

Supporting Information

On-demand Oil-Water Separation by Environmentally-responsive Cotton Fabrics

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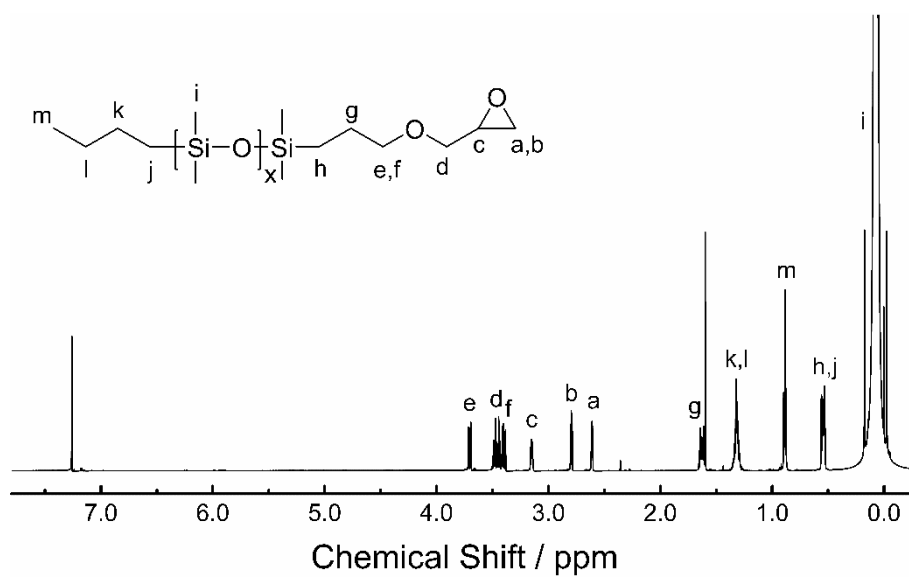


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra of epoxide-terminated PDMS in CDCl_3 .

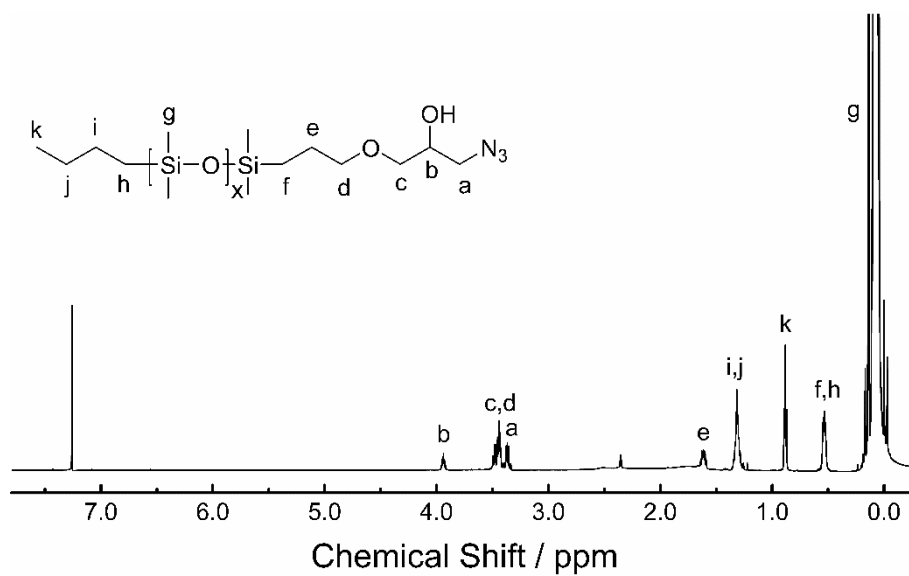


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectra of azide-functionalized PDMS [PDMS-(OH, N_3)] (**1**) in CDCl_3 .

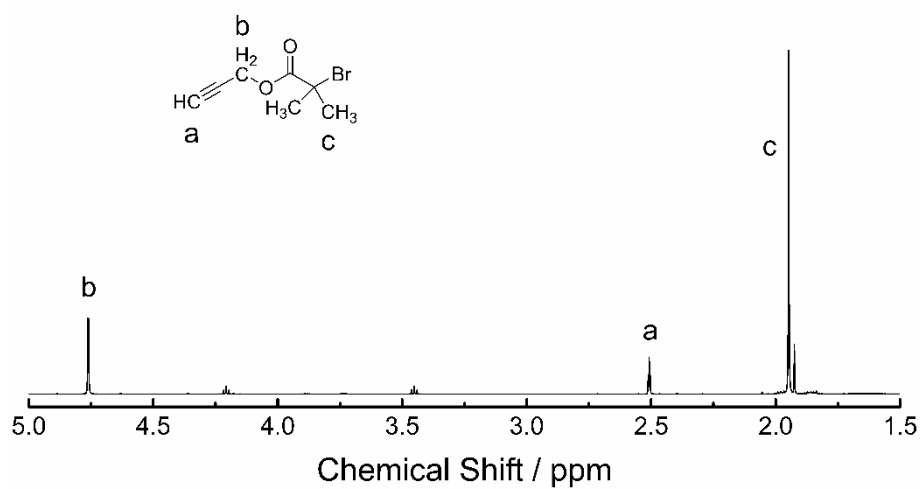


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectra of propargyl 2-bromoisobutyrate (PBiB) in CDCl_3 .

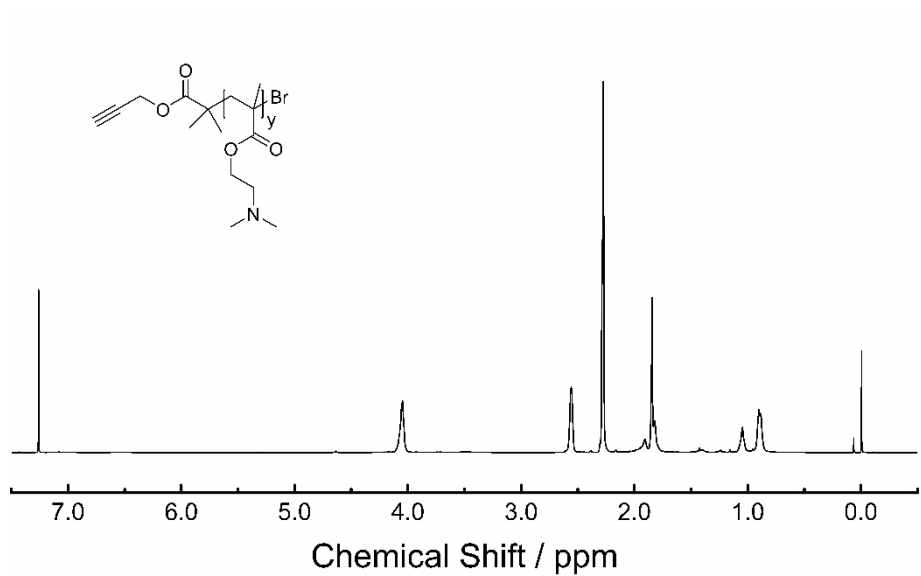


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectra of α -alkynyl- ω -bromo-poly(*N,N*-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate) (alkynyl-PDMAEMA₄₂-Br) in CDCl_3 .

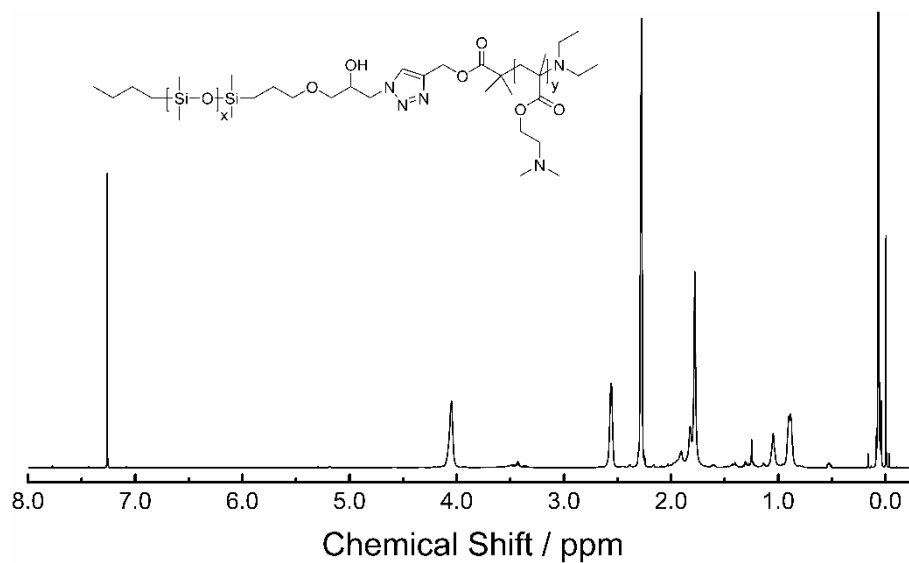


Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectra of poly(dimethylsiloxane)-(OH)-*b*-poly(*N,N*-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate) (PDMS₆₄-(OH)-*b*-PDMAMEA₄₂) in CDCl₃.

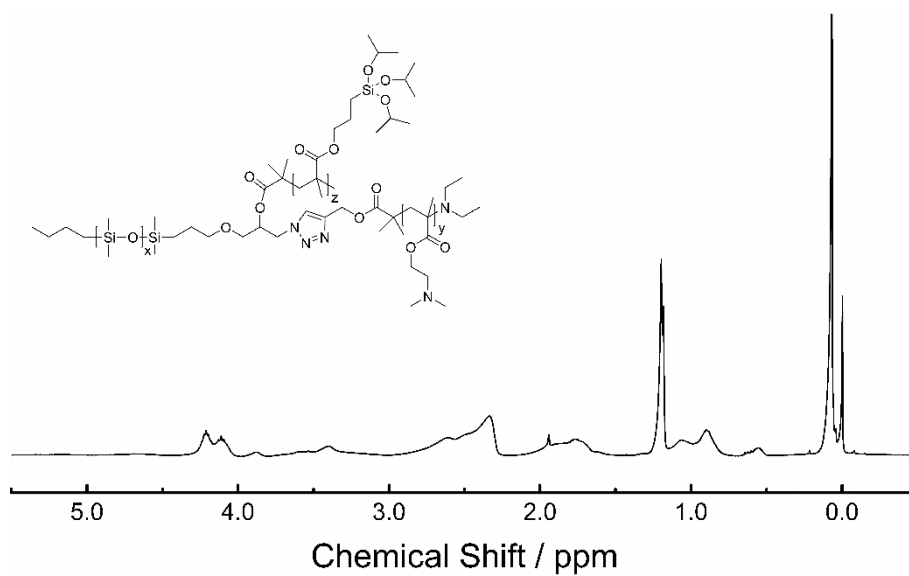


Figure S6. ^1H NMR spectra of μ -PDMS₆₄-*b*-PDMAEMA₄₂-*b*-PIPSMA₂₂ (P1) in CDCl₃.

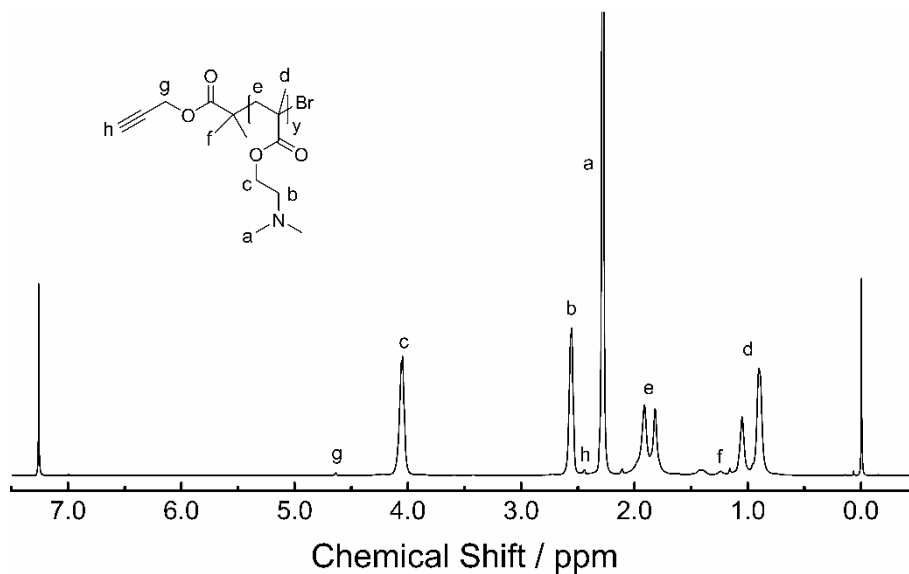


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectra of α-alkynyl-ω-bromo-poly(*N,N*-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate) (alkynyl-PDMAEMA₁₂₁-Br) in CDCl₃.

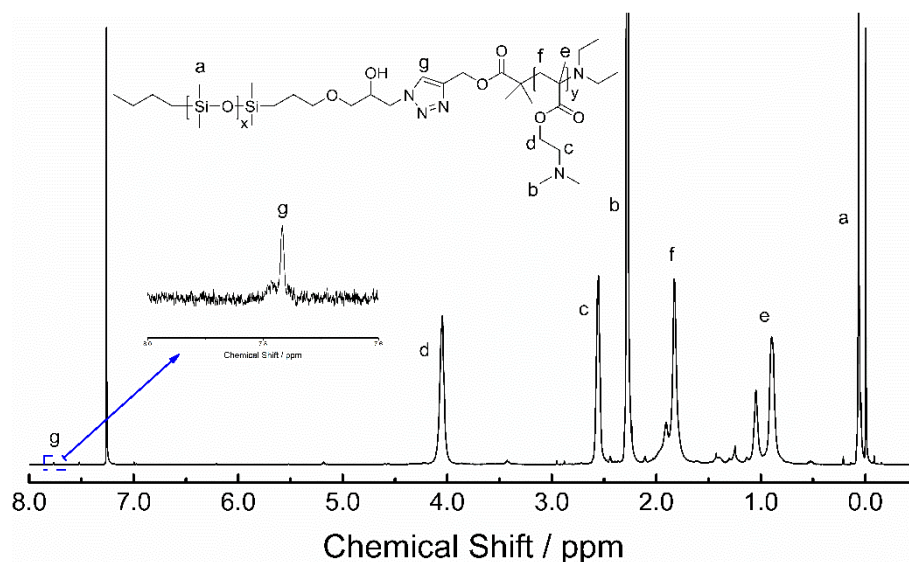


Figure S8. ¹H NMR spectra of poly(dimethylsiloxane)-(OH)-*b*-poly(*N,N*-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate) (PDMS₆₄-(OH)-*b*-PDMAMEA₁₂₁) (**3**) in CDCl₃.

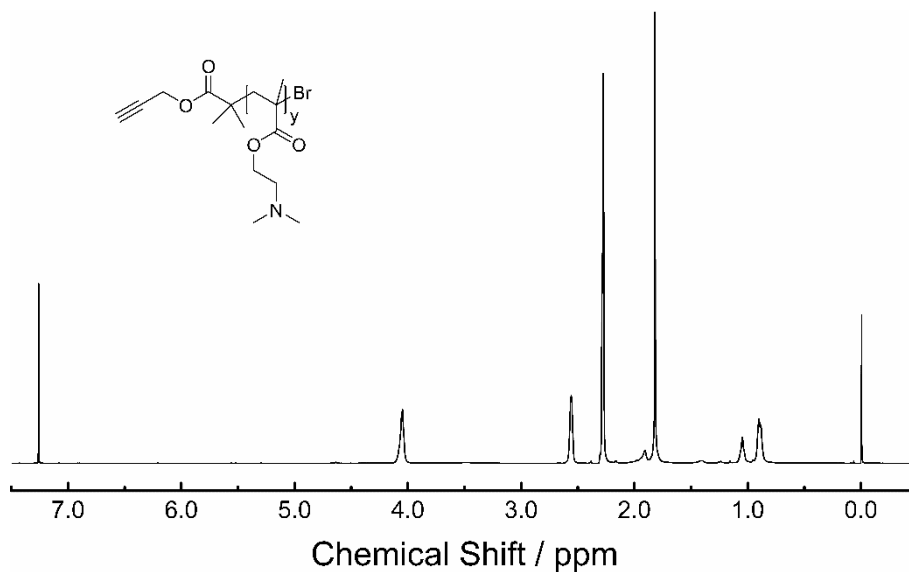


Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectra of α-alkynyl-ω-bromo-poly(*N,N*-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate) (alkynyl-PDMAEMA₁₄₈-Br) in CDCl₃.

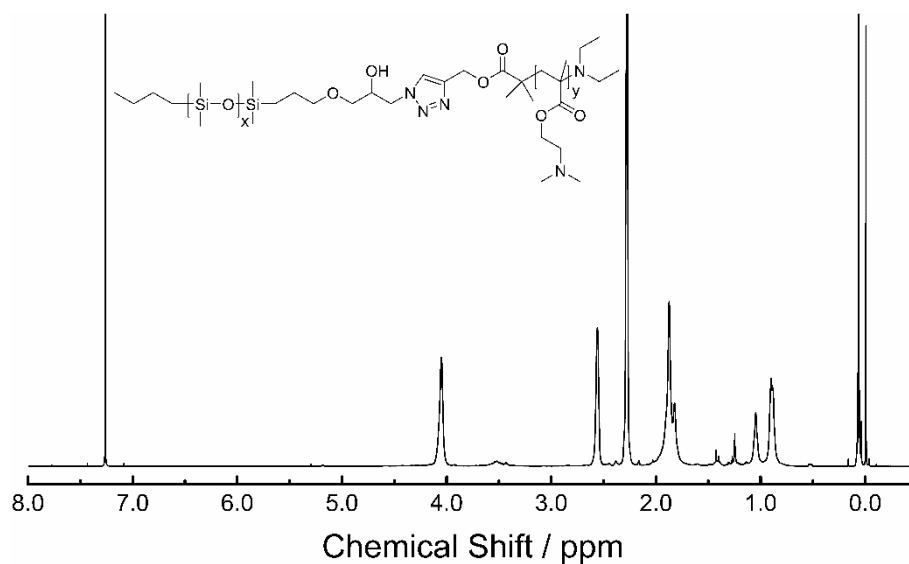


Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectra of poly(dimethylsiloxane)-(OH)-*b*-poly(*N,N*-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate) (PDMS₆₄-(OH)-*b*-PDMAMEA₁₄₈) in CDCl₃.

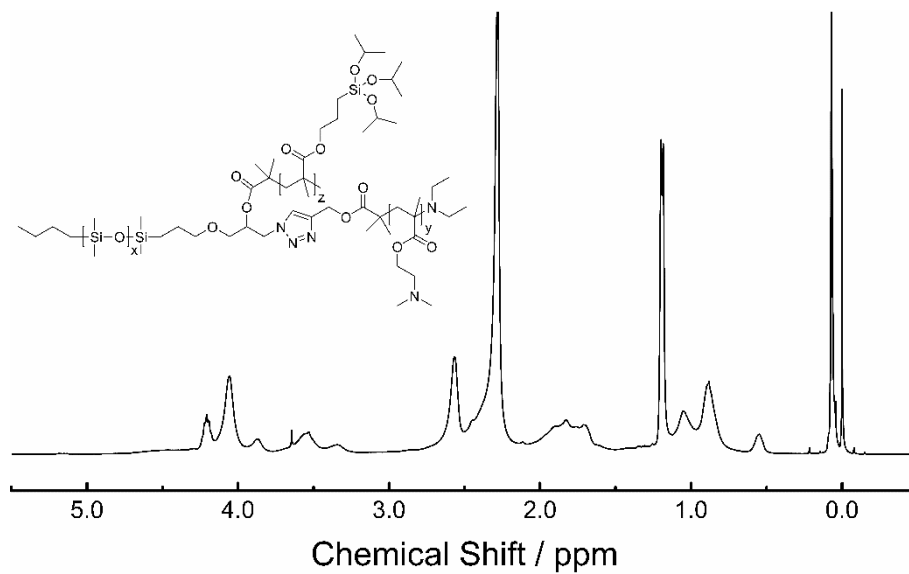


Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectra of $\mu\text{-PDMS}_{64}\text{-}b\text{-PDMAEMA}_{148}\text{-}b\text{-PIPSMA}_{25}$ (P3) in CDCl_3 .

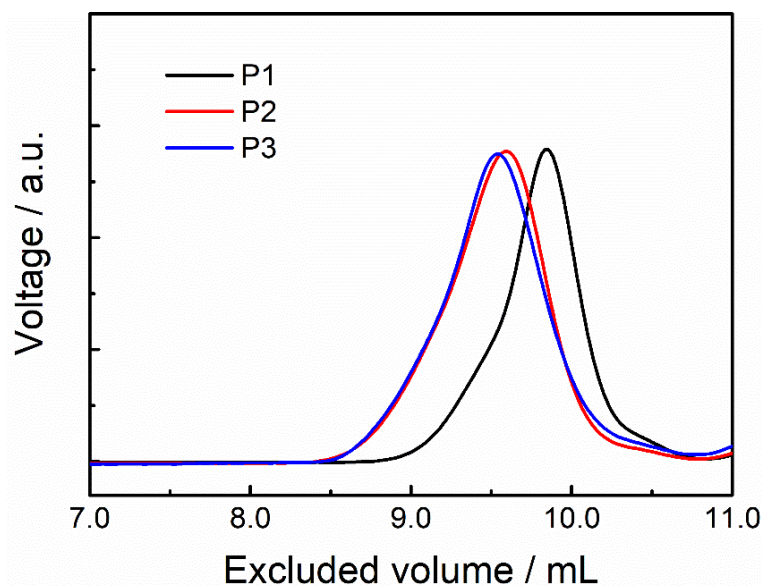


Figure S12. GPC curves of $\mu\text{-PDMS-}b\text{-PDMAEMA-}b\text{-PIPSMA}$ ABC miktoarm star terpolymers.

Table S1. Characteristics of synthesized polymers.

Sample	M_n^a (Kg mol ⁻¹)	$(M_w/M_n)^b$	f_{PDMS}^c	f_{PDMAEMA}^c	f_{PIPSMA}^c
PDMS ₆₄ -OH	5.0	1.13	-	--	--
α -alkynyl-PDMAEMA ₄₂ -N(Et) ₂	6.8	1.14	-	--	--
μ -PDMS ₆₄ - <i>b</i> -PDMAEMA ₄₂ - <i>b</i> -PIPSMA ₂₂ (P1)	19.2	1.30	26.4	34.9	38.7
α -alkynyl-PDMAEMA ₁₂₁ -N(Et) ₂	19.2	1.13	-	--	--
μ -PDMS ₆₄ - <i>b</i> -PDMAEMA ₁₂₁ - <i>b</i> -PIPSMA ₂₄ (P2)	32.3	1.29	15.6	59.5	24.9
α -alkynyl-PDMAEMA ₁₄₈ -N(Et) ₂	23.4	1.14	-	--	--
μ -PDMS ₆₄ - <i>b</i> -PDMAEMA ₁₄₈ - <i>b</i> -PIPSMA ₂₅ (P3)	36.8	1.26	13.7	63.6	22.7

^a Determined by ¹H NMR in CDCl₃. ^b Determined by GPC with calibrated PS standards at 35 °C. ^c The weight fractions (wt%) were determined by ¹H NMR.

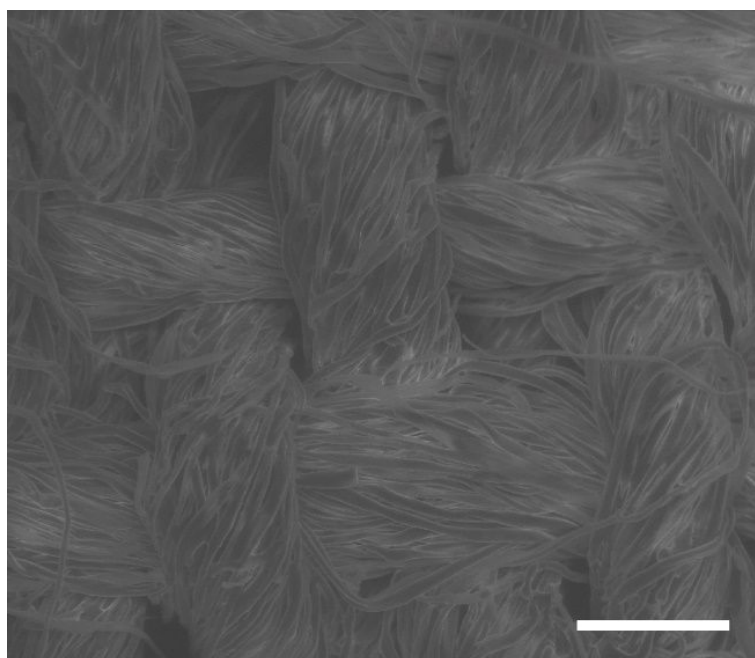


Figure S13. SEM image of the fabric used. The scale bar is 200 μm .

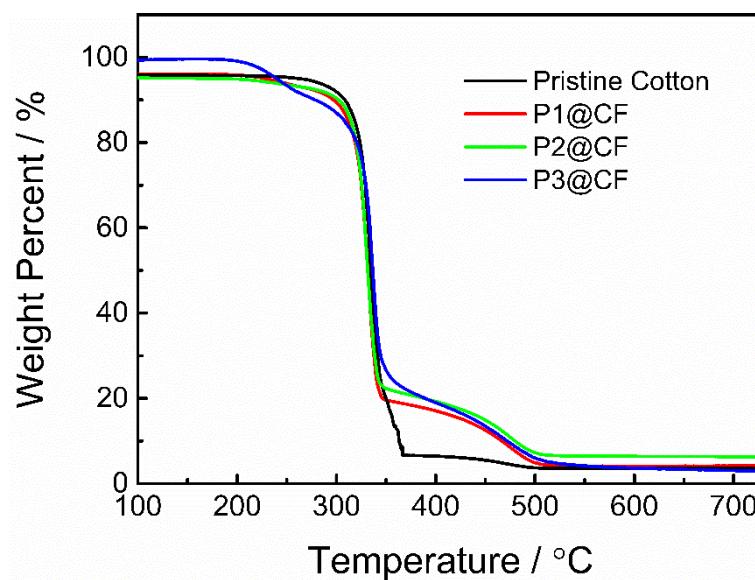


Figure S14. TGA traces of pristine cotton fabrics and functionalized cotton fabrics with P1, P2 and P3.

Table S2. Mass fraction of grafted block copolymer in the functionalized cotton fabrics.

	w_0 / g	w_1 / g	$x / \%$
P1@CF	0.1908	0.2124	11.3
P2@CF	0.1855	0.2035	9.7
P3@CF	0.1864	0.1994	7.0

w_0 : weights of the pristine cotton fabrics before dip-coating; w_1 : weights of the functionalized cotton fabrics. Mass fraction of grafted block copolymer x is determined by the following equation: $x = (w_1 - w_0) / w_0 \times 100\%$

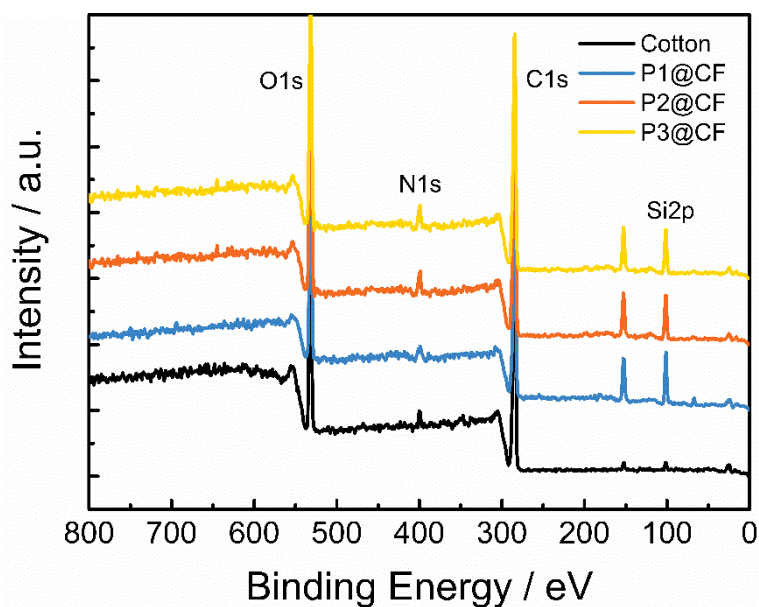


Figure S15. XPS spectra of pristine cotton fabrics and functionalized cotton fabrics with P1, P2, and P3.

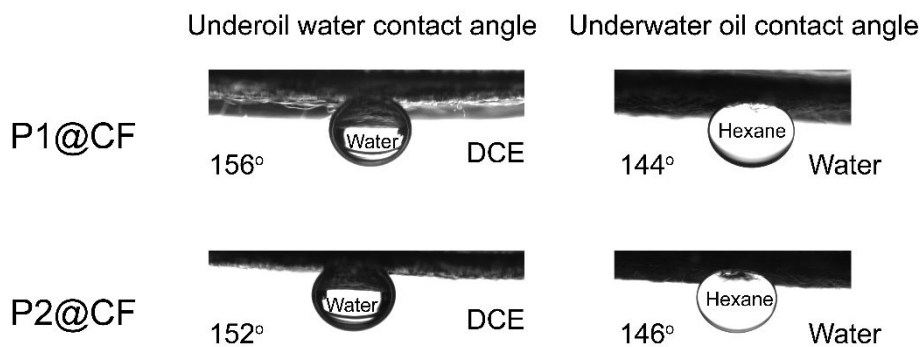


Figure S16. Underoil water contact angle of P1@CF and P2@CF, the oil is dichloroethane (DCE). And underwater oil contact angle of P1@CF and P2@CF. The oil is hexane.

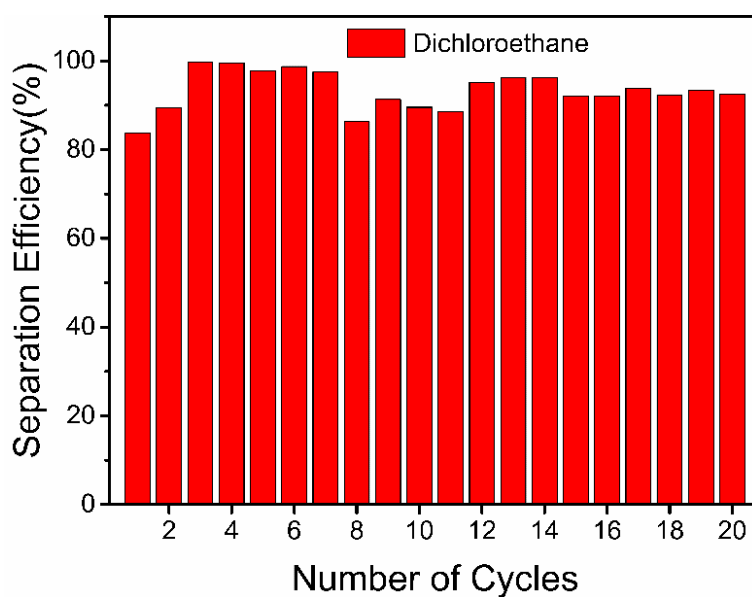


Figure S17. Oil/water separation efficiency versus recycle numbers. The oil is dichloroethane and the membrane used is P1@CF. The separation efficiency was determined by comparing the weight of dichloroethane before and after separation.

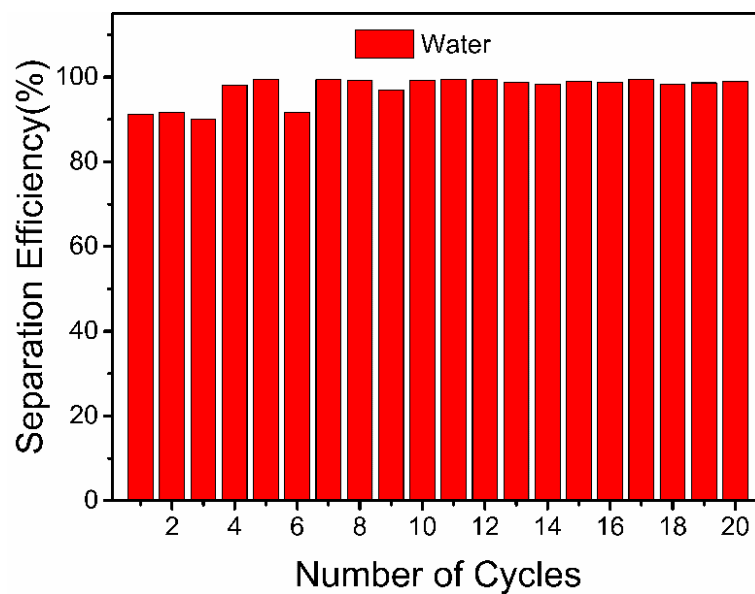


Figure S18. Oil/water separation efficiency versus recycle numbers. The oil is hexane and the membrane used is P1@CF. The separation efficiency was determined by comparing the weight of water before and after separation.

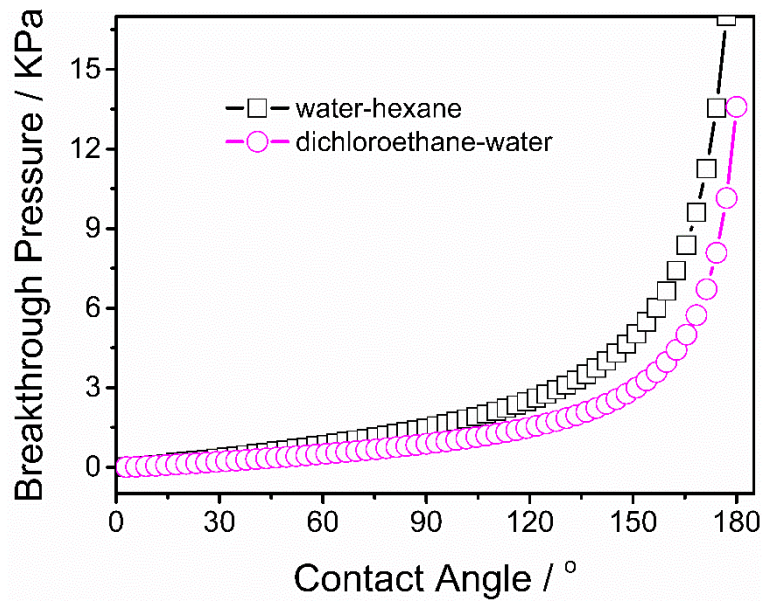


Figure S19. Relationship between breakthrough pressure (P_{bt}) and contact angle θ' given by

the equation: $P_{bt} = \frac{2R\gamma_{12}}{D^2} \frac{1 - \cos(\theta')}{1 + 2(R/D)\sin(\theta')}$, here R is the cylinder radius, D is the half of the

inter-cylinder spacing, γ_{12} is the interfacial tension between the wetting phase and non-wetting phase, and

θ' is the contact angle of the non-wetting liquid droplet on the fabric surface in the wetting phase. For the

fabrics used, R and D are 100 and 30 microns, respectively. $\gamma_{\text{water-hexane}}$ is 51.1 mN/m, $\gamma_{\text{dichloroethane-water}} =$

30.5 mN/m.