Supplementary Data

Verification of Acrylation

The acrylation of aPCL was verified using a Michael-type addition with fluorescently tagged poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG)-thiol. aPCL was cut into squares $(5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2)$ and placed in a 96-well plate. PEG-thiol (SH-PEG-FITC; Nanocs, New York, NY) was added to each well in increasing concentrations (0–10 mM in phosphate-buffered saline [PBS], 50μ L/well). Irgacure 2959 (I2959; Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) was added to each well to reach a final concentration of 0.3%. The wells were exposed to UV light (365 nm, 10 W/ cm²) for 5 min and then washed four times for 15 min and four times for 30 min with PBS to remove excess PEG-thiol. The fluorescent intensities of these scaffolds (n=5 scaffolds at each concentration) were next measured using a plate reader (SpectraMax M2; Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA) at wavelengths of 495/519 excitation/emission. The fluorescent

cent intensities of aPCL without PEG-thiol, as well as plain ePCL with and without 10 mM PEG-thiol, were measured as controls. For statistical analysis on the effect of concentration of PEG-thiol to fluorescent intensity of the scaffold, a logarithmic regression was performed.

At 10 mM, the fluorescent intensity of aPCL scaffolds was significantly higher than for unmodified ePCL scaffolds mixed with PEG-thiol (Supplementary Fig. S1B, p < 0.05) and both aPCL and ePCL scaffolds without PEG-thiol, verifying that aPCL was acrylated. The fluorescent intensity of aPCL as a function of PEG-thiol concentration (0–10 mM) was fit to a logarithmic regression (Supplementary Fig. S1C, $r^2 = 0.463$, p < 0.01) that saturated around 1.25 mM. Given a volume of 50 µL of PEG-thiol solution within the well, it can be inferred that the aPCL had 6.25×10^{-11} M of acrylate groups within the scaffold.