## **Supporting Information**

Supramolecular additive initiated controlled atom transfer radical polymerization of zwitterionic polymers on ureido-pyrimidinone-based biomaterial surfaces

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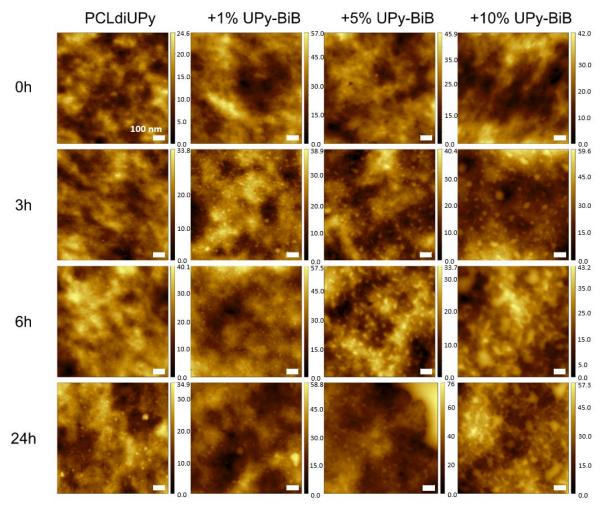
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Scheme S1: Synthesis of tert-butyl methyl(2-(methylamino)ethyl)carbamate

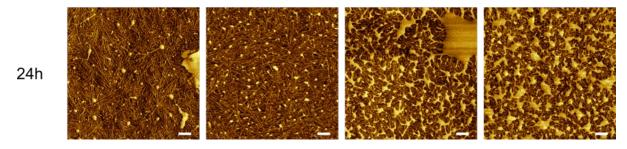
Scheme S1: Synthesis of tert-butyl (2-(2-bromo-N,2-dimethylpropanamido)ethyl)(methyl) carbamate

Scheme S2: Synthesis of 2-bromo-N,2-dimethyl-N-(2-(methylamino)ethyl)propanamide

Scheme S3: Synthesis of UPy-BiB.



**Figure S1**: Atomic Force Microscopy height images recorded in tapping mode in air of solution-cast films of PCLdiUPy with 0, 1, 5, and 10% UPy-BiB additive before and after 3, 6, and 24 hours of polymerization on the surface. Scale bars represent 100 nm.



**Figure S2**: Atomic Force Microscopy phase images recorded in tapping mode in air of solution-cast films of PCLdiUPy with 0, 1, 5, and 10% UPy-BiB additive (from left to right) after 24 hours of reaction on the surface. Scale bars represent 100 nm.

**Table S1**: Fiber diameter as determined from AFM phase images, mean  $\pm$  SD.

	PCLdiUPy	+1% UPy-BiB	+5% UPy-BiB	+10% UPy-BiB
	[nm]	[nm]	[nm]	[nm]
0h	7.3 ± 1.0	7.6 ± 1.2	7.7 ± 1.2	7.2 ± 1.1

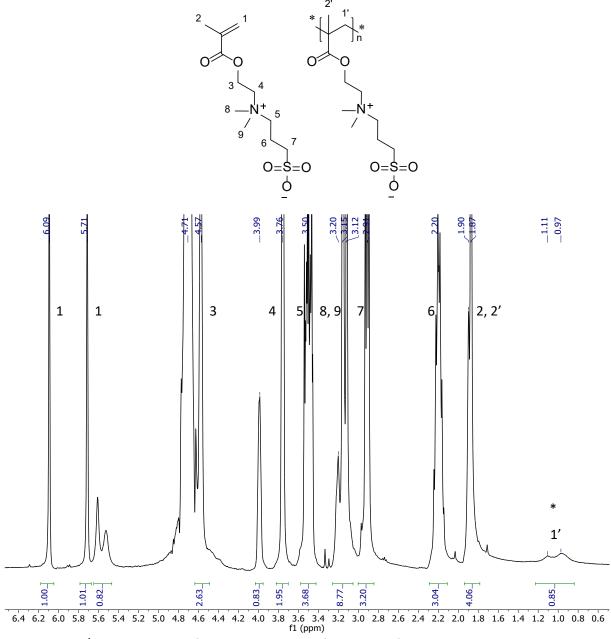
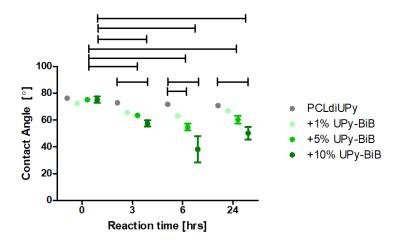


Figure S3:  $^{1}$ H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture after 2 hours of polymerization, showing polymer backbones indicated with astrix (recorded in  $D_2O$ ).



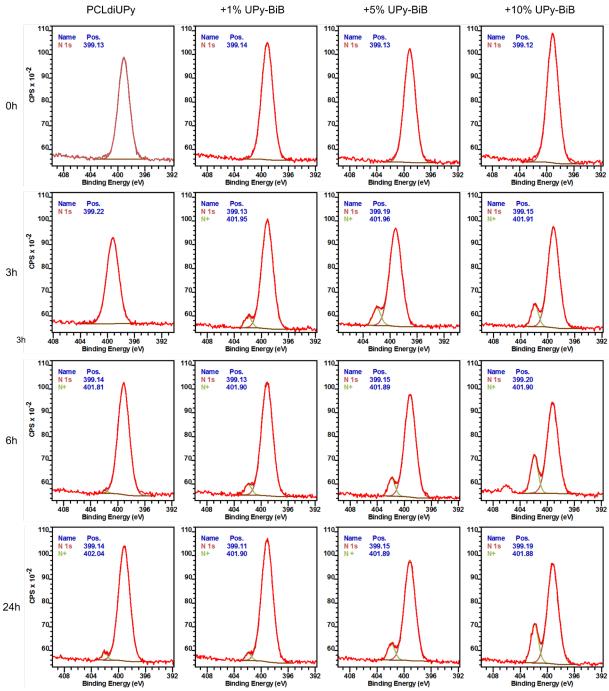
**Figure S4**: Water contact angles measured on solution-cast films with 0, 1, 5, and 10% UPy-BiB before and after 3, 6, and 24 hours of polymerization on the surface. Data are represented as mean ± SD. Statistically significant differences are depicted by the overhead lines. Error bars are on the order of graph symbol size.

**Table S2**: Root Mean Square (RMS) roughness of solution-cast films.

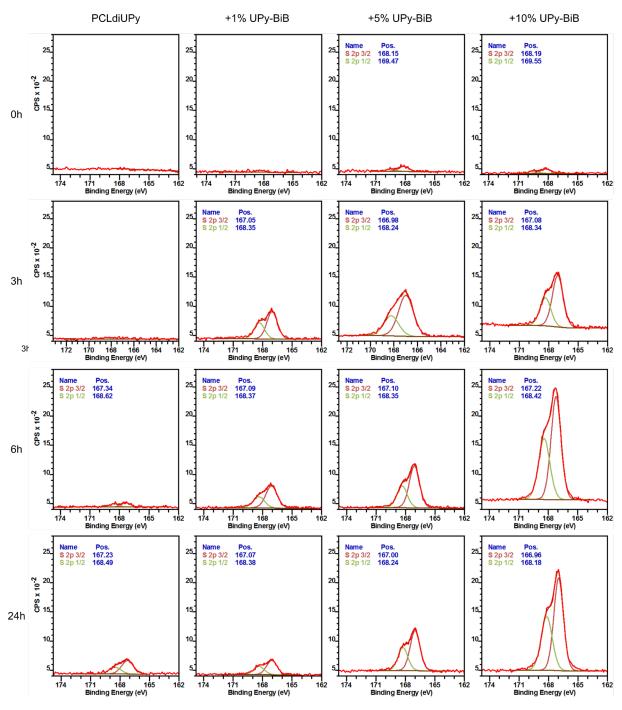
	PCLdiUPy	+1% UPy-BiB	+5% UPy-BiB	+10% UPy-BiB
	[nm]	[nm]	[nm]	[nm]
0h	4.6 ± 1.4	8.7 ± 0.8	6.3	5.1 ± 0.1
3h	4.5 ± 0.4	7.7 ± 2.3	7.5 ± 1.6	$8.2 \pm 0.8$
6h	5.6 ± 1.0	$7.6 \pm 0.4$	$6.0 \pm 0.2$	7.1 ± 0.2
24h	5.8 ± 0.5	7.2 ± 1.6	11.1 ± 1.5	7.5 ± 0.1

**Table S3**: Atomic surface composition of solution-cast films with 0, 1, 5, and 10 mol% UPy-BiB before and after exposure to the SI-ATRP reaction conditions for 3, 6, and 24 hour.

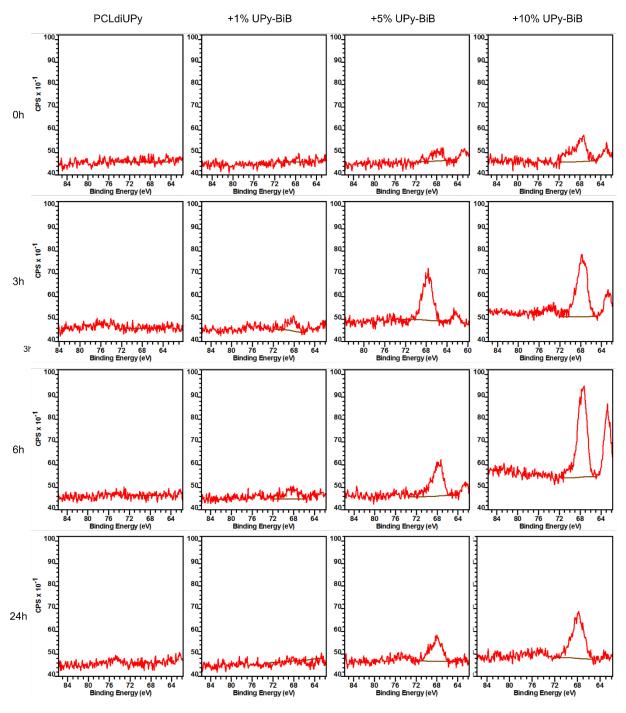
		Surface composition [at%]					
		С	0	N	N+	S	Br
PCLdiUPy	0h	74.45	22.17	3.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
	3h	75.20	20.67	4.00	0.08	0.03	0.00
	6h	76.64	19.60	3.65	0.04	0.07	0.00
	24h	75.36	20.48	3.80	0.12	0.23	0.00
+1% UPy-BiB	0h	74.72	21.30	3.95	0.00	0.03	0.00
	3h	74.23	21.36	3.65	0.24	0.48	0.04
	6h	74.93	20.69	3.75	0.21	0.36	0.04
	24h	74.81	20.82	4.02	0.13	0.22	0.00
+5% UPy-BiB	0h	73.81	22.23	3.85	0.00	0.07	0.03
	3h	73.15	22.21	3.41	0.41	0.69	0.11
	6h	74.87	20.64	3.42	0.36	0.60	0.10
	24h	73.48	22.31	3.24	0.34	0.55	0.07
+10% UPy-BiB	0h	74.23	21.16	4.46	0.00	0.07	0.08
	3h	71.38	23.78	3.37	0.47	0.82	0.16
	6h	70.76	23.66	2.97	0.82	1.58	0.22
	24h	72.21	22.23	3.23	0.84	1.37	0.12



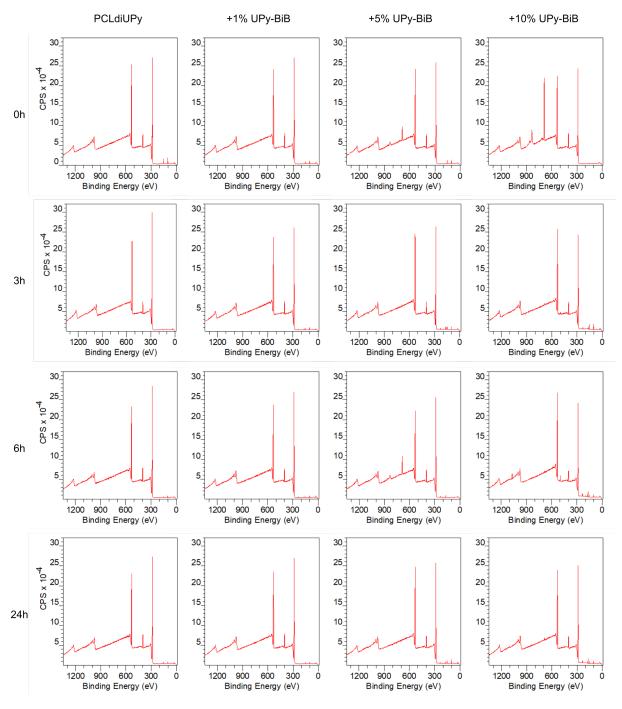
**Figure S5**: XPS N 1s narrow scan spectra of solution-cast films of PCLdiUPy with 0, 1, 5, and 10 mol% UPy-BiB additive before, and after 3, 6, and 24 hours polymerization reaction.



**Figure S6**: XPS S 2p narrow scan spectra of solution-cast films of PCLdiUPy with 0, 1, 5, and 10 mol% UPy-BiB additive before, and after 3, 6, and 24 hours polymerization reaction.



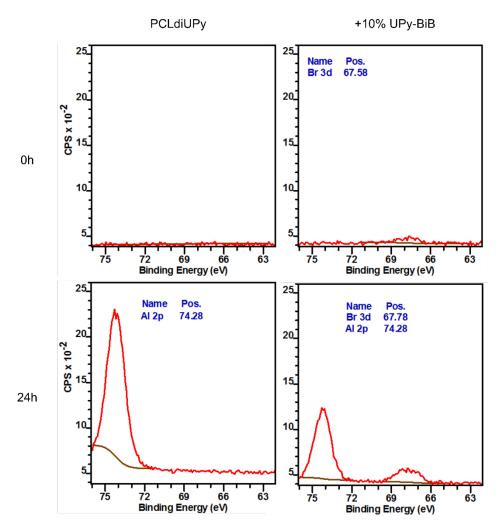
**Figure S7**: XPS Br 3d narrow scan spectra of solution-cast films of PCLdiUPy with 0, 1, 5, and 10 mol% UPy-BiB additive before, and after 3, 6, and 24 hours polymerization reaction.



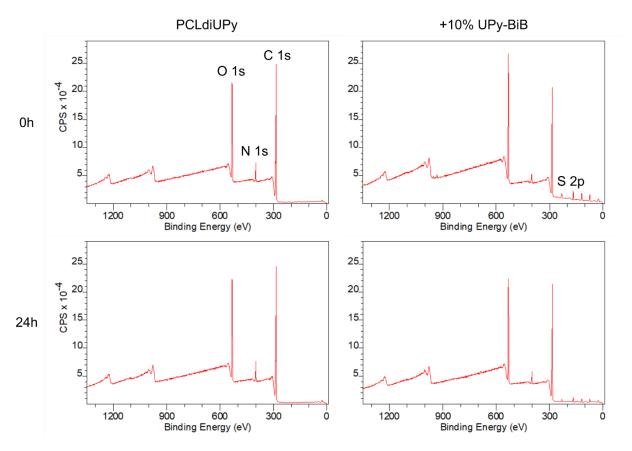
**Figure S8**: XPS survey spectra of solution-cast films of PCLdiUPy with 0, 1, 5, and 10 mol% UPy-BiB additive before, and after 3, 6, and 24 hours polymerization reaction.

Table S4: Surface composition of electrospun scaffolds

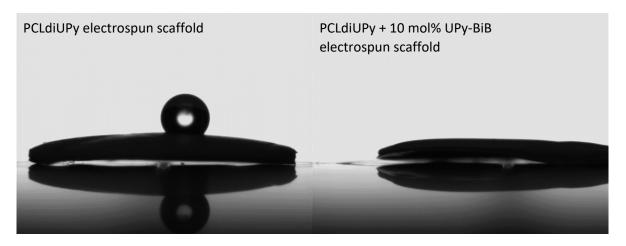
	Surface composition [at %]						
	С	0	N	N⁺	S	Br	Al
PCLdiUPy 0h	75.16	20.68	4.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PCLdiUPy 24h	65.63	25.65	2.01	1.10	1.94	0.00	3.68
10% UPy-BiB 0h	74.59	20.89	4.48	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00
10% UPy-BiB 24h	69.90	23.82	2.88	0.71	1.18	0.09	1.42



**Figure S9:** XPS narrow scan spectra of the Br 3d and Cu 3p region of electrospun scaffolds of PCLdiUPy with 0 and 10% UPy-BiB before and after 24 hours polymerization reaction.



**Figure S10:** XPS survey scan spectra of electrospun scaffolds of PCLdiUPy with 0 and 10% UPy-BiB before and after 24 hours polymerization reaction.



**Figure S11:** Contact angle of water droplets on PCLdiUPy electrospun scaffolds without additive (left) and with 10 mol% UPy-BiB additive (right) 30 seconds after droplet deposition (2  $\mu$ L).