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## **BODIPY-loaded** polymer nanoparticles: chemical structure of cargo defines leakage from nanocarrier in living cells

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NMR and mass spectra











HRMS spectrum of 1







HRMS spectrum of B-C12



1H spectrum of B-C18



## 13C spectrum of B-C18











1H spectrum of B-2C8







HRMS spectrum of B-2C8







1H spectrum of B-cC12







HRMS spectrum of B-cC12

## **Spectroscopic studies**



**Figure S1.** Volume size distribution of BODIPY PLGA NPs at different dye loadings measured by DLS: A -20 mM, B-100 mM, C-200 mM. D – Volume size distribution of BODIPY aggregates without polymer obtained in the same way as NPs solutions, using concentration corresponding to 100 mM loading.



**Figure S2**. Absorption spectra of PLGA NPs loaded with different BODIPY dyes (200 mM loading) before (solid black line) and after filtration through PTFE filter (pore size 200 nm) (solid red line) in phosphate buffer (A) and diluted (20x) in dioxane (B). Absorption spectra before (back dots) and after filtration (red dots) of BODIPY aggregates without PLGA, obtained by the same nanoprecipitation protocol, are shown for comparison in buffer (A) and diluted (20x) in dioxane (B).



Figure S3. Normalized absorption spectra of PLGA NPs loaded with different BODIPY dyes.



Figure S4. Normalized emission spectra of PLGA NPs loaded with different BODIPY dyes.





**Figure S5**. Fluorescence autocorrelation curves (experimental average of 10 measurements and theoretical fit using three-dimensional free diffusion model), plot of weighted residuals of different BODIPY PLGA NPs without FBS (left column) and in the presence of 10% FBS (right column).









**Figure S6**. Time changes in absorption and emission spectra of BODIPY PLGA NPs (B-P (A) B-Mes (B), B-Ad (C), B-cC12 (D), B-C12 (E), B-b2C8 (F), B-2C8 (G), B-C18 (H)) (200 mM loading) in the presence of 10% FBS (I, II, respectively) and without FBS (III, IV, respectively). For the emission measurements  $\lambda_{ex}$  at 490 nm was used for all NPs, except for B-P -  $\lambda_{ex}$  =470 nm.