Supplementary Materials

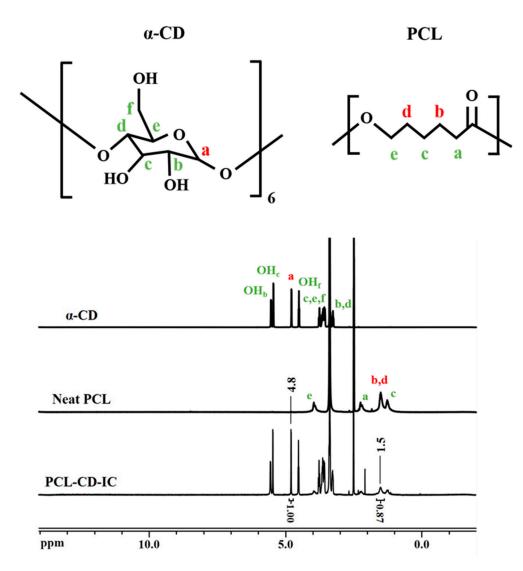


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectra of α -CD, neat PCL and PCL-CD-IC.

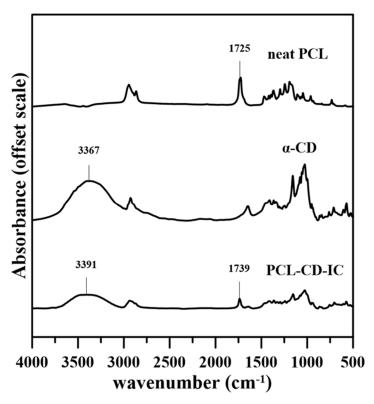


Figure S2. FTIR spectra of neat PCL, α -CD and PCL-CD-IC.

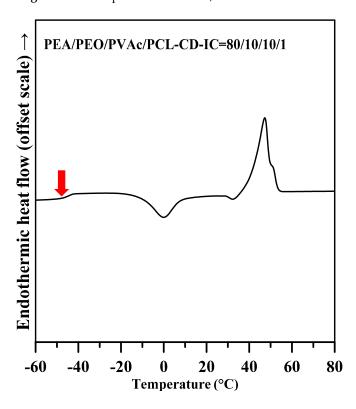


Figure S3. DSC thermal scan of PEA/PEO/PVAc/PCL-CD-IC=80/10/10/1 composite. The arrow indicates the single T_g of the composite, demonstrating the miscibility of the composite.

The analysis method of isothermal crystallization using the Avrami equation

The isothermal crystallization results from neat PEA to quaternary PEA/PEO/PVAc/PCL-CD-IC composites were analyzed by the Avrami equation [1,2] showing below:

$$1 - X_t = exp(-kt^n) \tag{1}$$

In equation (1), X_t is relative crystallinity at a given time t, k is the crystallization rate constant, and n is the Avrami exponent. The relevant kinetic parameters can be evaluated through the logarithmic form of the Avrami equation, such as equation (2):

$$log[-ln(1-X_t)] = logk + nlogt$$
 (2)

Equation (2) shows that when $log[-ln(1-X_t)]$ has a linear relationship with log(t), k and n are the slope and intercept of the plot, respectively. Furthermore, the crystallization half-time ($t_{0.5}$) can be obtained by equation (3):

$$t_{0.5} = \left(\frac{\ln 2}{k}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \tag{3}$$

It should be noted that $t_{0.5}$ can be defined as the time when the crystallization proceeds to 50%. In general, is the crystallization rate is related to the reciprocal of $t_{0.5}$. When the crystallization rate is higher, $1/t_{0.5}$ is larger.

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