



## Supplementary Materials

## Degradable Spirocyclic Polyacetal-Based Core-Amphiphilic Assemblies for Encapsulation and Release of Hydrophobic Cargo

## Brandon Andrade-Gagnon, Marilyne Bélanger-Bouliga, Phuong Trang Nguyen, Thi Hong Diep Nguyen, Steve Bourgault and Ali Nazemi \*

Department of Chemistry, Université du Québec à Montréal, C.P.8888, Succursale Centre-Ville, Montréal, QC H3C 3P8, Canada; andrade-gagnon.brandon@courrier.uqam.ca (B.A.-G.); belanger-bouliga.marilyne@courrier.uqam.ca (M.B.-B.); phuong.t.ngn@gmail.com (P.T.N.); nguyen.thi\_hong\_diep@courrier.uqam.ca (T.H.D.N.); bourgault.steve@uqam.ca (S.B.)

\* Correspondence: nazemi.ali@uqam.ca



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2 (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S3. 2D <sup>1</sup>H– <sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of compound 2 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 3 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S6.  $^1\mathrm{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5 (300 MHz, CDCl3).



Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5 (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).





Figure S9. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 6 (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).





Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of polymer 8 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S11.** pH-triggered degradation of polymer **8** in 80 mM trifluoroacetic acid in CDCl<sub>3</sub> monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.



Figure S12. Stability of 7 in non-acidic CDCl3 monitored by 1H NMR spectroscopy.



**Figure S13.** Refractive index (RI) traces in the SEC analysis of (**a**) polymer **7** before and after degradation as well as the PEG starting material ( $M_n = 400 \text{ g/mol}$ ) and (**b**) polymer **8** before and after degradation as well as the PEG starting material ( $M_n = 600 \text{ g/mol}$ ).



Figure S14. AFM image of nile red-loaded particles (P1) formed by polymer 7.



© 2021 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/).