

Supplementary data

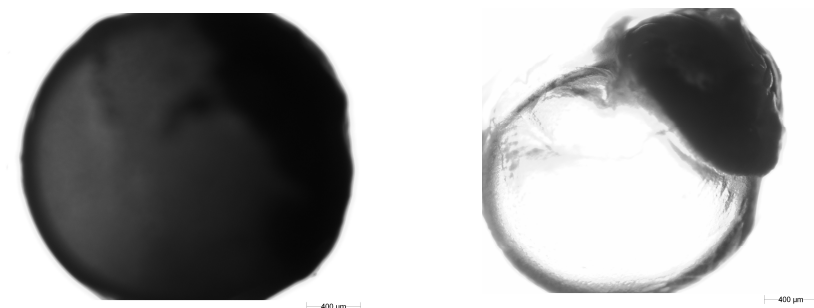


Figure S1: Microscopic images of beads before (*on the left*) and after (*on the right*) the release study at 37°C (300mins). The beads changed from opaque dense structure to transparent hollow shells indicating dissociation of polymer-EGCG complex as confirmed by close to 90% release of EGCG at the end of 5 hour study.