Supporting Information for

## Cationic and Anionic Antimicrobial Agents Co-templated Mesostructured Silica Nanocomposites with a Spiky Nanotopology and Enhanced Biofilm Inhibition Performance

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## **Supplementary Figures and Table**







Sodium Salicylate (NaSal)

Fig. S1 Chemical structure of BAC and NaSal

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**Fig. S2** TEM (**a**, **b**), SEM (**c**) and EDX elemental mapping (**d-g**) images of nanocomposite **II** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm (**h**) and (**h-inserted**) pore size distribution curves calculated from the adsorption branch using the Barrett–Joyner–Halenda (BJH) model of nanocomposite **I** and **II** TGA curves (**i**) of nanocomposite **I** and **II** Standard curves (**j**) for UV-Vis quantification of NaSal at 299 nm (top); NaSal at 209 nm (middle); and BAC at 209 nm (bottom)



Fig. S3 <sup>13</sup>C MAS NMR spectrum of nanocomposite I



**Fig S4** Time-dependent investigation of nanocomposite **I** TEM images of intermediate structures collected at reaction time of (**a**) 15 min, (**b**) 20 min and (**c**) 40 min



Fig S5 TEM images (a, b); Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm (c) and pore size distribution curves (c-inserted) of calcined nanocomposite I (denoted as I-calcined). I-calcined was prepared through 550 °C calcination of nanocomposite I

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**Fig. S6** Photographs of plates containing S. epidermidis culture treated with BAC, NaSal, and I-calcined (1, 2, and 4 represents the BAC concentration of 1, 2, and 4  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>)



**Fig. S7** Cytotoxicity in HEK239T cells after 24 h incubation with BAC/NaSal, nanocomposites I/II/ and calcined-I at the concentration of 1 µg BAC mL<sup>-1</sup>

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Fig. S8 Bacterial silica uptake/adhesion of nanocomposites I/II and I-Calcined at the concentration of 1  $\mu$ g BAC mL<sup>-1</sup>

| Table S1 | Physical | Properties | of nano | particles |
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| Sample name      | Z-average (nm)<br>/PDI | Surface area<br>(m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Pore volume<br>(cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Surface charge<br>(mV) |
|------------------|------------------------|---|---|------------------------|
| Nanocomposite I  | 139/0.10               | 290   | 0.69  | -12.90                 |
| Nanocomposite II | 114/0.18               | 86  | 0.34  | -15.80                 |
| I-calcined       | 145/0.12               | 821   | 0.96  | -23.55                 |