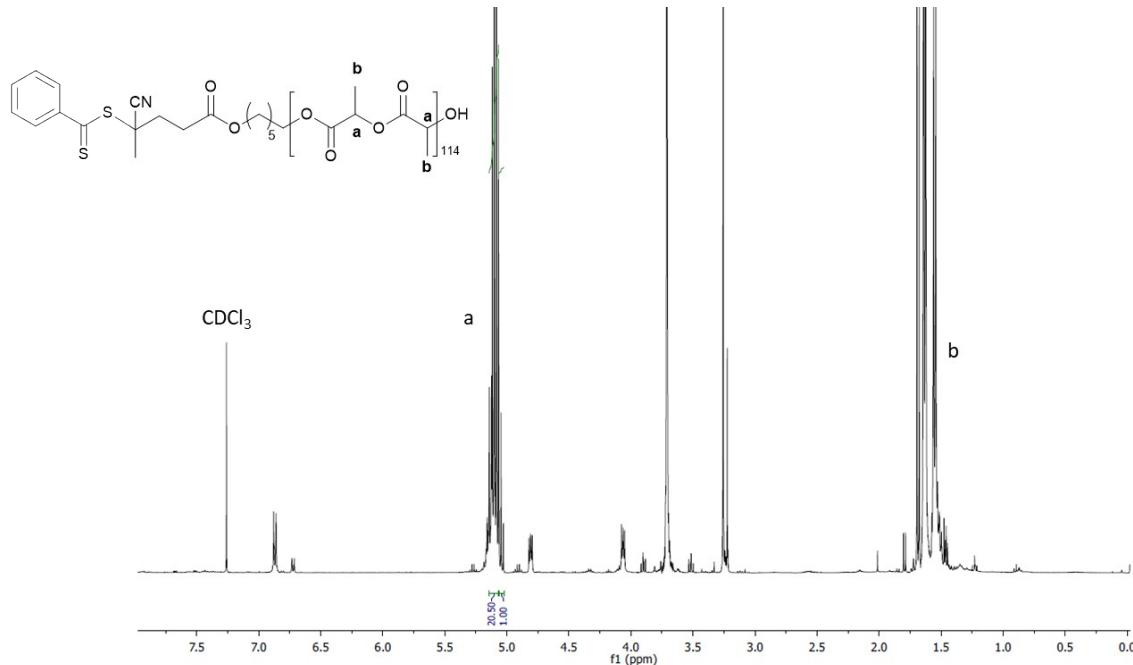


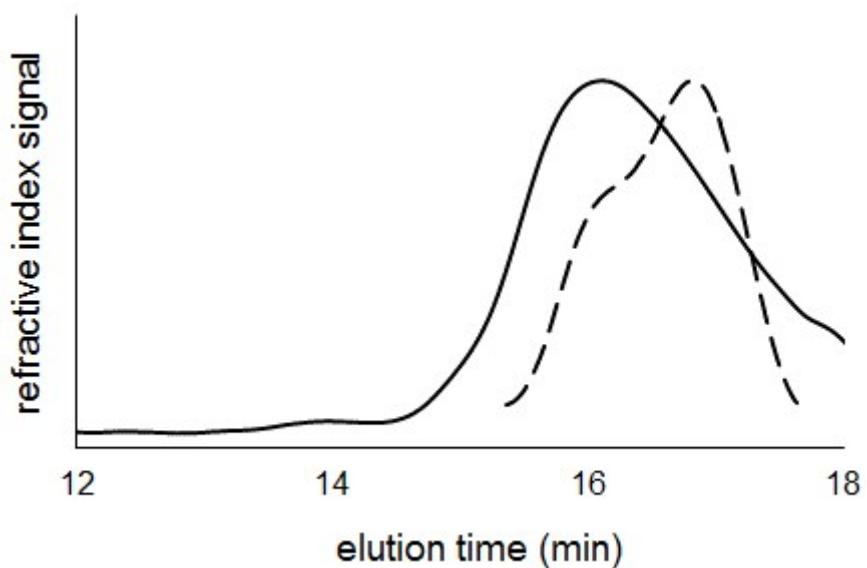
Supporting Information

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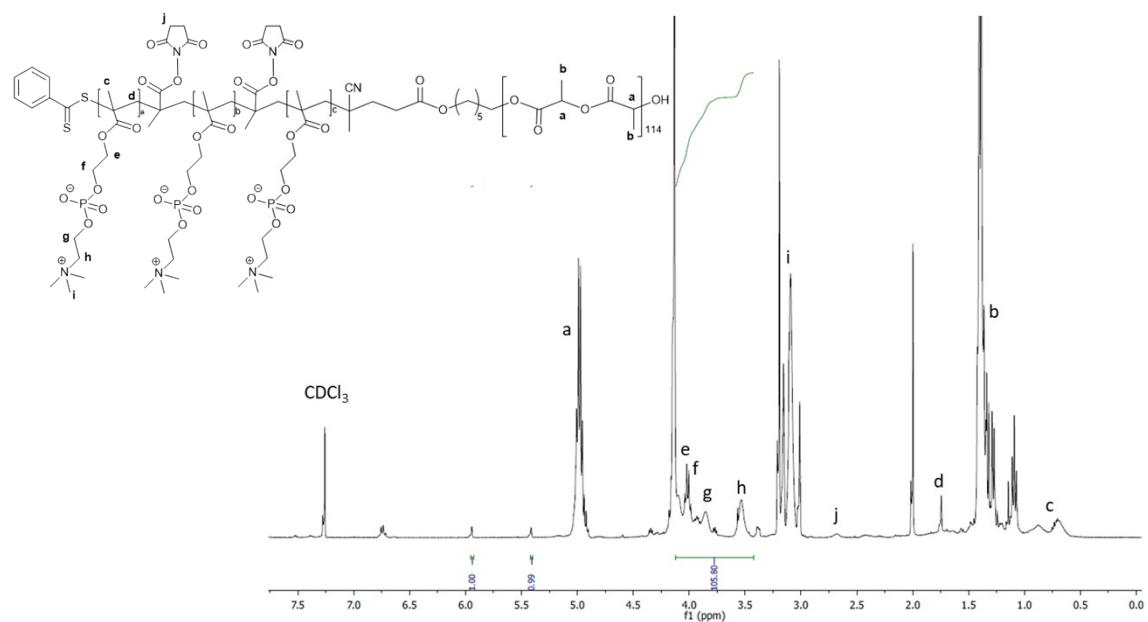
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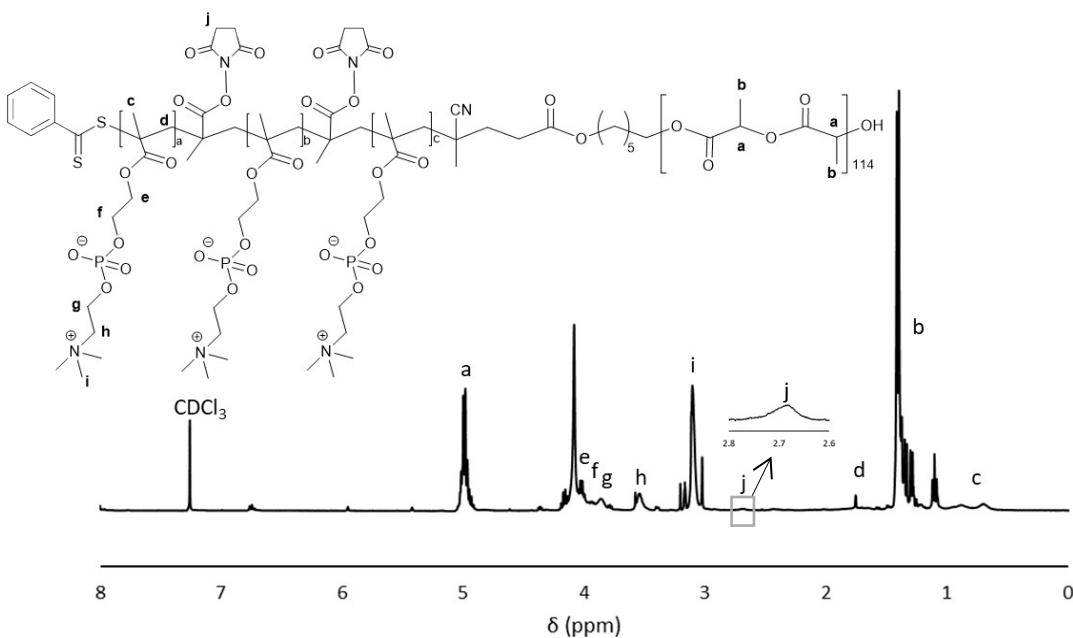
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of the reaction product for the synthesis of the PLA<sub>114</sub> homopolymer.



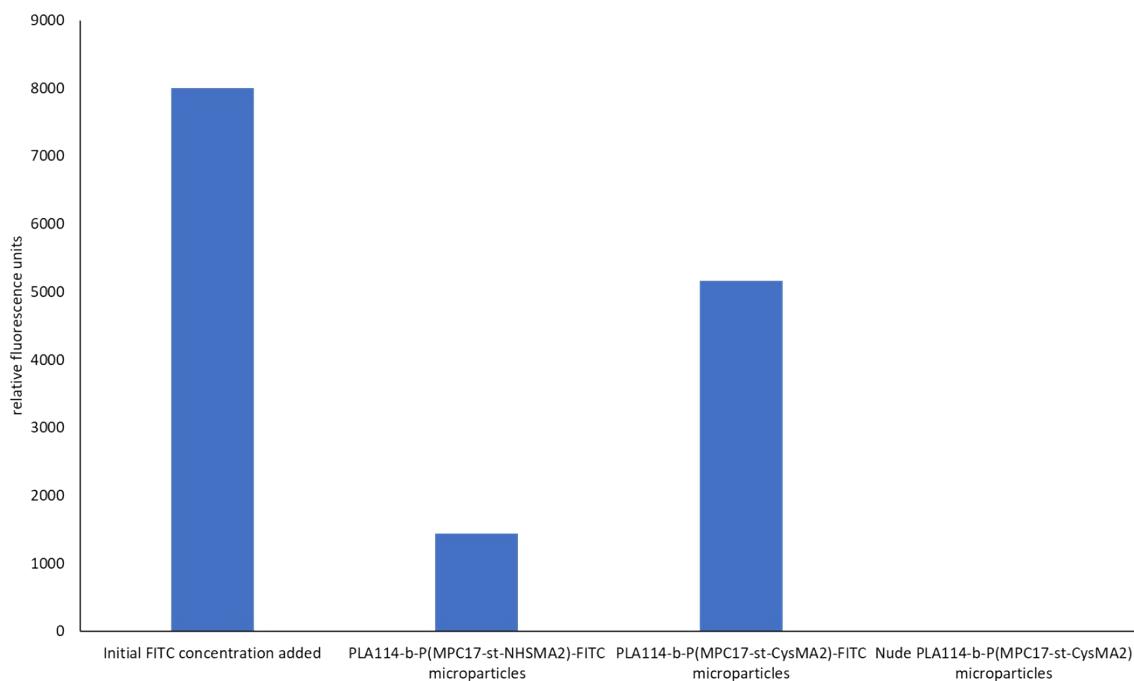
**Figure S2.** SEC (THF) chromatograms of PLA<sub>114</sub> homopolymer (dashed line) and PLA<sub>114</sub>-*b*-P(MPC<sub>17</sub>-*st*-NHSMA<sub>2</sub>) amphiphilic diblock copolymer (solid line).



**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD 3/1 v/v) spectrum of the reaction product for the synthesis of the PLA<sub>114</sub>-*b*-P(MPC<sub>17</sub>-*st*-NHSMA<sub>2</sub>) amphiphilic diblock copolymer.



**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  3/1 v/v) spectrum of the  $\text{PLA}_{114}\text{-}b\text{-P}(\text{MPC}_{17}\text{-}st\text{-NHSMA}_2)$  amphiphilic diblock copolymer after purification by dialysis.



	relative fluorescence units
initial FITC concentration added	8000
PLA <sub>114</sub> -b-P(MPC <sub>17</sub> -st-NHSMA <sub>2</sub> )-FITC microparticles	1437
PLA <sub>114</sub> -b-P(MPC <sub>17</sub> -st-CysMA <sub>2</sub> )-FITC microparticles	5167
Nude PLA <sub>114</sub> -b-P(MPC <sub>17</sub> -st-CysMA <sub>2</sub> ) microparticles	3

**Figure S5.** Fluorescence data of FITC attachment to cysteine (thiol)-functionalized  $\text{PLA}_{114}\text{-}b\text{-P}(\text{MPC}_{17}\text{-}st\text{-CysMA}_2)$ , NHS-functionalized  $\text{PLA}_{114}\text{-}b\text{-P}(\text{MPC}_{17}\text{-}st\text{-NHSMA}_2)$  and nude thiol-functionalized  $\text{PLA}_{114}\text{-}b\text{-P}(\text{MPC}_{17}\text{-}st\text{-CysMA}_2)$  polymer microparticles for comparison.