Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for Journal of Materials Chemistry B. This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry 2020

Supporting Information

Bioinspired pyrimidine-contained cationic polymers as effective nano-carriers for DNA and protein delivery

Ya-Ping Xiao, Ji Zhang*, Yan-Hong Liu, Zheng Huang, Yu Guo and Xiao-Qi Yu*

Key Laboratory of Green Chemistry and Technology (Ministry of Education), College of Chemistry, Sichuan University, Chengdu 610064, P. R. China

*Corresponding authors: jzhang@scu.edu.cn (J. Zhang); xqyu@scu.edu.cn (X.-Q. Yu).



Fig. S1. GPC results of the studied polymers.



Fig. S2. ¹H-NMR spectra of the polymers.



Fig. S3. GPC results of the studied polymers after incubation in PBS for 24 h.



Fig. S4. Fluorescent quenching assay by the addition of polymers to EB / DNA solution.



Fig. S5. EGFP gene transfection in HeLa cells. Scar bar is 100 µm.



Fig. S6. EGFP gene transfection in 7702 cells. Scar bar is 100 µm.



Fig. S7. EGFP gene transfection in HepG2 cells. Scar bar is 100 µm.



Fig. S8. Luciferase gene expression transfected by polyplexes at different mass ratios in comparison with 25 kDa bPEI (w/w=1.4) in the presence of 10% serum. Data represent mean \pm SD (n = 3).



Fig. S9. Intracellular distribution of FITC-labeled protein (green) complexes on Raw 264.7 cells at different weight ratio for 4 h in the absence of 10% serum. The nuclei were stained with DAPI (blue), and the endosome/lysosomes were stained with LysoTracker Red (red). Scar bar is 20 μ m.



Fig. S10. Intracellular distribution of FITC-labeled protein (green) complexes on CHO cells at different weight ratio for 4 h in the absence of 10% serum. The nuclei were stained with DAPI (blue), and the endosome/lysosomes were stained with LysoTracker Red (red). Scar bar is $20 \mu m$.



Fig. S11. The viability of Raw 264.7 cells treated with U-PEI600, OVA or U-PEI600/OVA complexes at mass ratio of 1. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n = 3).