## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

## Switchable glucose-responsive volume phase transition behavior of poly(phenylboronic acid) microgels

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-dansylaminoethylamine in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of DAEAM in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of DAEAM in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3-VAPBA in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3-VAPBA in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S6. A typical electron energy loss spectroscopy (EELS) of the microgels (pPBA-2) along the line in the TEM image.



Figure S7. FTIR spectra of 3-VAPBA and DAEAM.



**Figure S8.** 1<sup>st</sup> derivative of the normalized hydrodynamic diameter,  $\langle D_h \rangle \langle D_h \rangle_{0,pH}$ , of (a) pPBA-1 and (b) pPBA-2 microgels.



**Figure S9.** <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectrum of the control samples synthesized following pPBA-1 (up) and pPBA-2 microgels (down) but without DAEAM, in  $D_2O$  of pH = 7.4, measured at 25.0 °C.



**Figure S10.** DLS  $\langle D_h \rangle$  distribution of pPBA-1 (open symbols) and pPBA-2 (solid symbols) microgels upon adding 0.0 mM ( $\Box$ ,**=**) or 200.0 mM ( $\circ$ ,•) glucose.



**Figure S11.** The solution temperature-dependent  $\langle D_h \rangle$  of pPBA-1 ( $\Box$ ) and pPBA-2 ( $\blacksquare$ ) microgels. All measurements were made in PBS of pH = 7.4 and at a scattering angle  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ .



Figure S12. PL spectrum for DAEAM. The excitation spectrum is also presented.



**Figure S13.** DLS  $\langle D_h \rangle$  distribution of pPBA-1 (open symbols) and pPBA-2 (solid symbols) microgels before ( $\Box$ ,**=**) and after ( $\circ$ ,•) ten cycles of additing (25.0 mM) and removing (0.0 mM) of glucose. All measurements were made in PBS of pH = 7.4 at 25.0 °C and a scattering angle  $\theta$ 



**Figure S14.** The glucose resolution ( $\delta$ [Glu]) as a function of the glucose concentration [Glu] by employing pPBA-1 (open symbols) and pPBA-2 (solid symbols) microgels at 25.0 °C ( $\blacksquare$ , $\square$ ) and 37.0 °C ( $\bullet$ , $\circ$ ). All measurements were made in PBS of pH = 7.4.



**Figure S15.** PL response of pPBA-1 (open symbols) and pPBA-2 (solid symbols) microgels upon adding glucose. All measurements were made in 5.0 mM PBS of pH = 7.4 at (a) 25.0 °C and (b) 37.0 °C, in the absence ( $\blacksquare$ , $\square$ ) and presence of 0.1 mM fructose ( $\bullet$ , $\circ$ ).