

Supporting Information

Porous Membranes from Acid decorated Block Copolymer Nano-objects via RAFT Alcoholic Dispersion Polymerization

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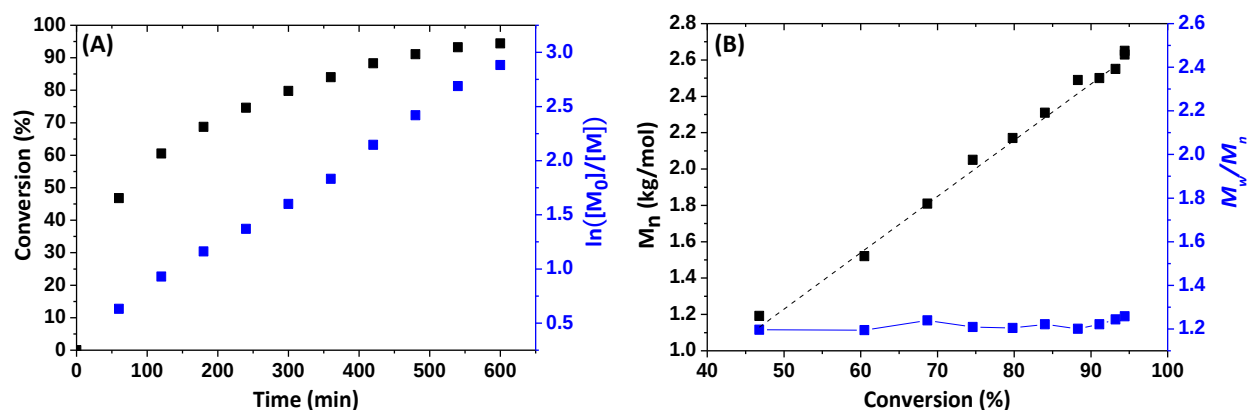


Figure S1. (A) ^1H NMR kinetic data obtained for RAFT dispersion polymerization of MAA at 10 w/w % solids in ethanol. The targeted block composition was PMAA₃₀. (B) Evolution of number- average molecular weight M_n and Polydispersity (M_w/M_n) with monomer conversion as judged by THF SEC (vs. PS calibration standards).

Table S1. Summary of diblock compositions, total solids content, conversion and degree of polymerization (DP), particle diameter and observed morphology for PMAA₂₇-PMMA_y.

Polymer composition	Solid Conc. (wt%)	Target DP	Conversion ^a (%)	Real DP	Hydrodynamic Diameter ^b (nm)	PDI ^c	Structure ^d
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₅₀	10	50	88.0	44	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₇₅	10	75	97.3	73	32	0.08	S
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₀₀	10	100	86.0	86	35	0.12	S
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₂₅	10	125	98.4	123	56	0.15	S
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₅₀	10	150	92.0	138	136	0.38	S
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₇₅	10	175	96.5	169	121	0.34	S+SW+V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₂₀₀	10	200	93.0	186	195	0.12	S+SW+V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₂₂₅	10	225	88.8	200	148	0.14	S+SW+V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₂₅₀	10	250	87.2	218	118	0.12	V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₂₇₅	10	275	90.1	248	152	0.18	V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₃₀₀	10	300	89.6	269	169	0.15	V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₅₀	12.5	50	74.0	37	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₀₀	12.5	100	87.0	87	33	0.06	S
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₅₀	12.5	150	98.0	147	39	0.07	S
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₇₅	12.5	175	90.8	159	124	0.23	S+SW+V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₂₀₀	12.5	200	88.0	176	132	0.24	S+SW+V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₂₂₅	12.5	225	88.8	200	134	0.18	S+SW+V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₂₅₀	12.5	250	94.0	235	141	0.21	V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₅₀	15	50	82.0	41	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₇₅	15	75	94.7	71	31	0.08	S
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₀₀	15	100	86.0	86	36	0.05	S
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₂₅	15	125	84.8	106	39	0.06	S
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₅₀	15	150	86.7	130	101	0.16	S+SW
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₇₅	15	175	86.2	151	112	0.21	S+SW
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₂₀₀	15	200	97.0	194	103	0.19	S+SW
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₂₂₅	15	225	92.8	209	162	0.39	W+V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₂₅₀	15	250	92.0	230	126	0.09	V
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₅₀	20	50	92.0	46	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₇₅	20	75	89.3	67	32	0.06	S
PMAA ₂₇ PMMA ₁₀₀	20	100	87.0	87	39	0.09	S

PMAA₂₇PMMA₁₂₅	20	125	92.0	115	69	0.18	S+SW
PMAA₂₇PMMA₁₅₀	20	150	96.6	145	121	0.26	S+SW
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₀₀	20	200	86.0	172	121	0.36	S+SW
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₂₅	20	225	87.1	196	138	0.38	S+SW
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₅₀	20	250	83.6	209	141	0.14	W+V
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₇₅	20	275	94.2	259	89	0.21	V
PMAA₂₇PMMA₃₀₀	20	300	97.0	291	121	0.16	V
PMAA₂₇PMMA₅₀	25	50	82.0	41	-	-	Soluble
PMAA₂₇PMMA₇₅	25	75	92.0	69	32	0.03	S
PMAA₂₇PMMA₁₀₀	25	100	89.0	89	36	0.09	S
PMAA₂₇PMMA₁₂₅	25	125	84.8	106	86	0.28	S+SW
PMAA₂₇PMMA₁₅₀	25	150	82.0	123	126	0.34	S+SW
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₀₀	25	200	93.5	187	182	0.32	S+SW
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₅₀	25	250	88.8	222	169	0.36	W+V
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₇₅	25	275	91.2	251	91	0.12	V
PMAA₂₇PMMA₅₀	30	50	86.0	43	-	-	Soluble
PMAA₂₇PMMA₇₅	30	75	89.3	67	28	0.12	S
PMAA₂₇PMMA₁₀₀	30	100	92.0	92	32	0.13	S
PMAA₂₇PMMA₁₂₅	30	125	87.2	109	85	0.18	S+SW
PMAA₂₇PMMA₁₅₀	30	150	84.0	126	121	0.21	S+SW
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₀₀	30	200	92.5	185	136	0.23	S+SW
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₂₅	30	225	92.4	208	128	0.26	W+V
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₅₀	30	250	91.2	228	111	0.33	W+V
PMAA₂₇PMMA₂₇₅	30	275	91.2	251	102	0.15	V
PMAA₂₇PMMA₃₀₀	30	300	93.0	279	91	0.16	V

^a as judged by ¹H NMR

^{b,c} measured by dynamic light scattering

^d as judged by post mortem TEM analysis

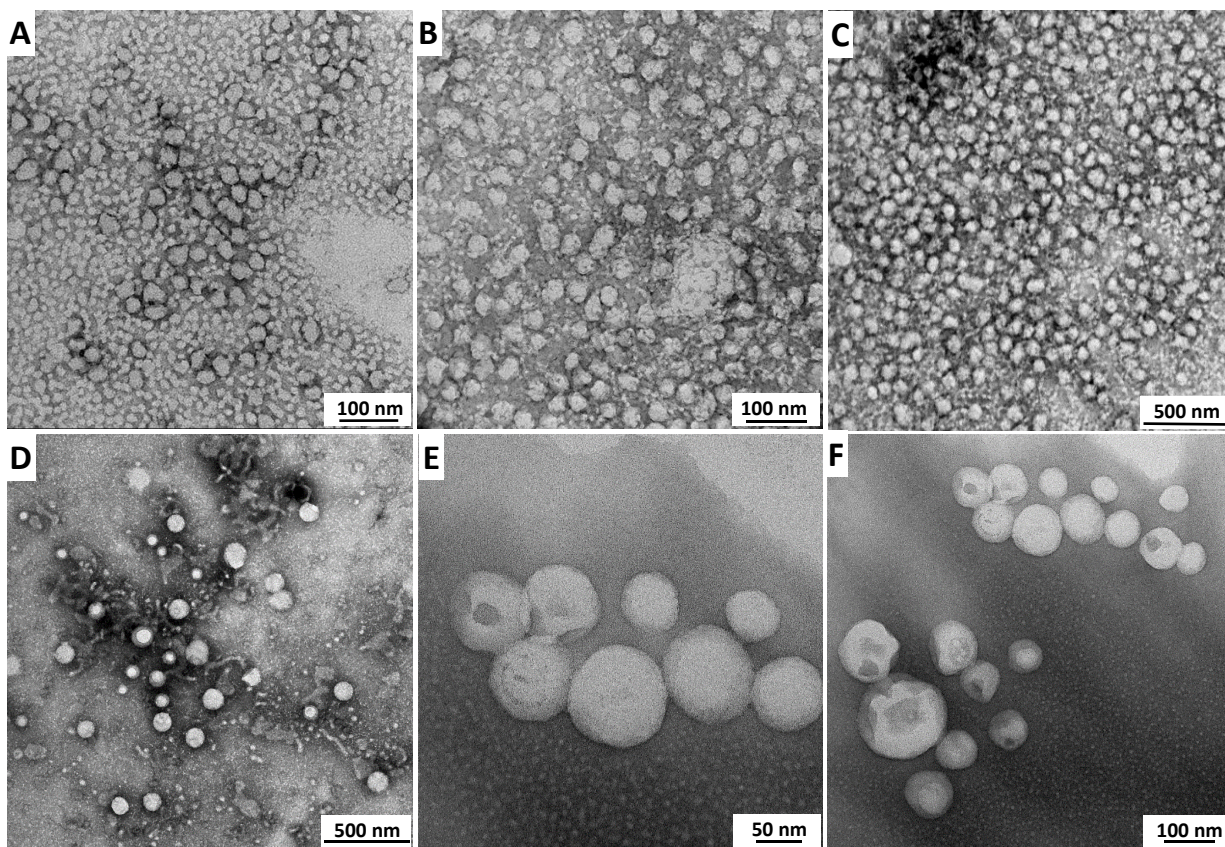


Figure S2. TEM images of PMAA₂₇-PMMA_y at 10 w/w% total solids content where (A) $y=73$; Spheres (B) $y=86$; Spheres (C) $y=123$; Spheres (D) $y=169$; Spheres + Short worms + Vesicles (E) $y=218$; Vesicles (F) $y=248$; Vesicles.

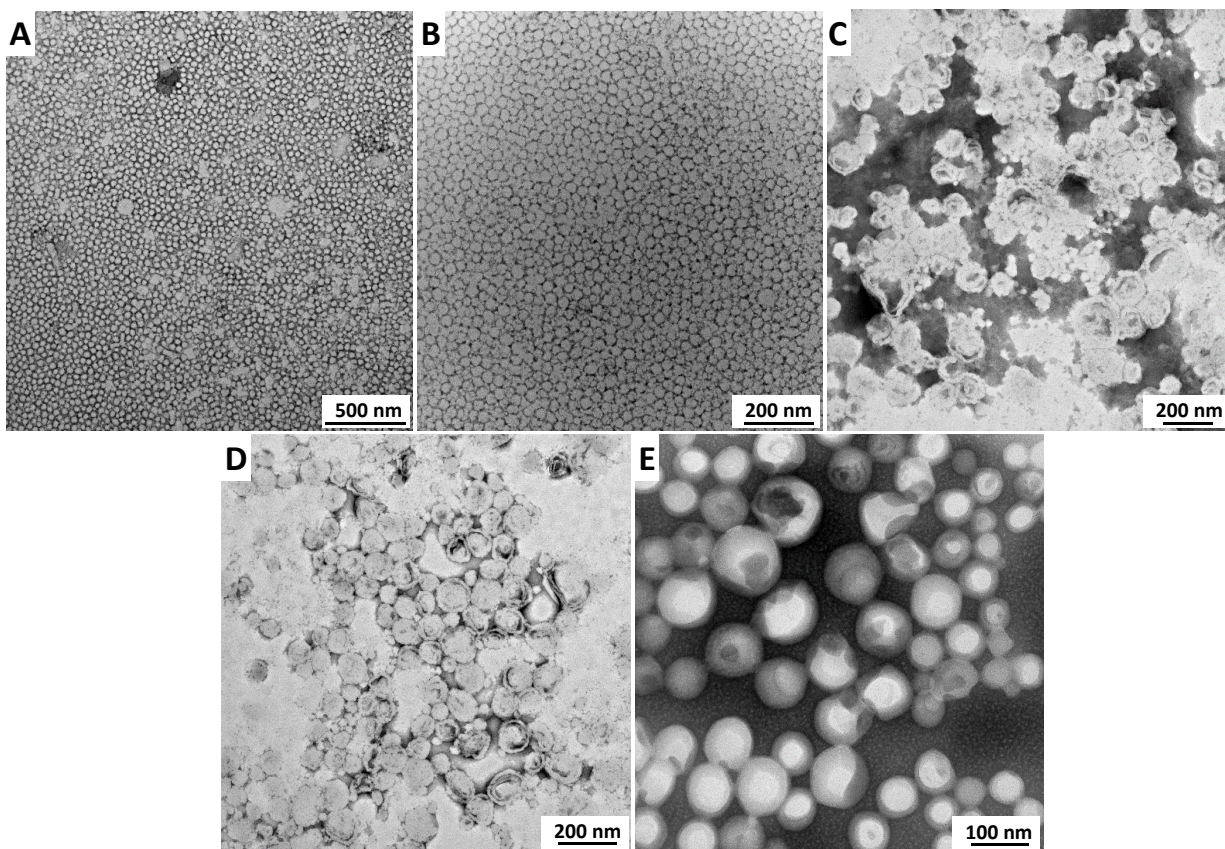


Figure S3. TEM images of PMAA₂₇-PMMA_y at 12.5 w/w% total solids content where (A) $y=87$; Spheres (B) $y=147$; Spheres (C) $y=159$; Spheres + Short worms + Vesicles (D) $y=200$; Spheres + Short worms + Vesicles (E) $y=235$; Vesicles.

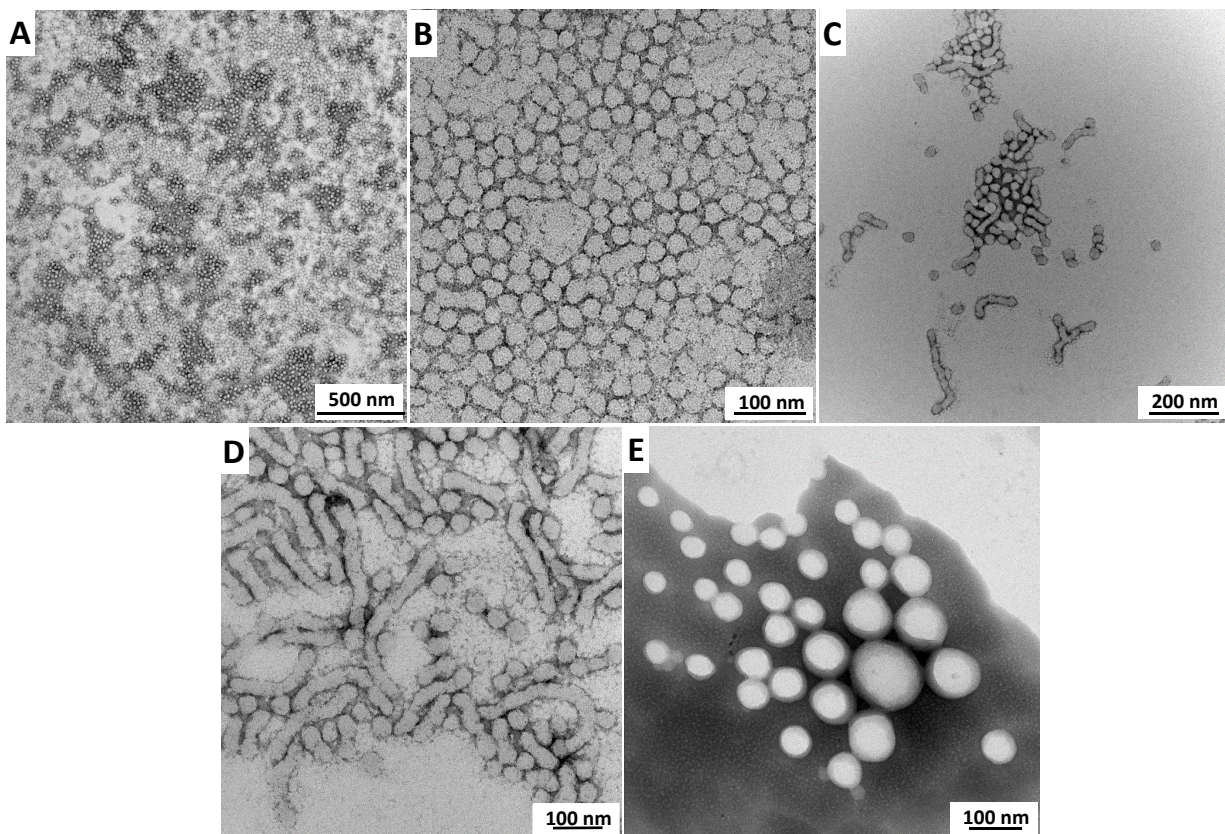


Figure S4. TEM images of PMAA₂₇-PMMA_y at 15 w/w% total solids content where (A) $y = 71$; Spheres (B) $y = 106$; Spheres (C) $y = 130$; Spheres + Short worms (D) $y = 194$; Spheres + Short worms (E) $y = 230$; Vesicles.

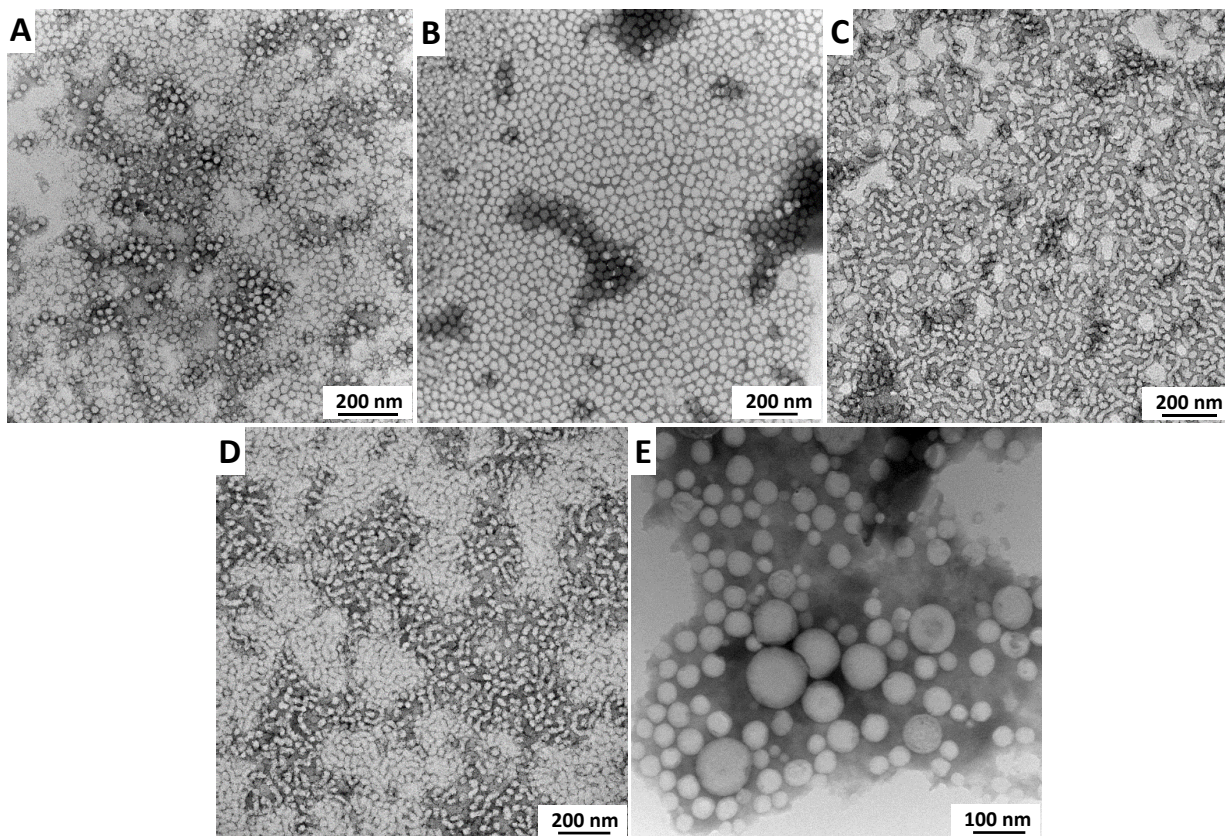


Figure S5. TEM images of PMAA₂₇-PMMA_y at 25 w/w% total solids content where (A) $y = 69$; Spheres (B) $y = 89$; Spheres (C) $y = 106$; Spheres + Short worms (D) $y = 187$; Spheres + Short worms (E) $y = 251$; Vesicles.

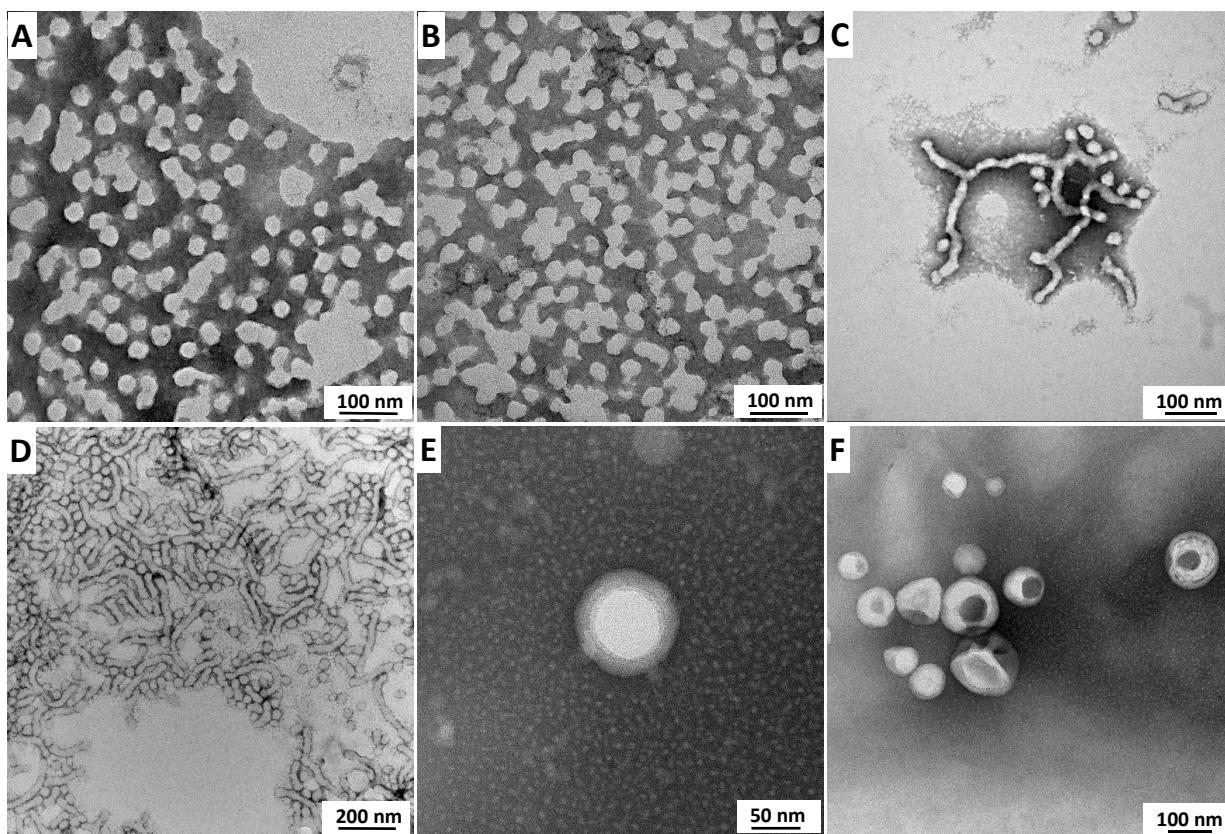


Figure S6. TEM images of PMAA₂₇-PMMA_y at 30 w/w% total solids content where (A) $y=67$; Spheres (B) $y=92$; Spheres (C) $y=109$; Spheres + Short worms (D) $y=185$; Spheres + Short worms (E) $y=251$; Vesicles (F) $y=279$; Vesicles.

Table S2. Summary of diblock compositions, total solids content, conversion and degree of polymerization (DP), particle diameter and observed morphology for PMAA₄₇-PMMA_y

Polymer Composition	Solid Conc. (w/w %)	Target DP	Conversion ^a (%)	Real DP	Hydrodynamic Diameter ^b (nm)	PDI ^c	Structure ^d
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₇₅	10	75	96.0	72	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₂₅	10	125	96.8	121	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₅₀	10	150	94.6	142	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₇₅	10	175	89.1	156	34	0.09	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₀₀	10	200	94.5	189	41	0.06	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₂₅	10	225	99.1	223	49	0.07	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₅₀	10	250	95.2	238	201	0.32	S+SW
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₇₅	10	275	98.5	271	217	0.29	S+SW
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₃₀₀	10	300	94.6	284	189	0.18	S+SW+V
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₃₂₅	10	325	98.7	321	247	0.26	S+SW+V
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₃₇₅	10	375	98.1	368	271	0.24	S+SW+V
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₇₅	12.5	75	92.0	69	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₅₀	12.5	150	96.6	145	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₇₅	12.5	175	90.3	158	31	0.09	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₀₀	12.5	200	96.0	192	39	0.15	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₂₅	12.5	225	98.2	221	47	0.08	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₅₀	12.5	250	95.6	239	121	0.31	S+SW
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₇₅	12.5	275	97.8	269	149	0.38	S+SW
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₃₀₀	12.5	300	96.3	289	196	0.22	S+SW+V
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₄₀₀	12.5	400	94.5	378	201	0.28	S+SW+V
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₅₀	15	50	96.0	48	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₂₅	15	125	96.8	121	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₅₀	15	150	88.6	133	35	0.09	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₀₀	15	200	92.5	185	39	0.21	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₂₅	15	225	91.1	205	42	0.18	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₅₀	15	250	87.6	219	152	0.15	S+SW
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₇₅	15	275	92.7	255	141	0.36	S+SW
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₉₀	15	290	92.0	267	138	0.21	W
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₃₀₀	15	300	99.3	298	128	0.14	W
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₃₂₅	15	325	96.9	315	152	0.28	W+V

PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₃₅₀	15	350	98.0	343	168	0.31	W+V
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₄₀₀	15	400	89.0	356	148	0.18	V
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₅₀	17.5	50	96.0	48	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₂₅	17.5	125	84.0	105	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₅₀	17.5	150	79.3	119	33	0.09	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₀₀	17.5	200	97.5	195	39	0.06	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₂₅	17.5	225	91.5	206	141	0.32	S+SW
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₅₀	17.5	250	99.6	249	167	0.35	S+SW
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PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₄₀₀	17.5	400	92.0	368	102	0.15	V
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₅₀	20	50	98.0	49	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₂₅	20	125	84.0	105	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₅₀	20	150	76.0	114	33	0.08	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₇₅	20	175	81.1	142	41	0.1	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₀₀	20	200	99.0	198	48	0.1	S
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₂₅	20	225	94.2	212	142	0.38	S+SW
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₂₇₅	20	275	89.0	245	168	0.34	S+SW
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PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₄₀₀	20	400	89.7	359	148	0.16	V
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₂₅	25	125	84.8	106	-	-	Soluble
PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₁₅₀	25	150	79.3	119	35	0.17	S
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PMAA ₄₇ PMMA ₃₅₀	25	350	90.8	318	186	0.19	W+V
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PMAA₄₇ PMMA₄₀₀	27.5	400	89.7	359	128	0.16	V
PMAA₄₇ PMMA₁₀₀	30	100	61.0	61	-	-	Soluble
PMAA₄₇ PMMA₁₂₅	30	125	84.0	105	-	-	Soluble
PMAA₄₇ PMMA₁₅₀	30	150	78.0	117	41	0.10	S
PMAA₄₇ PMMA₁₇₅	30	175	80.0	140	43	0.09	S
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PMAA₄₇ PMMA₂₅₀	30	250	82.0	205	129	0.29	S+SW
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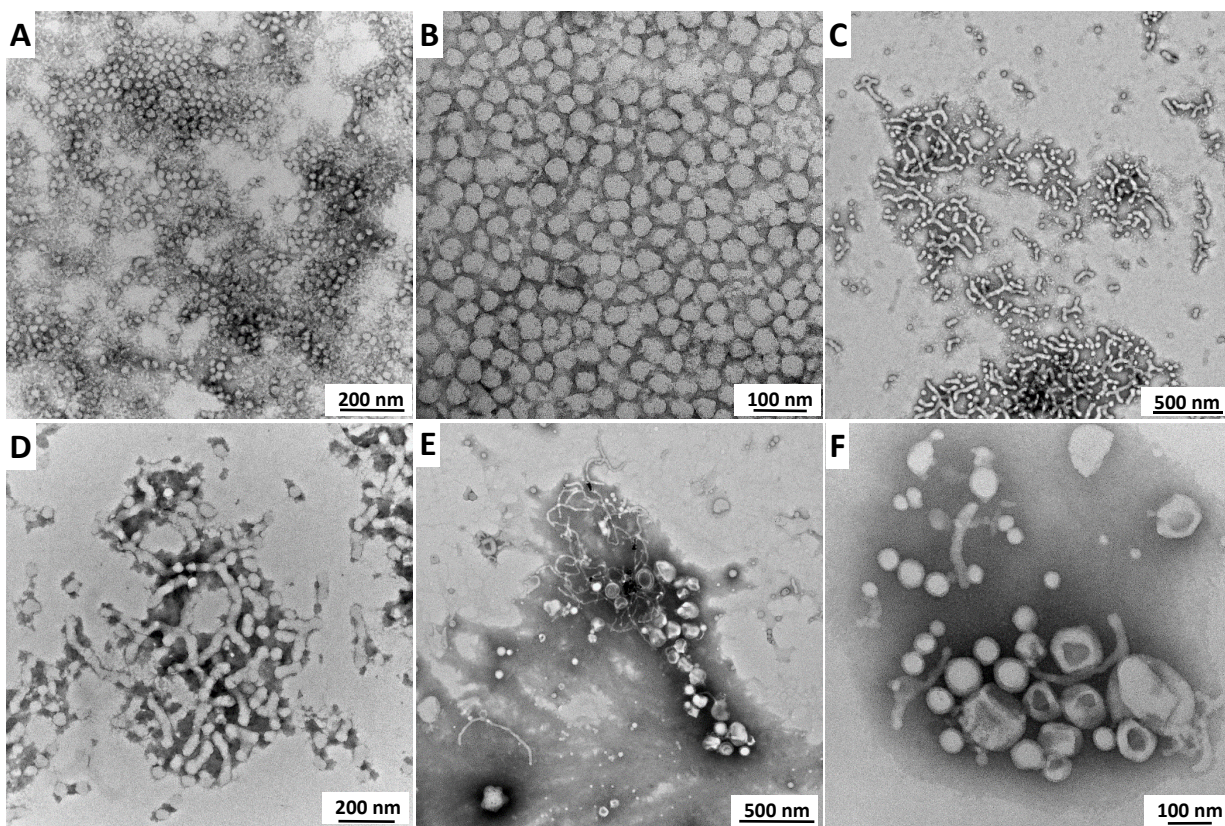


Figure S7. TEM images of PMAA₄₇-PMMA_y at 10 w/w% total solids content where (A) $y = 156$; Spheres (B) $y = 223$; Spheres (C) $y = 238$; Spheres + Short worms (D) $y = 271$; Spheres + Short worms (E) $y = 284$; Spheres + Short worms + Vesicles (F) $y = 368$; Spheres + Short worms + Vesicles.

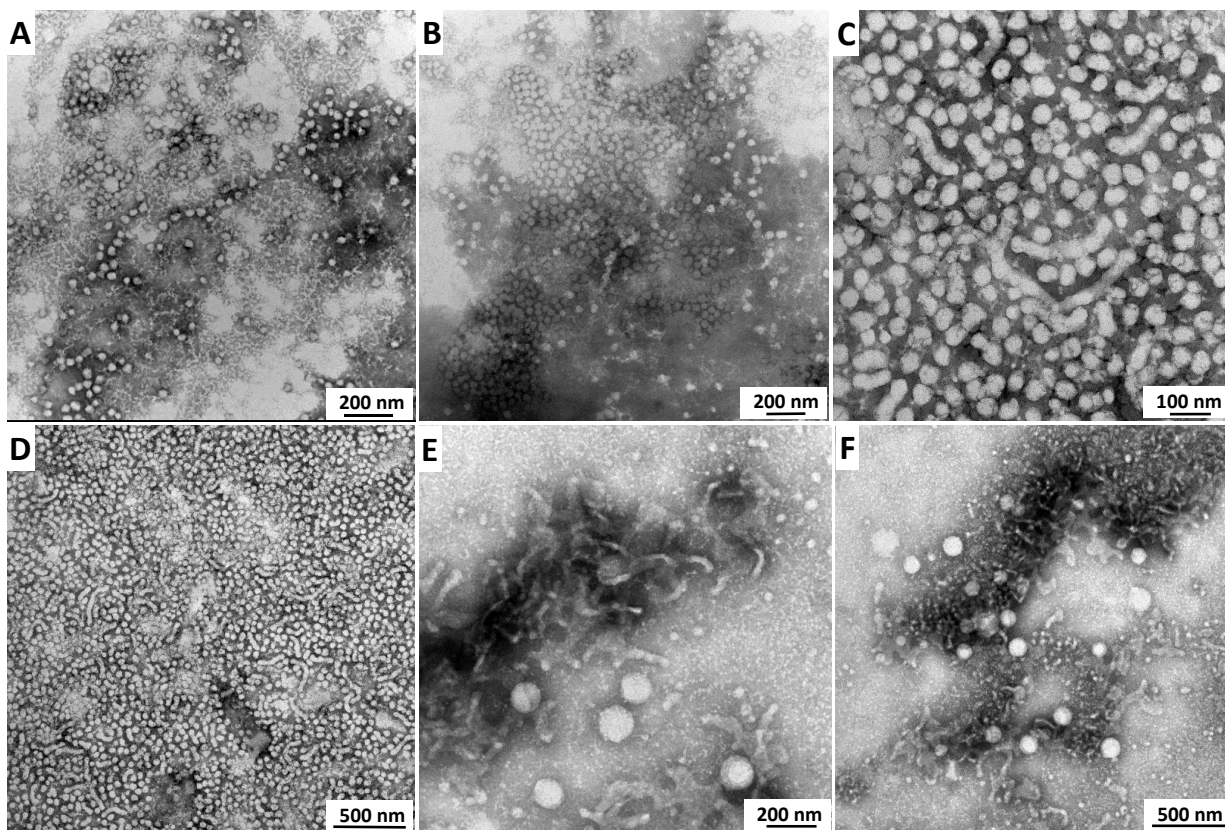


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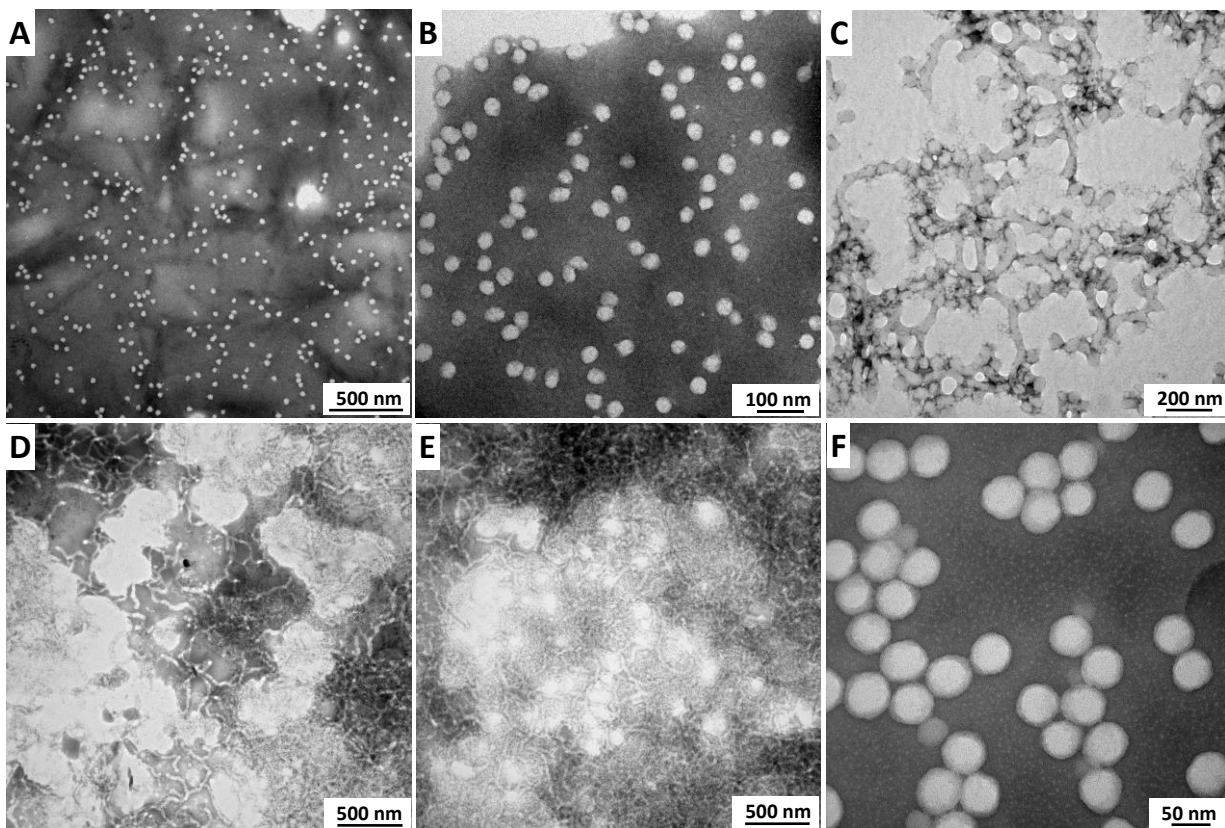


Figure S9. TEM images of PMAA₄₇-PMMA_y at 15 w/w% total solids content where (A) y= 133; Spheres (B) y= 205; Spheres (C) y= 219; Spheres + Short worms (D) y=315; Worms + Vesicles (E) y=343; Worms + Vesicles (F) y= 356; Vesicles.

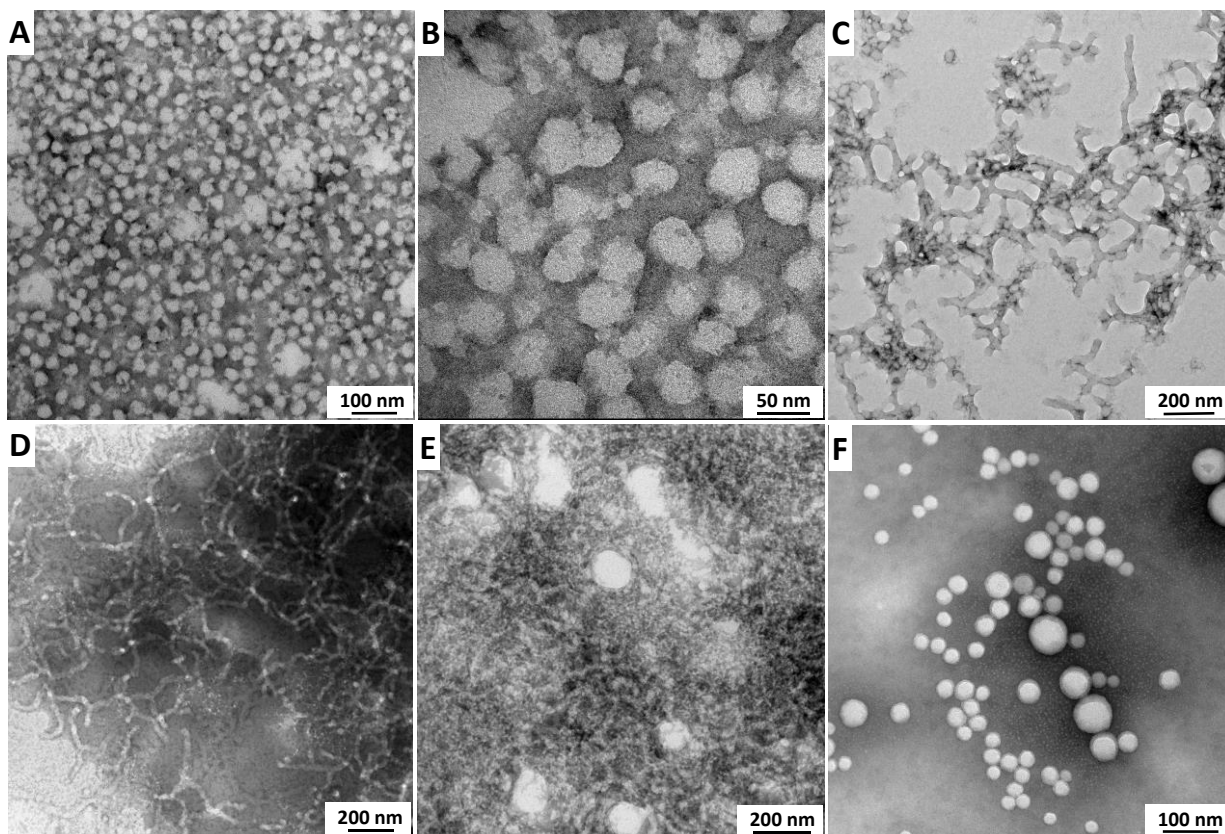


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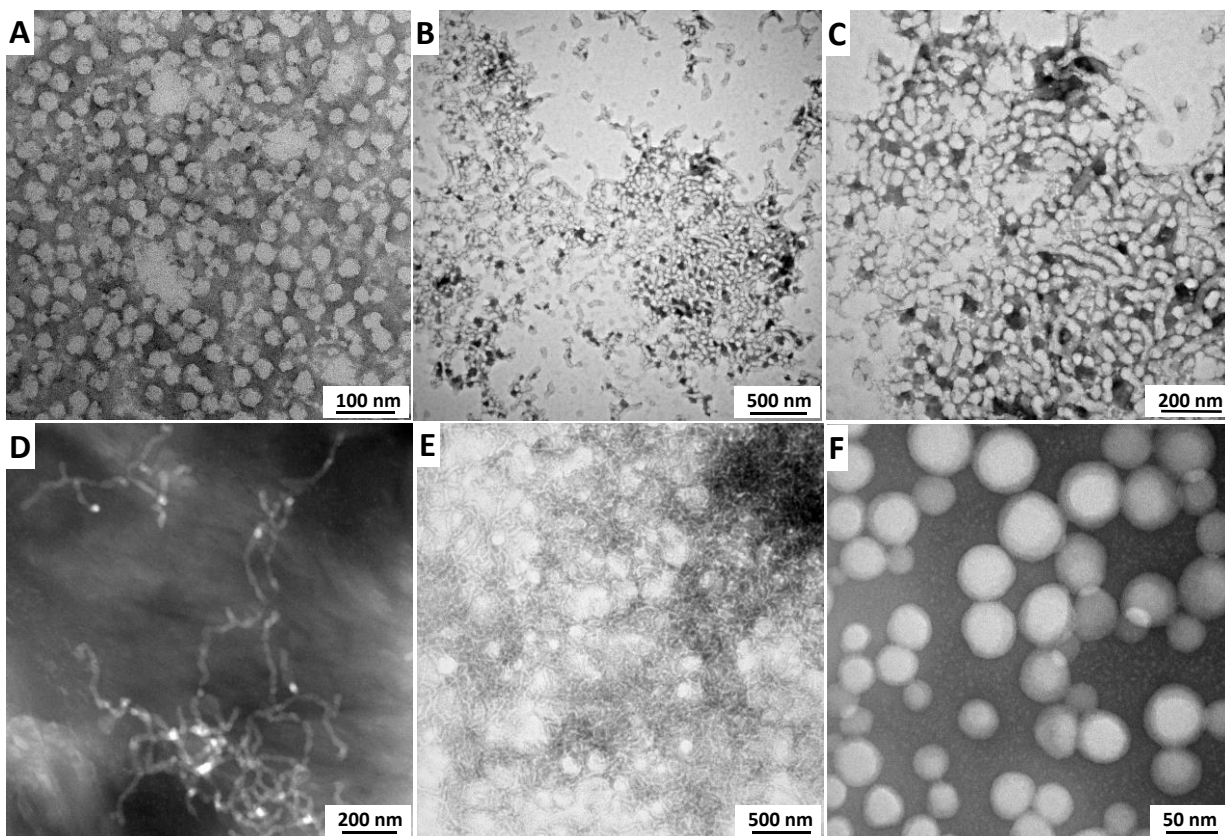


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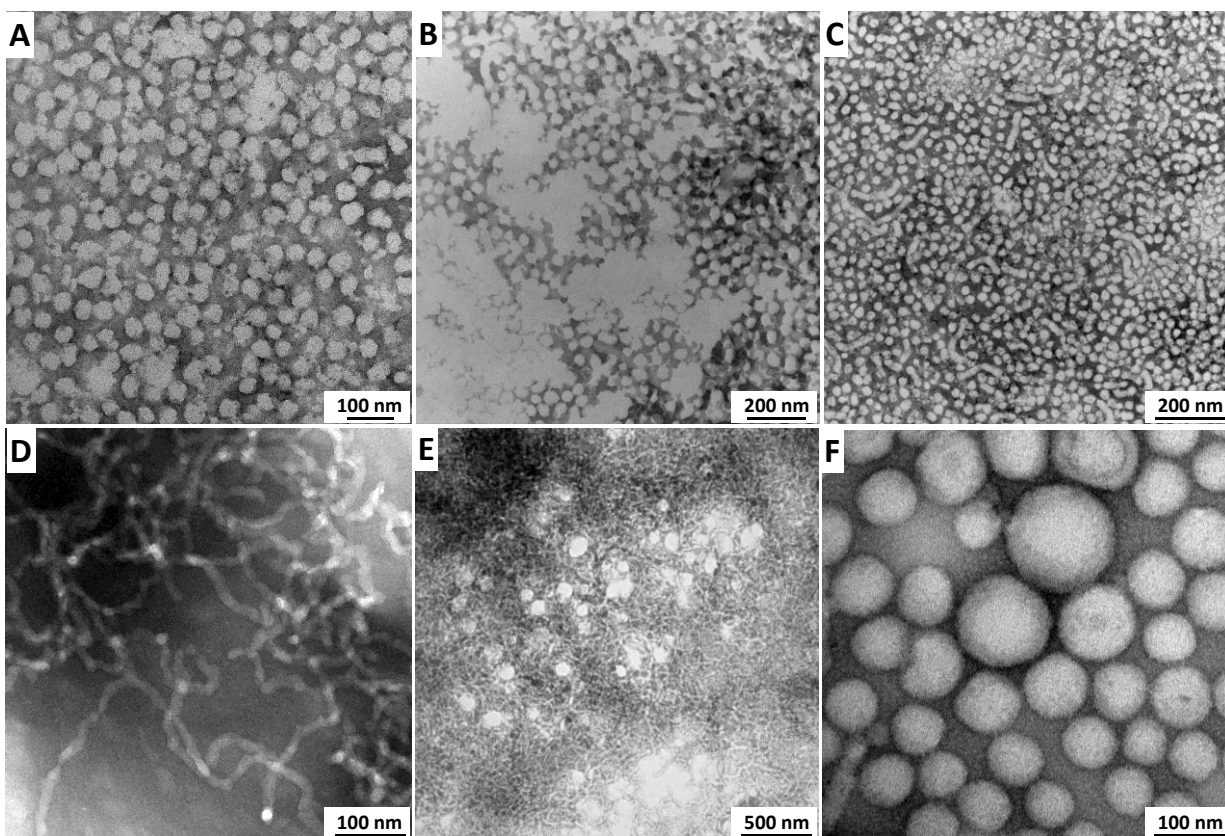


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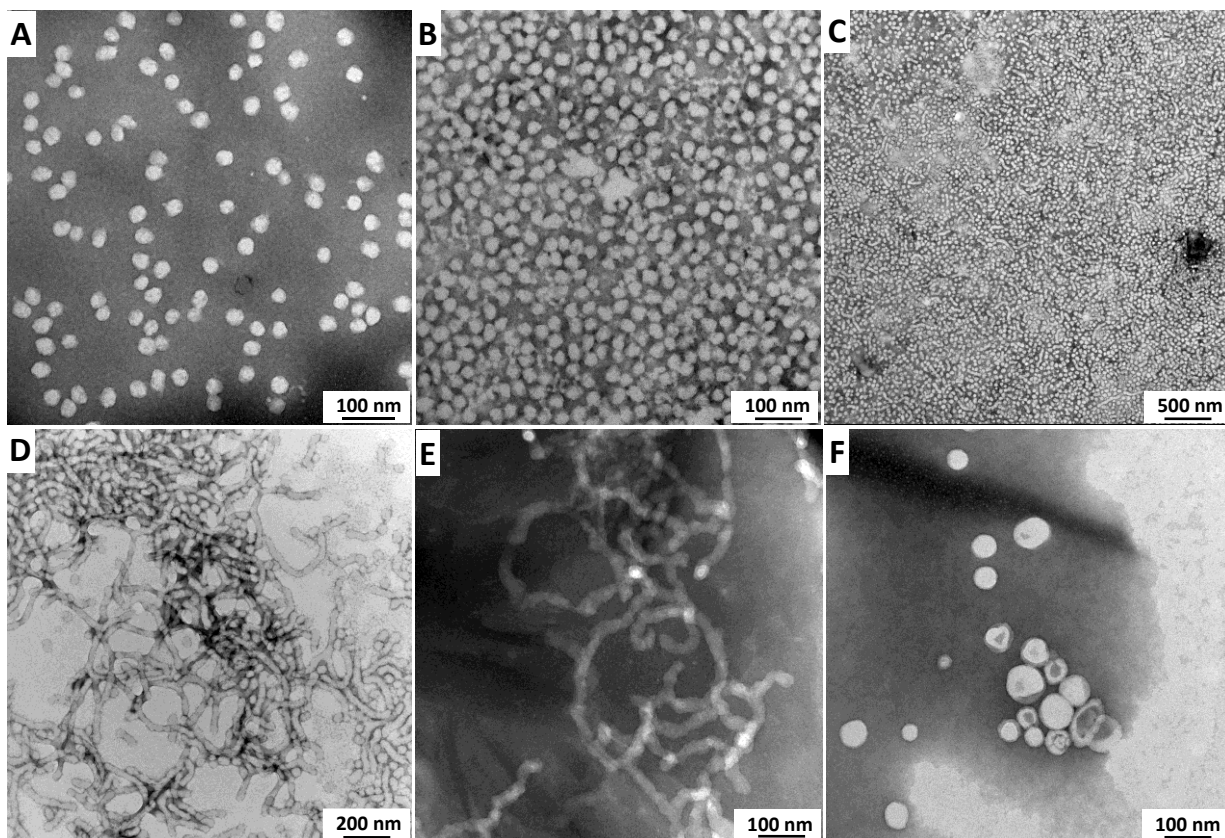


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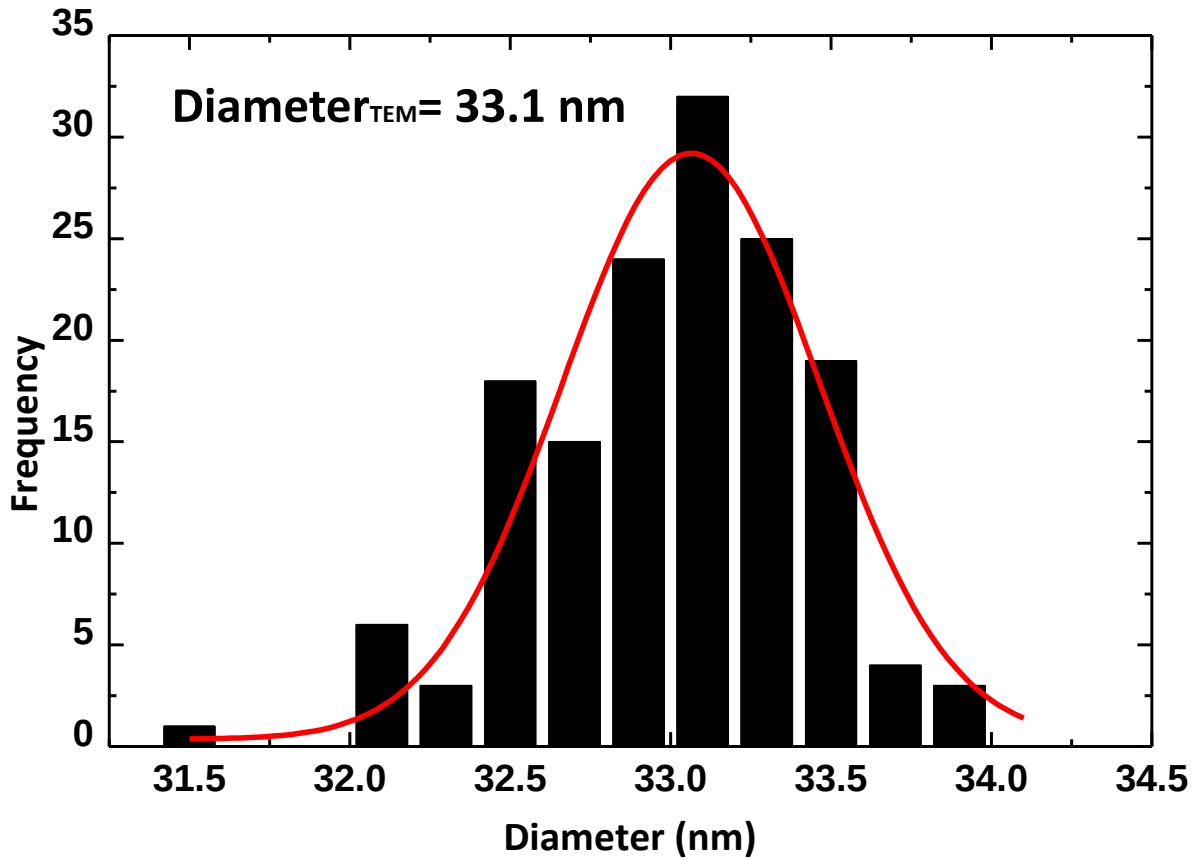


Figure S14. Particle diameter calculated from TEM image using ImageJ software for PMAA₂₇-PMMA₁₀₆ spherical particles prepared at 15 w/w %. The TEM image of the particle is presented in Fig. S4B.

Flux and permeability

According to Darcy's law the volumetric flux could be calculated as following equation

$$Flux (J_v) = V_p / (t * S) \quad (L \cdot h^{-1} \cdot m^{-2}) \quad \text{Eqn (S1)}$$

$$Permeability (L_p) = J_v / \Delta P \quad (L \cdot h^{-1} \cdot m^{-2} \cdot bar^{-1}) \quad \text{Eqn (S2)}$$

Where V_p = Permeate volume, t = Time, S = Surface area and ΔP = pressure difference.