

# **Antifouling Surfaces Enabled by Surface Grafting of Highly Hydrophilic Sulfoxide Polymer Brushes**

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## Supporting information

Table S1. Molecular characteristics of the polymers including target DP, conversion, molecular weight, and dispersity for surface-initiated PET-RAFT polymerization and free polymers.

Entry	Monomer	DP	Conversion (%) <sup>a</sup>	$M_{n,SEC}$	$M_{n,theo}^d$	Dispersity ( $\bar{D}$ )
1	MSEA	200	98	23700 <sup>b</sup>	31990	1.39 <sup>b</sup>
2	MSEA	500	95	76100 <sup>b</sup>	77190	1.50 <sup>b</sup>
3	MSEA	1000	92	100000 <sup>b</sup>	149280	1.78 <sup>b</sup>
4	OEGA	200	100	10400 <sup>c</sup>	96240	1.18 <sup>c</sup>
5	OEGA	500	100	19100 <sup>c</sup>	240240	1.23 <sup>c</sup>
6	OEGA	1000	100	41800 <sup>c</sup>	480240	1.33 <sup>c</sup>

Note: <sup>a</sup> determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR by comparing the integral of protons of the vinyl group and methylene adjacent to the ester group of monomers before and after polymerization; <sup>b</sup> determined by SEC using DMAC as eluent; <sup>c</sup> determined by SEC using THF as eluent; <sup>d</sup> calculated by the equation  $M_{n,theo} = DP \times Conversion \times M_{w, monomer} + M_{w, BTPA}$ .

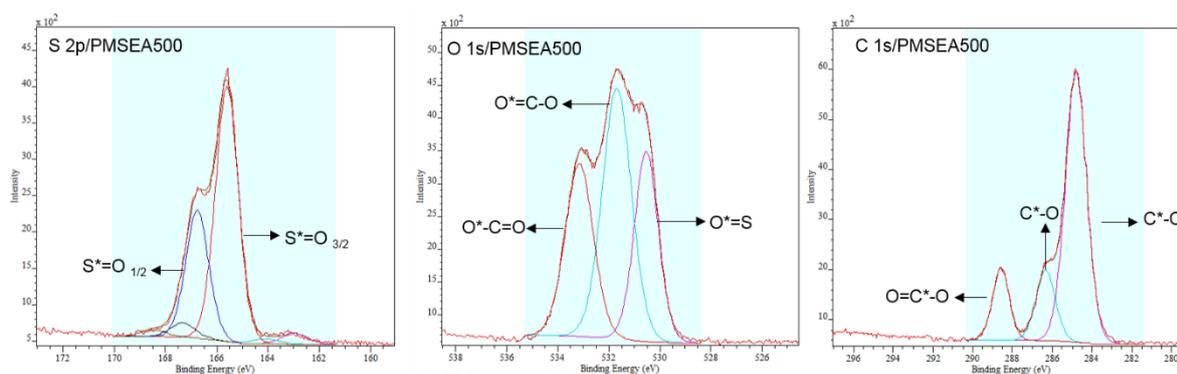


Figure S1. Deconvolution of S 2p, O 1s and C 1s spectra of glass-PMSEA500.

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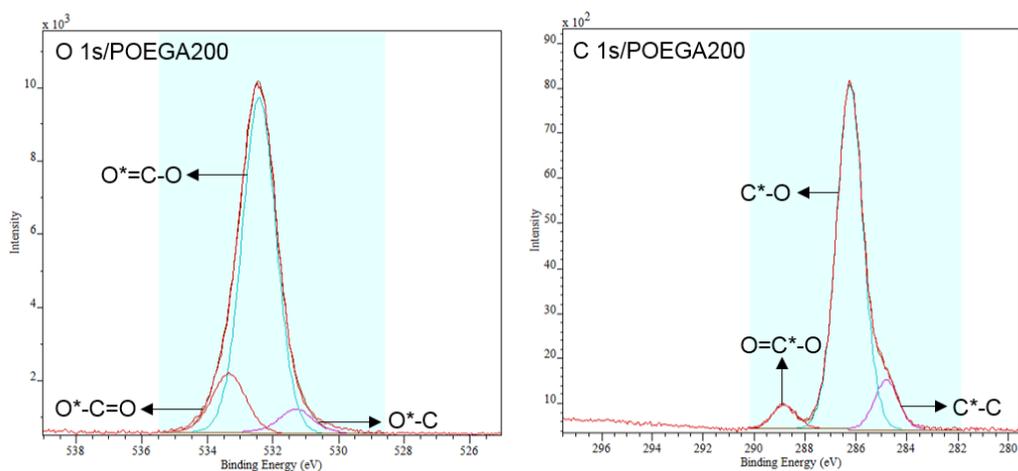


Figure S2. Deconvolution of C 1s and O 1s spectra of glass-POEGA200.

Table S2. Apparent chemical surface composition in atomic percentage (At.%) of the glass surface substrates.

Sample	C 1s	O 1s	S 2p	Si 2p	N 1s
Bare glass	12.16	68.69	-	19.15	-
Glass-BTPA	19.86	50.40	2.37	23.09	3.38
Glass-PMSEA	58.81	31.30	7.27	2.62	-
Glass-POEGA	63.96	33.40	-	2.65	-

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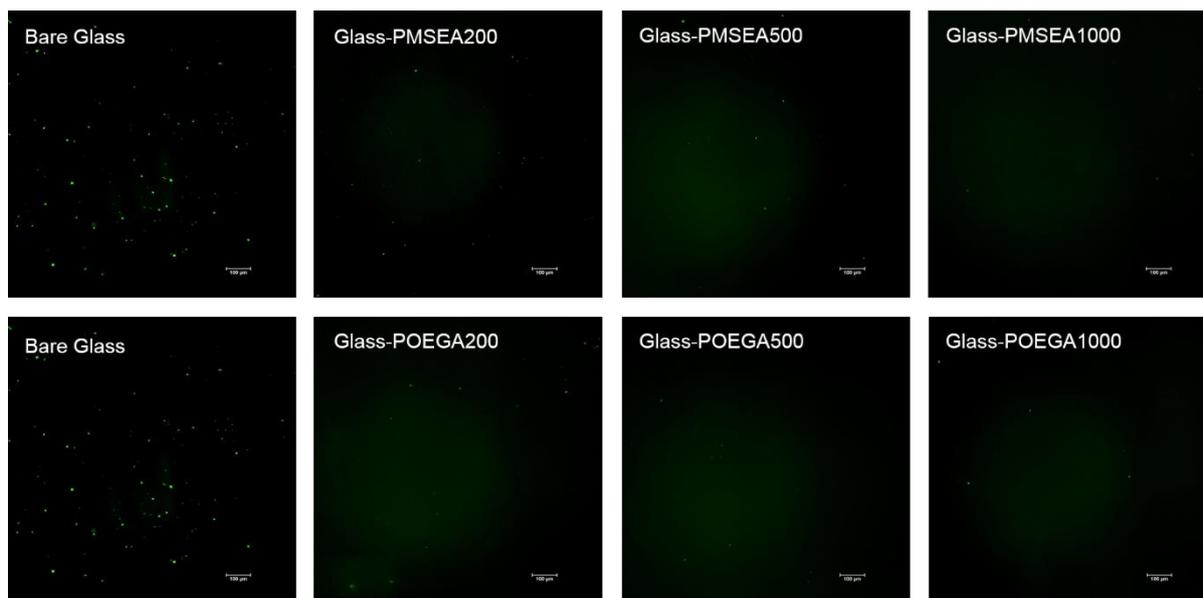


Figure S3. Protein adsorption onto different surfaces of the glass slips characterized by fluorescence microscopy. The scale bar is 100 µm. The slips were incubated with 10 mg/mL of lysozyme-FITC solution for 24 h before characterization.



Figure S4. Protein adsorption onto different surfaces of the glass slips characterized by fluorescence microscopy. The scale bar is 100 µm. The slips were incubated with 10 mg/mL of BSA-FITC solution for 24 h before characterization.

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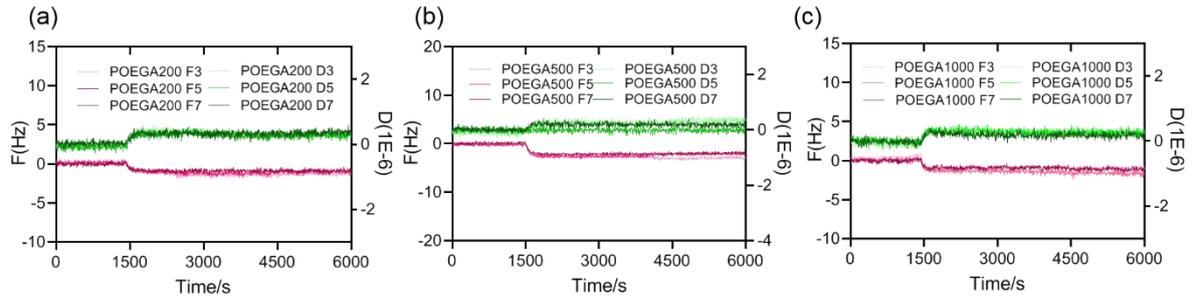


Figure S5. The changes in the frequency (F) and dissipation (D) of the (a) POEGA200-, (b) POEGA500-, and (c) POEGA1000-modified sensors for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> overtone measured by the QCM-D after treatment of lysozyme (2 mg/mL) in PBS at 22 min (1320 sec).