

## Supporting information

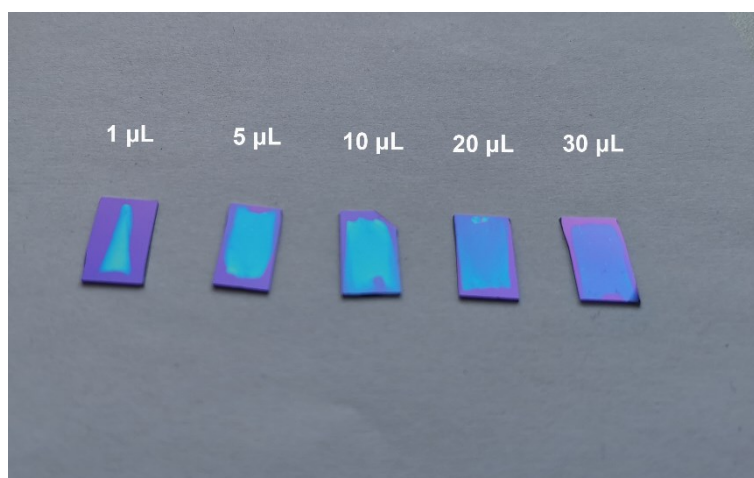
# Boosting or Moderating Surface-Initiated Cu(0)-Mediated Controlled Radical Polymerization with External Additives

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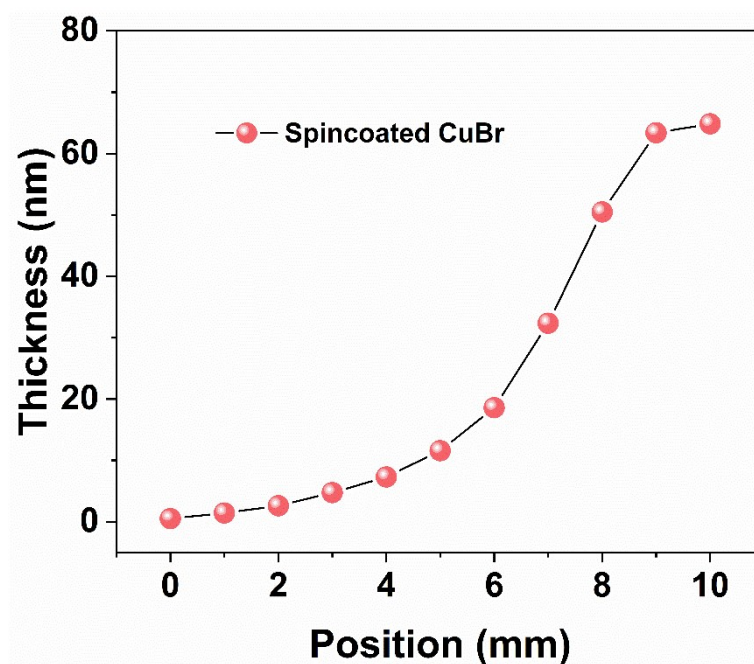
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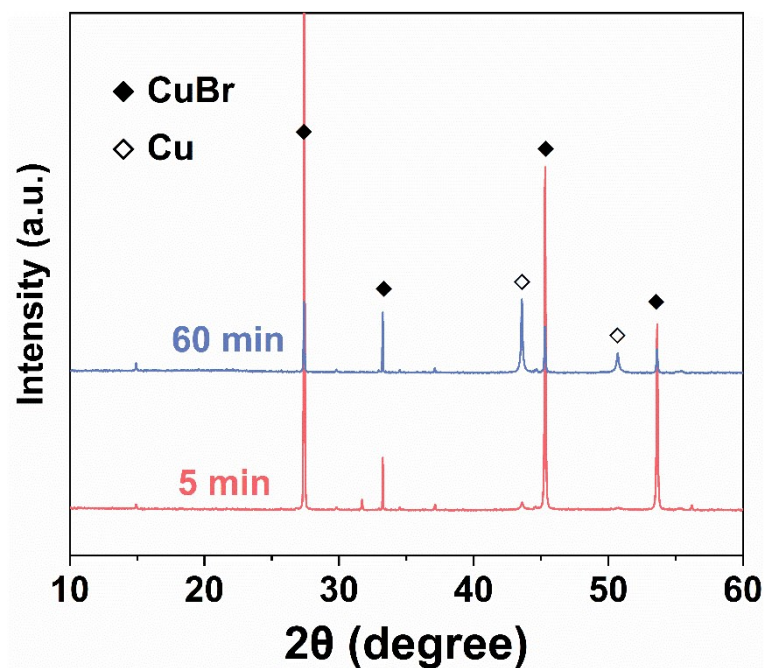
## Supplementary figures



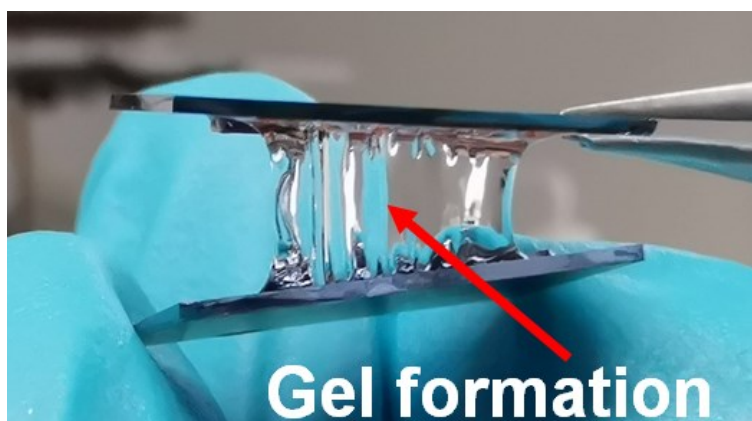
**Fig. S1.** Photographs of POEGMA brush-modified substrate with different PMDETA in water/methanol in air.



**Fig. S2.** Gradient POEGMA brushes via spin-coated CuBr in 1 h in air.



**Fig. S3.** XRD spectra of spin-coated CuBr after polymerization 5 and 60 min in air.



**Fig. S4.** Photo image of surface-initiated hydrogel formation in 1 h in the presence of  $[\text{CuBr}_2]:[\text{PMDETA}] = 1:2$  in air.