

Electronic Supporting Information

Thermoresponsive star-like γ -substituted poly(ϵ -caprolactone)s for micellar drug delivery

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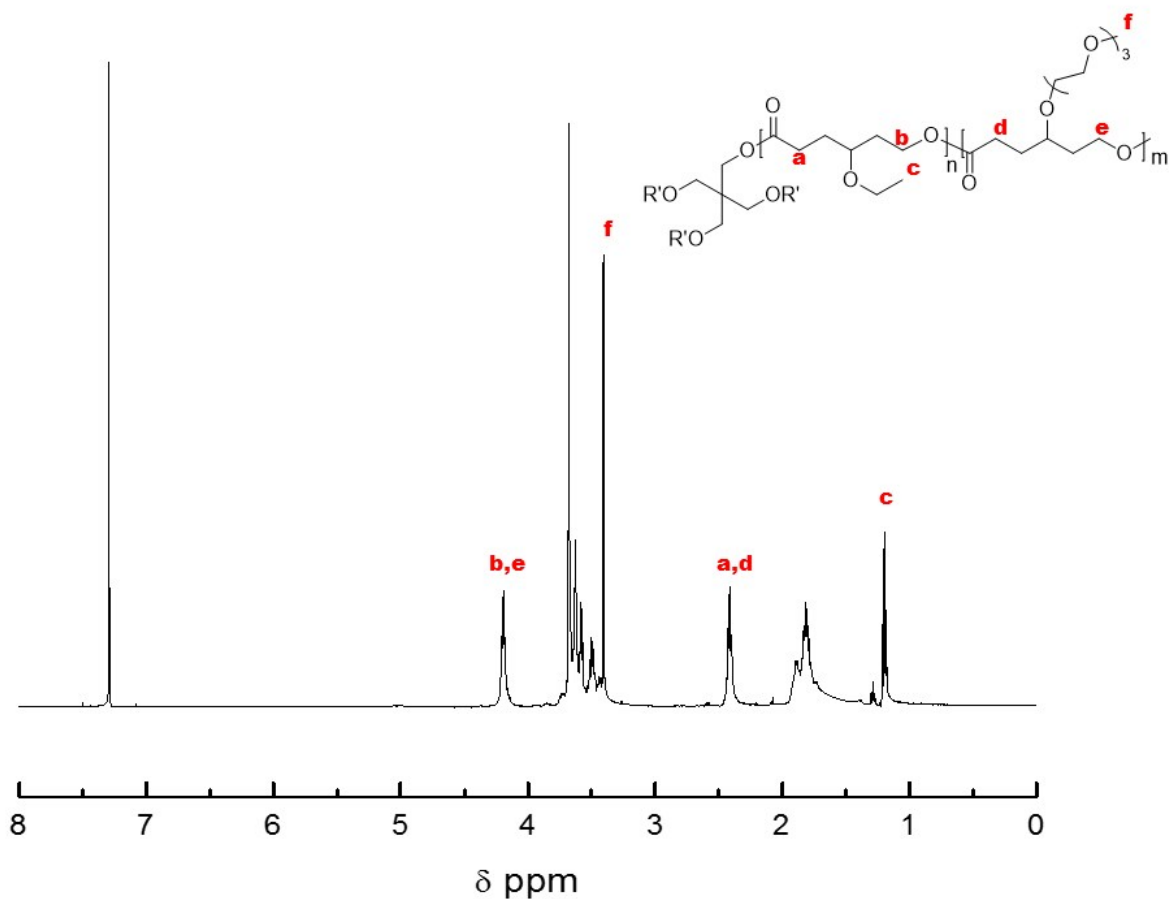


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4-arm star-like poly(γ -ethoxy- ϵ -caprolactone)-*b*-poly{ γ -2-[2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethoxy- ϵ -caprolactone}.

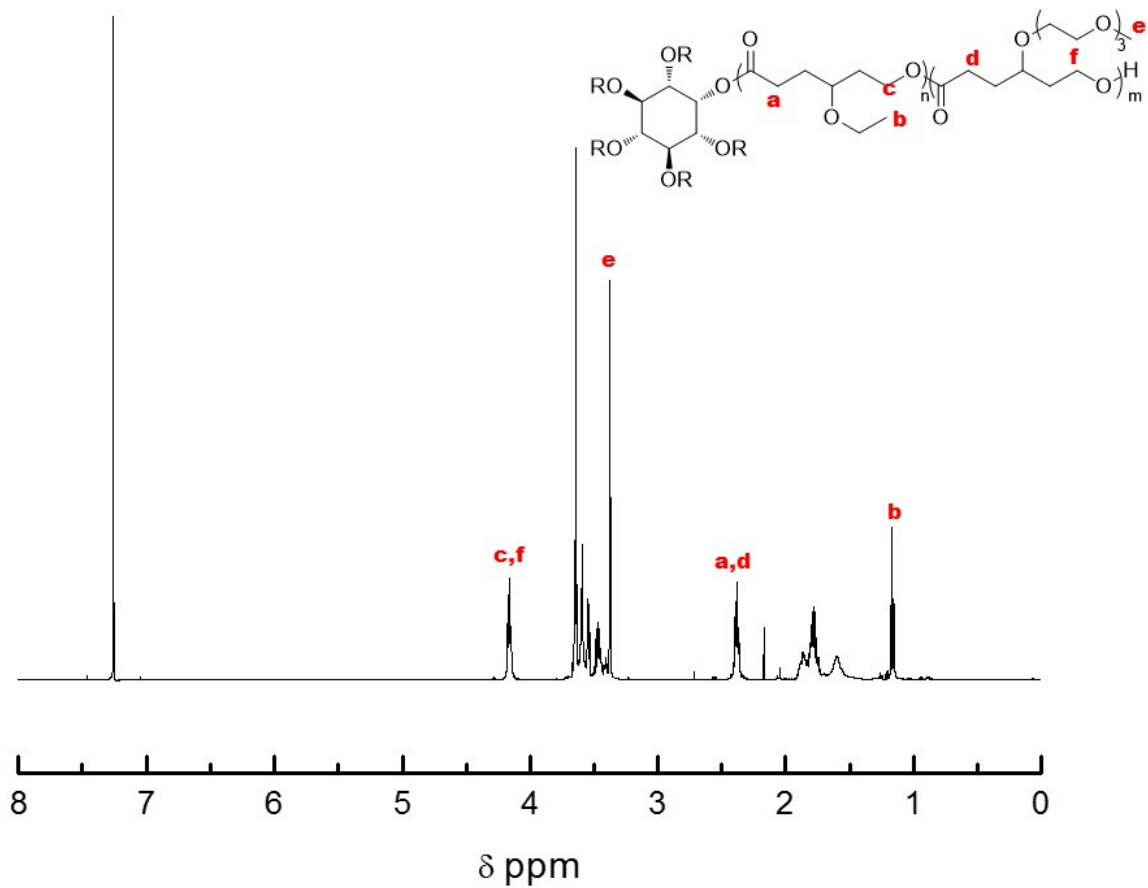


Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of 6-arm star-like poly(γ -ethoxy- ϵ -caprolactone)-*b*-poly{ γ -2-[2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethoxy- ϵ -caprolactone}.

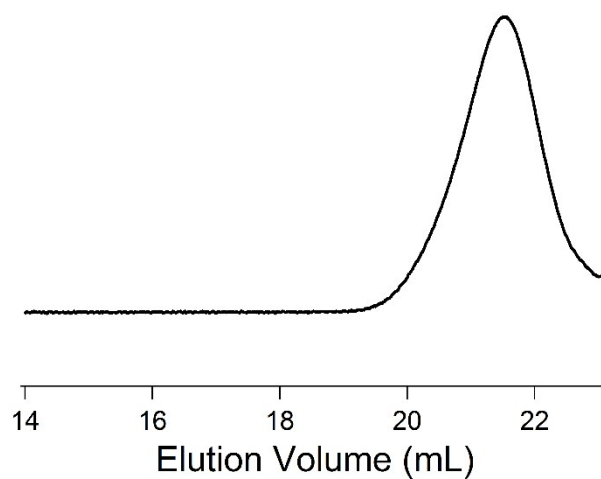


Figure S3. SEC trace of 4-arm star-like poly(γ -ethoxy- ϵ -caprolactone)-*b*-poly{ γ -2-[2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethoxy- ϵ -caprolactone}.

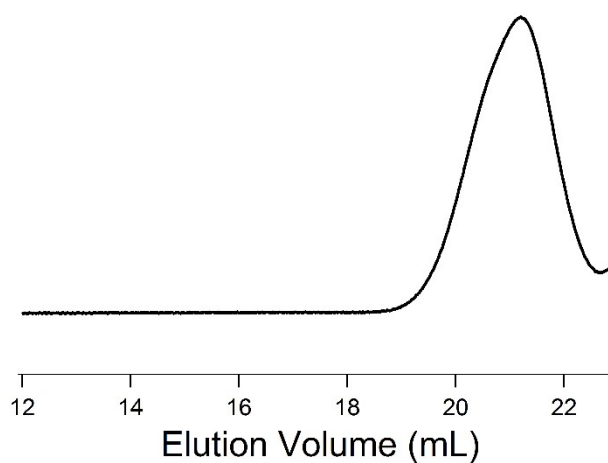


Figure S4. SEC trace of 6-arm star-like poly(γ -ethoxy- ϵ -caprolactone)-*b*-poly{ γ -2-[2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethoxy- ϵ -caprolactone}.

Table 1. Polymer Properties determined from SEC

	R_h^a	IV^a
4A	2.762	0.0706
6A	3.720	0.0956

^aDetermined by SEC equipped with triple detectors with THF as eluent

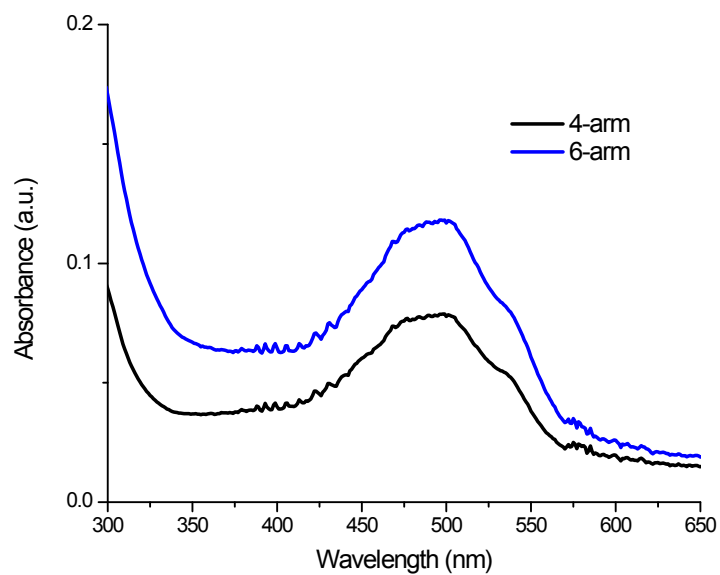


Figure S5. Absorbance of DOX loaded star polymers

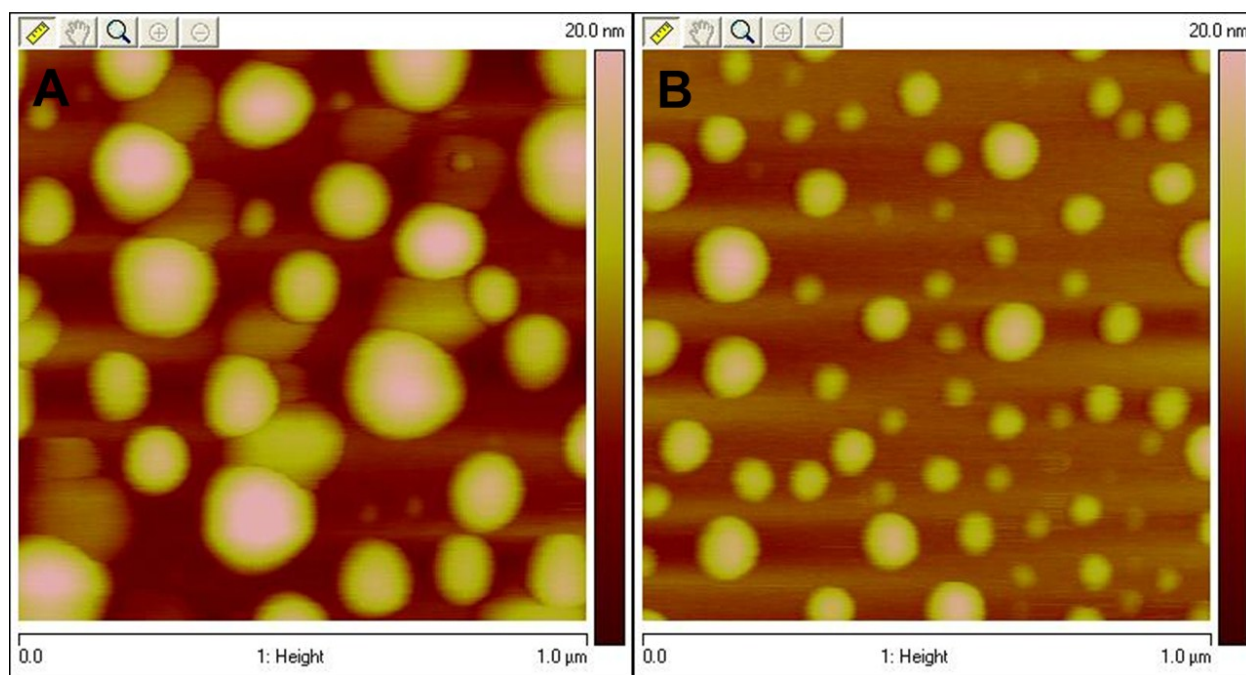


Figure S6. Height TMAFM images of DOX loaded polymeric micelles: (A) 4A and (B) 6A.

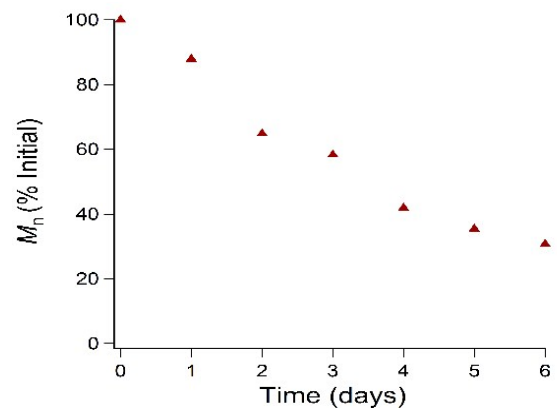


Figure S7. Degradation measurements of polymer **6A** under physiological conditions (37 °C, pH = 7.4), the % change in molecular weight (M_n) is plotted versus time.