

Supplementary Material

Programmed co-delivery of platinum nanodrugs and Gemcitabine by clustered nanocarrier for precision chemotherapy

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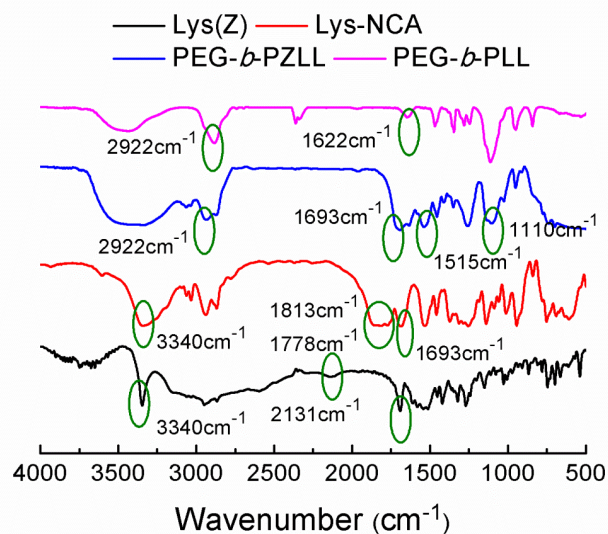


Figure S1. FT-IR spectrum of PEG-*b*-PZLL and PEG-*b*-PLL. In the Lys-NCA spectrum, the two peaks at 1778 cm^{-1} and 1813 cm^{-1} correspond to the carbonyl in NCA, while the hydroxyl (-OH) peak at 2130 cm^{-1} has disappeared compared with the Lys(Z) spectrum, suggesting that Lys-NCA has successfully formed. In the PEG-*b*-PZLL spectrum, the peak at 1110 cm^{-1} is assigned to the C-O of PEG, and the peak at 2922 cm^{-1} corresponds to the C-H of PEG, while the carbonyl peaks at 1778 cm^{-1} and 1813 cm^{-1} have disappeared compared with the Lys-NCA spectrum, indicating that PEG-NH₂ successfully initiated the ring-opening polymerization with NCA. In the PEG-*b*-PLL spectrum, the benzyloxycarbonyl peak at 1693 cm^{-1} has disappeared and an N-H peak at 3489 cm^{-1} has appeared compared with the PEG-*b*-PZLL spectrum, indicating that debenylation has occurred.

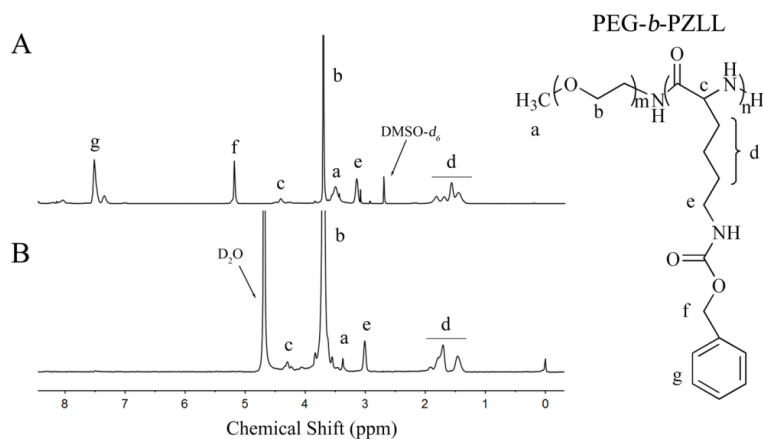


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of (A) PEG-*b*-PZLL and (B) PEG-*b*-PLL, which is briefly analyzed as: Both the characteristic proton resonance peak of repeat units in the $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ block of the PEG at $\delta 3.94$ (b), and the characteristic peaks at $\delta 7.3\sim\delta 7.4$ (g)、 $\delta 5.4$ (f)、 $\delta 4.6$ (c)、 $\delta 1.4\sim\delta 2.0$ (d) of Lys(Z) indicate that PEG- NH_2 triggered the ring-opening reaction and polymerization of Lys-NCA successfully. Comparing the PEG-*b*-PZLL and PEG-*b*-PLL ^1H NMR spectra, the typical carbobenzyoxy group peaks at $\delta 5.4$ and $\delta 7.3\sim\delta 7.4$ ppm have disappeared, indicating that the PEG-*b*-PZLL deprotection process is complete. Comparing the signal intensities of the PLL methylene protons ($-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$) with those of the methylene protons of PEG($-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$), we calculated the value of the polymerization degree of PLL as 10.

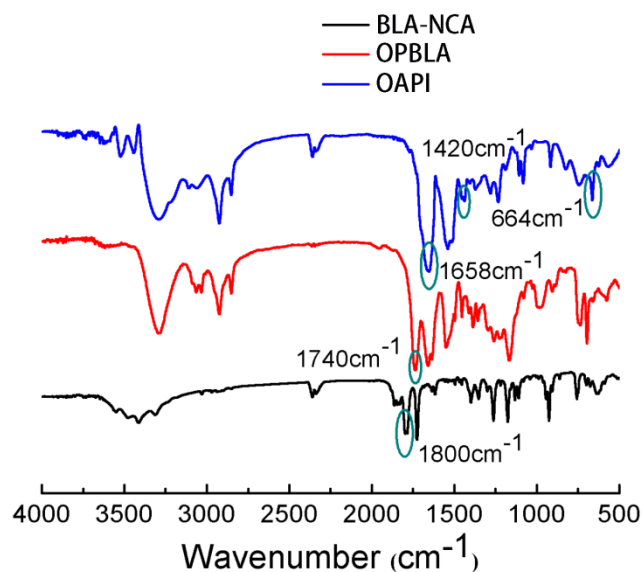


Figure S3. FT-IR spectrum of OAPI and OPBLA. In the BLA-NCA spectrum, the two peaks at 1800 cm^{-1} and 1730 cm^{-1} correspond to two carbonyl peaks in NCA. In the OPBLA spectrum, the corresponding NCA peaks have disappeared, and the characteristic absorption peaks of ester bonds have appeared at 1740 cm^{-1} , indicating that the ring-opening reaction was successfully initiated. In the OAPI spectrum, the peak corresponding to ester bonds has disappeared, while the CH_2 characteristic peak has appeared at 1420 cm^{-1} , indicating that the amido bond was formed.

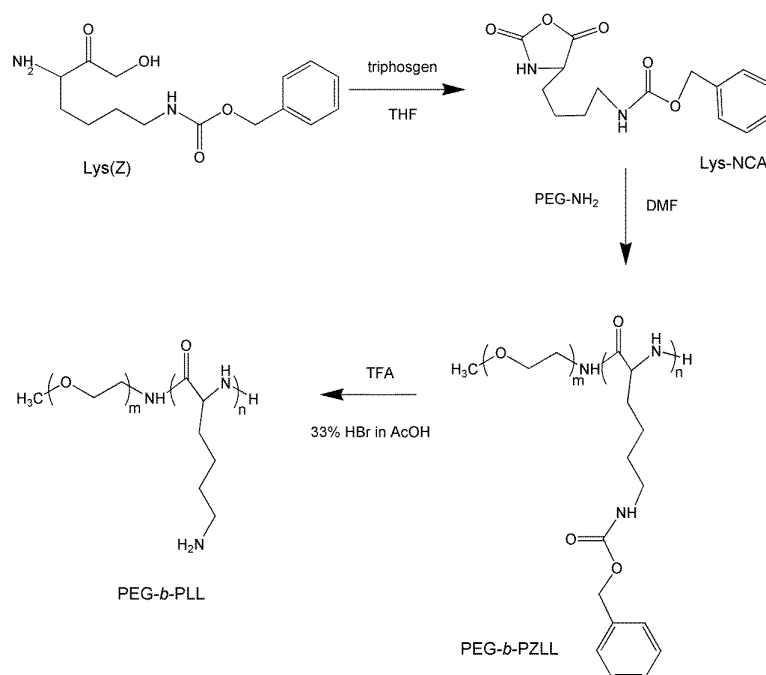


Figure S4. General synthetic route of the PEG-*b*-PLL block copolymer.

PEG-*b*-PLL was synthesized using PEG-NH₂ as an initiator to trigger the ring-opening polymerization of Lys-NCA, followed by the deprotection of the benzyloxycarbonyl groups.

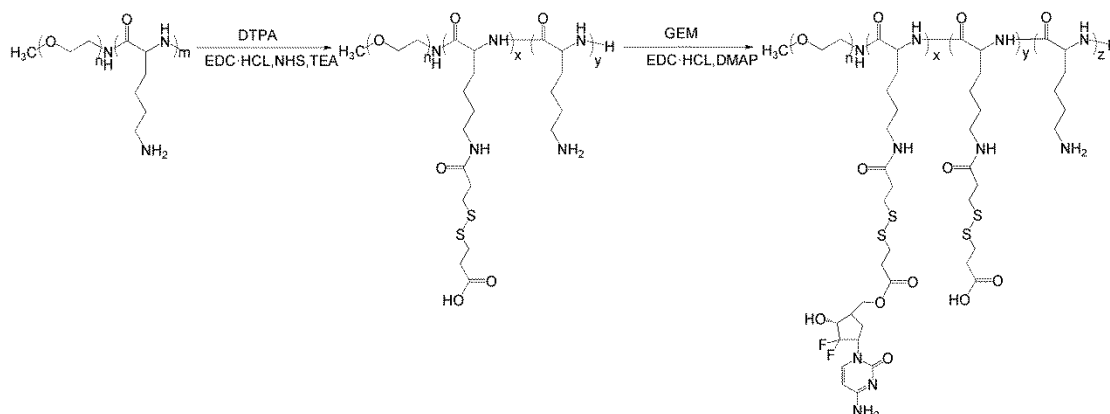
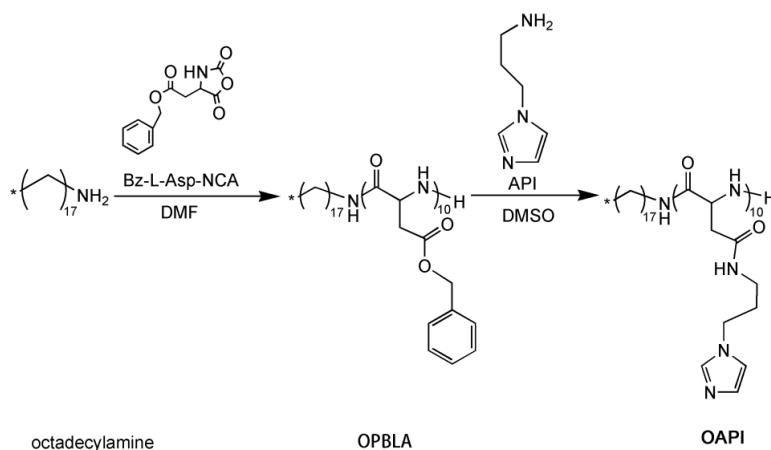


Figure S5. General synthetic route of the PEG-*b*-P(LL-*g*-GEM) block copolymer. 3,3'-Dithiodipropionic acid (DTPA) was conjugated to the amino groups of the PEG-*b*-PLL, followed with coupled Gemcitabine to obtain PEG-*b*-P(LL-*g*-GEM) block copolymer.



octadecylamine

OPBLA

OAPI

Figure S6. The general synthetic route of OAPI. The OPBLA polymers were synthesized by ring opening polymerization and then OAPI was obtained via aminolysis of the OPBLA with 1-(3-aminopropyl)imidazole (API).

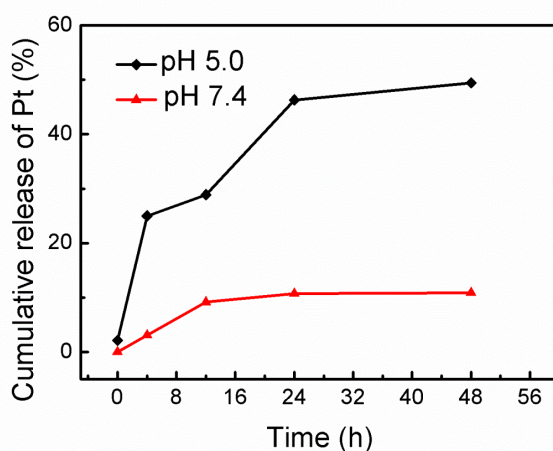


Figure S7. *In vitro* cumulative Pt release from USPtNs. The release behavior of Pt ions from USPtNs under different pH conditions (pH = 5.0, 7.4) was investigated by a dialysis method. A large amount of Pt^{2+} was found to be released from the USPtNs at pH 5.0, while the USPtNs remained relatively stable in neutral condition. The Pt concentrations were measured by ICP-MS (Perkin Elmer, Waltham, MA, USA).