## **Electronic Supplementary Information for**

## Surface modulation of the integrated stiffness via layer-by-layer assembly as a facile strategy for selective cell adhesion

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**Fig. S1** The frequency shift (red line) and dissipation shift (blue line) of PrS/DNA multilayer films determined by QCM-D in liquid state.



**Fig. S2** The characteristics of 4, 8, 12 and 24 bilayers PrS/DNA multilayer films. Film's topography as observed by AFM imaging

	4b	8b	12b	24b
Mean roughness (nm)	1.2±0.3	1.3±0.2	1.2±0.1	1.1±0.1

**Table S1.** The mean roughness of PrS/DNA films analyzed from AFM images

N=3 parallel samples per each group



**Fig. S3** The selective EC adhesion on PAH/PSS multilayer films. Immunofluorescence images of EC (stained by anti-vWf, red) and SMC (stained by anti-calponin, green) in coculture after 4h adhesion on PAH/PSS multilayer films with 0, 8, 12, 24 and 48 bilayers fabricated on glass substrate (a). The density of adherent EC and SMC in coculture (b). N=5 parallel samples per each group. Data are representative of three independent experiments. The scale bar is  $200\mu m$ .



Fig. S4 Cell spreading area of EC (a) and SMC (b) adhesion on the PrS/DNA multilayer films with 0, 4, 8, 12 and 24 bilayers fabricated on glass substrate. N=5 parallel samples per each group. Data are representative of three independent experiments.



**Fig. S5** The density of adherent EC and SMC in coculture after 4h adhesion on the 0, 4, 8, 12 and 24 bilayers PrS/DNA multilayer films fabricated on 0.25:10 PDMS (a), 0.5:10 PDMS (b), 1:10 PDMS (c), PET (d) and SS (e) substrates. N=5 parallel samples per each group. Data are representative of three independent experiments.