

Supporting information to

**Surfactant-free RAFT emulsion polymerization using a novel
biocompatible thermoresponsive polymer**

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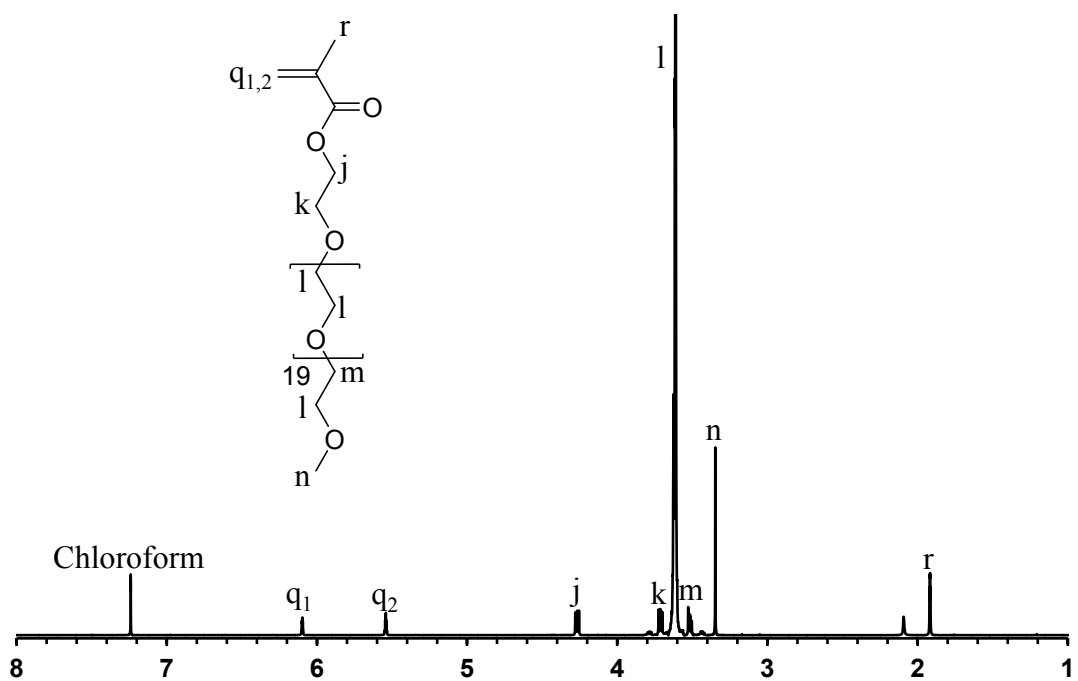


Fig. S1 ¹H NMR for the PEGMA macro-monomer in chloroform-d.

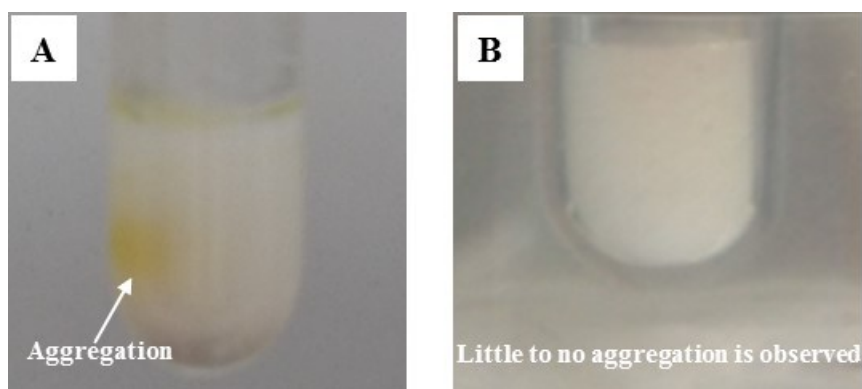


Fig. S2 Images of latexes of (A) thermoresponsive polymer A3 and (B) thermoresponsive polymer A4 after surfactant-free RAFT emulsion polymerization of styrene for 3 h.

Table S1. ¹H NMR and kinetic data for the surfactant-free RAFT emulsion polymerization of styrene in water at 70 °C using AIBN as initiator and A4 as a macro-CTA and macro-stabilizer. The molar ratio of [styrene]:[macro-CTA]:[I] was 450:5:1.

Time (min)	¹ H NMR		SEC ^c	
	Conversion ^a (%)	M _{n,theory} ^b (g mol ⁻¹)	Mn (g mol ⁻¹)	<i>D</i>
0	0	10,800	10,800	1.18
45	6	11,362	12,300	1.22
90	24	13,046	12,900	1.23
150	47	15,199	14,800	1.26
210	60	16,416	16,500	1.27
270	88	19,037	18,800	1.30

^a Conversions of styrene were calculated by the integral area of a peak at 5.7 ppm (*I*_{5.7}) and a peak in the range 6.3-7.5 (*I*_{6.3-7.3}) using the following equation: Conversion of styrene = 100 x (1 - 5 x *I*_{5.7} / (*I*_{6.3-7.3} - *I*_{5.7})). ^b M_{n,theory} were calculated using the following equation: M_{n,theory} = Conversion / 100 x 90 x 104 + 10,800. ^c SEC data measured in DMAc + 0.03 wt% of LiBr solution and using PSTY standards for calibration.

Table S2. SEC data for the surfactant-free RAFT emulsion polymerization of styrene or methyl methacrylate in water at 70 °C using AIBN as initiator and A4 or A6 as a macro-CTA and macro-stabilizer.

Copolymer	Monomer	Macro-CTA	[Monomer]:[Macro-CTA]:[I]	Time (h)	SEC ^a	
					M _{n,SEC} (g mol ⁻¹)	<i>D</i>
B1	Styrene	A4	900:10:1	3.5	16,400	1.22
B2	Styrene	A6	1200:10:1	3.5	19,800	1.30
B3	MMA	A4	1500:10:1	2.0	14,900	1.23

^a SEC data measured in DMAc + 0.03 wt% of LiBr solution and using PSTY standards for calibration.

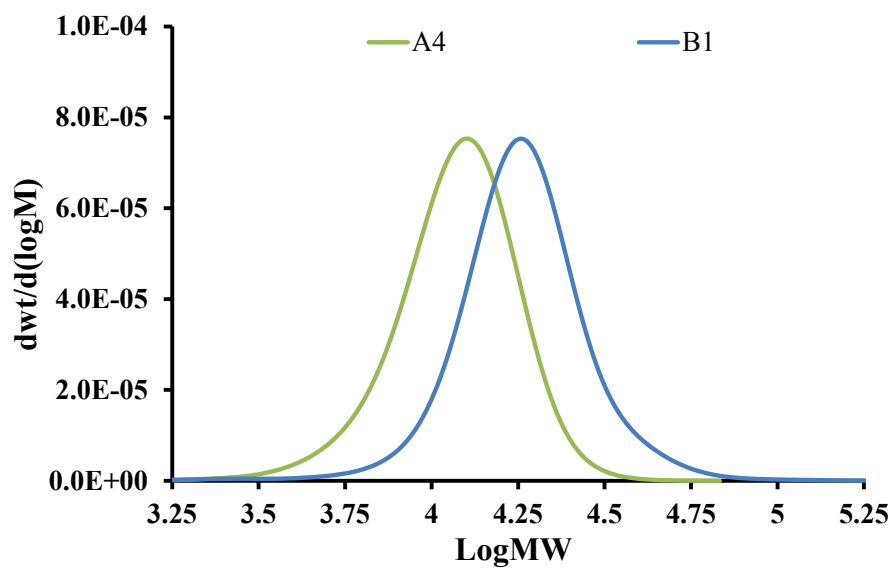


Fig. S3 MWDs for the macro-CTA A4 and copolymer B1.

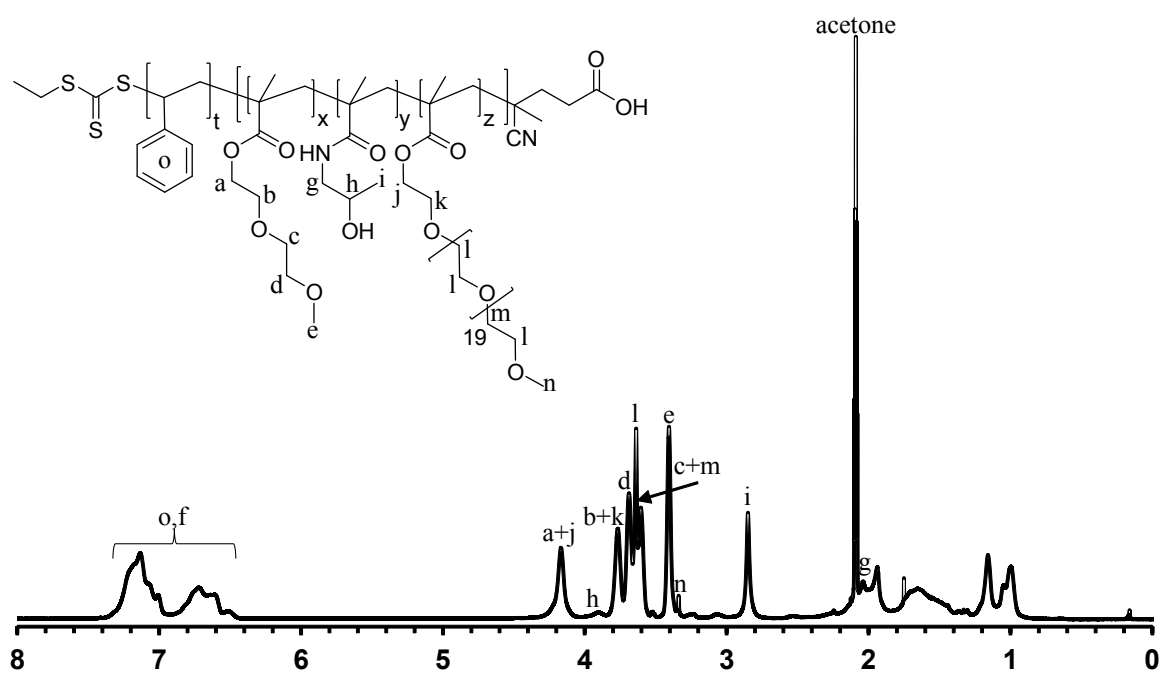


Fig. S4 ^1H NMR for block copolymer B1 in acetone- d_6 .

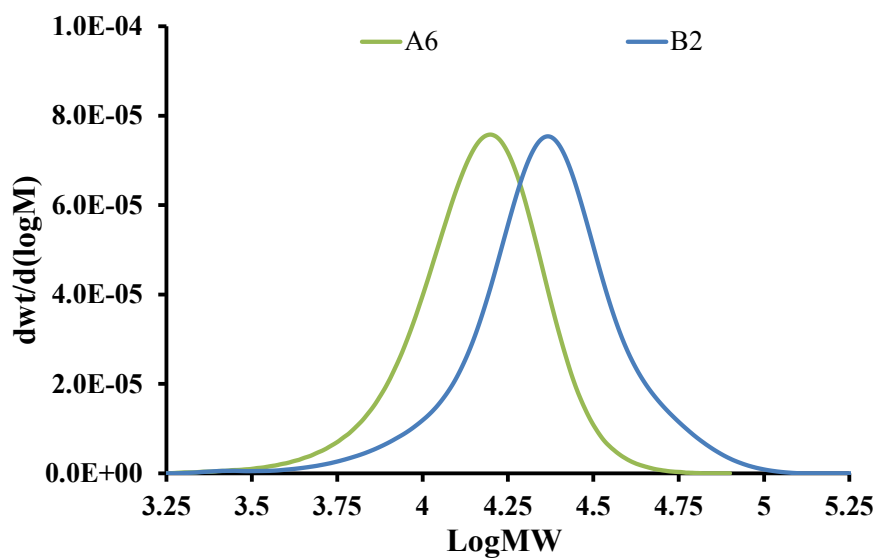


Fig. S5 MWDs for the Macro-CTA A6 and copolymer B2.

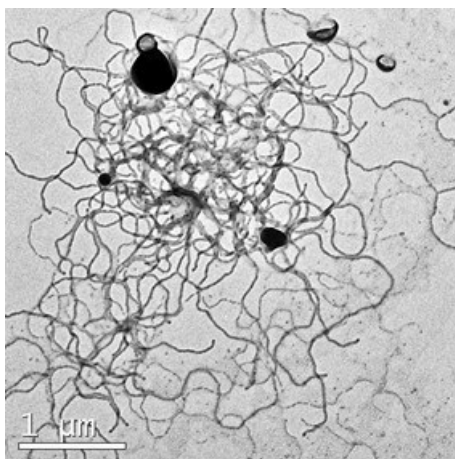


Fig. S6 Representative TEM images of the latexes of diblock copolymer B2 in water obtained by concentrated and high-scale surfactant-free RAFT emulsion polymerization followed by morphological transformation overnight.

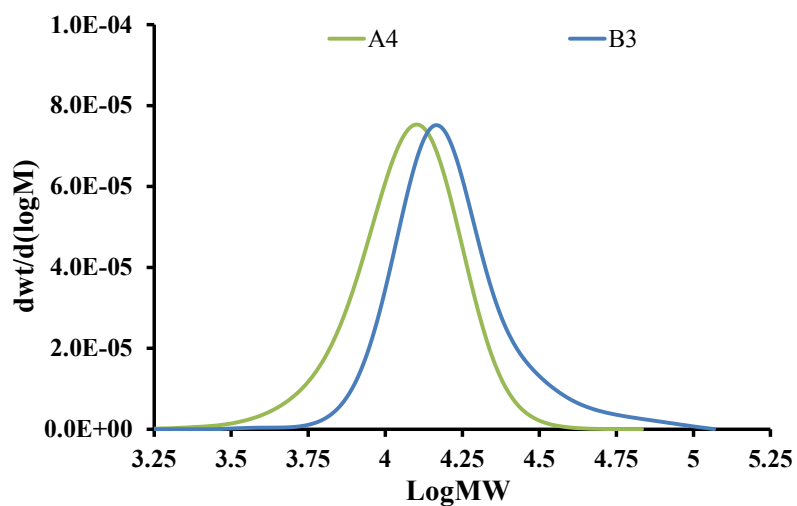


Fig. S7 MWDs for the Macro-CTA A4 and copolymer B3.

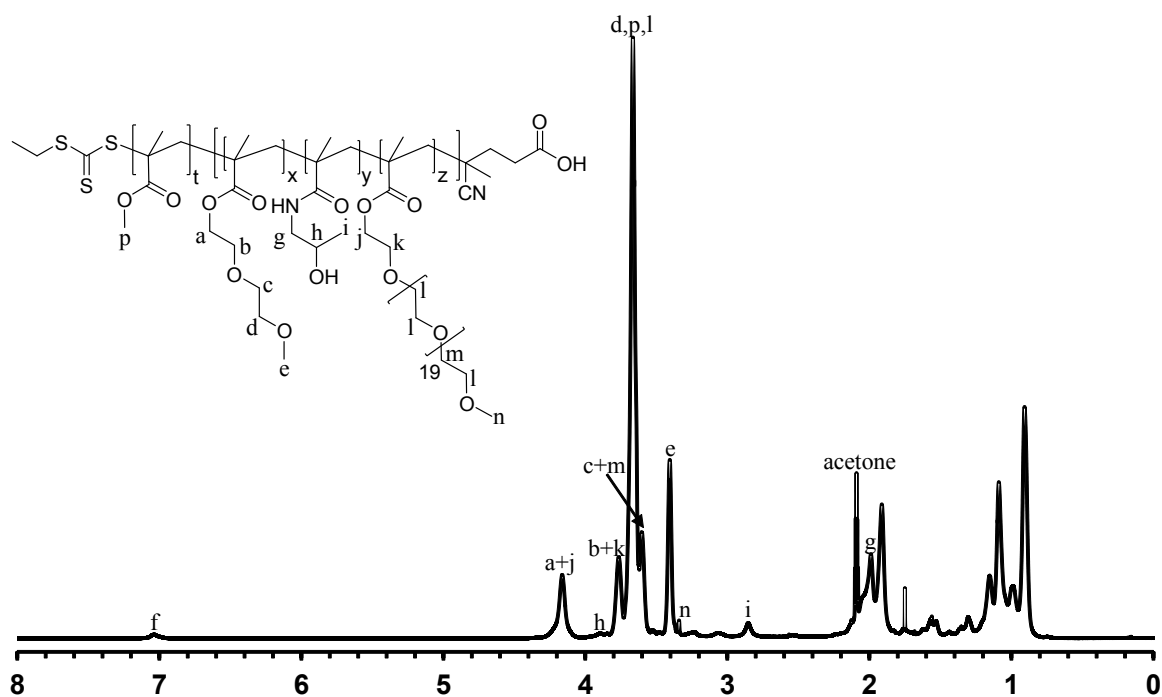


Fig. S8 ^1H NMR for block copolymer B3 in acetone- d_6 .