[5] The method according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein said second silica nanoparticle dispersion further comprises another dispersion medium selected from ethers, non-cyclic esters, non-cyclic amides or mixtures thereof.

[6] The method according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein said aqueous dispersion medium is mixed with one or more alcohols having boiling points lower than that of said organic dispersion medium by 30°C or more before replaced with said organic dispersion medium.

[7] The method according to any of claims 1 to 6, wherein said surface-modified silica nanoparticles have a mean particle size of 100 nm or less.

[8] The method according to any of claims 1 to 7, which further comprises the steps of filtrating and then drying said second silica nanoparticle dispersion after the step of surface-modifying said silica nanoparticles.