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## New homopolymers and copolymers based on 5–succinyl cyclooctene and mono-substituted ethylene glycols

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Figure S1 1H NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-(cyclooct-4-en-1-yloxy)-4-oxobutanoic acid (sCO)



Figure S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-(cyclooct-4-en-1-yloxy)-4-oxobutanoic acid (sCO)



Figure S3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (Z)-cyclooct-4-en-1-yl (2-(trityloxy)ethyl) succinate (CO1)



Figure S4 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (Z)-cyclooct-4-en-1-yl (2-(trityloxy)ethyl) succinate (CO1)



Figure S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (*Z*)-2-acetoxyethyl cyclooct-4-en-1-yl succinate (CO2)



Figure S6 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (Z)-2-acetoxyethyl cyclooct-4-en-1-yl succinate (CO2)



Figure S7 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (Z)-cyclooct-4-en-1-yl (2,5,8,11-tetraoxatridecan-13-yl) succinate (CO3)







Figure S9<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PCO1



Figure S10<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PCO1



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Figure S11 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PCO2



Figure S12 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PCO2



Figure S13 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PCO3







Figure S15 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of P(CO–CO1) copolymer



Figure S16 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of P(CO–CO1) copolymer



Figure S17 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of P(CO–CO3) copolymer



Figure S18 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of P(CO–CO3) copolymer





Figure S19 GPC traces of the homopolymers from Table 1 and copolymers from Table 2 of the main text



Figure S20 2<sup>nd</sup> heating DSC thermograms of homopolymers PCO, PCO1, PCO2, and PCO3



Figure S21 2<sup>nd</sup> heating DSC thermograms of (a) P(CO–CO1) and (b) P(CO–CO3) copolymers



Figure S22 Water contact angle images of the homopolymers and copolymers from Table 3 of the main text



Figure S23 DTGA curves demonstrating (top) mass loss and (bottom) differential mass loss of PCO (sample 16 in Table 1), PCO1 (sample 7 in Table 1) and P(CO–CO1) copolymer (sample C1 in Table 2).



Figure S24 (a) Debye plot and (b) hydrodynamic radii ( $R_h$ ) distributions for PCO1 in ethyl acetate measured by SLS and DLS, respectively



Figure S25 (a) Debye plot and (b) hydrodynamic radii ( $R_h$ ) distributions for PCO1 in chloroform measured by SLS and DLS, respectively



Figure S26 Thin-layer chromatography spots of CO3 (PEG356) fractionated on a chromatography column