## **Supporting Information for**

## Facile Synthesis of Polymethionine Oxides through Polycondensation of Activated Urethane Derivative of $\alpha$ -Amino Acid and their Application to Antifouling Polymer against Proteins and Cells

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**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of poly(DL-methionine) by polycondensation of **DL-Met** in the presence of n-BuNH<sub>2</sub> (entry 2 in Table 1)



**Figure S2.** SEC traces of poly(L-methionine) by polycondensation of L-Met(O) in the presence of *n*-BuNH<sub>2</sub> (entries 5-8, in Table 2)



**Figure S3.** SEC traces of poly(DL-methionine sulfone) by polycondensation of **DL-Met(O2)** in the presence of *n*-BuNH<sub>2</sub> (entries 1-5, in Table S1)

**Table S1.** Synthesis of poly(DL-methionine sulfone) by polycondensation of DL-Met(O2) in the presence of *n*-BuNH<sub>2</sub>

entry	feed ratio [ <b>DL-Met(O2</b> )] <sub>0</sub> /[ <i>n</i> -BuNH <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>0</sub>	reaction time (h)	conv. (%) <sup>a</sup>	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	$M_{ m n}$ <sup>c</sup>	$M_{\rm w}/M_{\rm n}^{\rm c}$
1	5	5	>99	95	1,400	1.41
2	10	12	>99	93	2,500	1.36
3	25	20	>99	98	7,300	1.31
4	50	24	>99	92	15,000	1.14
5	100	48	>99	95	28,000	1.21

<sup>a</sup> Calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra

<sup>b</sup> Ether-insoluble parts

<sup>c</sup> Estimated by SEC (eluent: DMF solution of LiBr (10 mM), calibrated by Polystyrene standards)

**Table S2.** Synthesis of poly(L-methionine sulfone) by polycondensation of L-Met(O2) in the presence of *n*-BuNH<sub>2</sub>

entry	feed ratio [ <b>L-Met(O2</b> )] <sub>0</sub> /[ <i>n</i> -BuNH <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>0</sub>	reaction time (h)	conv. (%) <sup>a</sup>	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	$M_{ m n}$ <sup>c</sup>	$M_{ m w}/M_{ m n}^{ m c}$
1	5	5	>99	94	-	-
2	10	12	>99	96	-	-
3	25	48	>99	98	-	-

<sup>a</sup> Calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra

<sup>b</sup> Ether-insoluble parts

<sup>c</sup> Estimated by SEC (eluent: DMF solution of LiBr (10 mM), calibrated by Polystyrene standards)

 $M_{\rm n}$  and  $M_{\rm w}/M_{\rm n}$  were not determined due to a low solubility of polypeptide for an eluent.



**Figure S4.** MALDI-TOF mass result of poly(L-methionine sulfone) obtained from polycondensation of L-Met(O2) in the presence of n-BuNH<sub>2</sub> (entry 3, in Table S2)

entry	urethane derivative	feed ratio [ <b>M</b> ] <sub>0</sub> /[amine] <sub>0</sub>	reaction time (h)	conv. (%) <sup>a</sup>	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	$M_{ m n}$	$M_{ m w}/M_{ m n}$
1	DL-Met	10	10	>99	82	13700 <sup>c</sup>	1.19 <sup>c</sup>
2	DL-Met	25	20	>99	92	16,900 <sup>c</sup>	1.20 <sup>c</sup>
3	DL-Met	50	24	>99	87	23,000 <sup>c</sup>	1.18 <sup>c</sup>
4	DL-Met(O))	10	10	>99	90	5,600 <sup> d</sup>	1.17 <sup>d</sup>
5	DL-Met(O)	25	20	>99	91	6,460 <sup>d</sup>	1.21 <sup>d</sup>
6	DL-Met(O)	50	24	>99	93	8,200 <sup>d</sup>	1.32 <sup>d</sup>
7	DL-Met(O2)	10	10	>99	89	12,800 <sup>c</sup>	1.12 <sup>c</sup>
8	DL-Met(O2)	25	15	>99	93	22,000 <sup>c</sup>	1.12 <sup>c</sup>
9	DL-Met(O2)	50	24	>99	95	29,000 <sup>c</sup>	1.14 <sup>c</sup>

**Table S3.** Synthesis of diblock copolymer through polycondensation of urethane derivative in the presence of an amine-terminated poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG-NH<sub>2</sub>)

<sup>a</sup> Calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra

<sup>b</sup> Ether-insoluble parts

<sup>c</sup> Estimated by SEC (eluent: DMF solution of LiBr (10 mM), calibrated by Polystyrene standards)

<sup>d</sup> Estimated by SEC (eluent: PBS, calibrated by Poly(ethylene glycol) standards)



**Figure S5.** SEC traces of poly(DL-methionine) by polycondensation of **DL-Met** in the presence of PEG-NH<sub>2</sub> ( $M_n = 5,300$  and PDI =1.04).



**Figure S6.** SEC traces of poly(DL-methionine) by polycondensation of DL-Met(O) in the presence of PEG-NH<sub>2</sub> ( $M_n = 5,000$  and PDI =1.06).



**Figure S7.** SEC traces of poly(DL-methionine) by polycondensation of DL-Met(O2) in the presence of PEG-NH<sub>2</sub> ( $M_n = 5,300$  and PDI =1.04).

After polycondensation, the desired oligopeptide with a polymerizable group at the terminal was isolated as ether-insoluble parts in good yield (85%).



**Figure S8.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of oligo(L-methionine sulfoxide) with styrene group at the terminal prepared by polycondensation of L-Met(O) in the presence of 4-vinylbenzylamine.



**Figure S9.** MALDI-TOF mass result of oligo(L-methionine sulfoxide) with styrene group at the terminal.

Radical polymerization of oligopeptide with styrene group was performed in aqueous solution (10 wt%) with V-501 (5 mol%) as an initiator at 70 °C for 15 hours. The resultant reaction mixture was purified by a dialysis in cellulose tube ( $M_w$  cutoff = 3,500). Freeze drying of the aqueous solution gave a desired polymer as a white powder in high yield (94%)



**Figure S10.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of polystyrene bearing oligo(L-methionine sulfoxide), **PSt-PLMet(O)**.

The effect of terminal amine on the side chain on cytotoxicity against F9 cells was also evaluated using CCK-8 assay. Each polystyrene bearing oligo(L-methionine sulfoxide) showed high biocompatibility even in the concentration of 1mg/mL.



**Figure S11.** Calculation of F9 cells survival percentage in the presence of polystyrene bearing oligo(L-methionine sulfoxide) (1mg/mL) by CCK-8 assay.