

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Electroactive 3D printable poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene)-*graft*-poly(ϵ -caprolactone) copolymers as scaffolds for muscle cell alignment

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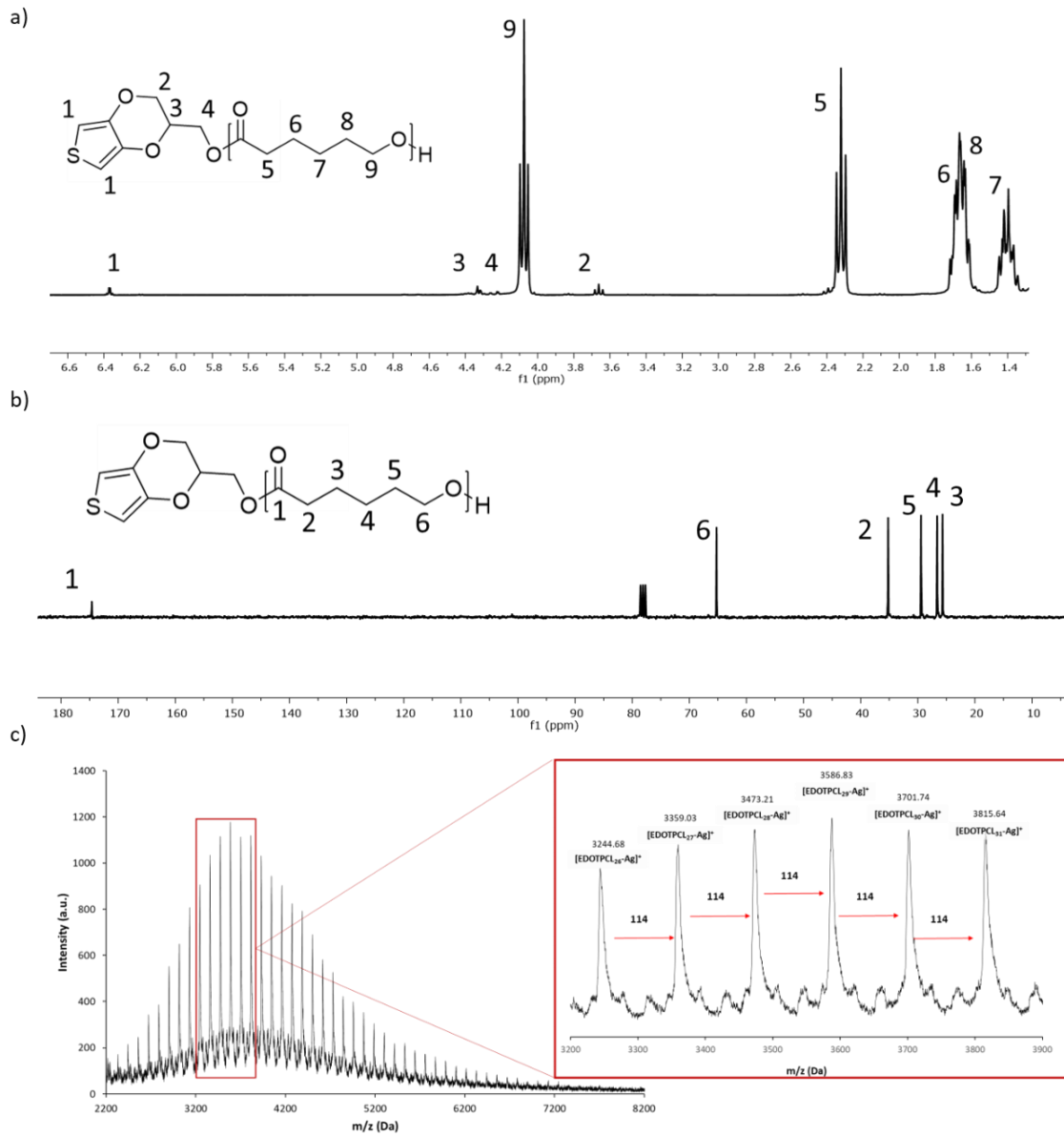


Figure S1. a) ^1H -NMR and b) ^{13}C -NMR spectra of EDOT-PCL $_{4k}$ macromonomers obtained by bulk ring-opening polymerization of ϵ -caprolactone using hydroxyl methyl EDOT as initiator and a mixture of MSA:DMAP as organocatalysts. c) MALDI-TOF of the PCL $_{4k}$ indicating a monomodal mass profile distribution.

Table S1. Molecular weight, determined by SEC and $^1\text{H-NMR}$, and polydispersity of the EDOT-PCL macromonomers synthesized. Synthetic conditions carried out in bulk at 130°C for 5 days and using MSA:DMAP as organocatalyst.

| Macromonomer | M_n (g mol^{-1}) ^a | M_n (g mol^{-1}) ^b | M_n (g mol^{-1}) ^c | PDI ^d |
|--------------------|--|--|--|------------------|
| PCL _{16k} | 16 000 | 15 400 | 15 221 | 1.56 |
| PCL _{8k} | 7 500 | 8 200 | 8 941 | 1.93 |
| PCL _{4k} | 4 000 | 3 600 | 4 414 | 1.46 |

^a Theoretical number-average molecular weight

^b Experimental number-average molecular weight calculated with $^1\text{H-NMR}$

^c Experimental number-average molecular weight calculated with SEC using PS standards

^d Dispersity = M_w/M_n calculated by SEC

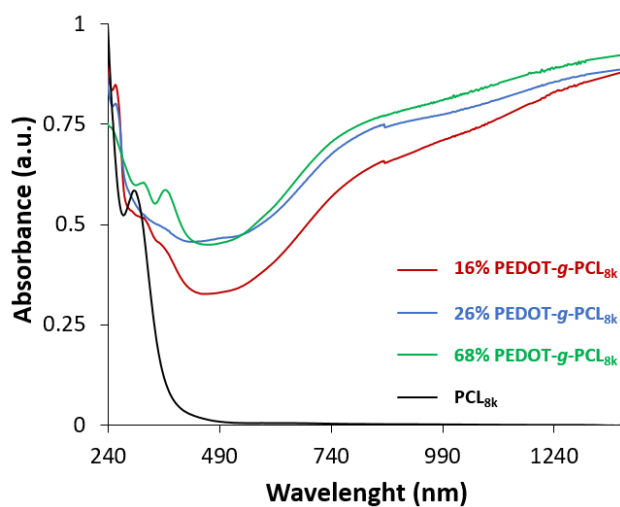


Figure S2. UV-vis spectra of PCL macromonomer and the copolymers PEDOT- g -PCL_{8k} synthesized with different PEDOT compositions 16, 26 and 68 %wt.

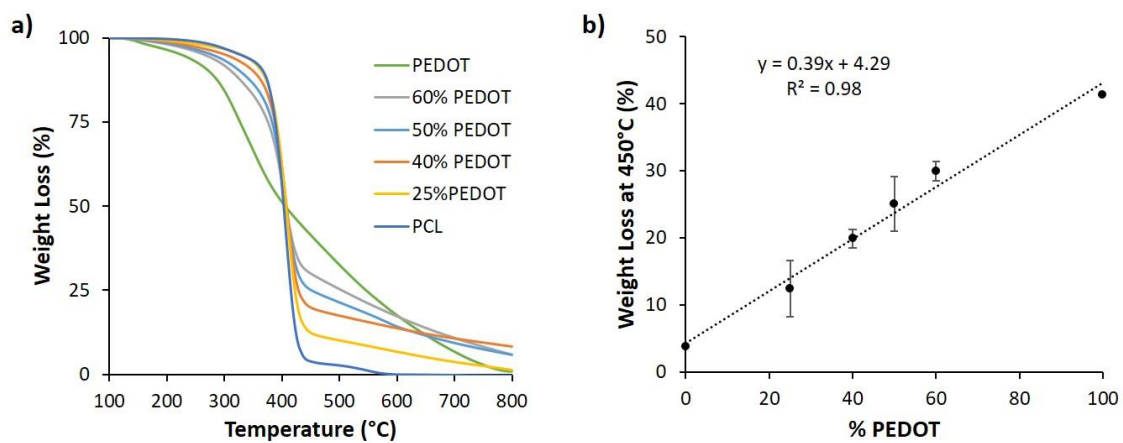


Figure S3. a) TGA spectra of both polymers, PEDOT and PCL, and blends with different PEDOT percentages 25, 40, 50 and 60%, to obtain b) the calibration curve employed to determine the PEDOT percentage in the synthesized PEDOT-*g*-PCL copolymers. The dashed line shows the linear fitting expressed as: $weight\ loss\ (\%) = 0.39 + 4.29 \cdot PEDOT(\%)$

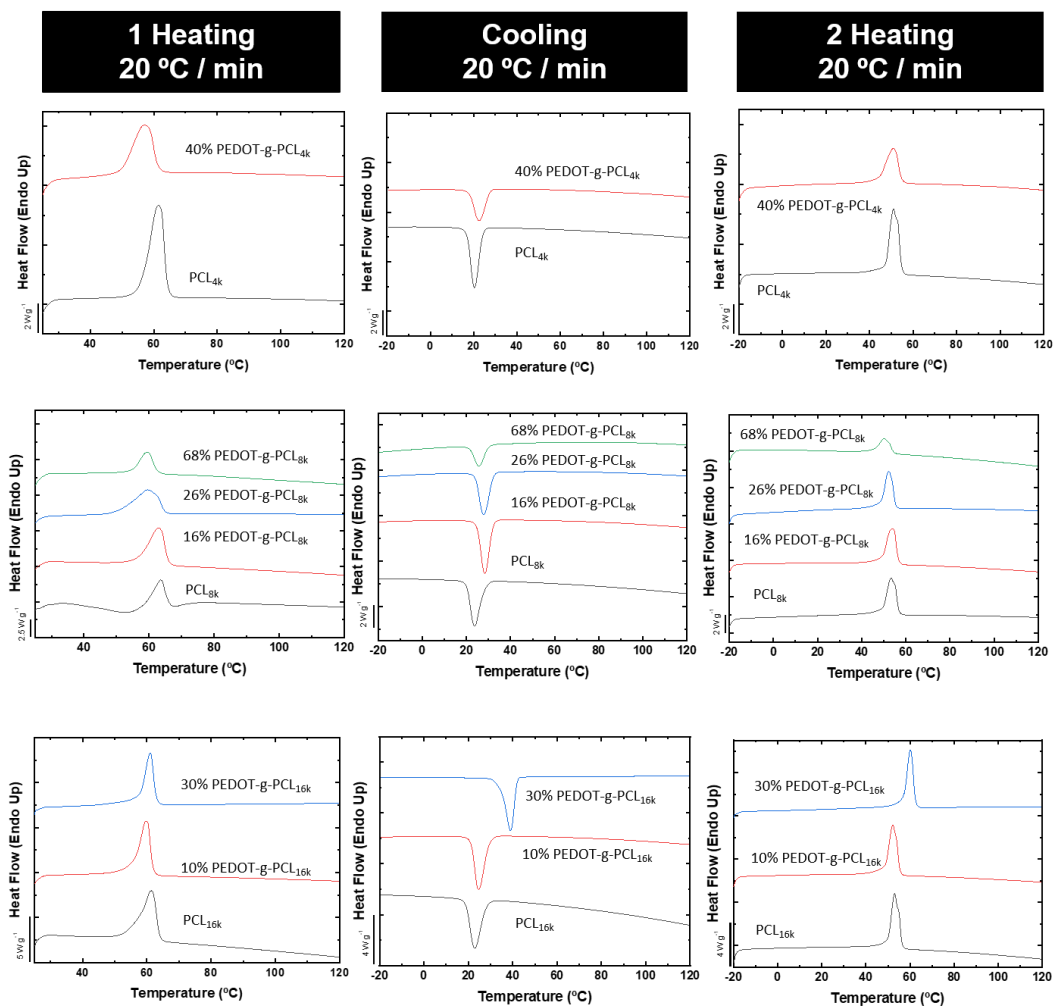


Figure S4. DSC of the PCL macromonomers synthesized with different number average molecular weights ($M_n = 4k, 8k$ and $16k$) and their corresponding graft copolymers a) PEDOT-g-PCL_{4k}, b) PEDOT-g-PCL_{8k} and c) PEDOT-g-PCL_{16k}.

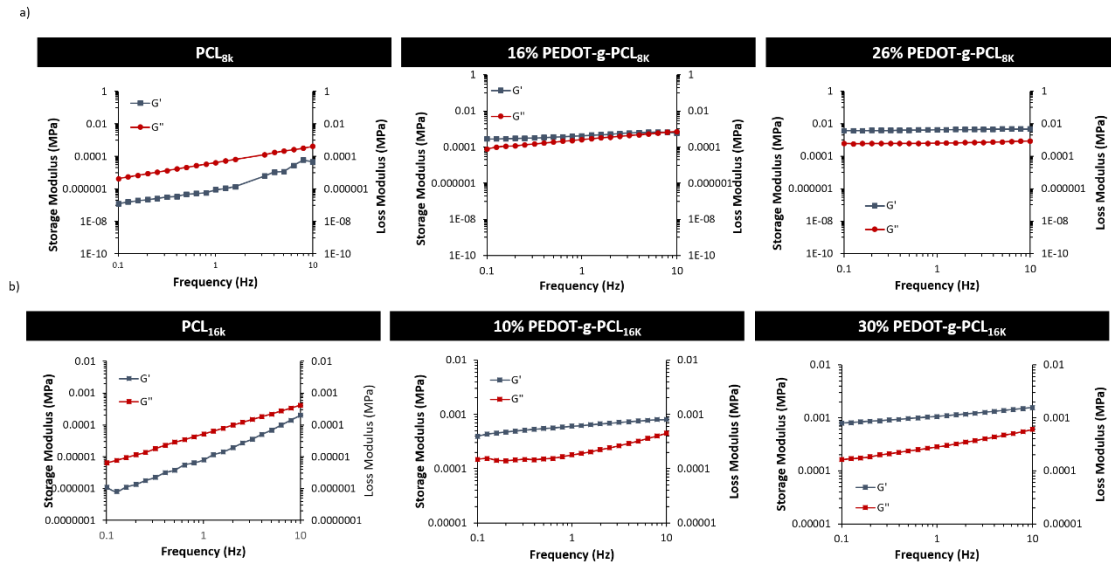


Figure S5. Storage modulus (G') and loss modulus (G'') at 65 °C of PCL macromonomers synthesized with different number average molecular weights ($M_n = 8k$ and $16k$) and their corresponding graft copolymers a) PEDOT- g -PCL $_{8k}$, and b) PEDOT- g -PCL $_{16k}$.

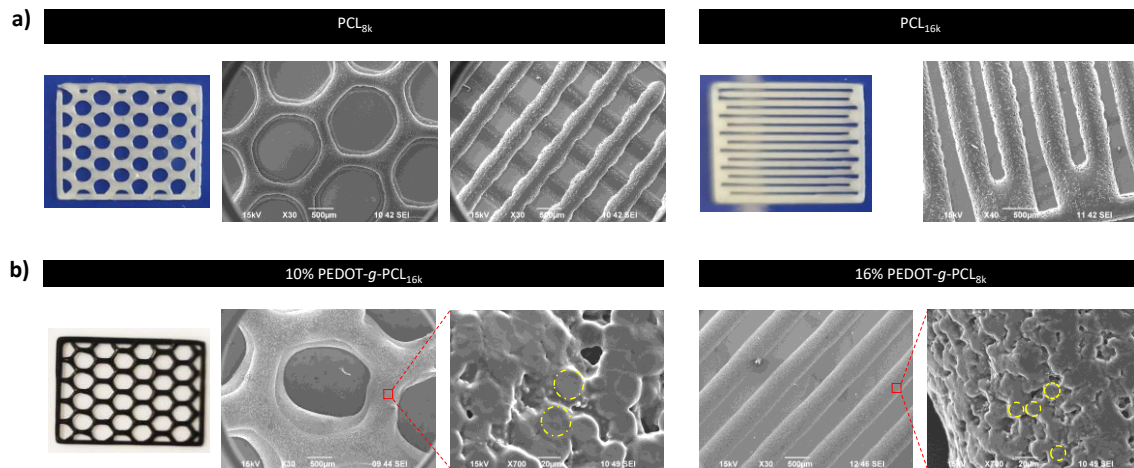


Figure S6. Photographs and SEM images of different printed patterns to show the high-resolution and shapes. a) PCL macromonomers ($M_n = 8k$ and $16k$), and their corresponding graft copolymers PEDOT- g -PCL $_{8k}$ and PEDOT- g -PCL $_{16k}$. Note that yellow circles highlight the size of the crystals.

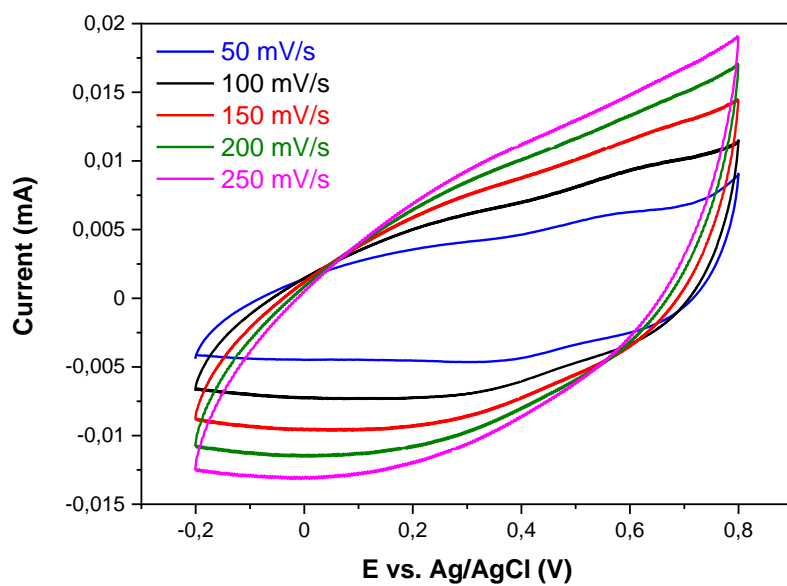


Figure S7. Cyclic voltammograms of 16% PEDOT-*g*-PCL_{8k} at different scan rates, as shown in the legend of the figure.

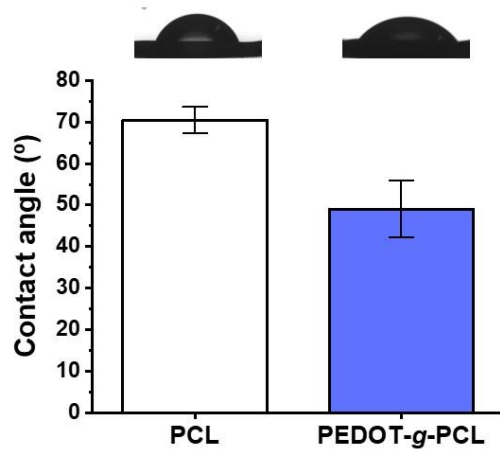


Figure S8. Water contact angle (WCA) of the printed patterns made of PCL_{16k} macromonomer and the graft copolymer 16% PEDOT-*g*-PCL_{8k}. Results show the mean \pm standard deviation of three samples.