Supplementary Material



Figure S1. Absorbance spectra of unencapsulated curcumin, curcumin-surfactant micelle, and surfactant micelle produced using A) S465 and B) T80.

Wavelength (nm)



Figure S2. Normalized absorbance (at 425 nm) of A) curcumin-S465 and B) curcumin-T80n solutions at different concentrations as a function of time.



Figure S3. Normalized fluorescence emission intensity (λ_{exc} =365 nm, λ_{em} = 500 nm) of A) curcumin-S465- and B) curcumin-T80- solutions at different concentrations as a function of time.



Figure S4. Recovery of *E. coli* O157:H7 after treatment with different curcumin-surfactant solutions A) S465 and B) T80. Symbols represent experimental data.



Figure S5. Recovery of washed and unwashed *L. innocua* irradiated and treated with A) curcumin, B) S465, and C) curcumin-S465 micelles. Symbols represent experimental data and dashed lines the fit of Eq.1



Figure S6. Recovery of washed and unwashed *L. innocua* irradiated and treated with A) curcumin, B) T80, and C) curcumin-T80 micelles. Symbols represent experimental data and dashed lines the fit of Eq.1.

Unencapsulated Curcumin (unwashed)



 τ_1 = 204±23 ps; τ_2 = 764±117 ps

 τ_{avg} =258±26 ps

Curcumin in S465 Micelles (unwashed)



 $\tau_1 = 250 \pm 32 \text{ ps}; \tau_2 = 856 \pm 119 \text{ ps}$ $\tau_{avg} = 328 \pm 23 \text{ ps}$

Curcumin in T80 Micelles (unwashed)



 τ_1 = 243±7 ps; τ_2 =799±46 ps τ_{avg} =307±7 ps

Unencapsulated Curcumin (washed)



 τ_1 = 268±49 ps; τ_2 = 899±112 ps τ_{avg} =351±44 ps

Curcumin in S465 Micelles (washed)



 τ_1 = 293±24 ps; τ_2 = 1006±93ps τ_{avg} = 380±30 ps

Curcumin in T80 Micelles (washed)



 τ_1 = 239±11ps; τ_2 = 912±128ps τ_{avg} = 349±23ps

Figure S7. FLIM micrographs of *L. innocua* treated with unencapsulated curcumin (left), in S465 (middle) and T80 micelles (right) at 0h and washed *L. innocua* after treatment for 1h. The corresponding short and long components of the exponential fit of the lifetimes are listed below each image along their average lifetime.