

## Supporting Information

# A star-shaped copolymer with porphrin core and four PNIPAM-*b*-PMAGA arms for targeted photodynamic therapy

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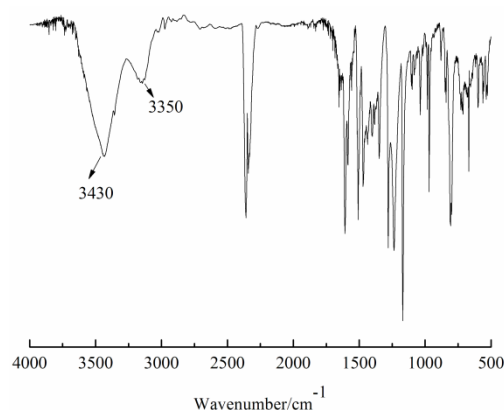
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### Preparation and release of paclitaxel-loaded nanoparticles in aqueous solution

The paclitaxel-loaded nanoparticles were prepared by dialysis in aqueous solution. 10 mL distilled water solution of THPP-(PNIPAM-*b*-PMAGA)<sub>4</sub> (8 mg) and paclitaxel (2 mg) was gradually added using a microsyringe at 45 °C until nanoparticles were formed. They prepared nanoparticle solutions were placed in dialysis bags and dialyzed in 1 L of distilled water to remove the solvent, at 6-hour intervals for 24 hours. Finally, the drug-loaded nanoparticle solution was lyophilized, and the drug loading efficiency of paclitaxel in THPP-(PNIPAM-*b*-PMAGA)<sub>4</sub> was determined by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). The drug-loaded nanoparticles were immersed in 4mL buffer solution (pH=7.4) and placed in a dialysis membrane bag (MWCO=7000 Da) for dialysis in 26 mL buffer solution. At the set time, 5 mL of drug release solution was extracted and replaced with the same volume of fresh buffer solution and the release of paclitaxel was determined by HPLC.



**Figure S1.** FTIR spectra of THPP.

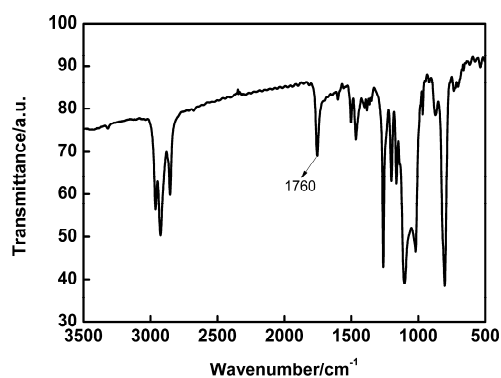


Figure S2. FTIR spectrum of THPP-(DMP)<sub>4</sub>.

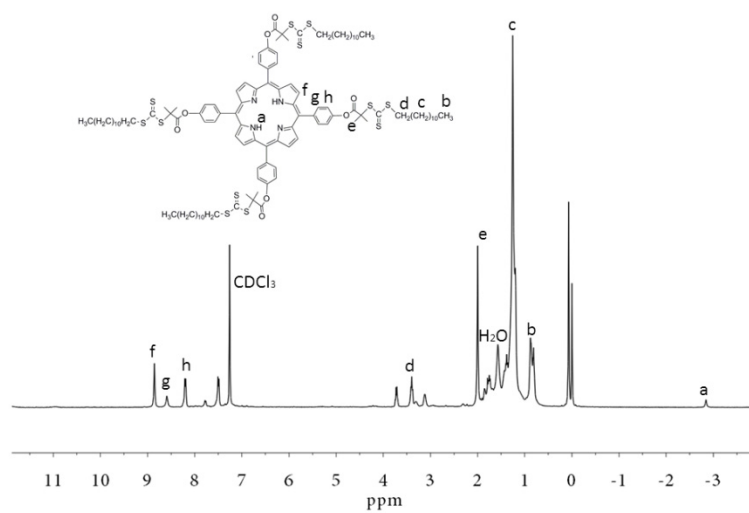


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of THPP-(DMP)<sub>4</sub>.

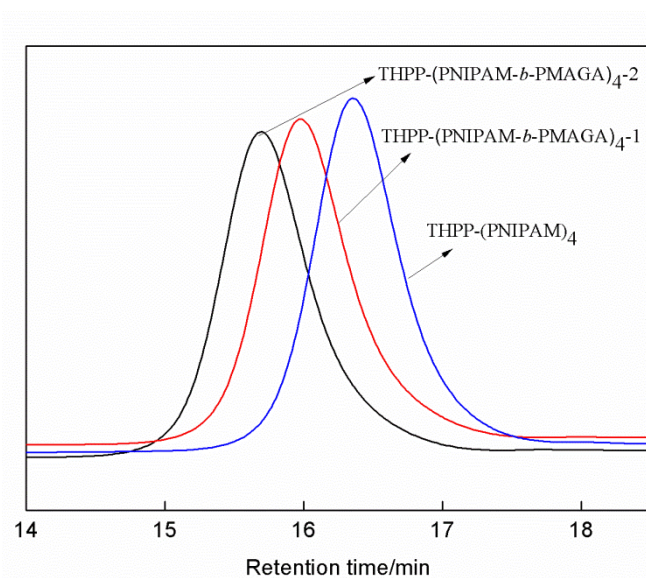


Figure S4. GPC traces of THPP-(PNIPAM)<sub>4</sub> and THPP-(PNIPAM-*b*-PMAGA)<sub>4</sub>.