## **Supporting Information**

## Enhanced Topical Delivery of Dexamethasone by β-Cyclodextrin Decorated Thermoresponsive Nanogels

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**Figure S1.** Fluorescence spectra of ANS alone (red) and upon the titration with tNG\_tPG\_ $\beta$ CD. Saturation of the dye read by fluorescence at 475 nm resulted in ~0.2 wt.% of  $\beta$ CD of a tNG weight unit.



**Figure S2.** W-band EPR spectra of DXM-PCA loaded to different tNGs and dissolved in solvents at -193 °C. Experimental values and simulations are shown in solid and dashed lines respectively. All spectra were normalized to a frequency of 94 GHz (DXM-PCA (water) is recorded by pulsed EPR (field swept echo) and pseudo modulation by 5 G).

**Table S1.** Magnetic parameters (*g*- and *A*-matrix) of DXM-PCA obtained from simulations of the W-band EPR spectra (Fig. S2).

Sample	<i>g</i> -matrix	A-matrix (MHz)
tNG-tPG+DXM-PCA	2.00840(5), 2.00603(2), 2.00215(1)	15, 15, 101(1)
tNG-tPG-βCD+DXM-PCA	2.00870(3), 2.00615(2), 2.00217(2)	15, 13, 99(1)
βCD+DXM-PCA	2.00870(3), 2.00610(2), 2.00214(1)	15, 14, 99(1)
DXM-PCA (Water)	2.00810(2), 2.00602(2), 2.00215(1)	15, 15, 104(1)



Figure S3. Elemental analysis of  $\beta$ CD-Ts and  $\beta$ CD-N<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S4.** FT-IR spectrum of  $\beta$ CD-N<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of  $\beta$ CD-Ts.



**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of  $\beta$ CD-N<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of dPG-BCN-βCD.