RAFT polymerization of RGD peptide-based

methacrylamide monomer for cell adhesion

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Chemical Formula: C₃₀H₄₄N₁₀O₁₀ Exact Mass: 704.32 Molecular Weight: 704.74

Fig. S1 Structure of MARGD.



Fig. S2 HPLC profile of MARGD: (A) UV detector set at 254 nm, (B) UV detector set at max adsorption and (C) UV detector set at 210 nm.



Fig. S3 Distortionless Enhancement by Polarization Transfer (DEPT 135) NMR spectrum of MARGD in D₂O.



Fig. S4 ¹H NMR Spectrum of MARGD in DMSO-*d*₆.



Fig. S5 GPC traces for RAFT polymerization of MARGD at different polymerization times.



Fig. S6 Circular dichroism (CD) spectra of MARGD and PMARGD in H₂O.



Fig. S7 ¹H NMR spectra of PMARGD and diblock copolymer: PMARGD-*b*-PNIPAM in DMSO-*d*₆ (The three sharp peaks around 7.0 -7.3 ppm are trifluoroacetic acid residue's fluorine resonance signals).





Fig. S9 GPC traces for PMARGD diblock copolymers (see **Table 1** for **P1 – P6** molecular weight data).



Fig. S10 DLS size distributions recorded for PMARGD at different pH values.



Fig. S11 TEM images for PMARGD at (A) pH 2.9 and (B) pH 4.9. Scale bars represented 100 nm.

Table 51. Zeta potential of 1 Wirk(GD medsured at different pri values.				
pН		2.9	4.9	7.4

+37.2

-3.9

+15.2

Zeta Potentials (mv)

Table S1. Zeta potential of PMARGD measured at different pH values.



 d_6 .



Fig. S13 GPC trace for PMARGD-*co*-PKH570 (M_n 12.9 kDa; \oplus 1.21).



Fig. S14. Contact angle results for (A) unmodified glass slide and (B) PMARGD-*co*-PKH570 modified glass slide