Supporting Information

Synergistic enhancement in the drug sequestration power and reduction in the

cytotoxicity of surfactant

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Figure S1: Emission spectra of EB in DNA-P105 solution in the presence of different concentrations (0-4 mM) of NaCl.



Figure S2: Emission spectra of EB in DNA solution in the presence of different concentrations of SDS (0-5 mM). The dashed curve is the emission spectra of EB in 5 mM SDS solution.



Figure S3: Emission transient decays for EB in DNA solution in the presence of different concentrations of SDS (0-4 mM). The dotted curve is the IRF.

Deconvolution of emission spectrum: The emission spectrum of EB in DNA-pluronic solution in the presence of different concentration of SDS (I(λ)) have been deconvoluted by using following equation I(λ) = A₁I^{DNA}(λ) + A₂I^{SA}(λ) (S1) where I^{DNA}(λ) and I^{SA}(λ) are the emission spectrum of EB in DNA-pluronic solution and in pluronic-SDS

(4mM) supramolecular assemblies, respectively and A_1 and A_2 are their respective contribution to the total spectrum, $I(\lambda).I^{DNA}(\lambda)$ and $I^{SA}(\lambda)$ are determined experimentally. Each emission spectrum, $I(\lambda)$, have been fitted by equation S1 using non-linear least square fitting to obtain the values of A_1 and A_2 .



Figure S4-(A) Deconvoluted spectra for EB in DNA-P105 solution in the presence of 4 mM SDS. The solid curve is the experimentally measured emission spectra. The dotted and the dashed curves are the emission spectra of EB in DNA ($I^{DNA}(\lambda)$) and in P105-SDS assemblies ($I^{SA}(\lambda)$), respectively obtained by spectral deconvolution process. (B) Changes in the deconvoluted spectra for EB in DNA (solid lines) and in P105-SDS assemblies (dashed lines) in the presence of different concentrations of SDS.



Figure S5-(A) Deconvoluted spectra for EB in DNA-F127 solution in the presence of 4 mM SDS. The solid curve is the experimentally measured emission spectra. The dotted and the dashed curves are the emission spectra of EB in DNA ($I^{DNA}(\lambda)$) and in F127-SDS assemblies ($I^{SA}(\lambda)$), respectively obtained by spectral deconvolution process. (B) Changes in the deconvoluted spectra for EB in DNA (solid lines) and in F127-SDS assemblies (dashed lines) in the presence of different concentrations of SDS.

[SDS]/mM	τ_1 / ns	A ₁	τ_2 / ns	A ₂	τ_3 / ns	A ₃	χ²
Only DNA	_	-	2.64	2.7	21.15	97.3	1.03
0.00	-	-	2.86	6.3	20.62	93.7	1.10
0.15	0.87	2.1	4.51	10.1	21.19	87.8	1.00
0.30	0.93	2.1	4.47	12.2	21.22	85.7	0.96
0.45	0.80	1.6	4.25	15.1	21.32	83.7	0.99
0.74	1.21	2.4	4.72	18.6	21.48	79.0	1.05
1.17	1.08	2.5	4.50	22.2	21.46	75.3	0.97
1.44	0.80	1.9	4.30	25.0	21.52	73.1	1.08
1.84	0.70	1.8	4.26	26.1	21.44	72.1	1.06
2.72	1.04	2.6	4.43	27.1	21.52	70.3	1.04
3.90	0.93	2.0	4.26	28.5	21.53	69.5	1.04
P105-4 mM SDS	1.38	9.5	4.29	90.5	-	-	1.04

Table S1- Fitting parameters for emission transient decays of EB in DNA and DNA-P105 solutions at different SDS concentrations.

Table S2: Fitted parameters for the emission transient decays of EB in DNA-F127-SDS solutions.

[SDS]/mM	τ_1 / ns	A ₁	τ_2 / ns	A ₂	τ_3 / ns	A ₃	χ²
0.00	-	-	2.67	4.73	21.00	95.27	1.04
0.16	1.69	3.02	4.62	6.36	20.31	90.63	0.98
0.46	1.32	2.22	4.78	9.98	21.69	87.88	1.04
0.88	0.94	1.85	4.43	13.84	21.86	84.31	1.00
1.40	1.29	2.34	4.70	15.37	21.88	82.29	1.00
1.98	1.17	2.14	4.55	17.38	21.87	80.48	1.04
2.97	1.02	1.90	4.38	20.29	22.06	77.81	1.05
4.10	1.05	2.12	4.44	21.44	22.10	76.44	1.03
F127-4 mM SDS	1.55	13.23	4.34	86.77	-	-	1.18