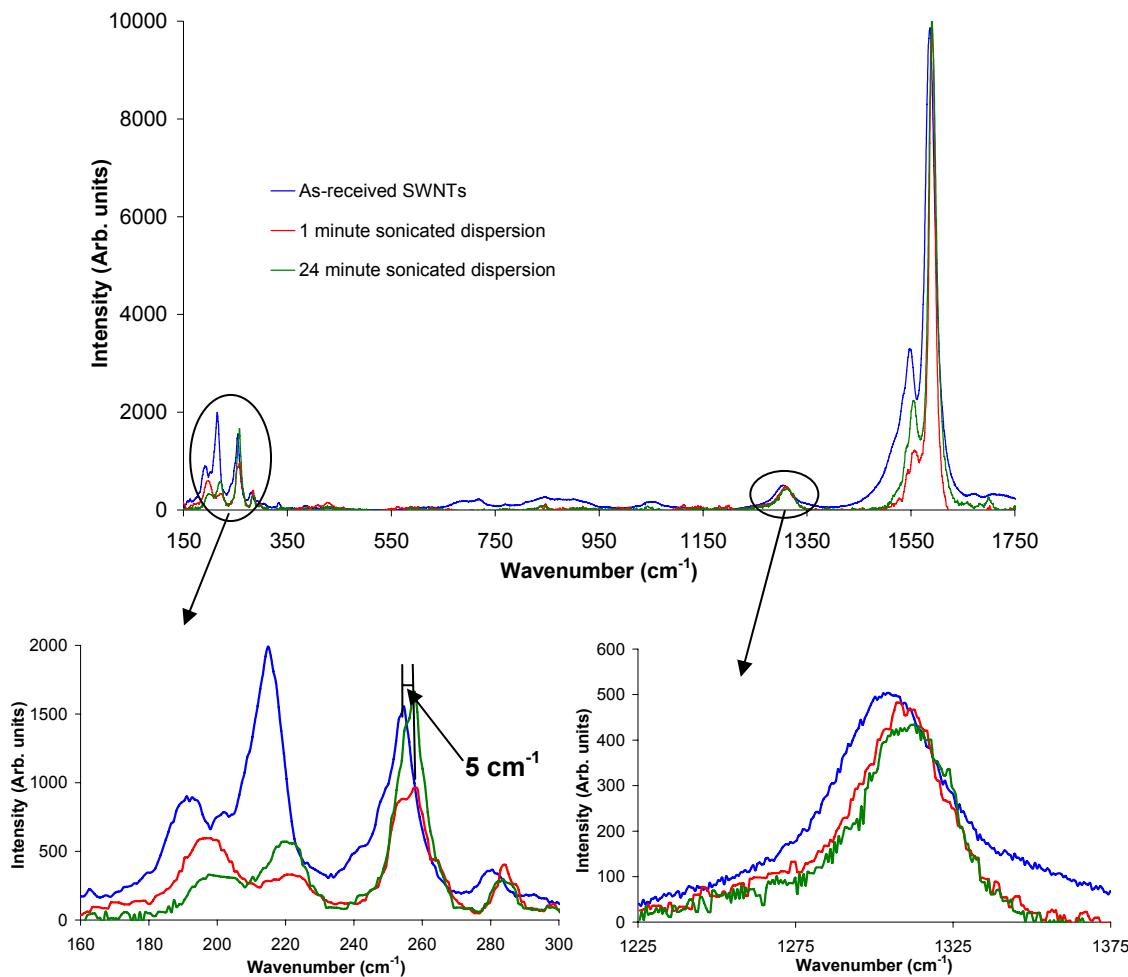
Effect of varying preparation conditions on the physical and electrical properties of SWNT buckypapers.

Dispersant	Membrane filter	Final dispersion volume (ml)	Sonication time (min)	Thickness (μm)	Density (kg m <sup>-3</sup> )	Contact angle (°)	Conductivity (S cm <sup>-1</sup> )
Triton X-100	5.0 μm PTFE	1000	24	31.5 ± 3.5	1160 ± 20	73 ± 5	127 ± 11
Triton X-10	0.45 μm PVDF	1000	24	28.0 ± 2.5	1330 ± 60	74 ± 6	124 ± 3
Triton X-100	0.45 μm nylon	1000	24	28.5 ± 1.0	1300 ± 40	75 ± 5	142 ± 8
Triton X-100	0.20 μm CN	1000	24	32.5 ± 3.0	1380 ± 80	70 ± 7	106 ± 5
Triton X-100	5.0 μm PTFE	500	24	35.0 ± 2.5	1090 ± 30	78 ± 7	94 ± 4
Triton X-100	5.0 μm PTFE	250	24	36.0 ± 1.0	1090 ± 30	68 ± 8	84 ± 4
Triton X-100	5.0 μm PTFE	80	24	41.5 ± 2.0	1360 ± 80	73 ± 6	80 ± 6
Triton X-100	0.20 μm CN	80	24	53.0 ± 4.0	1100 ± 50	69 ± 3	79 ± 6
Triton X-100	5.0 μm PTFE	1000	12	29.0 ± 1.5	1150 ± 50	0	100 ± 9
Triton X-100	5.0 μm PTFE	1000	36	10.5 ± 1.0	1120 ± 20	70 ± 7	101 ± 5
Triton X-100	5.0 μm PTFE	1000	48	9.5 ± 2.0	1360 ± 50	51 ± 8	64 ± 3
Triton X-100	0.45 μm nylon	80	24	31.0 ± 2.0	1130 ± 60	73 ± 4	85 ± 5
Lysozyme	0.45 μm nylon	1000	24	35.5 ± 3.0	1075 ± 50	80 ± 7	138 ± 6
Lysozyme	0.45 μm nylon	500	24	90.0 ± 4.5	1060 ± 30	92 ± 6	132 ± 5
Lysozyme	0.45 μm nylon	250	24	54.0 ± 5.5	1240 ± 60	88 ± 7	127 ± 6
Lysozyme	0.45 μm nylon	80	24	55.0 ± 2.5	1300 ± 60	74 ± 4	52 ± 3
Lysozyme	5.0 μm PTFE	80	24	88.0 ± 6.0	1085 ± 50	63 ± 3	25 ± 4
Lysozyme	0.20 μm CN	80	24	76.0 ± 3.5	1095 ± 50	75 ± 5	44 ± 5
Lysozyme	0.45 μm nylon	1000	12	84.0 ± 3.0	930 ± 40	79 ± 4	32 ± 5
Lysozyme	0.45 μm nylon	1000	36	67.0 ± 4.0	1130 ± 20	73 ± 5	12 ± 3
Lysozyme	0.45 μm nylon	1000	48	75.5 ± 4.5	1030 ± 30	58 ± 2	10 ± 3
BSA	0.20 μm CN	1000	24	72.0 ± 2.5	1370 ± 60	99 ± 6	26 ± 3
BSA	0.20 μm CN	500	24	69.0 ± 3.0	940 ± 30	104 ± 10	19 ± 3
BSA	0.20 μm CN	250	24	84.0 ± 3.0	1110 ± 70	93 ± 5	15 ± 3
BSA	0.20 μm CN	80	24	74.0 ± 2.5	990 ± 20	65 ± 10	12 ± 3
BSA	0.20 μm CN	1000	12	83.5 ± 4.5	1090 ± 50	99 ± 11	16 ± 4
BSA	0.20 μm CN	1000	36	66.5 ± 5.0	1240 ± 80	79 ± 3	9 ± 2
BSA	0.20 μm CN	1000	48	73.5 ± 4.5	1150 ± 40	59 ± 2	4 ± 1
BSA	0.45 μm nylon	80	24	74.0 ± 2.5	1050 ± 30	67 ± 6	12 ± 3
Chitosan	0.45 μm nylon	80	24	67.0 ± 2.0	1120 ± 50	76 ± 4	47 ± 3
Chitosan	0.20 μm CN	80	24	70.0 ± 2.5	1220 ± 60	85.0 ± 5	40 ± 4
Gellan gum	0.45 μm nylon	80	24	114.0 ± 6.0	1120 ± 60	71 ± 5	4 ± 1
Gellan gum	0.20 μm CN	80	24	117.5 ± 3.0	1220 ± 40	61 ± 3	3 ± 1

**Supplementary Table 2.**

Effect of varying preparation conditions on the mechanical properties of SWNT buckypapers.

Dispersant	Membrane filter	Final dispersion volume (ml)	Sonication time (min)	Young's modulus (GPa)	Tensile strength (MPa)	Ductility (% El)	Toughness (J g <sup>-1</sup> )
Triton X-100	5.0 µm PTFE	1000	24	1.6 ± 0.6	15.7 ± 6.4	2.1 ± 0.5	0.11 ± 0.1
Triton X-100	0.45 µm PVDF	1000	24	2.7 ± 0.7	29.5 ± 4.6	1.1 ± 0.2	0.12 ± 0.02
Triton X-100	0.45 µm nylon	1000	24	2.5 ± 0.2	18.0 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.1	0.12 ± 0.01
Triton X-100	0.20 µm CN	1000	24	3.1 ± 0.2	35.0 ± 7.7	2.2 ± 0.5	0.36 ± 0.09
Triton X-100	5.0 µm PTFE	500	24	1.6 ± 0.1	21.3 ± 3.7	1.8 ± 0.2	0.19 ± 0.01
Triton X-100	5.0 µm PTFE	250	24	1.3 ± 0.5	20.6 ± 9.5	2.3 ± 0.9	0.20 ± 0.01
Triton X-100	5.0 µm PTFE	80	24	1.4 ± 0.2	17.5 ± 5.0	2.1 ± 0.7	0.13 ± 0.01
Triton X-100	5.0 µm PTFE	1000	12	0.9 ± 0.4	11.6 ± 2.3	2.4 ± 0.1	0.14 ± 0.01
Triton X-100	5.0 µm PTFE	1000	36	1.0 ± 0.2	11.7 ± 3.5	2.8 ± 0.3	0.32 ± 0.06
Triton X-100	5.0 µm PTFE	1000	48	0.8 ± 0.1	6.7 ± 1.2	0.9 ± 0.4	0.05 ± 0.03
Triton X-100	0.45 µm nylon	80	24	1.5 ± 0.6	20.8 ± 4.3	1.2 ± 0.2	0.12 ± 0.03
Lysozyme	0.45 µm nylon	1000	24	1.1 ± 0.8	16.0 ± 5.9	1.3 ± 0.1	0.05 ± 0.03
Lysozyme	0.45 µm nylon	500	24	0.9 ± 0.3	18.9 ± 3.0	3.4 ± 0.6	0.46 ± 0.04
Lysozyme	0.45 µm nylon	250	24	1.8 ± 0.7	9.7 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.1	0.05 ± 0.01
Lysozyme	0.45 µm nylon	80	24	1.3 ± 0.3	25.0 ± 8.4	1.2 ± 0.6	0.17 ± 0.04
Lysozyme	5.0 µm PTFE	80	24	0.9 ± 0.1	12.7 ± 7.6	2.5 ± 0.1	0.05 ± 0.02
Lysozyme	0.20 µm CN	80	24	1.7 ± 0.1	20.9 ± 5.5	1.9 ± 0.1	0.27 ± 0.01
Lysozyme	0.45 µm nylon	1000	12	1.1 ± 0.2	13.4 ± 0.5	1.2 ± 0.1	0.06 ± 0.01
Lysozyme	0.45 µm nylon	1000	36	2.4 ± 0.5	9.0 ± 2.9	2.8 ± 0.8	0.19 ± 0.03
Lysozyme	0.45 µm nylon	1000	48	1.0 ± 0.2	11.2 ± 0.8	1.2 ± 0.1	0.07 ± 0.01
BSA	0.20 µm CN	1000	24	1.9 ± 0.4	23.3 ± 5.6	1.3 ± 0.2	0.13 ± 0.07
BSA	0.20 µm CN	500	24	1.7 ± 0.2	12.5 ± 0.5	0.8 ± 0.1	0.06 ± 0.01
BSA	0.20 µm CN	250	24	0.9 ± 0.1	10.5 ± 2.1	1.8 ± 0.5	0.09 ± 0.02
BSA	0.20 µm CN	80	24	0.8 ± 0.3	24.8 ± 2.9	4.8 ± 0.3	0.84 ± 0.16
BSA	0.20 µm CN	1000	12	1.8 ± 0.1	11.6 ± 3.7	1.0 ± 0.2	0.09 ± 0.02
BSA	0.20 µm CN	1000	36	0.7 ± 0.1	11.2 ± 3.8	1.8 ± 0.7	0.05 ± 0.01
BSA	0.20 µm CN	1000	48	1.2 ± 0.2	11.3 ± 2.6	0.9 ± 0.1	0.06 ± 0.02
BSA	0.45 µm nylon	80	24	1.8 ± 0.5	26.9 ± 4.2	3.6 ± 0.5	0.65 ± 0.05
Chitosan	0.45 µm nylon	80	24	2.0 ± 0.5	32.7 ± 3.5	11.4 ± 1.3	1.68 ± 0.08
Chitosan	0.20 µm CN	80	24	0.4 ± 0.1	25.2 ± 1.1	8.4 ± 1.3	1.68 ± 0.20
Gellan gum	0.45 µm nylon	80	24	1.6 ± 0.6	39.2 ± 2.4	12.6 ± 0.6	1.62 ± 0.14
Gellan gum	0.20 µm CN	80	24	0.4 ± 0.2	30.2 ± 6.3	8.4 ± 0.7	1.17 ± 0.19



**Supplementary Figure 1.** Raman spectra of as-received SWNTs, and dispersions prepared by sonicating SWNTs and Triton X-100 (1%) for either 1 minute or 24 minutes, normalised with respect to the intensity of the D-band. **(B)** Expanded view of the radial breathing mode region. **(C)** Expanded view of the D Band region.