## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

## Pickering high internal phase emulsion-based

## hydroxyapatite/poly(ɛ-caprolactone) nanocomposite scaffolds

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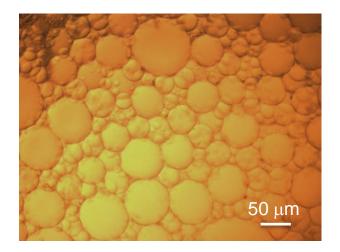


Fig. S1 Optical microscope image of a typical stable Pickering HIPE H<sub>5</sub>P<sub>5</sub>-80.



**Fig. S2** Digital photographs of typical sample  $H_5P_5$ -80 before and after air drying: left, Pickering HIPE and right, porous scaffold.

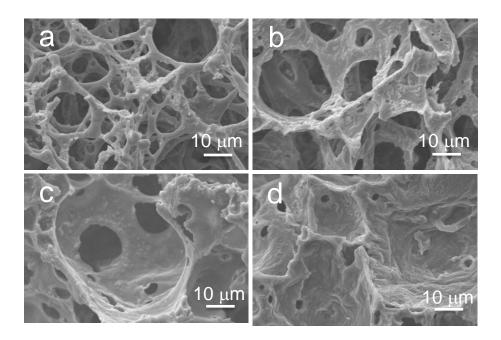
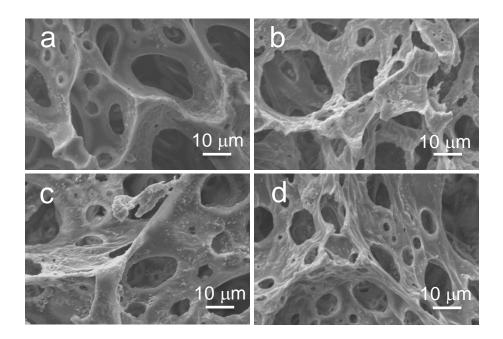


Fig. S3 SEM micrographs of porous scaffolds prepared from Pickering HIPE (a)  $H_5P_{2.5}$ -80, (b)  $H_5P_5$ -80, (c)  $H_5P_{7.5}$ -80 and (d)  $H_5P_{10}$ -80 with the PCL concentrations of 2.5, 5, 7.5 and 10 w/v%, respectively.



**Fig. S4.** SEM micrographs of porous scaffolds prepared from Pickering HIPE (a)  $H_5P_5$ -75, (b)  $H_5P_5$ -80, (c)  $H_5P_5$ -85 and (d)  $H_5P_5$ -90 with the internal phase volume fractions of 75, 80, 85 and 90 vol%, respectively.

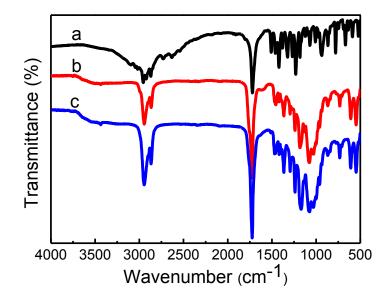


Fig. S5. FTIR spectra of (a) IBU, (b) scaffold  $H_5P_5$ -80 and (c) IBU-loaded scaffold  $H_5P_5$ -80.

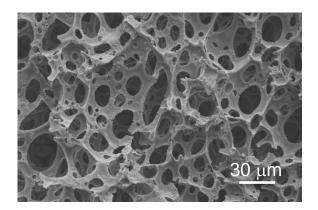


Fig. S6 SEM image of IBU-loaded scaffold H<sub>5</sub>P<sub>5</sub>-80.

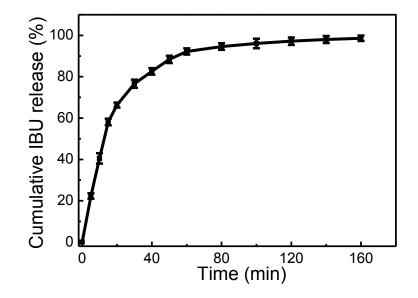


Fig. S7 In vitro release curve of free IBU in PBS (pH 7.4) at 37  $^{\circ}$ C.