

Supplementary Materials: A Biodegradable Copolyester, Poly(Butylene Succinate-*co*- ϵ -Caprolactone), as High Efficiency Matrix Former for Controlled Release of Drugs

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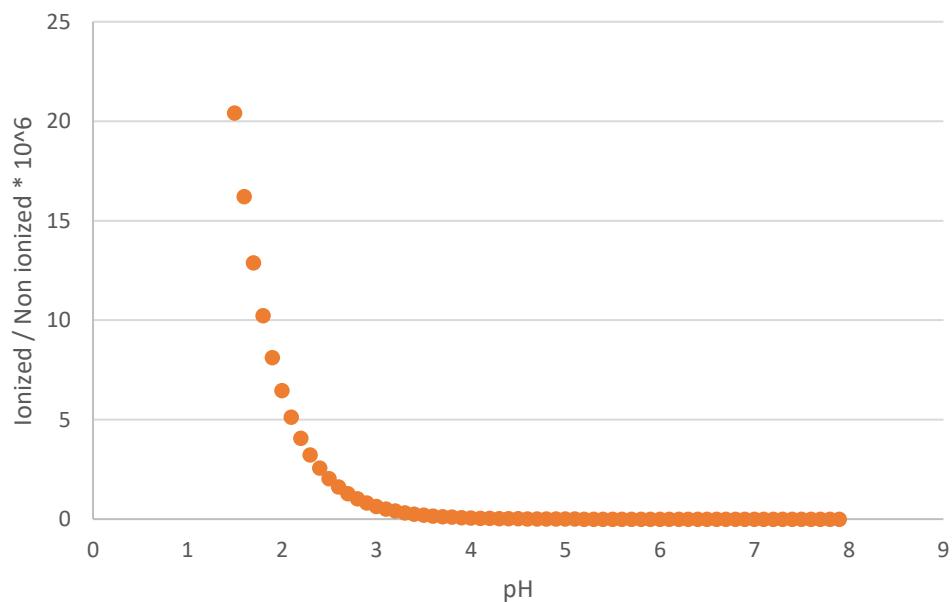


Figure S1. Theophylline distribution of ionized/non ionized form.

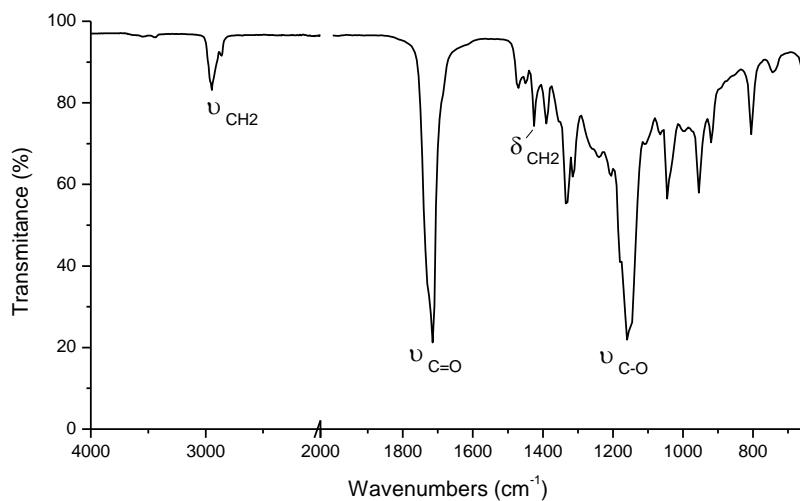


Figure S2. FTIR spectrum of PBS_CL copolyester with main absorption bands assigned to stretching (ν) and bending (δ) modes of different functional groups.

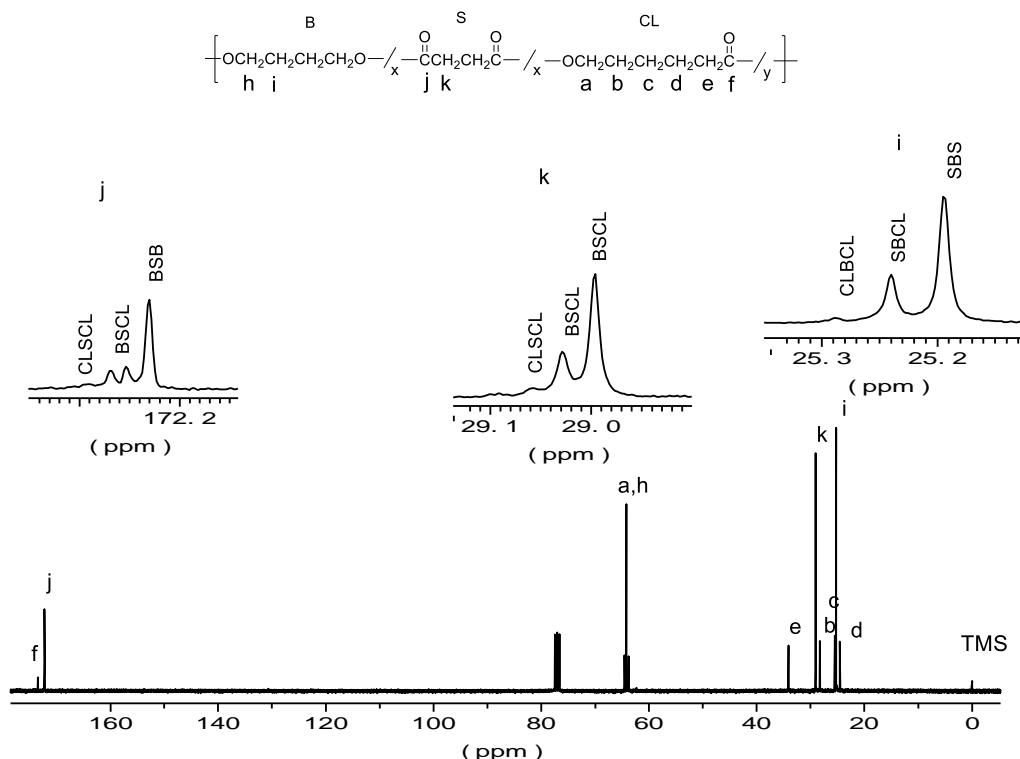


Figure S3. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of PBS_CL copolyester with peak assignments and expanded signals used for the determination of the degree of randomness.

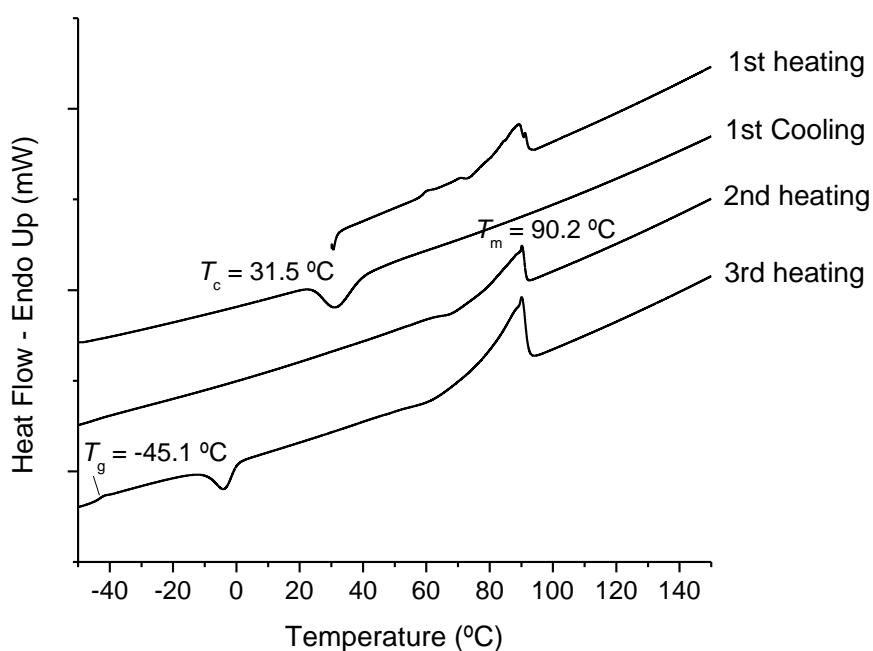
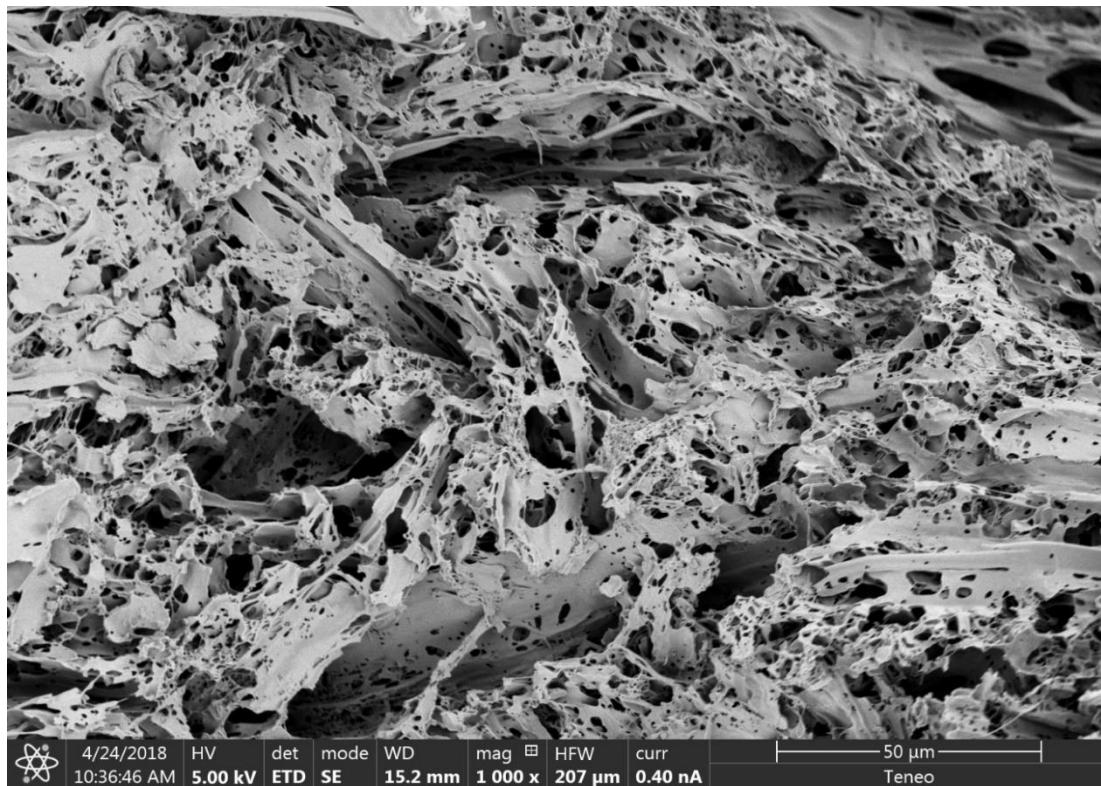
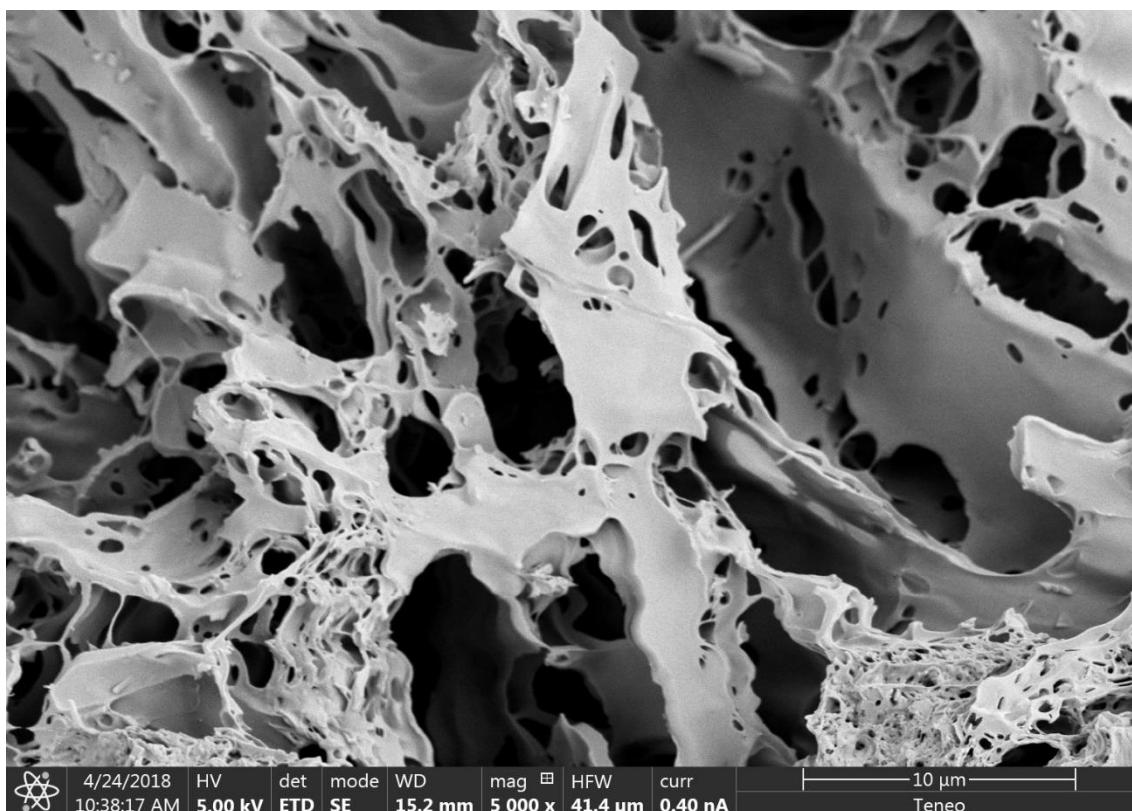


Figure S4. DSC thermograms of PBS_xCL copolyester.



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Figure S5. High resolution SEM image of PBS_CL tablets obtained by USAC (23:77 % v/v) after drug release. Detail of the nanostructured matrix at 1000x.



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Figure S6. High resolution SEM image of PBS_CL tablets obtained by USAC (23:77 % v/v) after drug release. Detail of the nanostructured matrix at 5000x.

Table S1. Molecular weights of PBS_CL copolyester.

Copolymer	NMR		GPC		D
	M_n (g/mol)	M_n (g/mol)	M_w (g/mol)		
PBS_CL	21500	24300	51400		2.1

Table S2. Composition and microstructure of PBS_CL copolyester.

Copolymer	Composition (BS/CL mol/mol)		Microstructure (B-centered triad content)			
	Feed	Polymer	CLBCL	CLBS	SBS	R
PBS_CL	70/30	73,2/26,8	2.8	27.7	69.7	1.07

Table S3. TGA parameters of PBS_CL copolyester.

Copolymer	$^{\circ}T_d^{10\%}$ (°C)	$^{\max}T_d$ (°C)	R_w (%)
PBS_CL	360	403	1,3

Table S4. Thermal properties of PBS_CL copolyester after the first heating run.

Copolymer	T_g (°C)	T_c (°C)	T_m (°C)	T_{cc} (°C)	ΔH_m (J/g)
PBS_CL	-45.1	31.5	90.2	-3.9	51.5