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## Electronic supplementary information for:

## Synthesis and antifouling performance of tadpole-shaped

## poly(*N*-hydroxyethylacrylamide) coatings

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Scheme S1. Synthesis of Y-TFP.



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of BPDL-CTA in CD<sub>3</sub>OD.



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Y-TFP in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Y-TFP in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of Y-TFP in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S5. FT-IR spectrum of Y-TFP.

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Figure S6. Mass spectrum of Y-TFP.



**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PHEAA in CD<sub>3</sub>OD.



**Figure S8.** FT-IR spectra of (*I*-PHEAA)-*b*-PDMA and the resultant (*c*-PHEAA)-*b*-PDMA. (a) Full FT-IR spectra; (b) Expanded FT-IR spectra.

polymer	<i>M</i> <sub>n,NMR</sub> <sup>a</sup> (g/mol)	$M_{n,GPC}^{b}$ (g/mol)	Dispersity ( <i>Ð</i> ) <sup>b</sup>			
PHEAA	9600	3500	1.23			
(/-PHEAA)- <i>b</i> -PDMA	11500	5700	1.61			
( <i>c</i> -PHEAA)- <i>b</i> -PDMA	/	5400	1.47			

Table S1. Molecular characterizations of the synthesized polymers

<sup>*a*</sup>The  $M_n$  was determined via <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy in CD<sub>3</sub>OD. <sup>*b*</sup>The  $M_n$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  ( $M_w/M_n$ ) were measured by GPC with PEG standards using H<sub>2</sub>O as eluent.

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Sample	Thickness[nm]	Water contact angle[°]	Surface roughness[nm]
Au	/	84 ± 2	4.14
Au-( <i>I</i> -PHEAA)- <i>b</i> -PDMA	9.4 ± 0.3	19 ± 2	4.39
Au-( <i>c</i> -PHEAA)- <i>b</i> -PDMA	$2.1 \pm 0.1$	30 ± 2	3.82

Table S2. Surface characteristics of polymer-modified gold surfaces

AFM was used to measure the root-mean-square (RMS) surface roughness. For the dry thickness of coating determined by ellipsometry, all samples are tested at room temperature and the measurement angle is 70°. Each sample is tested at two different points, and the data is then analyzed by WVASE32TM data acquisition and analysis software.