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Development of thermo-responsive polycaprolactone macrocarriers conjugated with Poly(N-isopropyl acrylamide) for cell culture

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Figure S1. (a) Hoechst staining images of HDF on PCL-PNIPAAm after 7 days of incubation and (b) GFP was cloned into MSCs and green emission was observed in a fluorescent microscopy at day 3 and 7 (in low magnification).



Figure S2. (a) and (b) Phase contrast images of HDF detachment from PCL and PCL-PNIPAAm by either trypsin treatment or temperature drop from 37 $^{\circ}$ C to 30 $^{\circ}$ C and (c) Green field fluorescence images of MSC detachment from PCL and PCL-PNIPAAm by either trypsin treatment or temperature drop from 37 $^{\circ}$ C to 30 $^{\circ}$ C.





Figure S3. Full-length Western Blots: (a) Antibodies against laminin (lane 1-4), (b) Fibronectin (lane 1-4), (c) Collagen 1 (lane 1-4) and beta-actin (lane 1-4). Marker: lane 0 (Precision Plus ProteinTM KaleidoscopeTM Prestained Protein Standards, Bio-Rad).



Figure S4. ATP- FTIR analysis of PCL-PNIPAAm after 1, 3 and 7 days immersed in culture media at 37 °C. The results showed that the peaks at 1565 cm⁻¹ corresponded to the amide II bond and 1647 cm⁻¹ corresponded to the amide I bond were still present after 7 days, confirming that the conjugation was still stable after one week in culture conditions.

