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Bio-reducible polycations from ring-opening polymerization as potential gene delivery vehicles

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Fig. S1. GPC data of target polycations.



Fig. S2. Fluorescence quenching assay of EB/DNA by addition of polycations.



Fig. S3. Luciferase gene expression transfected by polyplexes at different weight ratios without (A) and with (B) the presence of 10% serum in comparison with 25 KDa PEI in HEK293 cells. (C) The effect of serum concentration on the TE of **TETA-SS** (weight ratio = 4, 6 and 8) and PEI. The weight ratio for PEI is 1.4. Data represent mean \pm SD (n=3).

¹H NMR spectra







For linear (1:1) polycation, theoretical numbers of H: b, 4H; d, 24H (16H on TEPA and 8H on SS).



CARBON_01 -71.80 -69.70 -38.55 -44.84 -50.90 -24 SS -22 -20 -18 1 -16 -14 -12 -10 -8 -6 -4 -2 -0 --2 90 85 80 75 70 65 60 f1 (ppm) 55 50 45 40 35 30

¹³C NMR spectrum of SS

HR-MS spectrum of SS

