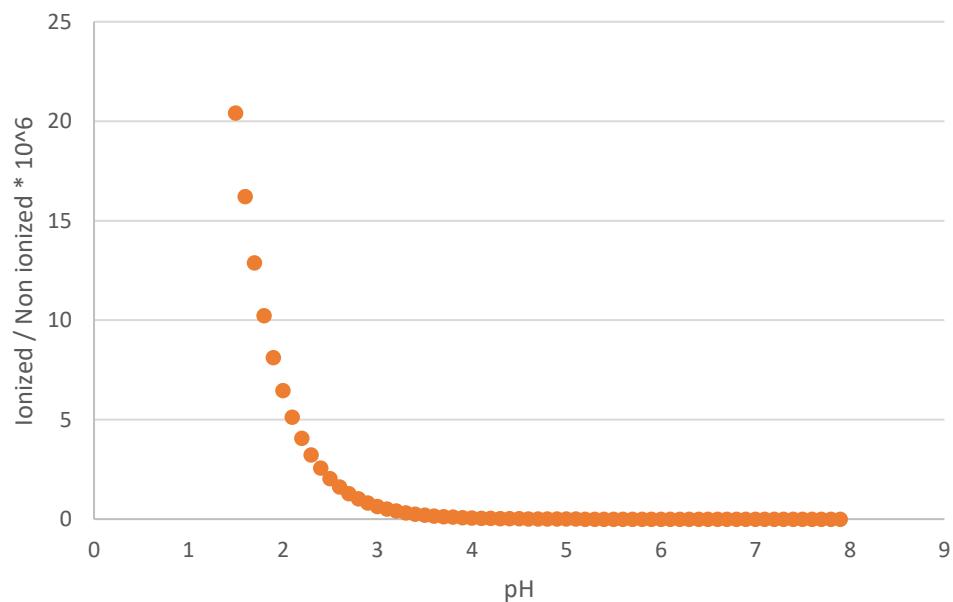
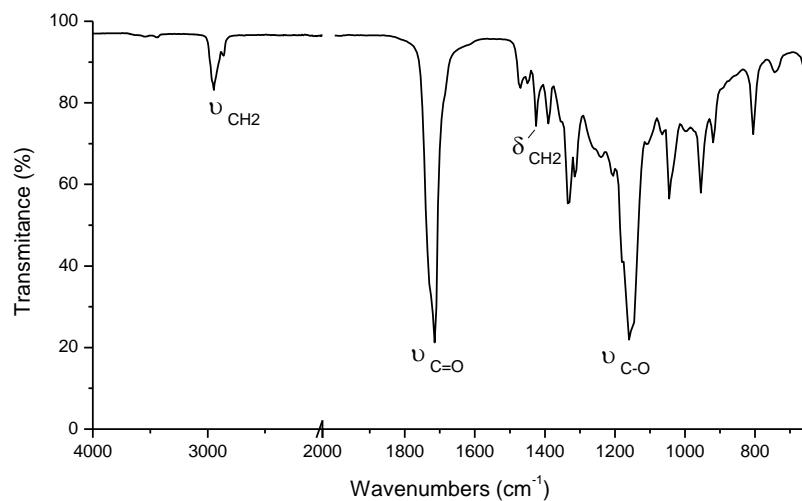


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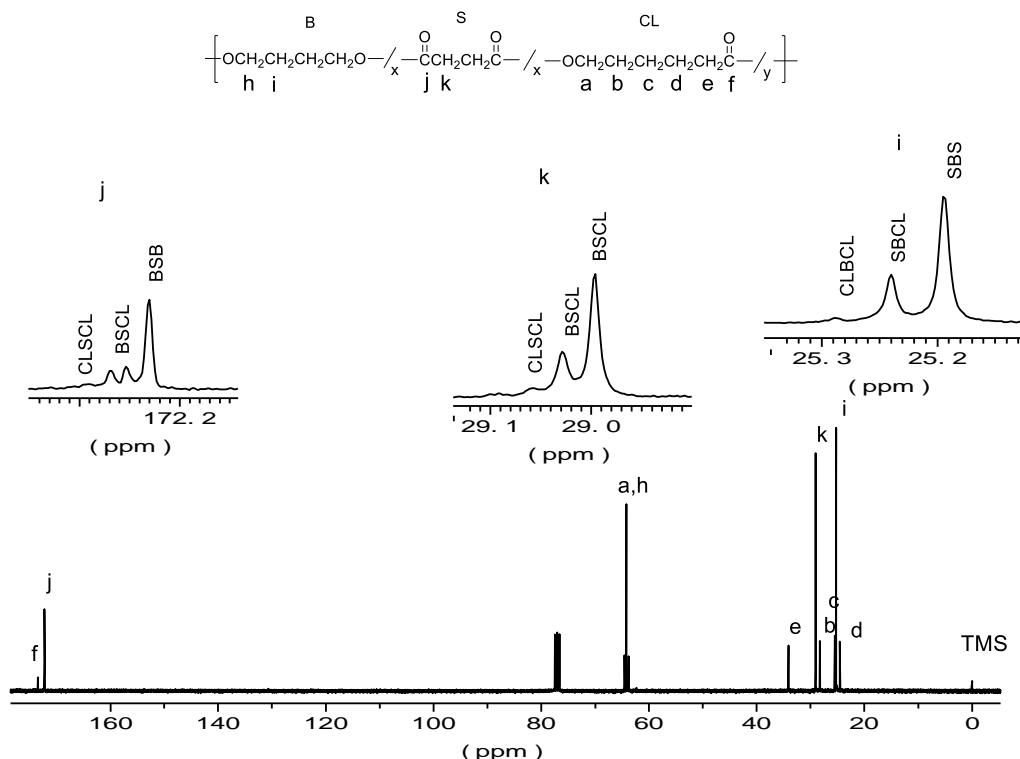
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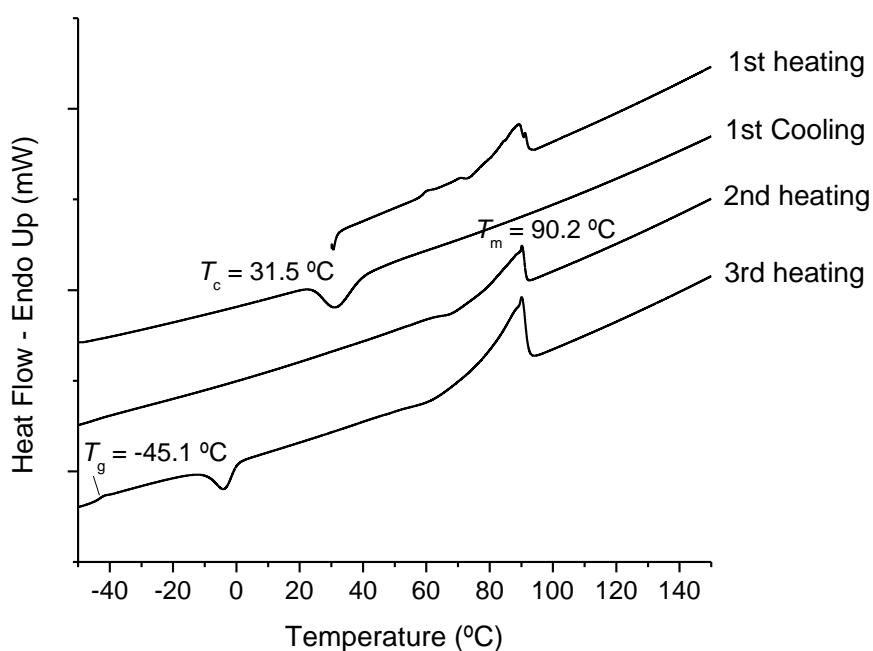
**Figure S1.** Theophylline distribution of ionized/non ionized form.



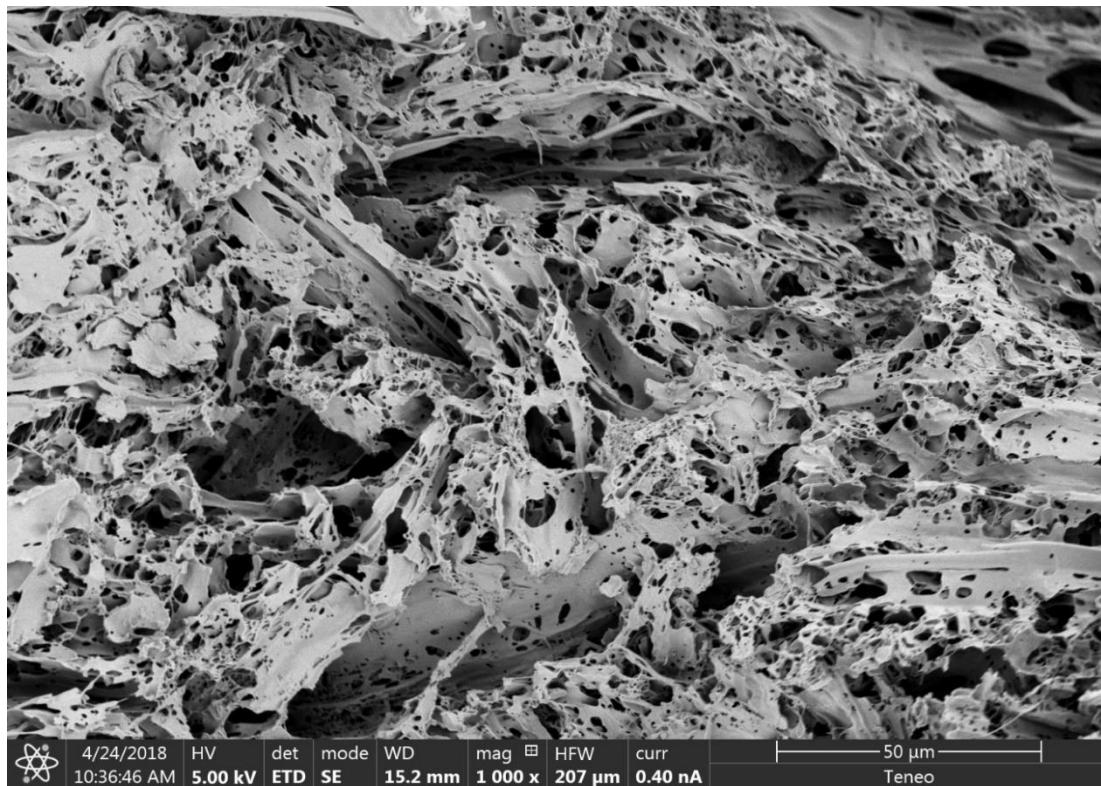
**Figure S2.** FTIR spectrum of PBS\_CL copolyester with main absorption bands assigned to stretching ( $\nu$ ) and bending ( $\delta$ ) modes of different functional groups.



**Figure S3.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of PBS\_CL copolyester with peak assignments and expanded signals used for the determination of the degree of randomness.

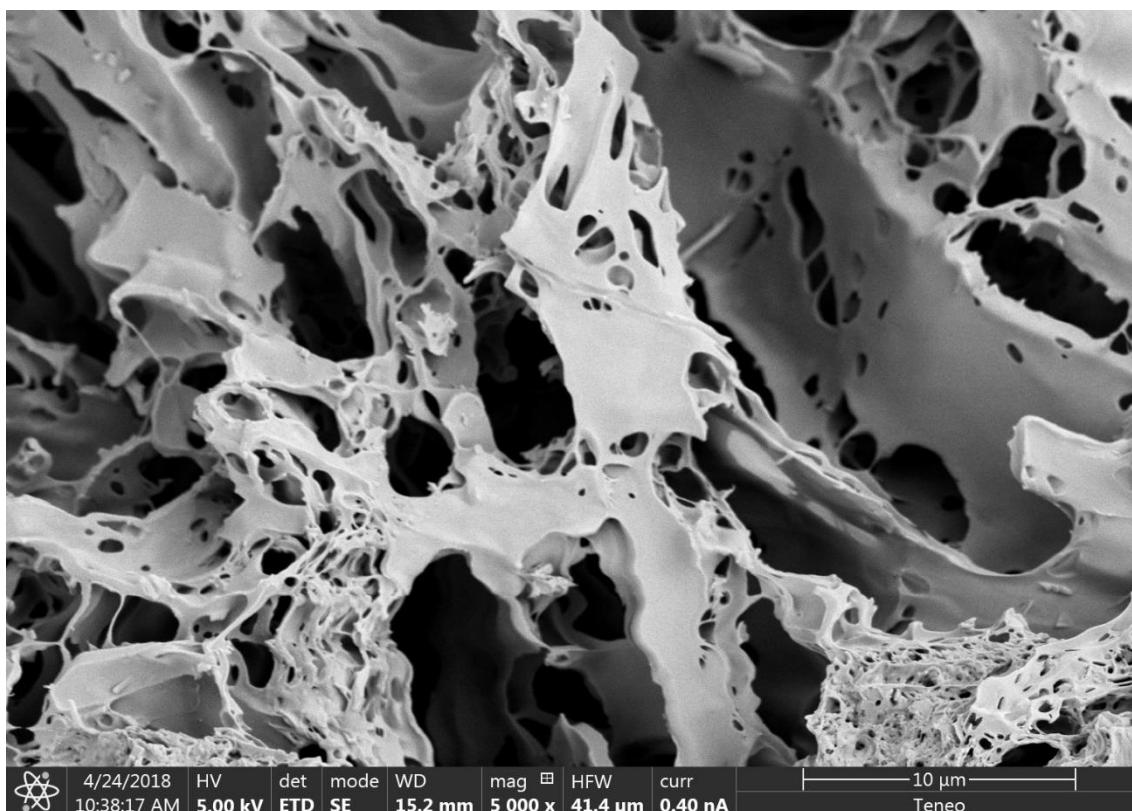


**Figure S4.** DSC thermograms of PBS<sub>x</sub>CL copolyester.



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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)	$\Delta H_m$ (J/g)
PBS_CL	-45.1	31.5	90.2	-3.9	51.5