**Electronic Supplementary Information** 

## Biocompatible and antifouling coating of cell membrane phosphorylcholine and mussel catechol modified multi-arm PEGs

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**Fig. S1** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of poly(MPC-co-NPCEMA) (PMEN). The molar fraction of MPC units in the PMEN polymer was determined to be 75% by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, using the signals at 7.45 and 8.22 ppm attributed to protons on benzene skeleton of the NPCEMA units and 3.28 ppm attributed to the –  $N^+(CH_3)_3$  protons of the MPC units. The molecular weight measured by GPC was ~6000 g/mol. Based on the <sup>1</sup>H NMR and GPC results, we could calculated that the number of PC groups on per mole of PMEN chain was 15.2 mol.



**Fig. S2** Characterization of PDA/PEG-2c-23PC coated surfaces on different substrates. (a) Static contact angles of the bare and spin-coated surfaces; (b) XPS survey spectra of the PDA/PEG-2c-23PC coated substrate surfaces. The appearance of P signals on the thoroughly washed surfaces indicated the successful immobilization of the water soluble PEG-2c-23PC polymers on the substrates.



**Fig. S3** Relative cell viability of L929 cultured in different concentrations of sample solutions for 48 hours. The cell viability of control group was set as 100%. \* $p \le 0.05$  and \*\* $p \le 0.01$  versus that of the control or the phenol group.



**Fig. S4** Quantitative results of attached L929 fibroblast cells on five surface-modified glass substrates obtained from ImageJ analysis.  $*p \le 0.05$ ,  $**p \le 0.01$  and  $**p \le 0.005$ .



**Fig. S5** Fluorescence microscopic images of *E. coli* adhered on five surface-modified glass substrates after 1, 3 and 7 days of contact.



**Fig. S6** Fluorescence microscopic images of *P. aeruginosa* adhered on five surface-modified glass substrates after 1, 3 and 7 days of contact.



**Fig. S7** Fluorescence microscopic images of *S. aureus* adhered on five surface-modified glass substrates after 1, 3 and 7 days of contact.