

## Supplementary Information for

### Synthesis of polyurethane particles in supercritical carbon dioxide using organocatalysts or organocatalytic surfactants

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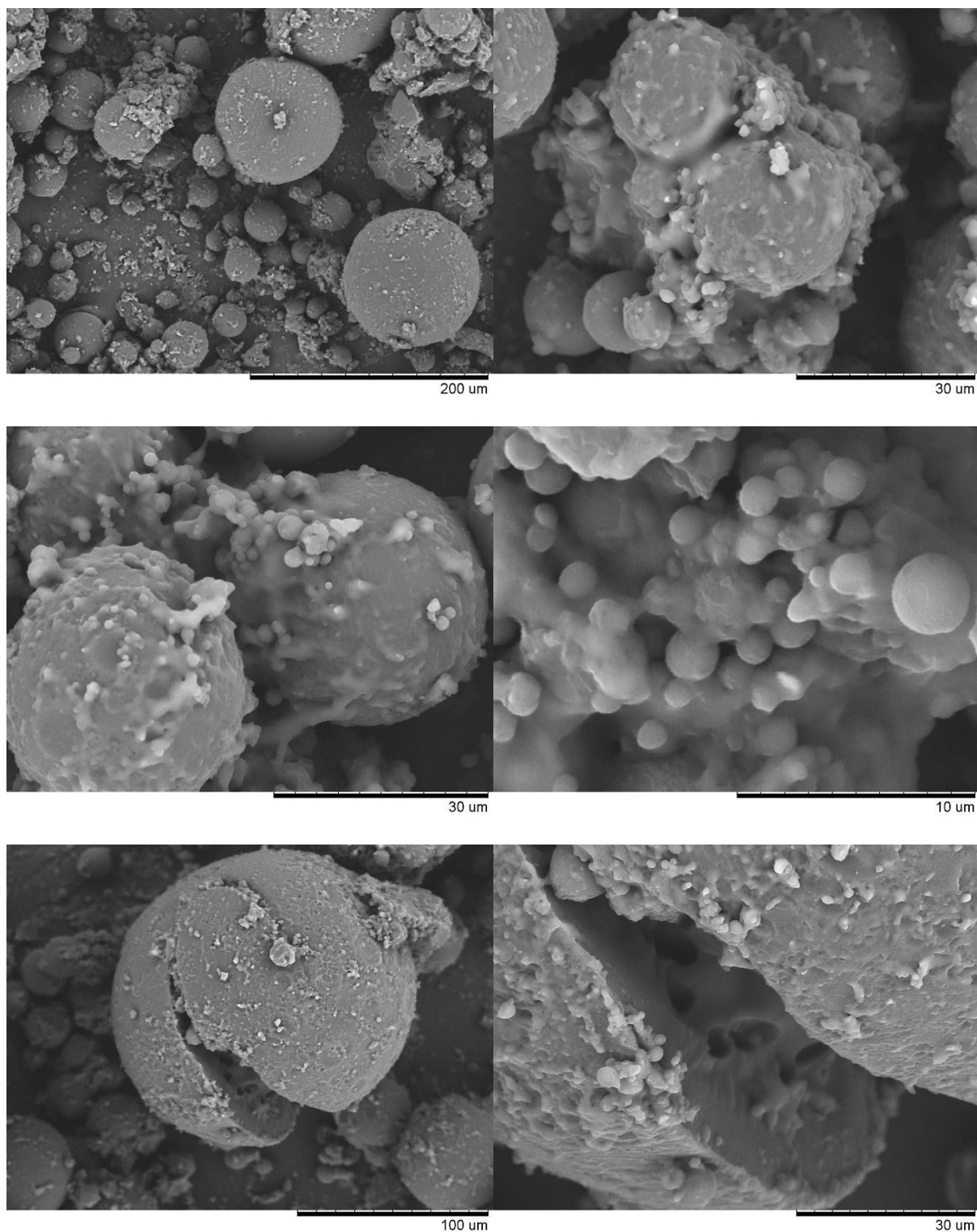
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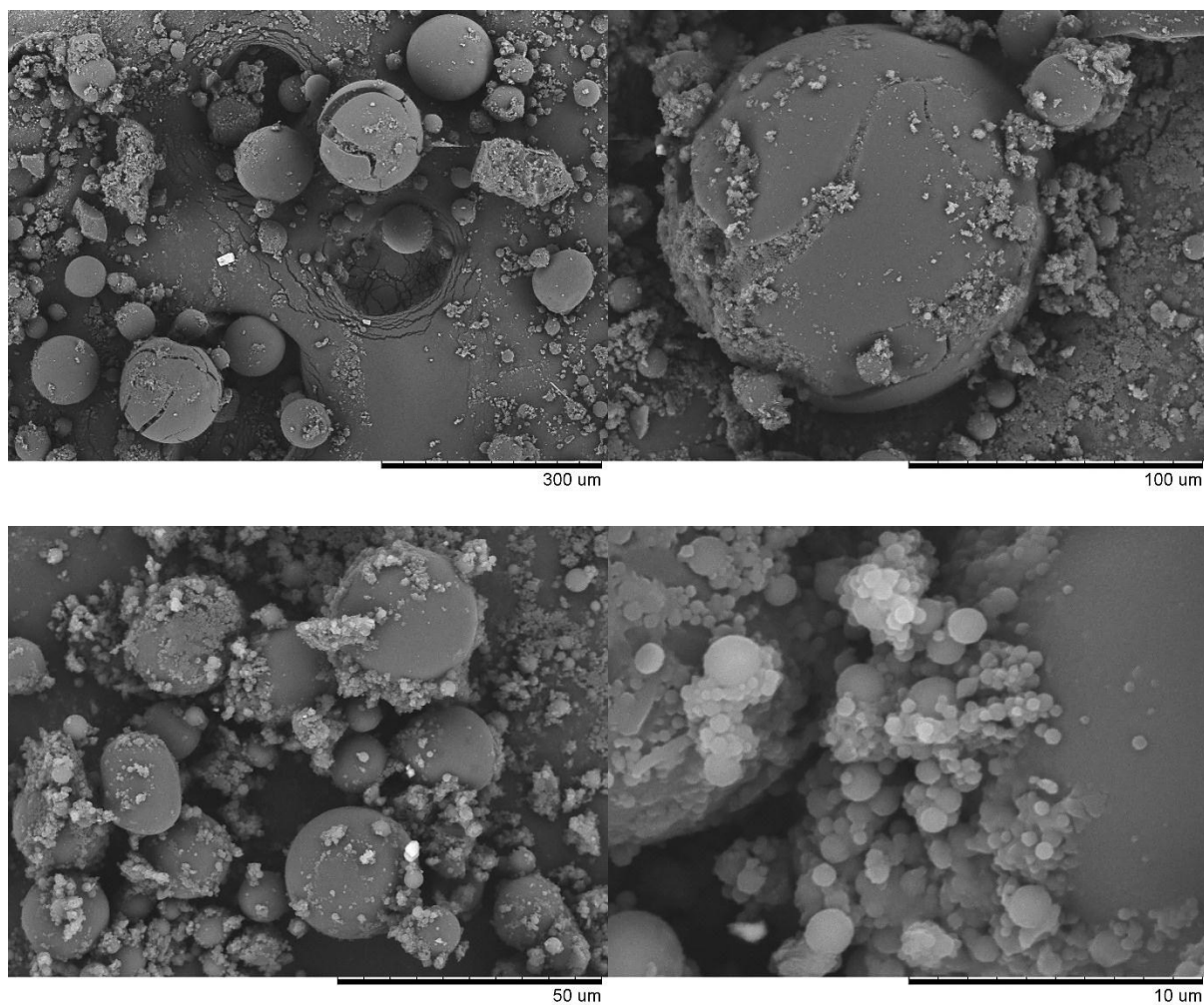
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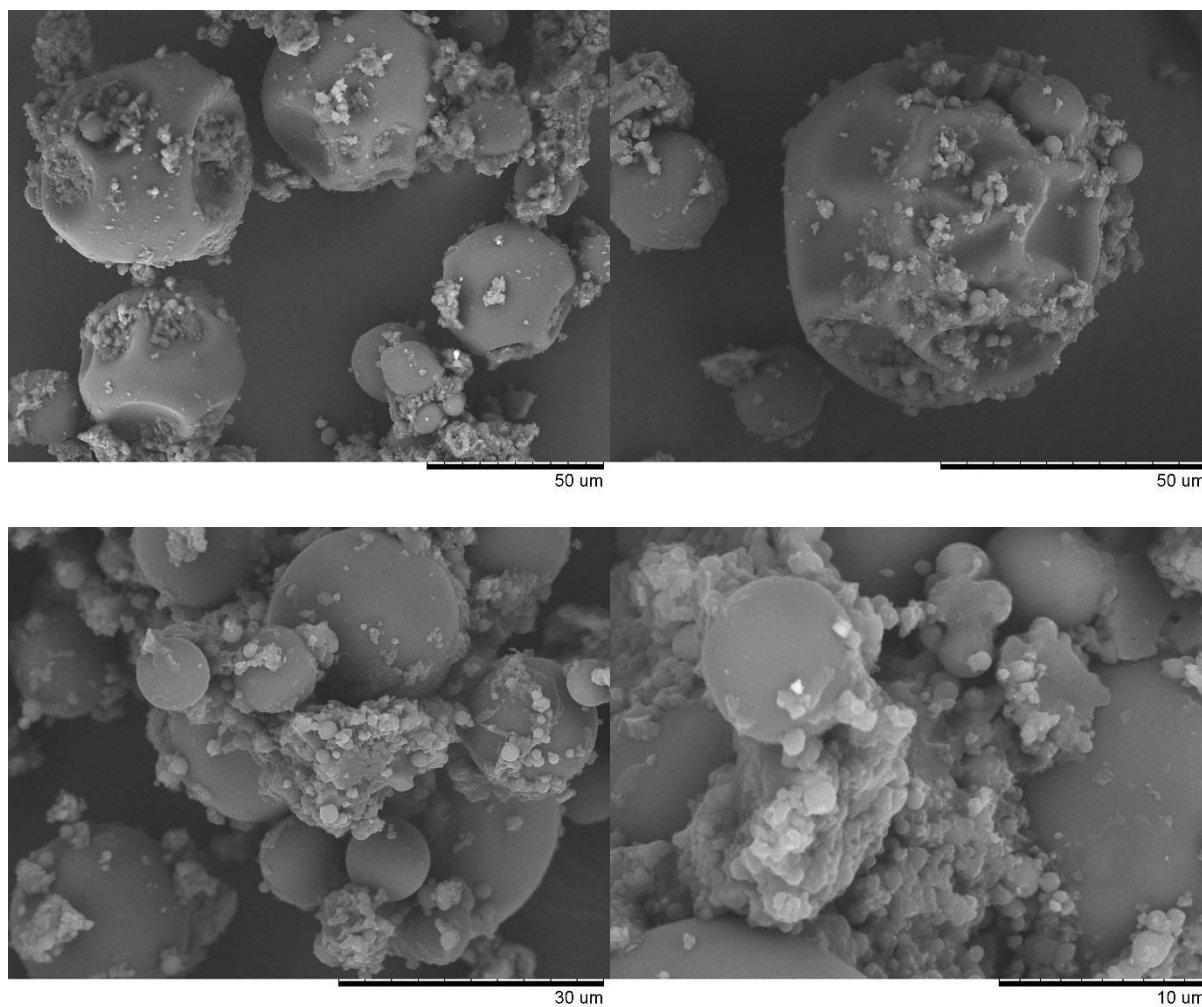
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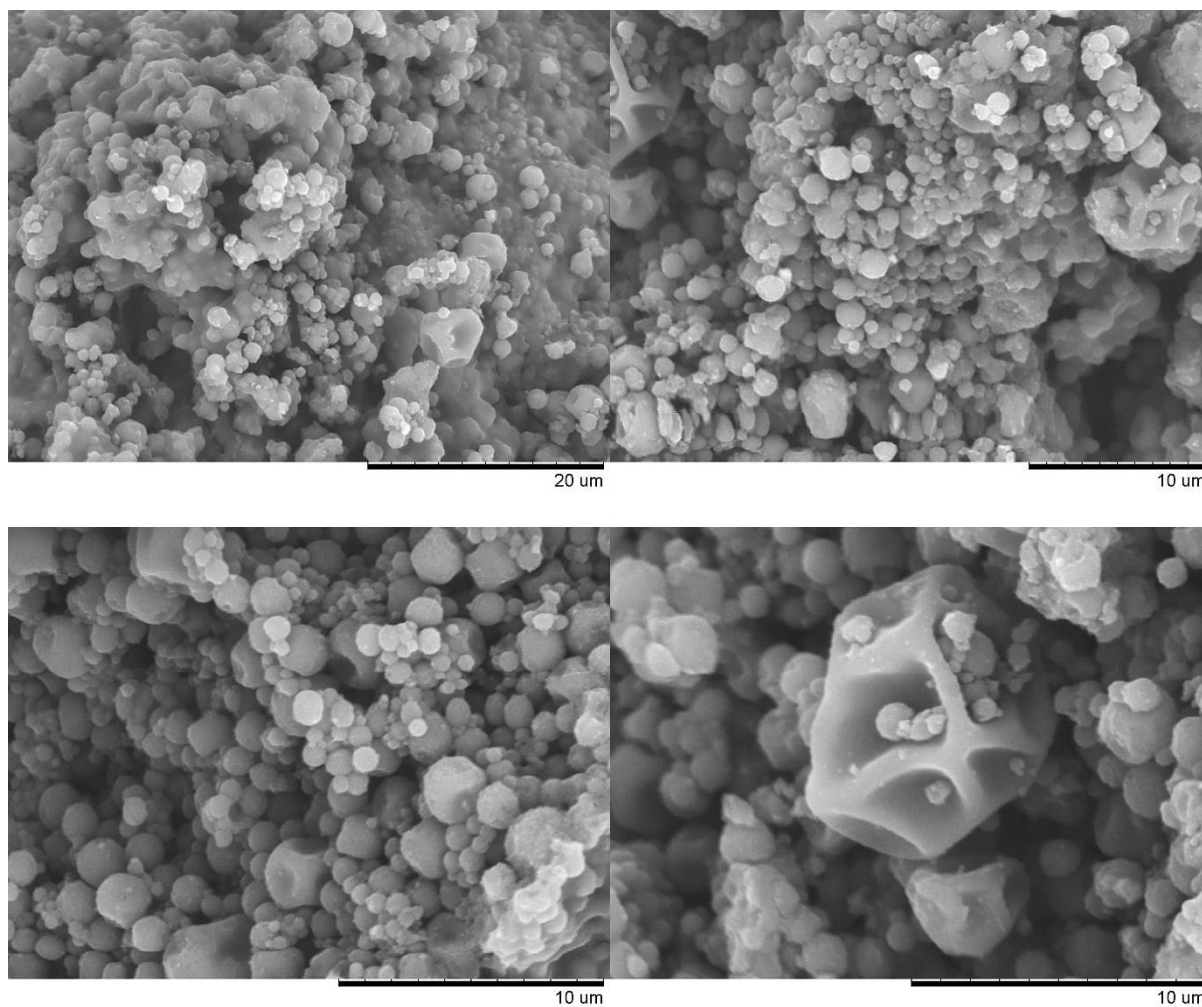
**Fig. S1** SEM images of polyurethane particles produced in the absence of catalyst (table 1, entry 2).



**Fig. S2** SEM images of polyurethane particles produced in the presence of 0.2 mol% NMO (table 1, entry 3).

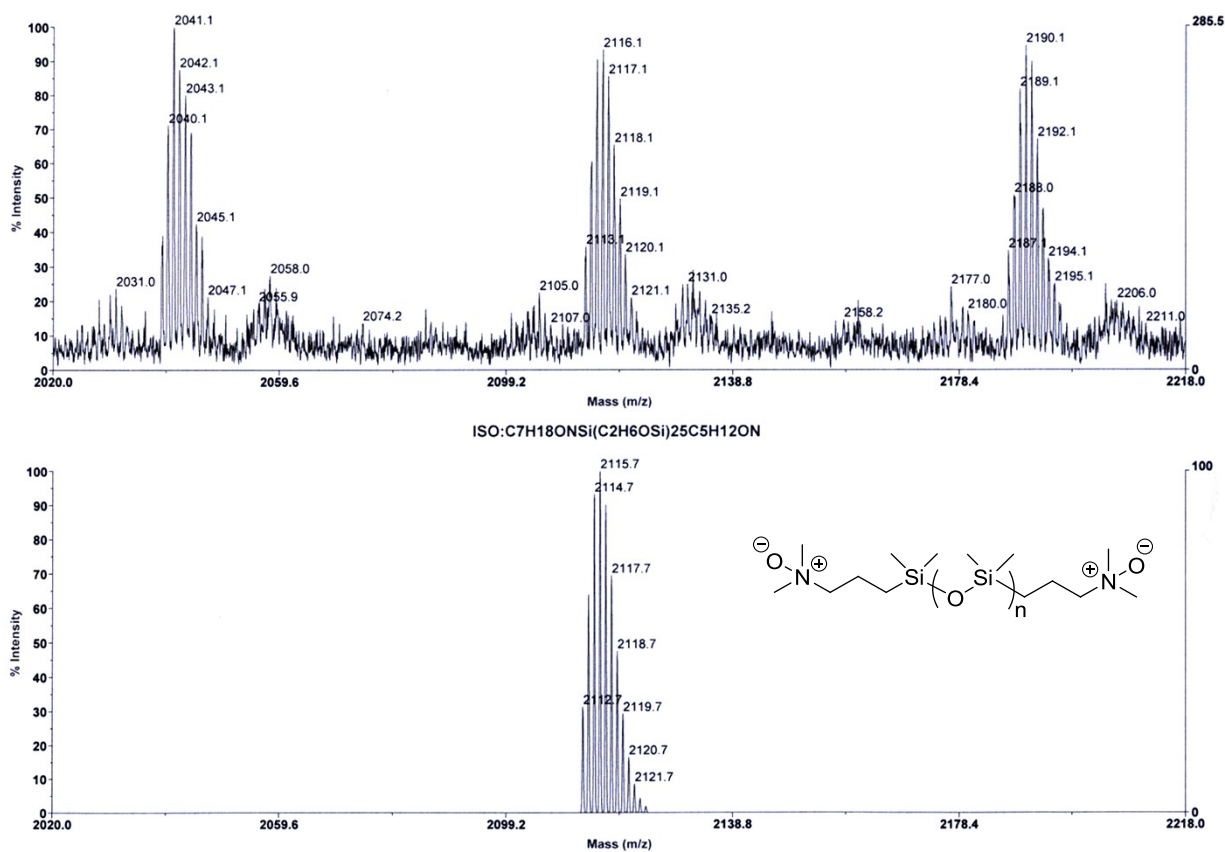


**Fig. S3** SEM images of polyurethane particles produced in the presence of 1 mol% NMO (table 1, entry 4).

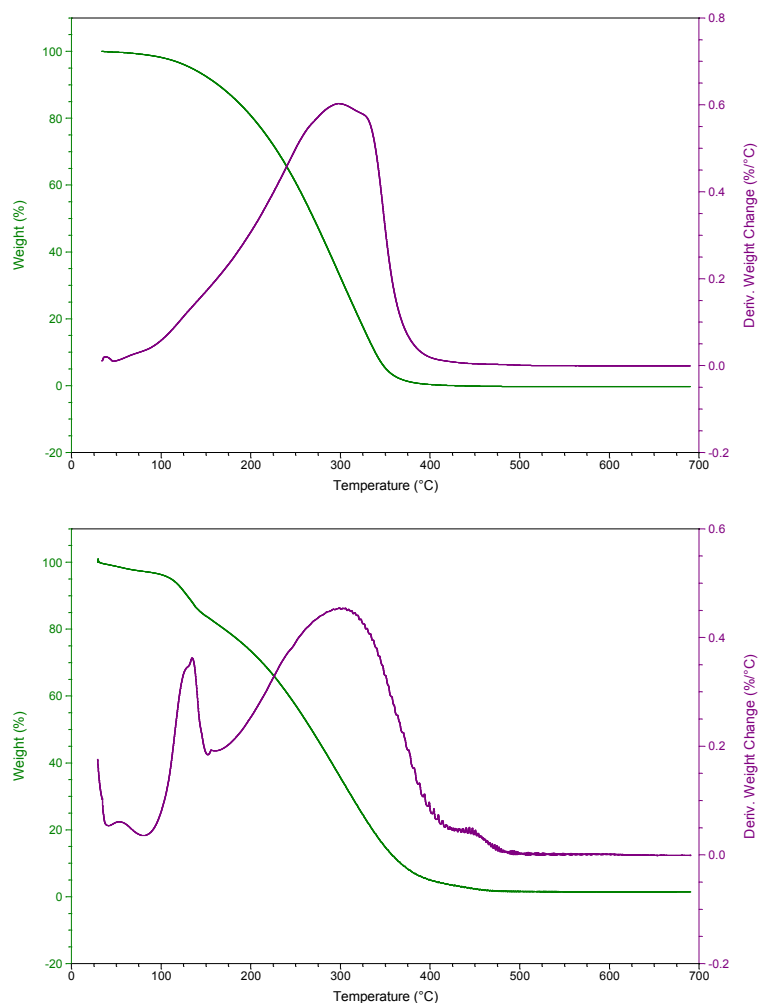


**Fig. S4** SEM images of polyurethane particles produced in the presence of 5 mol% NMO (table 1, entry 5).



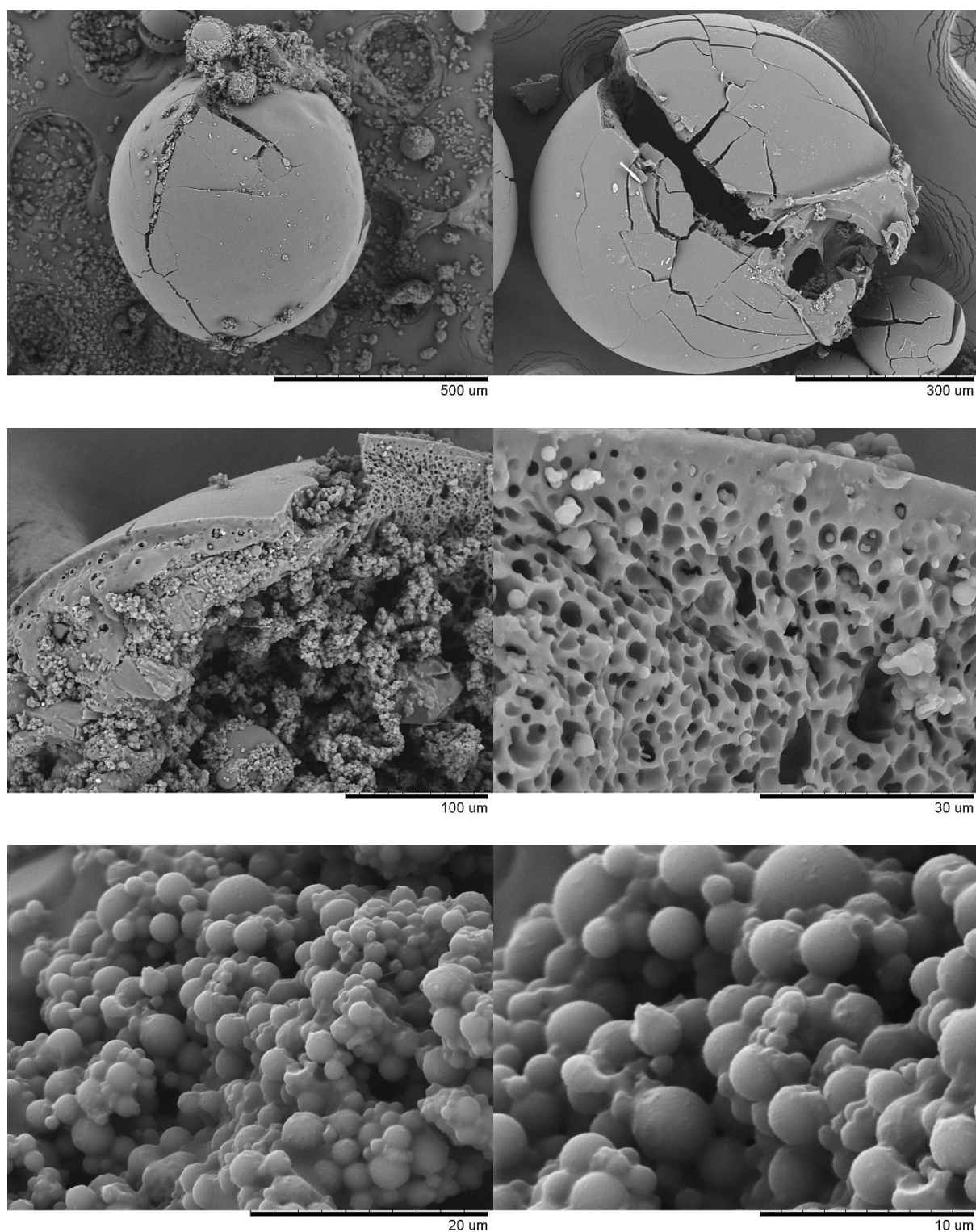


**Fig. S6** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of the telechelic catasurf between 2020 and 2218 m/z (top) and calculated spectrum for  $n = 25$  (bottom).

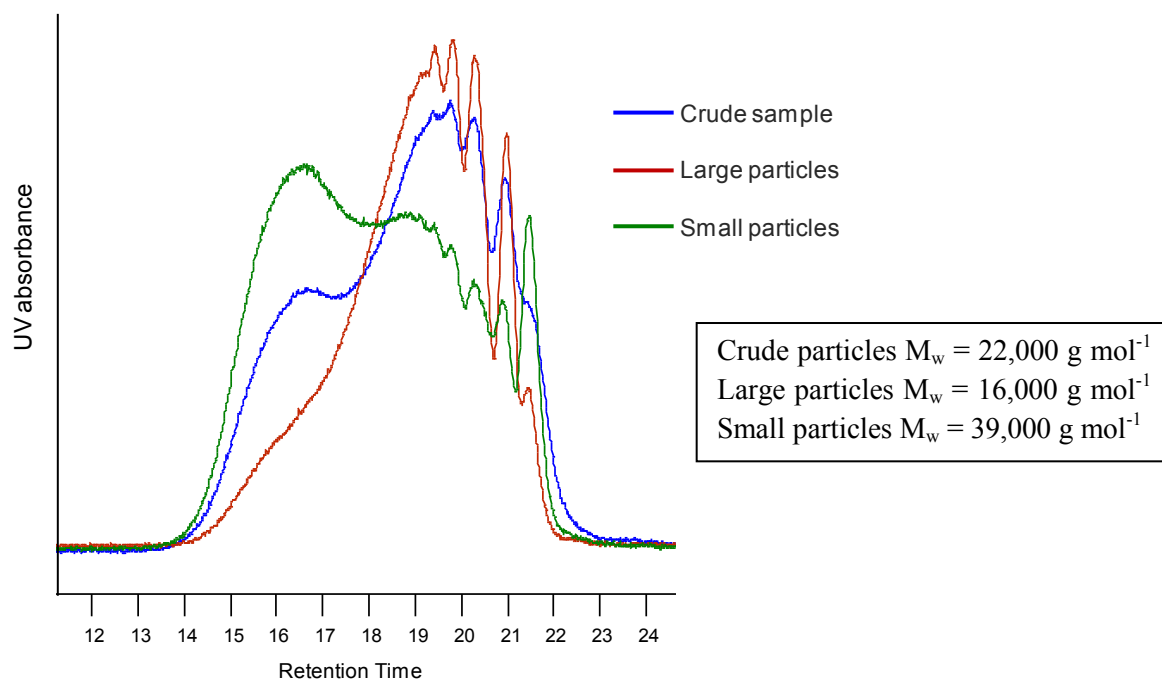


**Fig. S7** Thermogravimetric analysis curve (green) and differential thermogravimetric analysis curve (purple) of the mono-amino functionalised PDMS (top) and the mono-amine oxide functionalised PDMS (bottom) [ $M_n = 1600 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ].

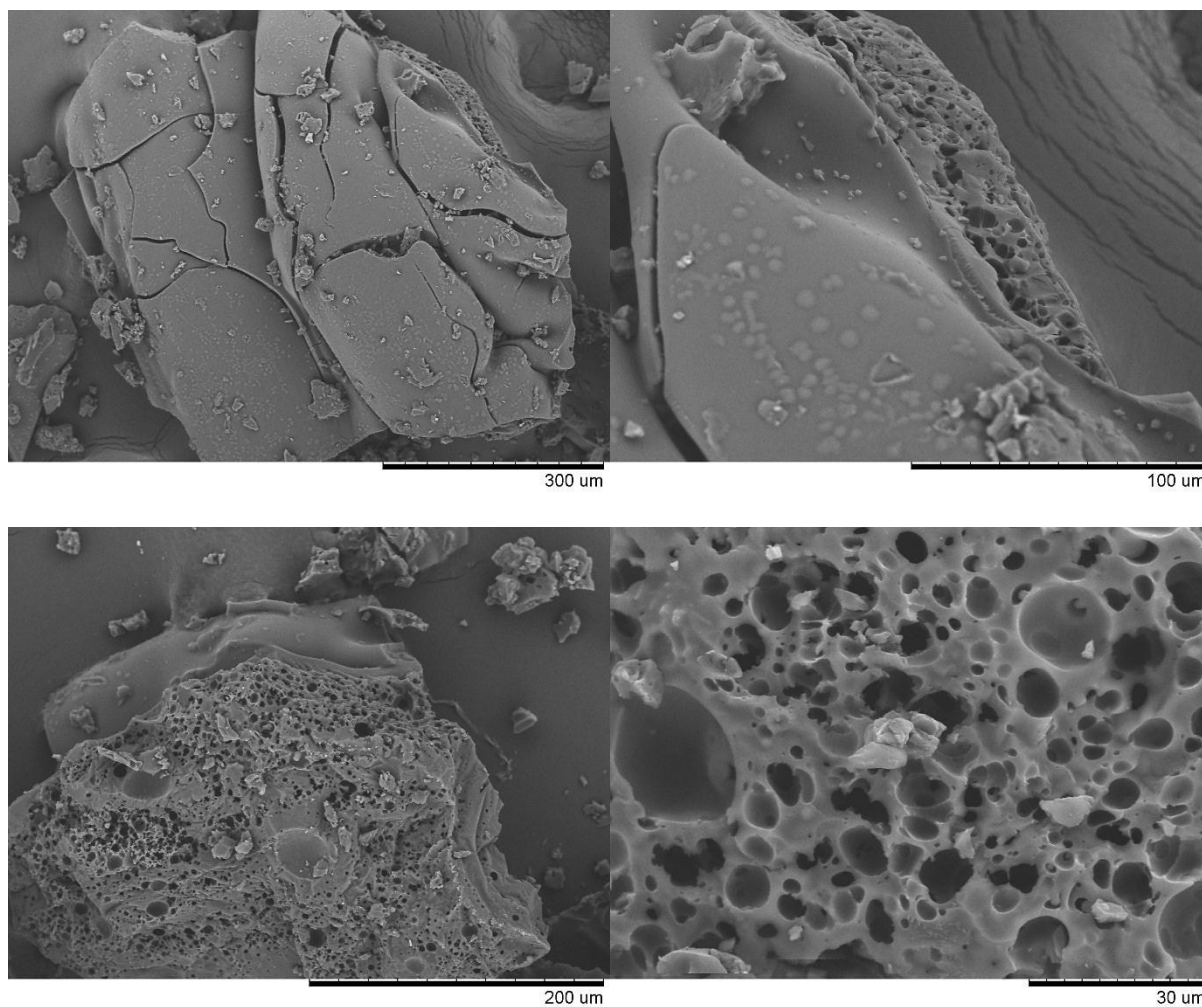




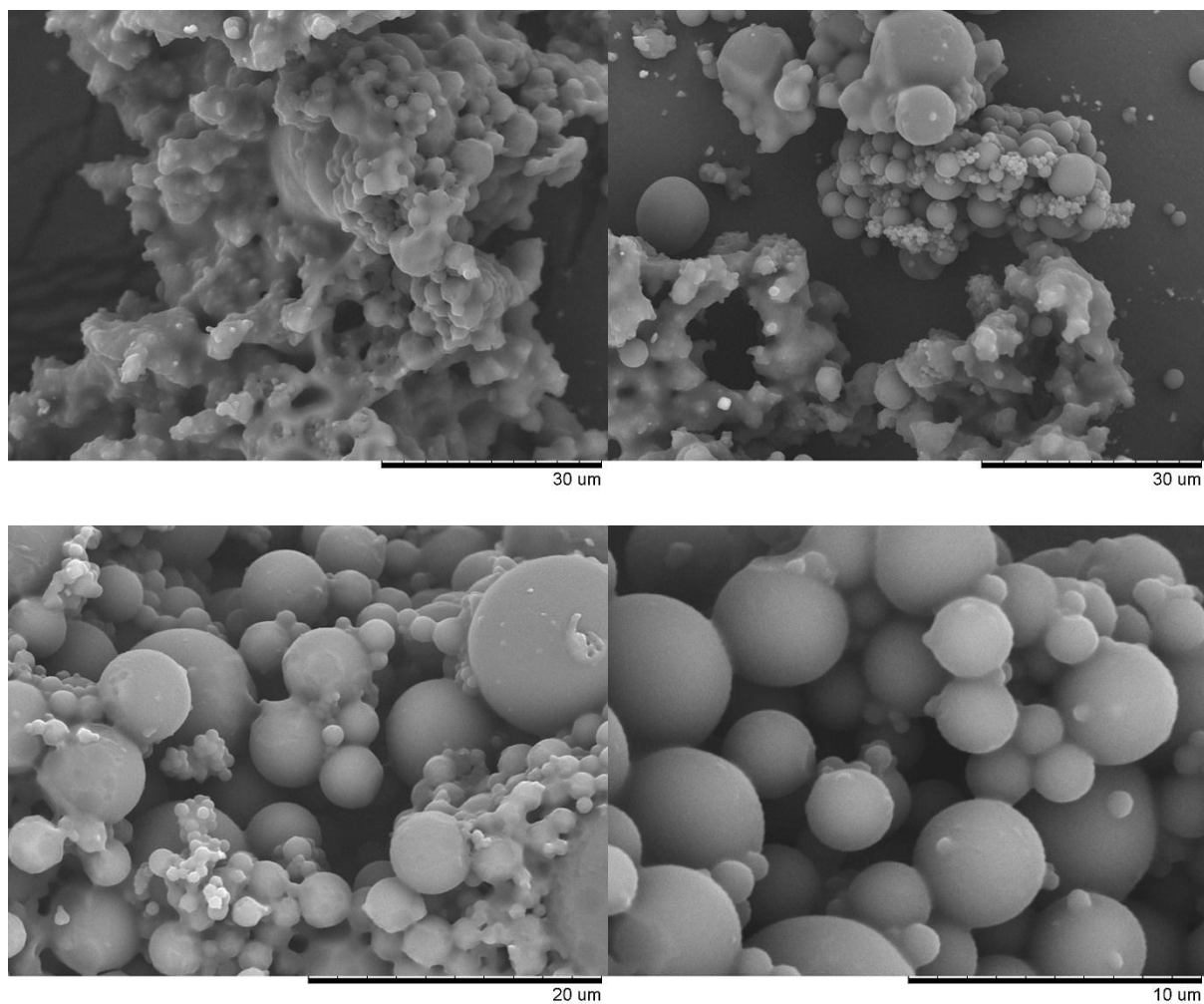
**Fig. S8** SEM images of polyurethane particles produced in the presence of 0.2 mol% of the telechelic catasurf with an  $M_n$  of  $15,000 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  (table 2, entry 1a).



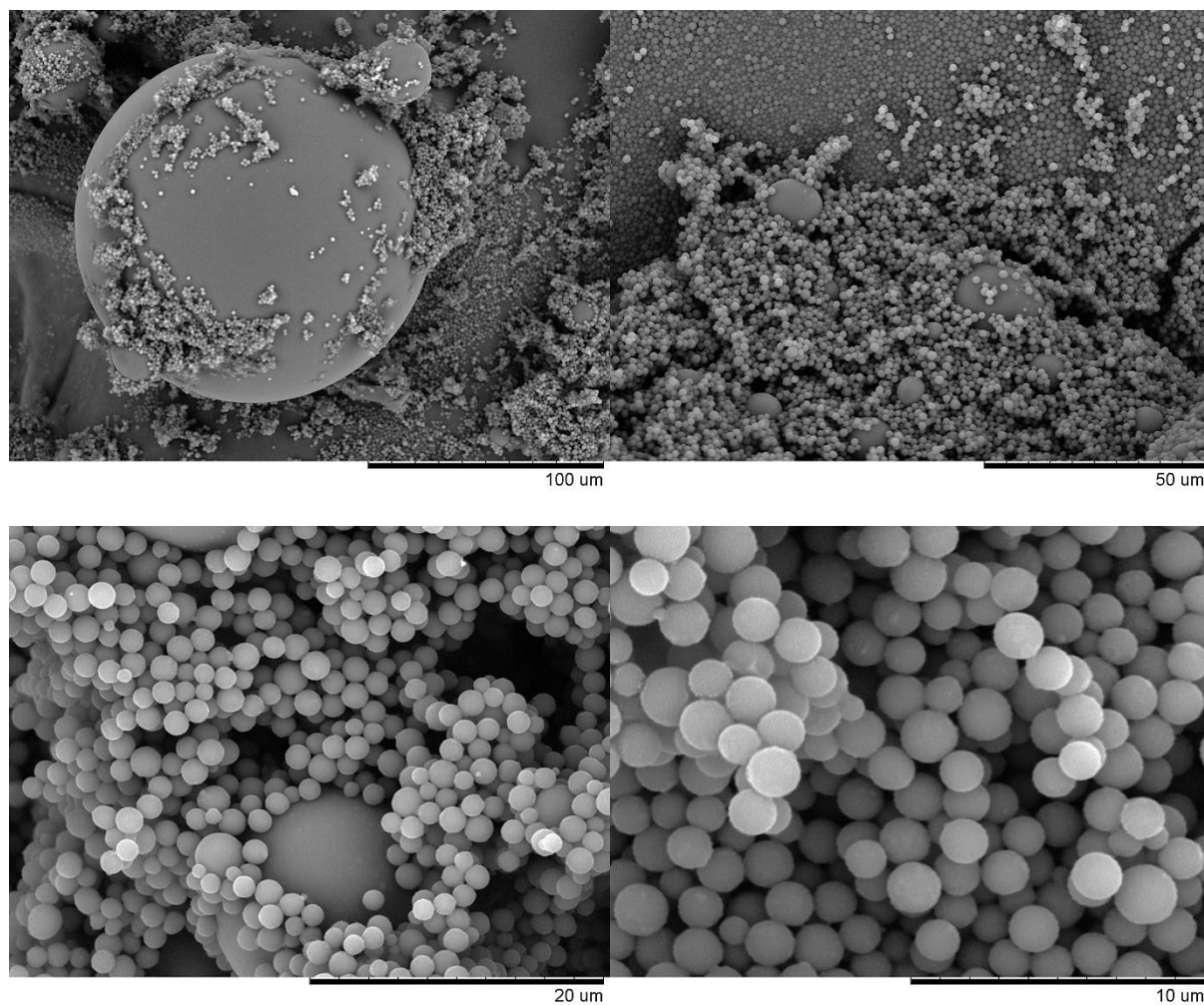
**Fig. S9** SEC traces of the polyurethane particles produced in the presence of 0.2 mol% of the telechelic catasurf with an  $M_n$  of  $15,000 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  (table 2, entry 1a).



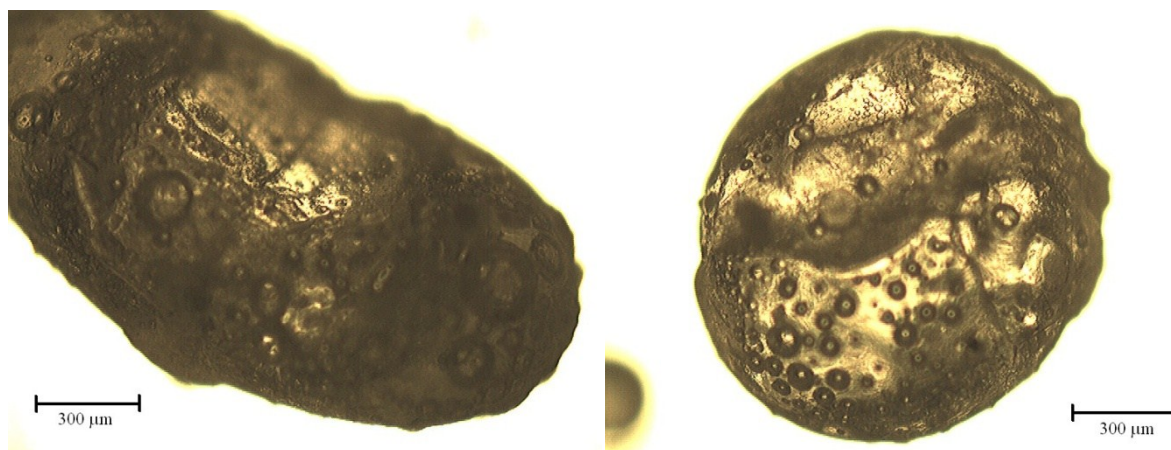
**Fig. S10** SEM images of polyurethane microcellular foam produced in the presence of the monofunctional catasurf with an  $M_n$  of  $1600 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  (table 2, entry 4).



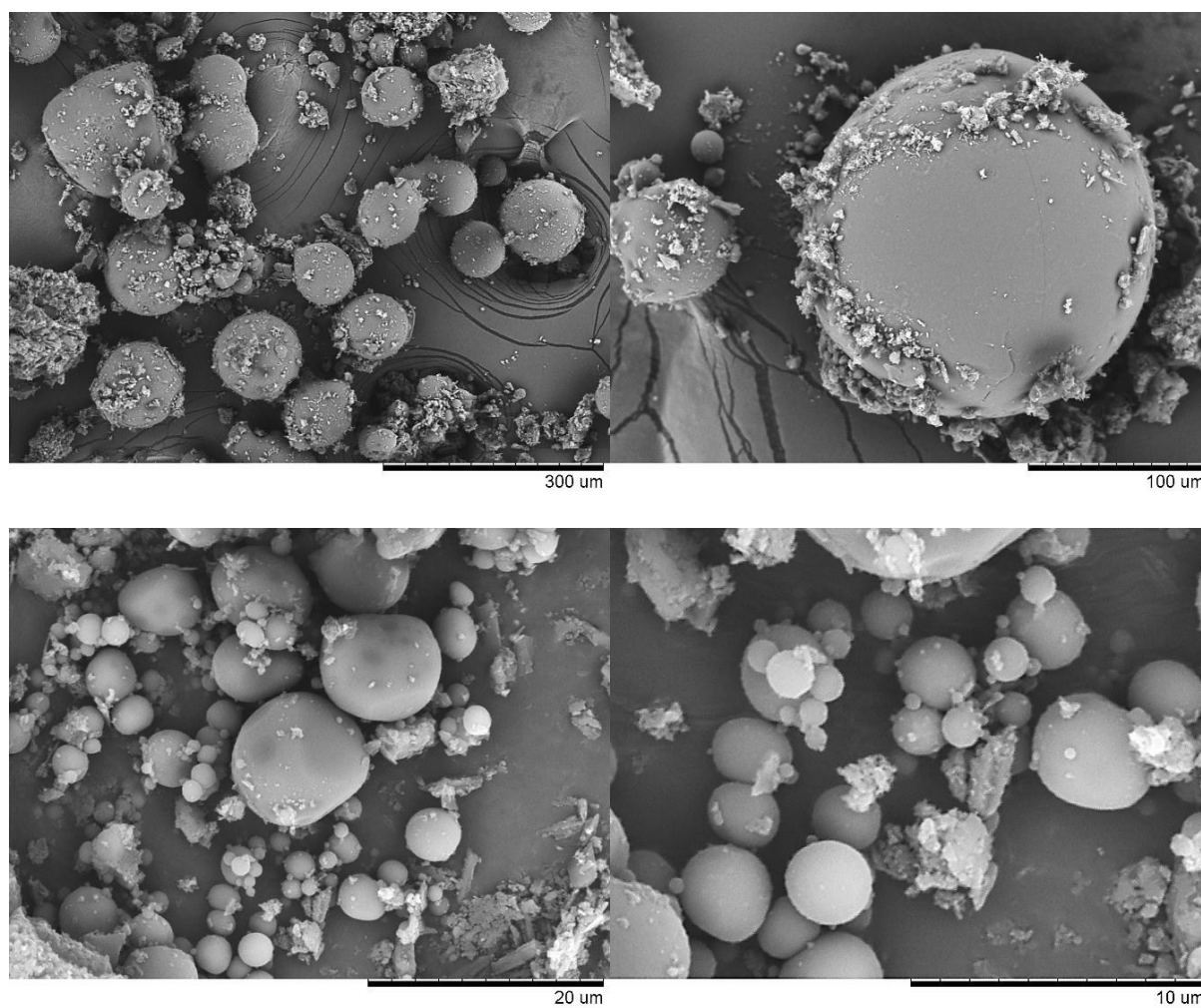
**Fig. S11** SEM images of polyurethane particles produced in the presence of 1.0 mol% of the telechelic catasurf with an  $M_n$  of  $12,000 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  (table 2, entry 6).



**Fig. S12** SEM images of polyurethane particles produced in the presence of 1.0 mol% of the monofunctional catasurf with an  $M_n$  of  $10,000 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  (table 2, entry 7).



**Fig. S13** Optical microscope images of the large spheroidal beads produced with 1.0 mol% of the telechelic amino-terminated PDMS (table 2, entry 8).



**Fig. S14** SEM images of polyurethane particles produced in the presence of 1.0 mol% of the telechelic amino-terminated PDMS (table 2, entry 8).