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Supporting Information

Nanoscale Engineering of Low-Fouling Surfaces through Polydopamine Immobilisation of Zwitterionic Peptides

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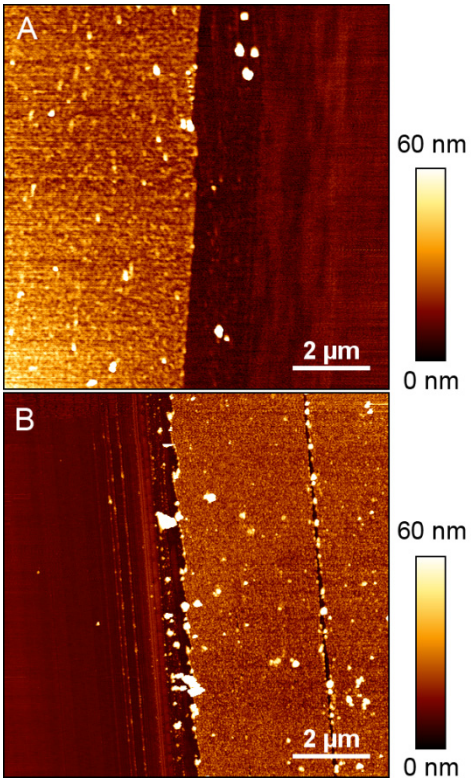

Fig. S1. AFM images of scratched (a) PDA and (b) PDA/peptide films.

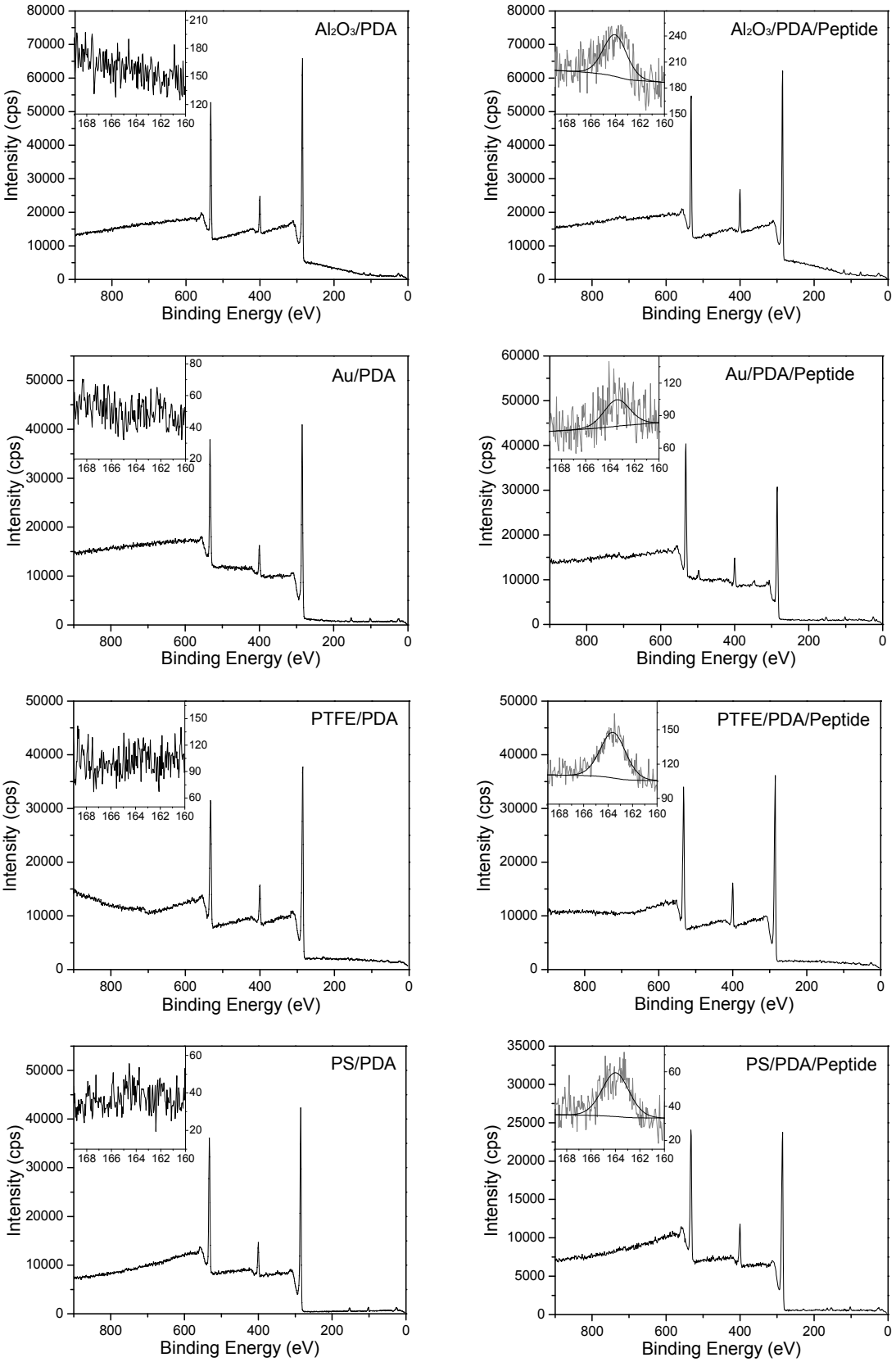

Fig. S2. XPS characterisation of PDA-coated (left column) and PDA/peptide-coated (right column) surfaces. Inset shows the high-resolution spectra. The peak at 164 eV represents the sulphur 2p signal derived from the surface-immobilised peptide.

Table S1. Contact angles of films formed on various substrates.

Substrates	Al_2O_3	Au	PTFE	PS	SiO_2
Bare	76±4	18±2	114±2	92±4	22±3
PDA coating	50±2	47±1	57±1	49±3	48±3
PDA/peptide coating	32±3	23±2	29±3	30±3	22±2

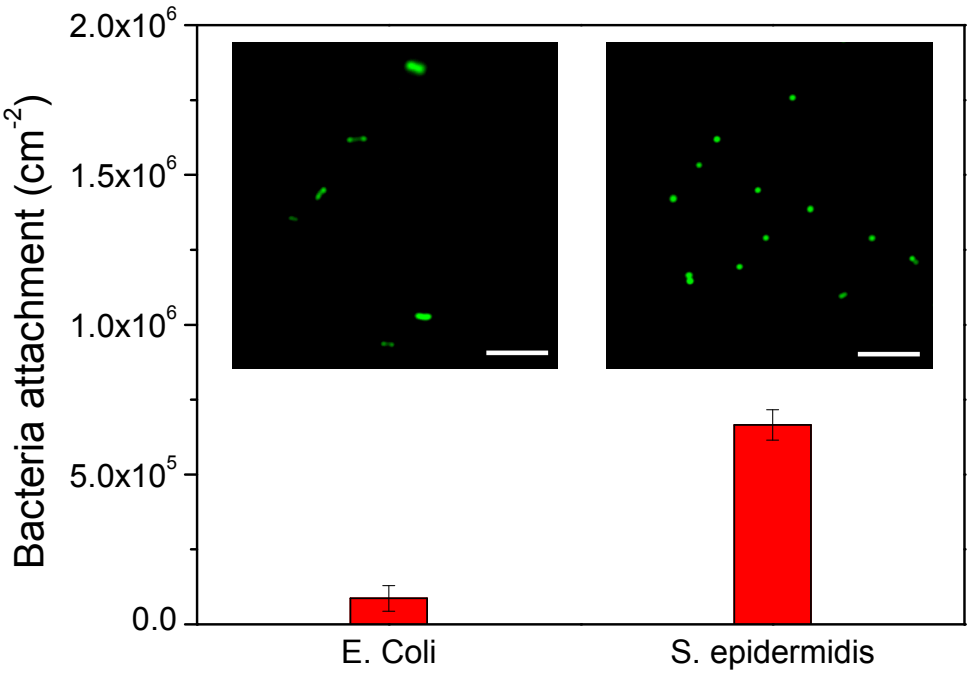

Fig. S3. Quantitative *E. coli* and *S. epidermidis* adhesion onto glass/PDA/PEG substrates after incubation for 24 h. The inset fluorescence microscopy images show the bacteria adhesion on glass/PDA/PEG substrates. All scale bars are 10 μm.