Supporting Information

Synthesis, self-assembly and drug release behaviors of reduction-labile multi-responsive block mikto-brush quaterpolymers with linear and V-shaped grafts

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Scheme S1 Synthetic routes to 3-hydroxy-2-maleimidylpropyl 2-bromo-2-methylpropanoate (HMBP).

Table S1. Influence of solution pH on hydrophilic fraction ($f_h$) of B4a-B4c copolymers at 25 °C

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<th>sample</th>
<th>$M_n$ (kDa)</th>
<th>$f_{w,PEG}$ (%)</th>
<th>$f_{w,PNIPAM}$ (%)</th>
<th>$f_{w,PAA}$ (%)</th>
<th>$f_h (pH 7.4)$</th>
<th>$f_h (pH 5.3)$</th>
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<td>B4a</td>
<td>68.2</td>
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<td>B4b</td>
<td>87.3</td>
<td>10.3</td>
<td>21.6</td>
<td>42.9</td>
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<td>B4c</td>
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<td>8.33</td>
<td>17.4</td>
<td>53.6</td>
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Fig. S1 $^1$H (a) and $^{13}$C (b) NMR spectra of HMBP recorded in CDCl$_3$. 
Fig. S2 FT-IR spectrum of HMBP.

Fig. S3 $^1$H NMR spectrum of PSH recorded in CDCl$_3$. 
**Fig. S4** FT-IR spectra of various disulfide-functionalized copolymers.

**Fig. S5** $^1$H NMR spectra of B3b (a) and B3c (b) recorded in CDCl$_3$. 
Fig. S6 $^1$H NMR spectra of B3a (a) and B4a (b) recorded in DMSO-$d_6$.

Fig. S7 Influence of chain length of PAA grafts on transmittances of copolymer aggregates formed from B4a-B4c copolymers in aqueous solution ($c_p = 1.0$ mg mL$^{-1}$).
**Fig. S8** Influence of pH and reduction stimuli on DLS plots of B4b (a-d) and B4c (e-h) aggregates ($c_p = 0.50 \text{ mg mL}^{-1}$) formed in PBS solution at 25 °C.

**Fig. S9** TEM images of copolymer aggregates ($c_p = 0.50 \text{ mg mL}^{-1}$) formed from B4b (a-d) and B4c (e-h) in PBS solution at 25 °C with or without pH/redox stimuli: (a, e) pH 7.4; (b, f) pH 5.3; (c, g) pH 7.4 + 10 mM DTT; (d, h) pH 5.3 + 10 mM DTT.
**Fig. S10** DLS plots of blank and DOX-loaded B4a aggregates ($c_p = 0.50 \text{ mg mL}^{-1}$) formed in PBS solution (pH 7.4, 50 mM) at 37 °C.

**Fig. S11** TEM image of DOX-loaded B4a aggregates ($c_p = 0.50 \text{ mg mL}^{-1}$) formed in PBS solution (pH 7.4, 50 mM) at 37 °C.
Fig. S12 Relative fluorescence intensities from blank B4a aggregates, DOX-loaded B4a aggregates and free DOX internalized by 4T1 cells at a DOX dose of 10 μg mL⁻¹ after 2- or 6-h incubation using flow cytometry.