# Universal Strategy for Efficient Fabrication of Blood Compatible Surfaces via Polydopamine Assisted Surface-Initiated ARGET ATRP of Zwitterions

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**Figure S1**. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) (**a**) and AFM 3D (**b**) images of the prepared surfaces by the step-by-step PDA assisted SI-ARGET-ATRP strategy.



**Figure S2**. High resolution XPS spectra of C1s and N1s of bare glass and the prepared surfaces during the polymer brush fabrication by step-by-step PDA assisted SI-ARGET-ATRP.

Surface	Element (%)					
	С	Ν	0	Р	Si	Br
Bare Glass	8.26	0	60.45	0	31.29	0
PDA	73.42	8.34	17.90	0	0.34	0
PDA/SiBr	59.78	0	26.19	0	8.54	4.90
PDA/SiBr/PMPC3h	64.51	4.47	26.47	4.32	0	0.23
PDA/SiBr/PMPC6h	59.54	5.23	29.95	5.18	0	0.14
PDA/SiBr/PMPC12h	59.77	5.28	29.59	5.27	0	0.09

**Table S1**. Surface element concentration (%) of the modified glass surfaces during the polymer brush fabrication by XPS analysis.

 Table S2. Coating and outer layer thicknesses of the polymer brush fabrication on a glass substrate by

 the step-by-step PDA assisted SI-ARGET-ATRP.

Coating	Total thichness (nm)	Outer layer (nm) <sup>*</sup>		
PDA	22 ± 1	$22 \pm 1$		
PDA/SiBr	$45 \pm 2$	$23\pm2$		
PDA/SiBr/PMPC3h	87 ± 3	$42 \pm 3$		
PDA/SiBr/PMPC6h	$166 \pm 6$	$121 \pm 6$		
PDA/SiBr/PMPC12h	$320\pm8$	$275 \pm 8$		

\* The outer layer thickness was calculated by subtraction of the sub-layer thickness from the total thickness of the complex coatings.



**Figure S3.** Normalized high resolution XPS spectra of Si2p and N1s. (A) Si2p spectra on the surface (black line) and at the interface (red line) of the PDA/SiBr complex coating. (B) N1s spectra on the surface of PDA coating (black line) and at the interface (red line) of the PDA/SiBr complex coating. The Si2p spectrum on the coating surface shows a narrow peak due to the formation of Si-O-Si bond by self-condensation of SiBr. The Si2p spectrum at the interface of PDA/SiBr coating shows broad peak possibly due to the formation of crosslinking bonds (C-O-Si-O-C) and Si-N-C between the SiBr silicon hydroxyl and PDA hydroxyl or amino groups.[1,2,3] The Si-N-C linkage is clearly demonstrated by the N1s high resolution XPS spectra on the PDA surface (black line) and at the interface of PDA/SiBr coating with appearing a new peak of N-Si (398 eV).[4]



**Figure S4**. Water contact angles of the surfaces prepared by the polydopamine assisted PDA-SI-ARGET-ATRP step by step strategy. The PMPC polymerization is performed for 3, 6, 12 and 24 h, respectively.



**Figure S5**. Water contact angle change with time on PMPC polymer brush grafted glass surfaces with different ATRP initiator coatings. All the ATRP initiator coatings (PDA/SiBr, PDA/(PDA:SiBr) were prepared firstly in 2 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> dopamine (DA) aqueous solution (pH 8.5) for 2 h at room temperature, and then in SiBr solution of ethanol/water (50 v/v%) containing 0:1, 1:1, 1:0.4 (DA:SiBr) molar ratios of DA and reacted at 50°C for 22 h.



**Figure S6**. Contact angles of bare glass and the PDA, PDA/SiBr, and PDA/SiBr/PCBMA brush coated surfaces. Data represent means $\pm$ SD (n=5). The low water contact angle (6  $\pm$  2°) of the PSBMA brush coated glass surface, as well as the PMPC brush coated different substrates, demonstrates that the polydopamine assisted PDA-SI-ARGET-ATRP strategy is effective for preparing different zwitterion polymer brushes.



**Figure S7**. SPR adsorption curves of the bare and PMPC brush coated sensor surfaces. (**a**) BSA, (**b**) Fg and (**c**) whole blood plasma. The adsorption amounts on the PMPC2h surface were 0, 1.0 and 1.9 ng cm<sup>-2</sup> for BSA, Fg and plasma, respectively. The PMPC2h brush was grafted on the sensor chips coated with much thin PDA/SiBr film ( $3\sim5$  nm) to satisfy the thickness requirement of SPR technique.



**Figure S8**. Optical microscopic images of thrombus formation on the pristine and PDA/SiBr/PMPC12h coated (a) glass, (b) polypropylene (PP) and (c) stainless steel (SS) surfaces immersed in the same whole blood for different hours. The scale bars are 500  $\mu$ m for all optical microscopic images and 2  $\mu$ m for the inserted SEM image.

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