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PEGylated Conjugated Polyelectrolytes Containing 2,1,3-Benzoxadiazole Units for Targeted Cell Imaging

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Calculation of CPE concentration. The CPE concentration is calculated based on the average molecular weight of repeat unit. As the PEG chains are randomly attached to the conjugated backbone, one repeat unit contains one fluorene moiety, one 2,1,3-benzoxadiazole moiety and relevant content of PEG chains. The average molecular weight of repeat unit \( (M_{RU}) \) can be calculated from the following equation:

\[
M_{RU} = M_F + M_{BD} + 2 \times M_{PEG} \times GE_{PEG}
\]

Where, \( M_F, M_{BD} \) and \( M_{PEG} \) are the molecular weight of fluorene moiety, 2,1,3-benzoxadiazole moiety and PEG chains, respectively. \( GE_{PEG} \) denotes the PEG-graft efficiency. \( M_{RU} \)s are calculated to be 1528 and 3652 g/mol for PFBD-PEG\(_{600}\)-COOH and PFBD-PEG\(_{2000}\)-COOH, respectively.

According to the average molecular weight of repeat unit, the concentration of CPEs can be calculated from the following equation:

\[
[CPE] = \frac{m}{(V \times M_{RU})}
\]

Where, the \([CPE]\) is the concentration of CPEs, \( m \) is the amount of CPEs, and \( V \) is the volume the solution.

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