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## Gelatin based dynamic hydrogels via thiol-norbornene reactions

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Figure S15. Standard calibration curve of Ellman's assay using L-cystine.



**Figure S16**. UV-VIS absorbance curves for poly(HPMA<sub>77</sub>-*s*-MEMA<sub>5</sub>) and poly(HPMA<sub>57</sub>-*s*-MEMA<sub>15</sub>) using Ellman's assay.



**Figure S17**. UV-VIS absorbance curves for hydrogel films made from poly(HPMA<sub>77</sub>-*s*-MEMA<sub>5</sub>) before and after reducing disulfides to thiols.



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**Figure S19**.  $Log_{10}G'$  (storage moduli, closed symbols) and  $log_{10}G''$  (loss moduli, open symbols) of hydrogels after secondary crosslinking using PEG-diNB as the secondary crosslinker. NB:Thiol- Norbornene (from PEG-diNB) to free thiol ratio. (*f*- Oscillation frequency).



**Figure S20**. Frequency (*f*) sweeps of the control hydrogels.  $Log_{10}G'$  (storage moduli, closed symbols) and  $log_{10}G''$  (loss moduli, open symbols) of hydrogels.

HG <sub>X:Y</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Mass of	Mass of	Mass of	Mass of
	copolymer	GelNB/	<b>PI</b> <sup><i>b</i></sup> /	TCEP/
	(mg)	(mg)	(mg)	(mg)
$\mathrm{HG}_{1:1}^{c}$	100	500	6.0	18.0
$\mathrm{HG}_{2:1}{}^{c}$	200	500	7.0	36.0
$\mathrm{HG}_{3:1}^{c}$	300	500	8.0	54.0
$\mathrm{HG}_{3:1}^{d}$	100	500	6.0	54.0
$\mathrm{HG}_{6:1}^{d}$	200	500	7.0	100.0
$\mathrm{HG}_{9:1}^{d}$	300	500	8.0	150.0
$HG_{0:1}$	0.00	500	5.0	18.0
$\mathrm{HG}_{1:0}^{c}$	100	0.00	6.0	18.0
$\mathrm{HG}_{2:0}{}^{c}$	200	0.00	7.0	36.0
$\mathrm{HG}_{3:0}^{c}$	300	0.00	8.0	54.0

**Table S1.** Formulations of the hydrogels

<sup>*a*</sup>HG= Hydrogel, X:Y= Thiol:ene ratio in the reaction mixture, <sup>*b*</sup>Photoinitiator (Irgacure 2959), <sup>*c*</sup>Hydrogels were made using Poly(HPMA<sub>77</sub>-*s*-MEMA<sub>5</sub>), <sup>*d*</sup>Hydrogels were made using Poly(HPMA<sub>57</sub>-*s*-MEMA<sub>15</sub>).