

**Supplementary Material for**

**Hydrogels: Soft Matters in Photomedicine**

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**Table S1** Illustrative Nano/Hydrogel systems with covalently bound photosensitizers.

Hydrogel-type	Monomer	Cross-linker	Other components	Photosensitizer <sup>a)</sup>	Targeting moiety	Size [nm]	PDT studies	Ref.
Phenothiazines								
PAA	Acrylamide, 3-(aminopropyl)methacrylamide	3-(Acryloyloxy)-2-hydroxypropylmethacrylate	PEG	Methylene blue	F3 peptide	50-60	<i>in vitro</i> : 9L, MDA-MB-435, F98	308
PAA	Acrylamide, 3-(aminopropyl)methacrylamide	Glycerol dimethacrylate	PEG	3,7-Bisallylmethylene blue	F3 peptide	50-110	MDA-MB-435	309
PAA	Acrylamide, 3-(aminopropyl)methacrylamide	Glycerol dimethacrylate	PEG	3,7-Bismethylacrylamide methylene blue	F3-peptide	30-100	<i>in vitro</i> : MDA-MB-435	309
PAA	Acrylamide, <i>N,N</i> -dimethylaminoacrylamide	<i>N,N'</i> -methylenebisacrylamide	APS TEMED	3-(2-(2-(2-Acrylamidoethoxy)ethoxy)ethylamino)-7-(dimethylamino) phenothiazin-5-ium chloride		166	Antimicrobial <i>in vitro</i> : <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>E. coli</i>	417
Porphyrins								
PpIX- PNIPAM	<i>N</i> -Isopropylacrylamide	Protoporphyrin IX	PVA, MBA	Protoporphyrin IX		200-300	<i>in vitro</i> : HT-29 cells	185
PpIX-DME- PNIPAM	<i>N</i> -Isopropylacrylamide	Protoporphyrin IX dimethylester	PVA, MBA	Protoporphyrin IX dimethylester		317	<i>in vitro</i> : HT-29 cells	185
PNIPAM- coCAA-TPP	<i>N</i> -Isopropylacrylamide	5,10,15,20-Tetrakis(4- <i>N</i> -carbonylacrylicaminophenyl)porphyrin	MBA	5,10,15,20-Tetrakis(4- <i>N</i> -carbonylacrylicaminophenyl)porphyrin		66	<i>In vitro</i> : A453 cells	223
PAA	<i>N,N</i> -Dimethylaminoacrylamide	<i>N</i> -(6-Aminoethyl)acrylamide		Haematoporphyrin				326
CS/NH <sub>2</sub> - TPP/FA	Chitosan	5,10,15,20-Tetrakis(4-aminophenyl)porphyrin [=NH <sub>2</sub> -TPP], 2,4,6-tris( <i>p</i> -formylphenoxy)-1,3,4-triazine [=TRIPOD]	TRIPOD	NH <sub>2</sub> -TPP	Folic acid [=FA]	200-400	<i>in vitro</i> : FR+ MCF-7 and FR- HepG2 cells	352
BODIPYs								
Chitosan	Chitosan	3,5-Diformyl-BODIPY		3,5-Diformyl-BODIPY				387
Phthalocyanines								
Chitosan		PS-tetraaldehyde		(Tetrakis(4-(4-formylphenoxy)phthalocyaninato)zinc(II))		20-50	<i>in vitro</i> : MDA-MB-231, A435	376
Chlorins								
PAA	Acrylamide, 3-(aminopropyl)methacrylamide	Glycerol dimethacrylate	PEG, cyanine dye for imaging	2-Devinyl-2-(1-hexyloxyethyl) pyropheophorbide a	F3-peptide	44	<i>in vitro</i> : MDA-MB-435	359
Pba- PNIPAM	<i>N</i> -Isopropylacrylamide	Pheophorbide a	PVA, MBA	Pheophorbide a		283	<i>in vitro</i> : HT-29 cells	185
Pullulan				Pheophorbide a	Folate	171	<i>in vitro</i> : HeLa; <i>in vivo</i> : male Balb/C-nu mice	373
Ce6-cELP	cysteine-containing elastin-like polypeptide	Chlorin e <sub>6</sub>		Chlorin e <sub>6</sub>			<i>in vivo</i> : human squamous cell carcinoma (FaDu) cell line in mouse model	369

a) Name of the parent compound, not necessarily the exact compound used for hydrogel construction.

**Table S2** Illustrative nanomaterial/hydrogel systems with encapsulated photosensitizers.

Photosensitizer	Nanomaterial/Hydrogel type	Special features	Co-drug	Size [nm]	PDT studies	Ref.
<b>Phenothiazines</b>						
Methylene blue	Chondroitin sulfate tyramine conjugates	Tyrosinase-mediated cross-linking				313
Methylene blue	PAA			20-30	<i>in vitro</i> : rat C6 glioma tumor cells	306,307
Methylene blue	aerosol OT-alginate			72	<i>in vitro</i> : MCF-7, 4T1	310
Methylene blue	aerosol OT-alginate		doxorubicin	62	<i>in vitro</i> : NCI/ADR-RES	311
Methylene blue	PAA				antimicrobial: <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> K-12, <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> PAO1, <i>Acinetobacter</i> sp. strain AC811	413
Methylene blue	PVA, borate				clinical methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) isolate (MRSA 180)	415
Methylene blue	MB hydrogel	MB as liposomal formulation			Clinical: successful treatment of mild to moderate <i>Acne vulgaris</i> in 90% of 13 patients	314
Methylene blue	MB hydrogel	MB as liposomal formulation			Clinical: treatment of truncal <i>Acne vulgaris</i> in 35 patients	315
Methylene blue	MB hydrogel	MB as liposomal formulation			Clinical: successful treatment of 16 patients with resistant plaque psoriasis	316
Methylene blue	MB hydrogel	MB as liposomal formulation			Clinical: successful treatment of 11 patients out of 17 with nodular basal cell carcinoma	317
Methylene blue	Gantrez_ AN139 (copolymer of methyl vinyl ether and maleic anhydride, cross-linked with PEG 10000)	Ionotrophic release			<i>in vitro</i> antimicrobial: clinical methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>	425
Methylene blue	Chitosan	Upconverting nanoparticles: NaYF <sub>4</sub> :Er/Yb/Mn methylene blue-doped silica		30	<i>in vitro</i> antimicrobial: <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>E. coli</i>	419
Methylene blue	Chitosan				Antimicrobial <i>in vitro</i> : <i>P. acnes</i>	410
Toluidine blue	Carboxymethylcellulose	Dye as liposomal formulation			<i>in vivo</i> : BALB/c mice with Ehrlich subcutaneous tumor	318
Toluidine blue	Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose/chitosan				Antimicrobial <i>in vitro</i> : <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	416
Toluidine blue	Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose/chitosan				Antimicrobial <i>in vitro</i> : biofilms of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans</i> , <i>Porphyromonas gingivalis</i>	319
Toluidine blue	Carbomer				Antimicrobial <i>in vitro</i> : <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i>	320
<b>Xanthenes</b>						
Rose bengal	Carboxymethylcellulose	Topical application to healthy skin			<i>in vivo</i> : safety and pharmacokinetic study on mice and rabbit skin	321
Rose bengal	AquaGel	Topical application to healthy skin			<i>in vivo</i> : safety and pharmacokinetic study on mice and rabbit skin	321
Rose bengal	LiquaGel	Topical application to healthy skin			<i>in vivo</i> : safety and pharmacokinetic study on mice and rabbit skin	321
Rose bengal	Carboxymethylcellulose	multivesicular liposome formulations of PS		2100	<i>in vivo</i> : skin penetration in healthy albino mice	322
Rose bengal	Carboxymethylcellulose	liposome formulation of PS incorporated into hydrogel			<i>in vivo</i> : 15 female patients, facial white terminal hair study	323
<b>Perylene quinones</b>						
Hypocrellin B	Ca-Alginate	Folate units for targeting	doxorubicin	3000-4000	<i>in vitro</i> : HeLa cells	324
<b>Porphyrins</b>						
ALA	poly(methylvinylether/maleic acid)	Micro needle array, esterification reaction between polymer and glycerol		Height: 280 000; diameter: 240 000	Neonatal porcine skin insertion studies	332

ALA	Poloxamer 407 (Pluronic F127)	Thermosetting gel			<i>Clinical</i> : fluorescence diagnostic of CIN	330	
ALA hexyl ester	Poloxamer 407 (Pluronic F127)	Thermosetting gel			<i>In vivo</i> : skin update in nude mice	329	
ALA hexyl ester	Poloxamer 407 (Pluronic F127)	Thermosetting gel			<i>Clinical</i> : fluorescence diagnostic of CIN	331	
mTHPP	Chitosan PMMA				<i>in vitro</i> : C14 cell uptake	350	
mTHPP	Carboxymethyl starch and dextran sulfate			40-100		351	
5,10,15,20-Tetrakis(4-O-phenyl)porphyrin-cored poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone)-block-PEG	Porphyrim copolymer and $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin	Supramolecular complex	inclusion	doxorubicin		353	
TMPyP tetra tosylate	Chitosan/alginate	anti-DR5 antibody for targeting;			560	<i>in vitro</i> : HCT116	346
		rhodamine 6G					
TMPyP tetra tosylate	Glycol chitosan and dibenzaldehyde-terminated telechelic PEG	–			n.d.	<i>in vitro</i> : U14.	347
TMPyP tetra tosylate	poly(methylvinylether/maleic acid)	Micro needle array, esterification reaction between polymer and glycerol			Height: 280 000; diameter: 240 000	<i>in vivo</i> : U14 tumor-bearing female BALB/c-nu mice	332
						Neonatal porcine skin insertion studies	
TMPyP ???	Acrylate hydrogel (MMA, MAA, HEMAG	PS counterion not specified			n.d.	antimicrobial: <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	407
TMPyP ???	Methacrylic acid and 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate copolymers	PS counterion not specified				Good $^1\text{O}_2$ production	192
TMPyP tetra tosylate	Gantrez_ AN139 (copolymer of methyl vinyl ether and maleic anhydride, cross-linked with PEG 10000)	Iontophoretic release				<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> inhibition in light and dark	420
						<i>in vitro</i> antimicrobial: clinical methicillin-resistant	425
						<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>	
TMPyP tetra tosylate	PVA, borate					clinical methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) isolate (MRSA 180) cultured from the skin of a hospitalised patient; good PDI effect in presence of calf serum and as biofilm	415
TMPyP tetraiodide	Carbopol	TMPyP - poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) nanoparticles				ROS generation and permeation through pig ear skin study	348
5-[4-2-(2-(2-Acrylamidoethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl]carboxy-phenyl-10,15,20-tris(4-N-methylpyridyl)porphyrin trichloride	PAA				140	Antimicrobial <i>in vitro</i> : <i>E. Coli</i>	418
[?] TPPS <sub>4</sub>	PVA	PS counterion not specified			80-950	<i>In vitro</i> : HUVEC endothelial cells	349
[?] TPPS <sub>4</sub>	Methacrylic acid and (2-diethylamino)ethyl methacrylate copolymers	PS counterion not specified				Low $^1\text{O}_2$ production	192
<b>Chlorins</b>							
mTHPC	PAA	Ultrafine particles			2-3	<i>in vitro</i> : rat C6 glioma cells	363
mTHPC	Carbomer	PS as liposomal dispersion containing S-75 and S-100 phospholipids			90-100	<i>in vitro</i> : skin penetration studies	364
Chlorin e <sub>6</sub>	Starch (PEG-Ce6) nanogel				1000-1500	<i>in vitro</i> : A549 tumor cells	367
Chlorin e <sub>6</sub>	Hyaluronate-chitosan nanogel				100	NO production, <i>in vitro</i> : RAW 264.7, L929 and NIH-3T3 cells;	368
						<i>in vivo</i> : murine model of rheumatoid arthritis	
Chlorin e <sub>6</sub>	I-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl diphenylalanine (Fmoc-FF)/poly-L-lysine (PLL) hydrogels				50-100	<i>in vivo</i> : MCF-7 breast cancer cell line - mouse model	369
Photodithazine	Natrosol					Antimicrobial <i>in vitro</i> : <i>C. albicans</i> and non-albicans <i>Candida</i> ;	371
Photodithazine	Natrosol					Clinical: 5 cases studies of denture stomatitis	372
Chlorophyll	<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> extract, poly(ethylene glycol)double acrylates					<i>in vitro</i> : HeLa and Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells	374
<b>Phthalocyanines</b>							
Al(III)Pc(OH)	Pluronic/Carbopol					<i>In vivo</i> : effect on systemic parameters in mice	379
Zn(II)Pc	PEG double acrylate, PEG400 hybrid hydrogel	Zn(II)Pc and phototungstic acid or <i>in situ</i> photopolymerization				<i>in vitro</i> : HeLa cells	377
Zn(II)Pc	Aloe vera–Pluronic F127					$^1\text{O}_2$ generation	378

(Tetrasulfonatophthalocyaninato)zinc(II)	poly-β-cyclodextrin	Supramolecular complex. Concomitant generation of <sup>1</sup> O <sub>2</sub> and NO		<sup>1</sup> O <sub>2</sub> and NO generation	380
(Tetrasulfonatophthalocyaninato)zinc(II)	Hydroxypropyl cellulose, cucurbit[8]uril	PS loaded into virus like particles		<i>in vitro</i> : RAW 264.7 macrophage cells	272
<b>Inorganic Materials</b>					
[Ag]: Ag/Ag@AgCl/ZnO	CMC	encapsulated		Antimicrobial <i>in vitro</i> : <i>E. coli</i> and <i>S. aureus</i> , wound healing <i>in vivo</i> studies with male Wistar rats	392
[Mo] Na <sub>2</sub> [Mo <sub>6</sub> I <sub>8</sub> (1-OOC-1,7- <i>closo</i> -C <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ]	β-Cyclodextrin polymer assembly	Self-assembly	200	ROS generation	128
[Pt]: platinum(IV) complex-based prodrug monomer (PPM)	methacryloyloxy ethyl phosphorylcholine	reverse addition-fragmentation chain transfer polymerization	100-120	<i>in vivo</i> : subcutaneous tumor models (A549-and A549R-xenografted mouse models) and one superficial carcinoma ( <i>in situ</i> B16 mouse model)	391
[Ru] Ru(dpp(SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	PAA		20-25	<sup>1</sup> O <sub>2</sub> production	390
[Ti] TiO <sub>2</sub>	PEG double acrylate	<i>in situ</i> photopolymerization and <sup>1</sup> O <sub>2</sub> generation	5×20 rods	<i>in vitro</i> : HeLa. Formation of photocytotoxic hydrogel shell around cells	393

**Table S3** Illustrative hydrogels for PDT/photothermal therapy.

Active Agent	Nano/Hydrogel type	Features	Co-drug	Excitation [nm]	Study	Ref.
<b>Organic materials</b>						
Coomassie brilliant blue	PAA	covalent	–	590 (LED)	PTT; <i>in vitro</i> : HeLa-229, PTT-induced photothermolysis	433
Polyaniline	Chitosan with self-doped polyaniline side chains	Covalent, <i>in situ</i> formation of gel at pH 7	–	808	PTT; <i>in vitro</i> : Hep3B; <i>in vivo</i> : athymic nude mice (BALB/cAnN.Cg-Foxn1nu/CrlNarl) subcutaneous Hep3B tumor	434
<b>Inorganic materials</b>						
[Au]: AuNP	Collagen	Formation of AuNP from H <sub>2</sub> AuCl <sub>4</sub> via biomineralization	TMPyP	635	PDT+PTT; <i>in vivo</i> : MCF-7 tumor-xenografted mouse model of CRC	187,452
[Au]: Au-nanorods and spinach extract	Spinach extract/PEGDA	Composite of spinach extract, Au nanorods and PEGDA	–	660	PDT+PTT; <i>in vitro</i> : HeLa	445
[Au]: (siRNA)–gold nanospheres	Oxidized dextran poly(amidoamine) dendrimer	and G5 gold nanoparticles mediated heat generation under NIR irradiation, causing drug release and thermally induced cell damage		808	<i>in vivo</i> : mouse model MCF-7 tumor cells	451
[C]: Graphene oxide (reduced) + [Au]: AuNP	Amaranth extract	Composite of amaranth extract, AuNP and reduced graphene oxide via <i>in situ</i> laser irradiation (808 nm) for gelation		660	PDT+PTT; <i>in vitro</i> : HeLa	446
[C]: Graphene oxide (reduced) + [Au]: Au nanocages	Spinach extract	Composite of spinach extract, AuNP and reduced graphene oxide via <i>in situ</i> laser irradiation for gelation		660	PDT+PTT; <i>in vitro</i> : HeLa	447
[C]: Graphene oxide (reduced)	Brassica chinensis extract			650	PDT+PTT; <i>in vitro</i> : HeLa, CHO	448
[Cu]: mesoporous silica (mSiO <sub>2</sub> ) modified CuS nanoparticles (NPs)	NIPAAm	radical polymerization		808	Antimicrobial <i>in vitro</i> : <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; <i>in vivo</i> : wound healing study with Male Wistar rats model	453
[P]: Black phosphorous	Agarose	encapsulated	Doxorubicin		<i>in vitro</i> : MIH3T3, MCF-7; <i>in vivo</i> : mice bearing MDA-MB-231 tumor; thermally controlled drug release	436
[Pt]: H <sub>2</sub> PtCl <sub>6</sub> in polyamidoamine dendrimer	Alginate	Encapsulated			PTT; <i>in vitro</i> : MDA-MB-231; <i>in vivo</i> : BALB/c nu/nu mice subcutaneous PC-9; on-demand degradation of hydrogel and renal secretion by injection of chelating agent	435
[Ti] TiO <sub>2</sub> and multiwalled carbon nanotubes	PEG double acrylate	<i>in situ</i> photogelation	Doxorubicin	320	PDT+PTT; <i>in vitro</i> : MCF-7; <i>in vivo</i> : S180 tumor bearing mice	449