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A facile strategy to fabricate covalently linked raspberrylike nanocomposites with pH and thermo tunable structures

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Scheme S1. Schematic illustration of synthesis of BTPT



Figure S1. ¹HNMR spectrum of BTPT



Figure S2. FTIR spectrum of BTPT



Scheme S2. Schematic illustration of synthesis of Tsi-PDMAEMA-PSt



Figure S3. Zeta potential of silica particles in water at different pH values



gure S4. Typical SEM and TEM images of silica@polymer composite particles after

ultrasonication treatment



Figure S5. Photographs of the thermo-triggered aggregation-disaggregation transitions of silica@polymer particles at pH 7.4. Thermoresponsiveness of silica@polymer particles are due to the reversible hydrophilic-hydrophobic transitions of PDMAEMA chains triggered by temperature.



Figure S6. Typical SEM image of silica@polymer particles collected at 48 $^{\circ}$ C