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Electrospun Composites of polycaprolactone and pSi NP's for the tunable delivery of small therapeutic molecules

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pSi NP Characterisation

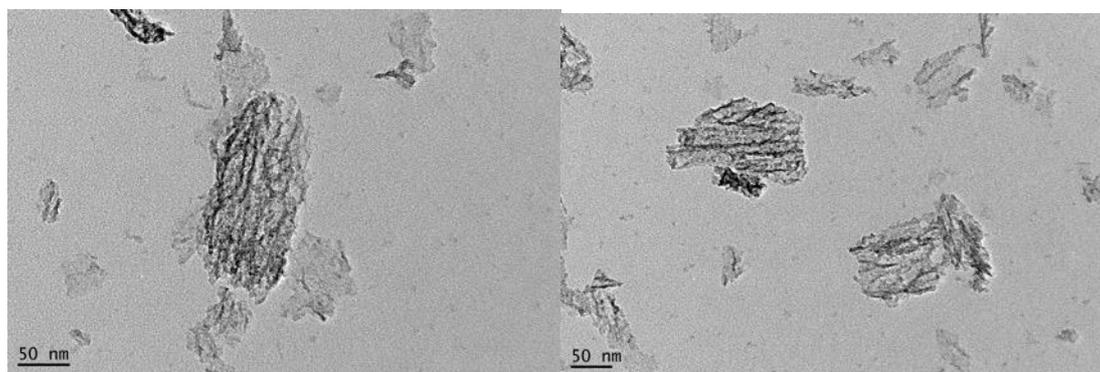


Figure S1: Representative pSi NP TEM microscopy images. Particles were found to be typically 161 +/- 58 nm and a pore size of 33 +/- 7 nm.

Dynamic light scattering (DLS) gave a nanoparticle size of 149 +/- 25 nm.¹

XPS

Table S1. XPS of PCL and PCL + pSi composite discs.

PCL Nanofibers			pSi PCL Nanofibers		
Name	Binding Energy (eV)	Assignment	Name	Binding Energy (eV)	Assignment
C1s	284.5	C-H	C1s	284.5	C-H
C1s	288.7	C=O	C1s	289.1	C=O
O1s	532.2	C-O	O1s	532.3	C-O
O1s	533.5	C-O	O1s	533.6	C-O
Si2p	102.4	C-Si	Si2p	102.4	C-Si

EDX

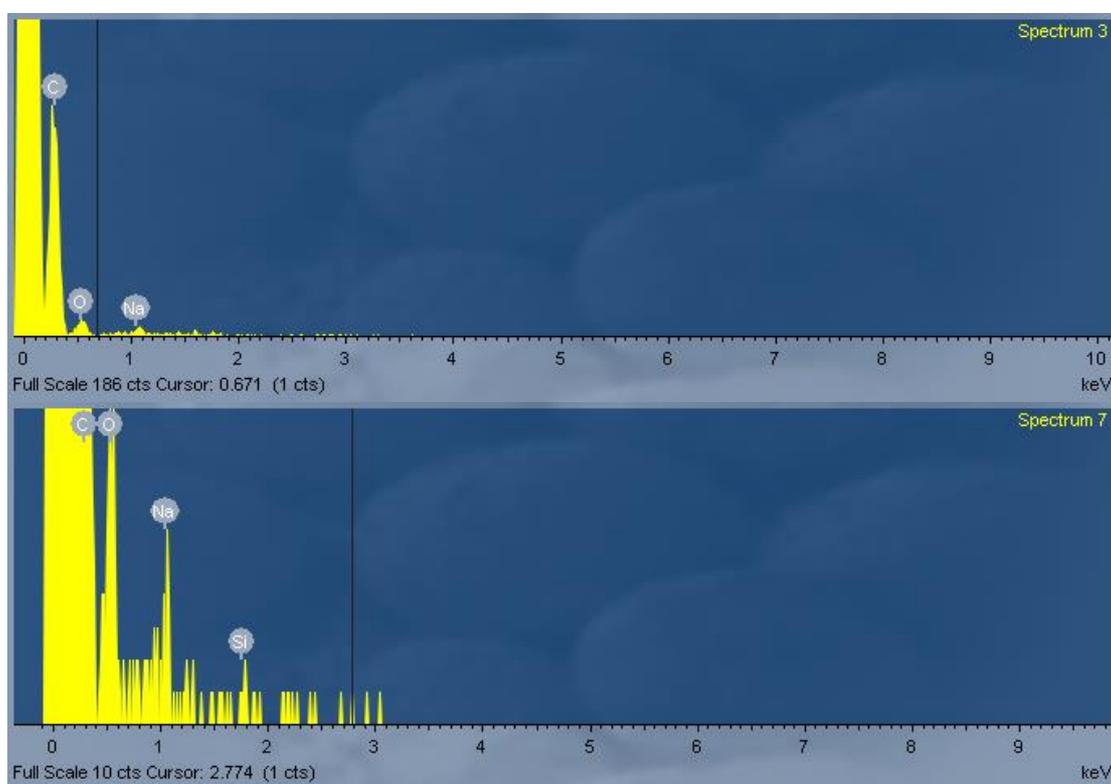


Figure S2: (top) EDX spectra for PCL fibers after NaOH treatment. (bottom) EDX spectra for PCL fibers containing pSi NPs after NaOH treatment.

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