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**Fabrication of Size Controllable Polymeric
Hollow Nanospheres Containing Azo
Functional Groups via Ionic Self-Assembly**

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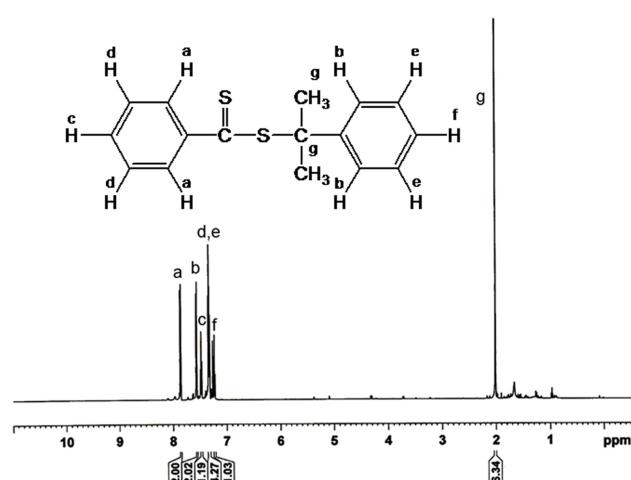


Figure. S1 ^1H NMR spectrum for the CDB chain transfer agents in CDCl_3 .

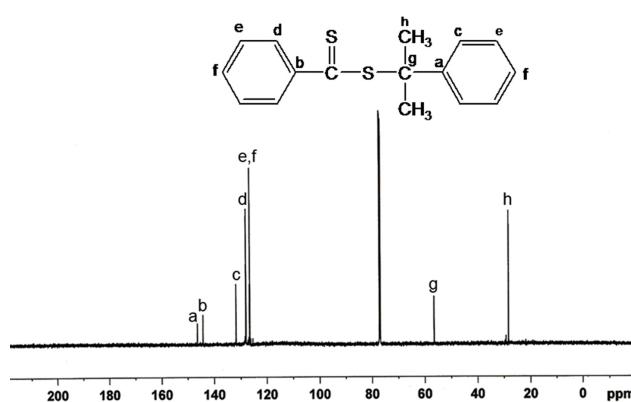


Figure. S2 ^{13}C NMR spectrum for the CDB chain transfer agents in CDCl_3 .

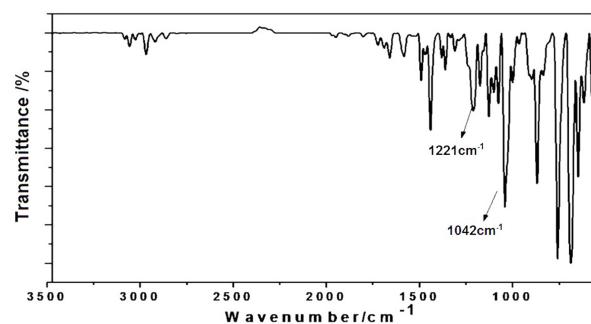


Figure. S3 IR spectrum of cumyl dithiobenzoate.

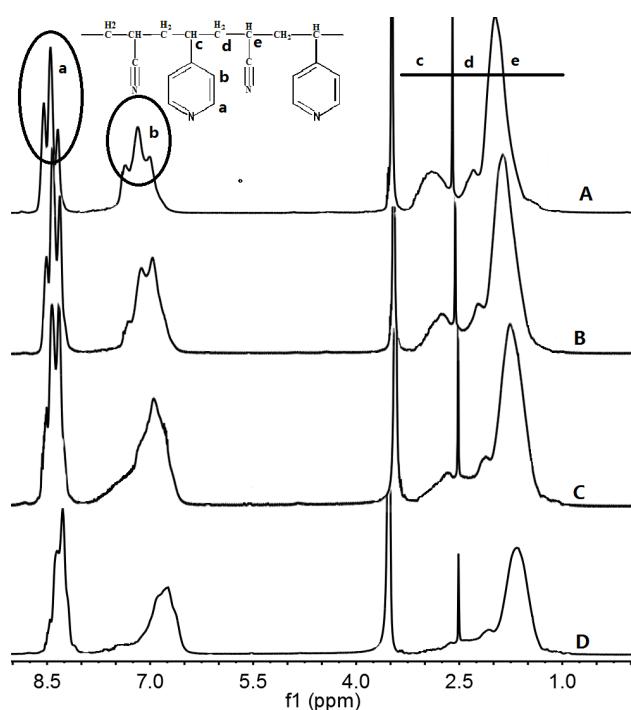


Figure. S4 ¹H NMR spectra of: A) $\text{PAN}_{12}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{46}$, B) $\text{PAN}_{18}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{40}$, C) $\text{PAN}_{25}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{30}$, D) $\text{PAN}_{31}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{23}$.

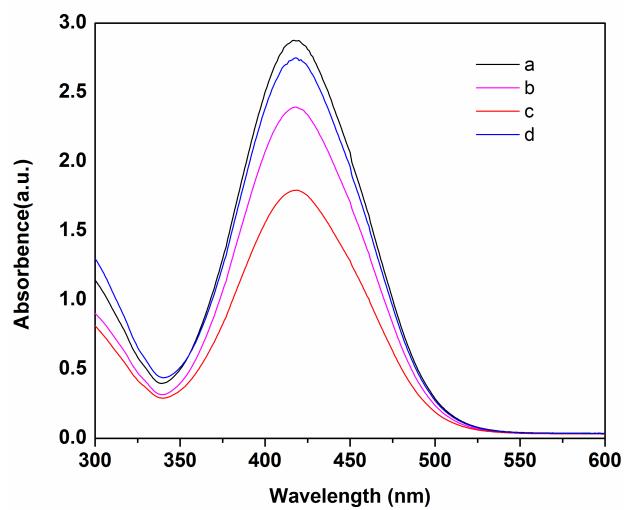


Figure. S5 UV-vis spectra of: a) $\text{PAN}_{18}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{40}/\text{MY}_{38}$, b) $\text{PAN}_{18}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{40}/\text{MY}_{31}$, c) $\text{PAN}_{18}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{40}/\text{MY}_{26}$, d) $\text{PAN}_{18}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{40}/\text{MY}_{16}$ in DMF.

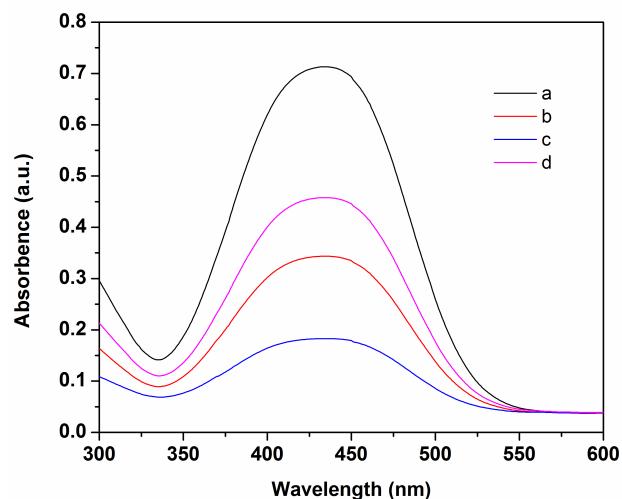
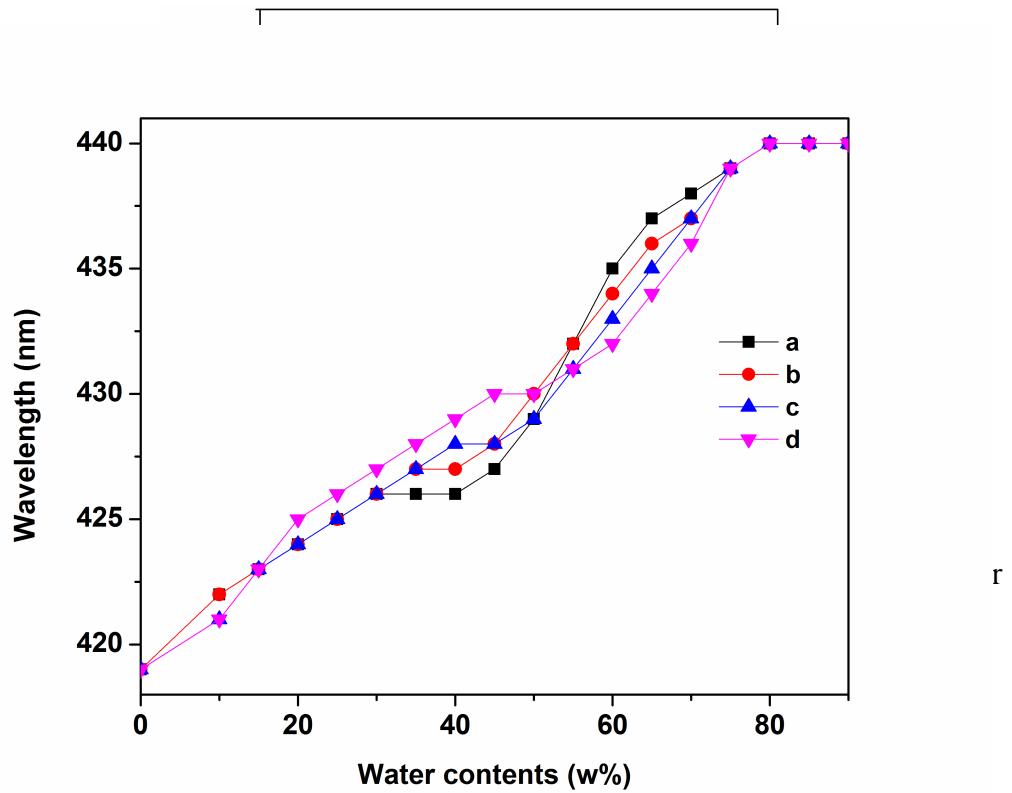


Figure. S6 UV-Vis spectra of: a) PAN₁₈-stat-P4VP₄₀/MY₃₈,
b)PAN₁₈-stat-P4VP₄₀/MY₃₁, c) PAN₁₈-stat-P4VP₄₀/MY₂₆,
d)PAN₁₈-stat-P4VP₄₀/MY₁₆ in H₂O.



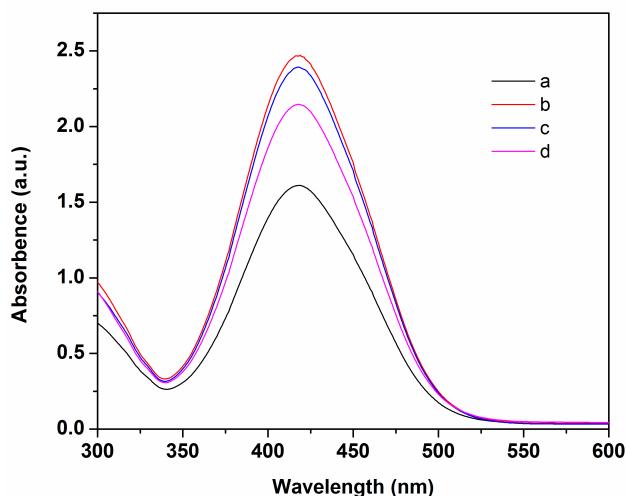


Figure. S8 UV-Vis spectra of: a) $\text{PAN}_{31}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{23}/\text{MY}_{18}$, b) $\text{PAN}_{25}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{30}/\text{MY}_{24}$, c) $\text{PAN}_{18}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{40}/\text{MY}_{31}$, d) $\text{PAN}_{12}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{46}/\text{MY}_{37}$ in DMF.

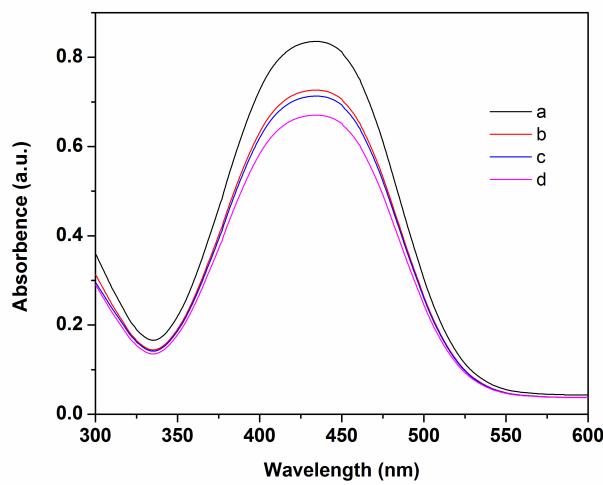


Figure. S9 UV-vis spectra of: a) $\text{PAN}_{31}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{23}/\text{MY}_{18}$, b) $\text{PAN}_{25}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{30}/\text{MY}_{24}$, c) $\text{PAN}_{18}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{40}/\text{MY}_{31}$, d) $\text{PAN}_{12}\text{-stat-P4VP}_{46}/\text{MY}_{37}$ in H_2O .

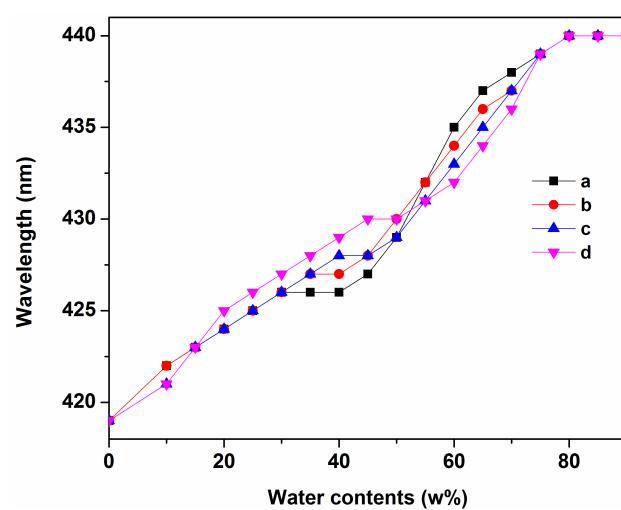


Figure. S10 Maximum absorption peaks of azocomplex as a function of water contents: a) PAN₁₂-stat-P4VP₄₆/MY₃₇, b) PAN₁₈-stat-P4VP₄₀/MY₃₁, c) PAN₂₅-stat-P4VP₃₀/MY₂₄, d) PAN₃₁-stat-P4VP₂₃/MY₁₈.