

Supplementary information

Hydrophobic Chain Modified Low Molecular Weight Polyethylenimine for Efficient Antigen Delivery

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Figure S3. AFM images of the C12-PEI/OVA-0.07/1 polyplex nanoparticles

Figure S4. (A). Change in average particle size and PDI of the C12-PEI/OVA-0.07/1 polyplex during incubation at 4 °C in NaCl (0.9%); (B). Change in average particle size and PDI of the C12-PEI/OVA-0.07/1 polyplex during incubation at 4 °C in HEPES buffer solution (10 mM, pH 7.4).

Figure S5. Intracellular distribution of the C12-PEI/Rho-OVA polyplexes in DCs cells after incubation of the polyplexes for 15min, 30 min and 1 hour, the fluorescence images were observed and recorded on a Leica TCS SP8 Confocal Laser Scanning Microscope.

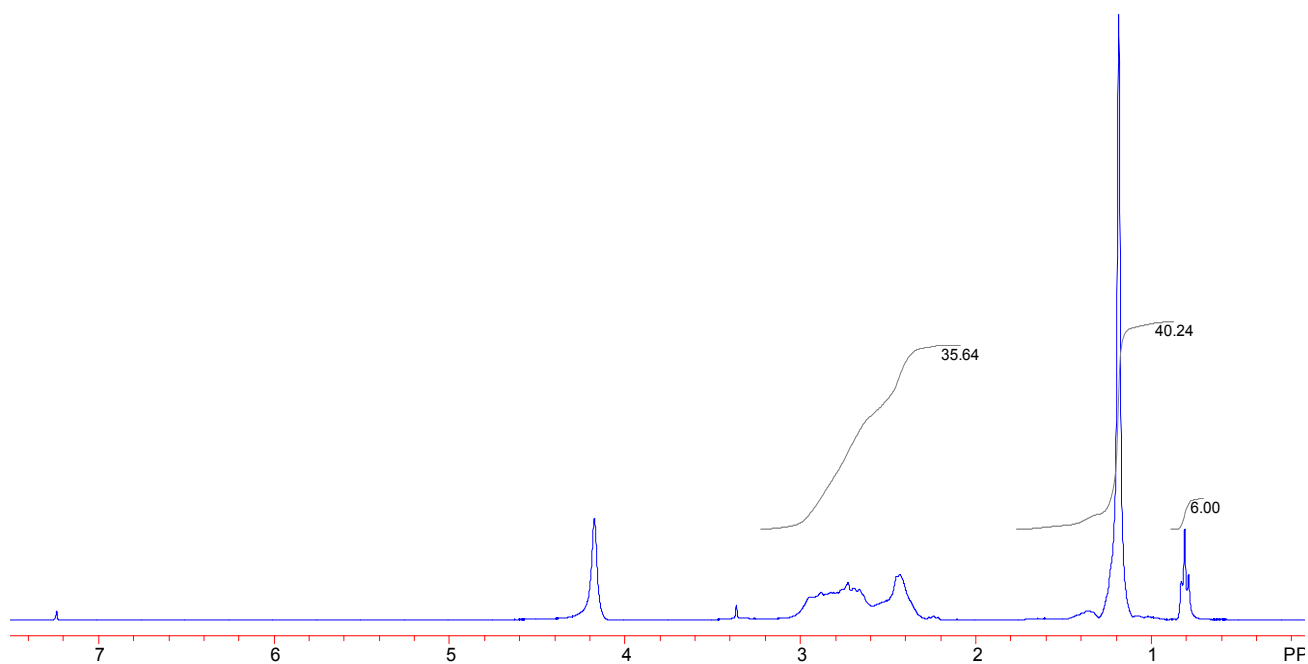


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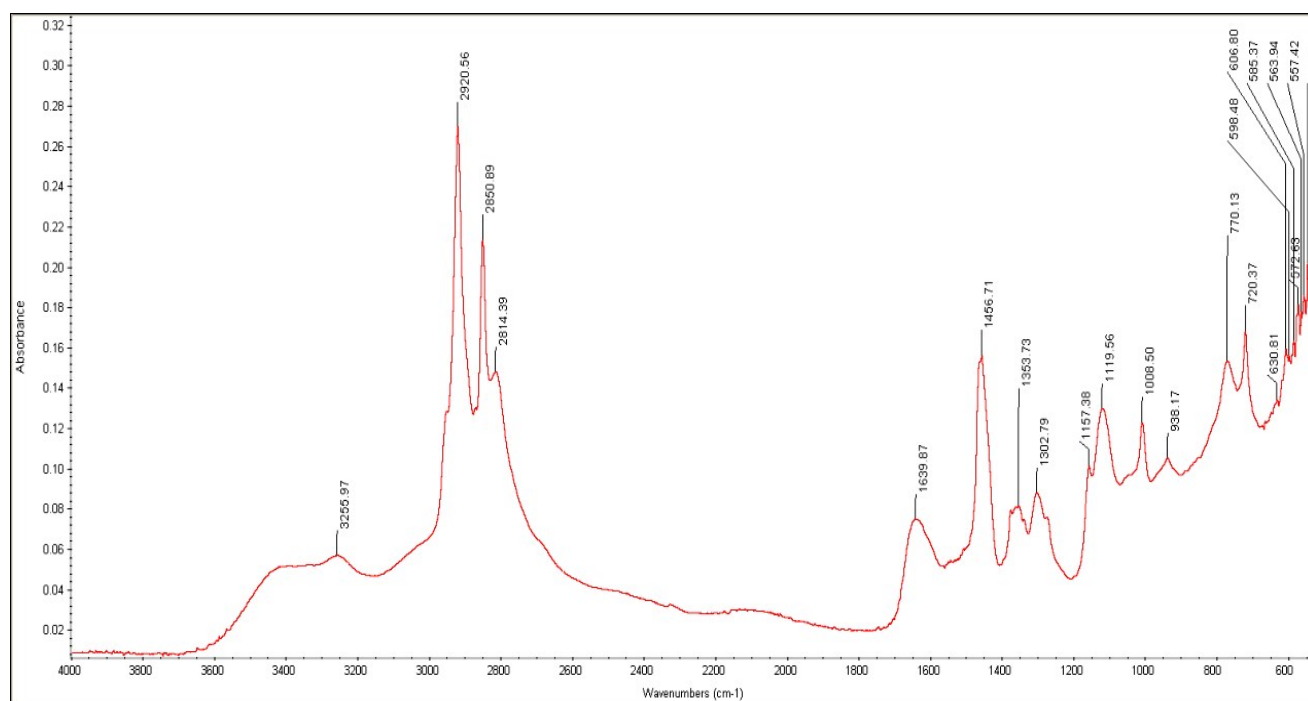


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	Size (d.n...	% Intensity	Width (d.n...
Z-Average (d.nm): 233.8	Peak 1: 266.8	97.0	121.5
Pdl: 0.206	Peak 2: 4474	3.0	890.9
Intercept: 0.956	Peak 3: 0.000	0.0	0.000

Result quality Good

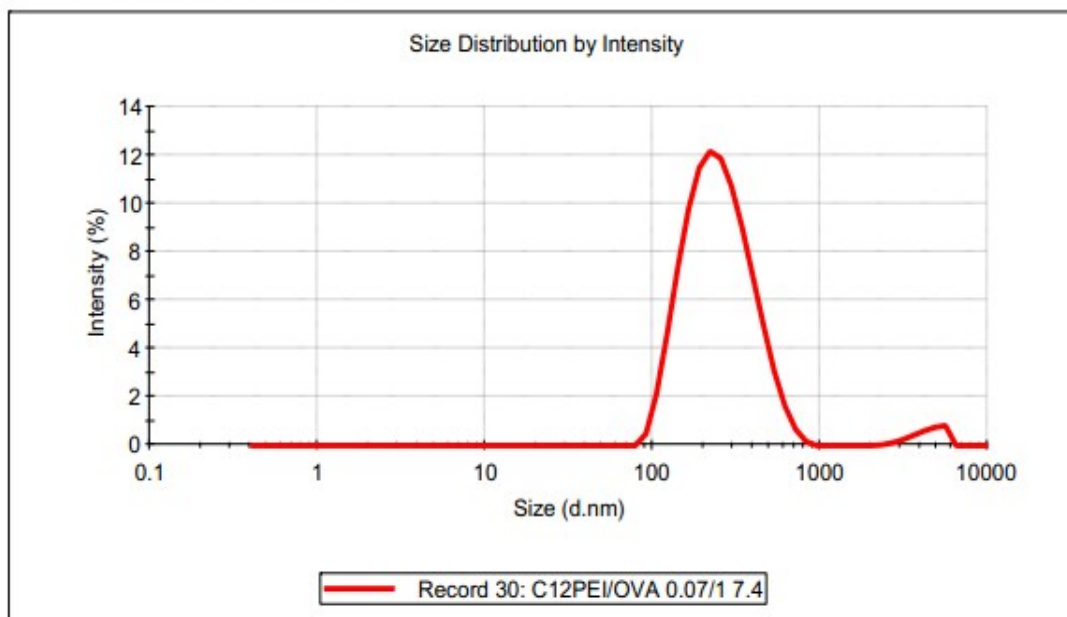


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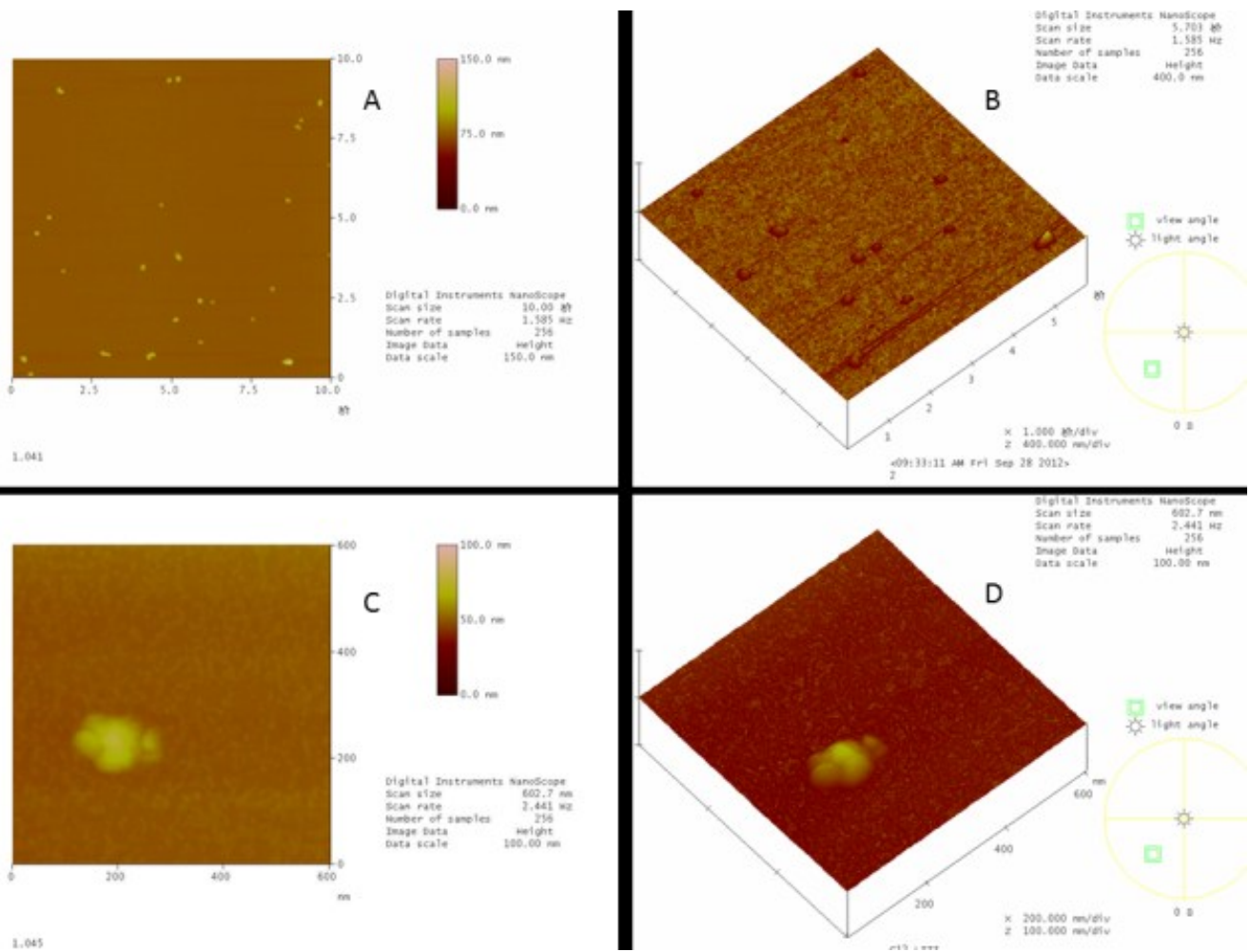


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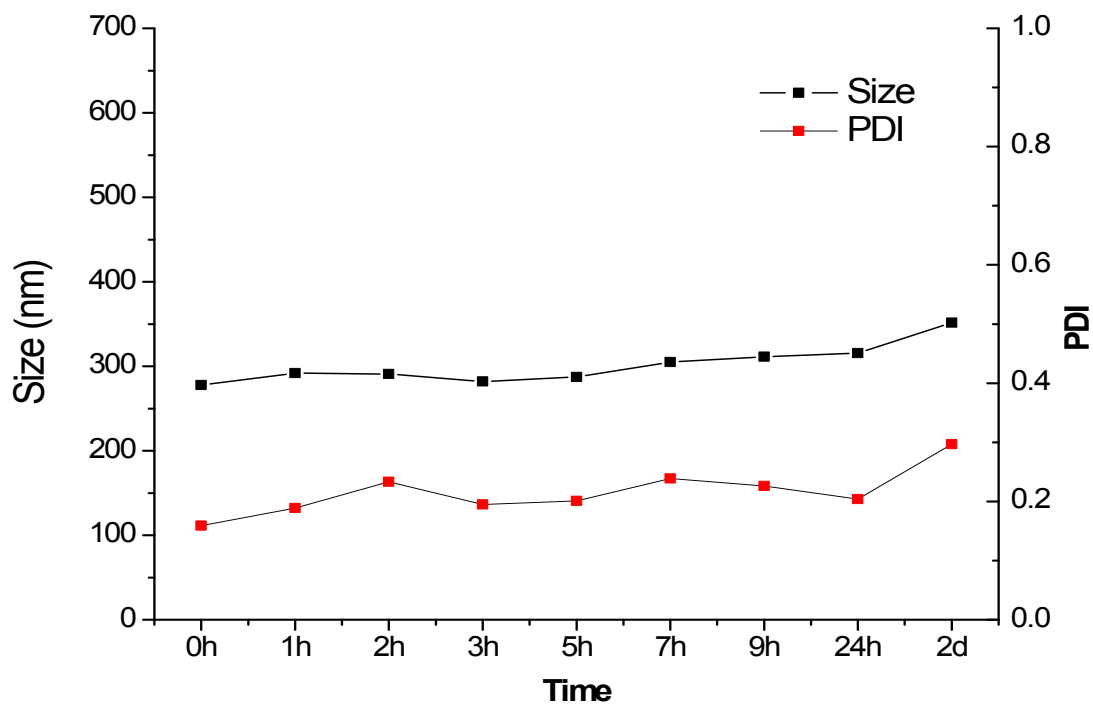


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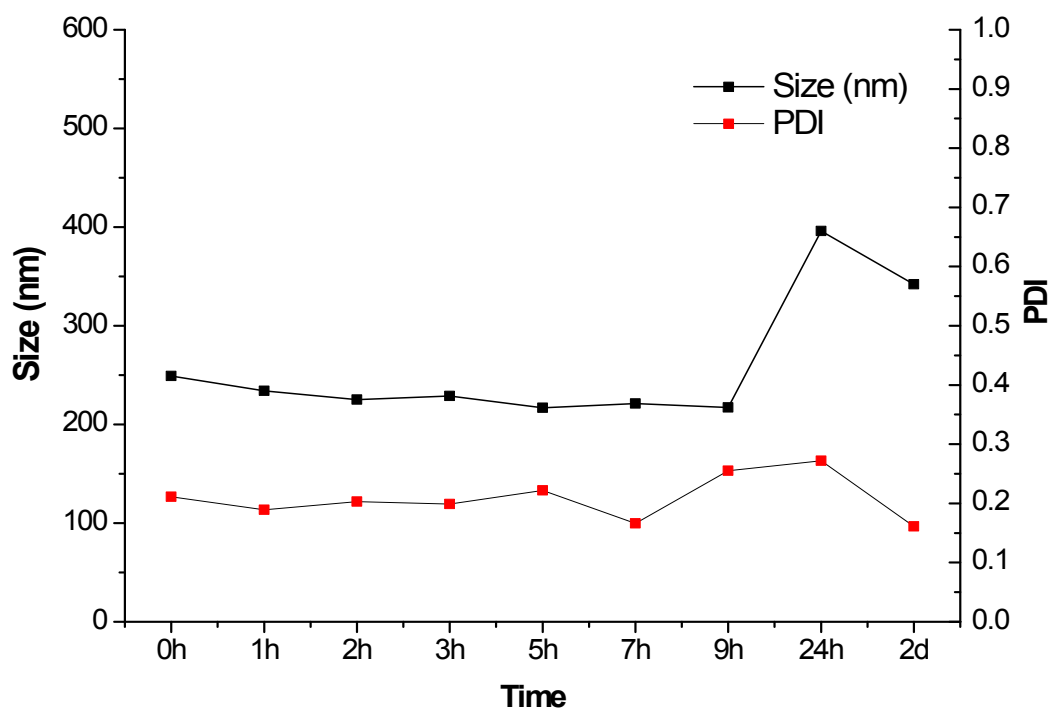


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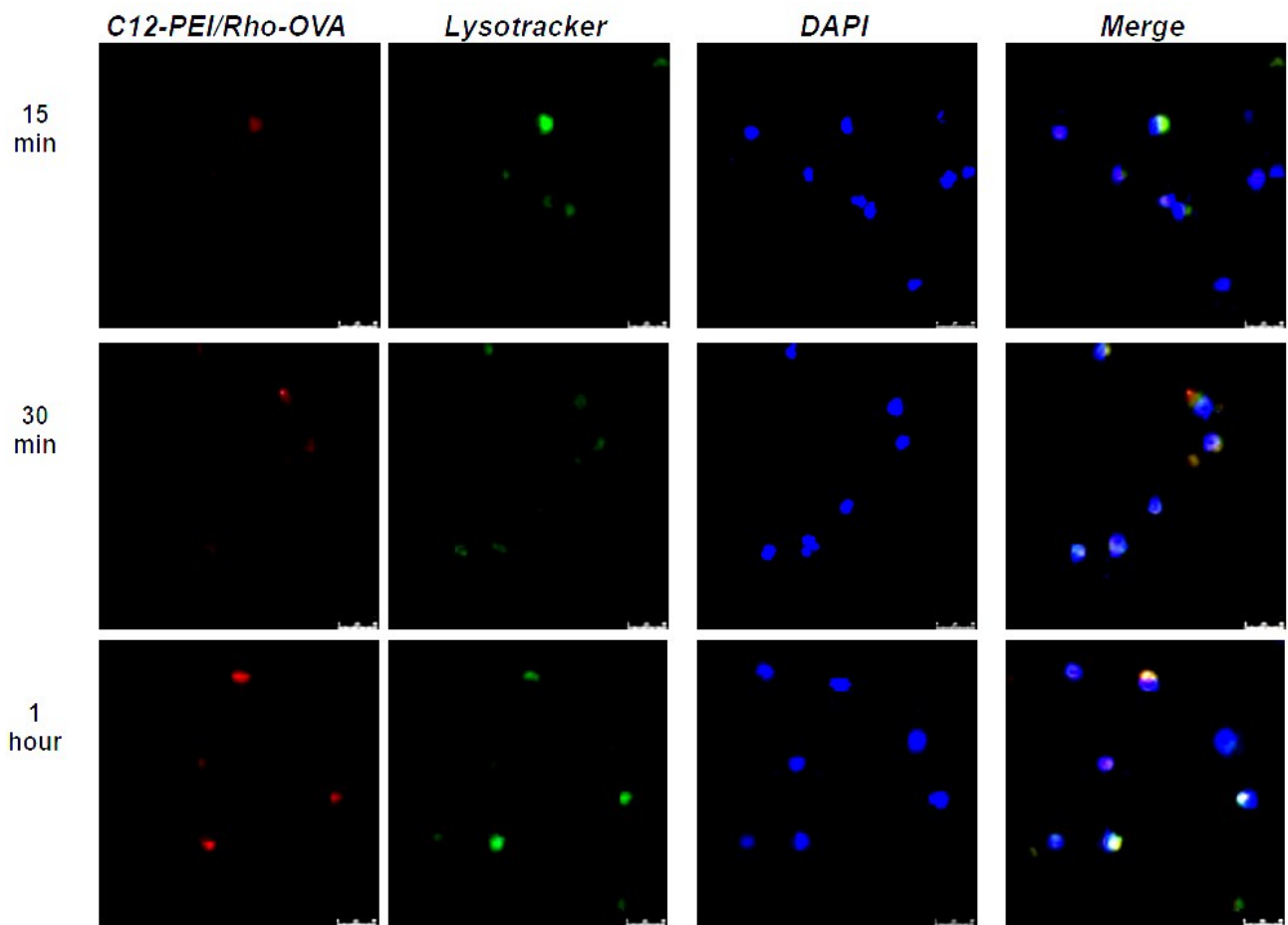


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