

# Supporting Information

Exploration of modification-induced self-assembly (MISA) technique and the preparation of nano-objects with functional poly(acrylic acid) core

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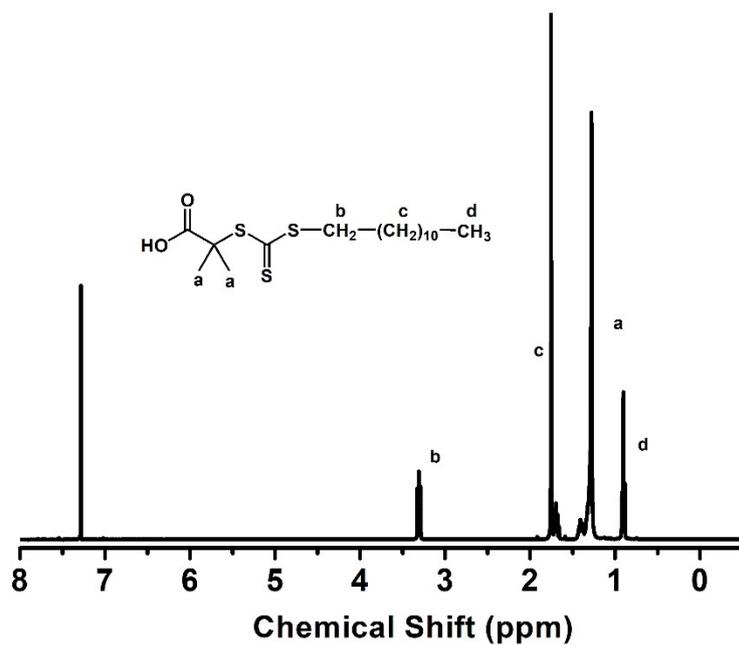


Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for CTA-1 (in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solvent).

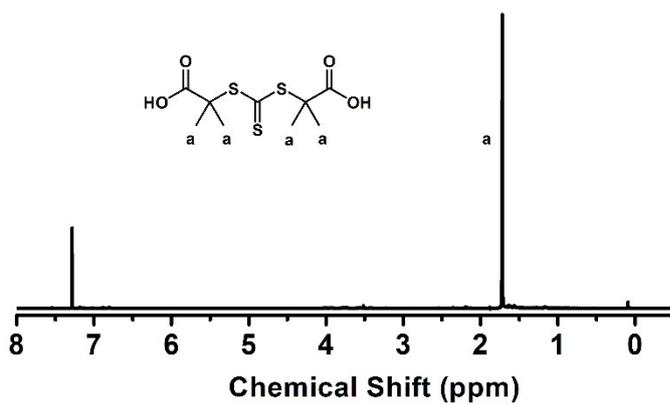


Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for CTA-2 (in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solvent).

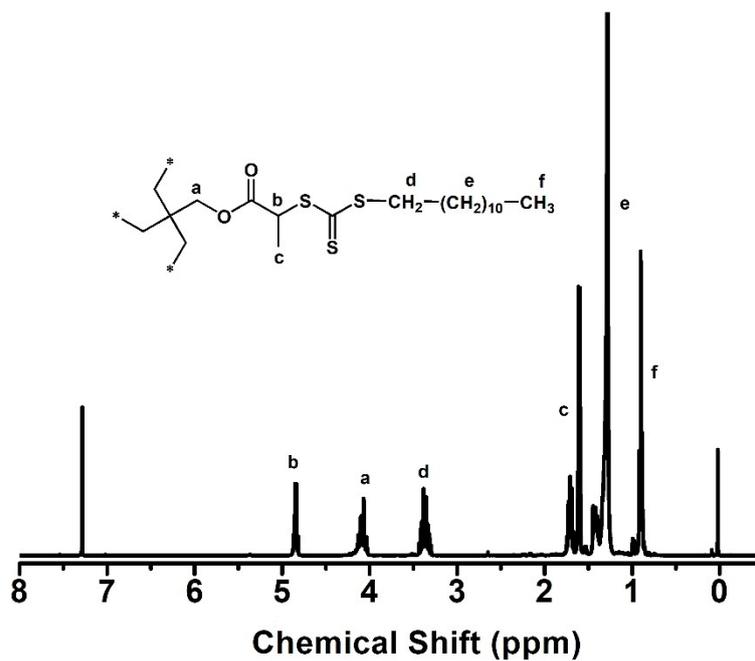


Fig. S3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for CTA-3 (in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solvent).

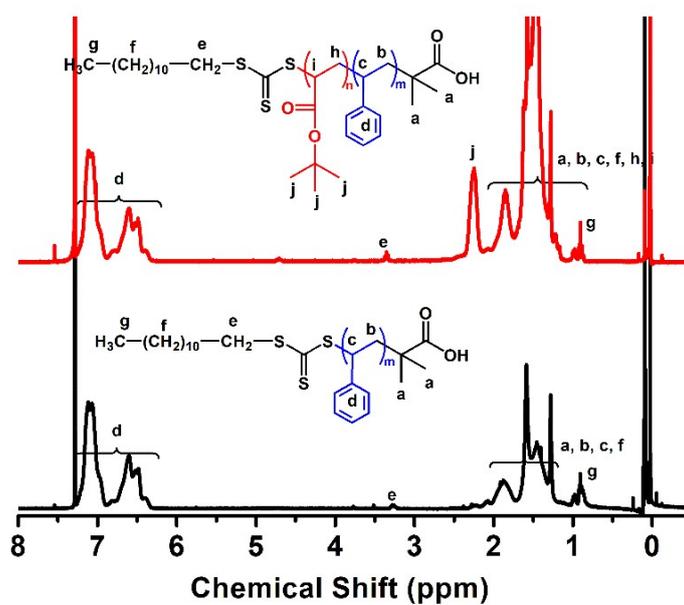
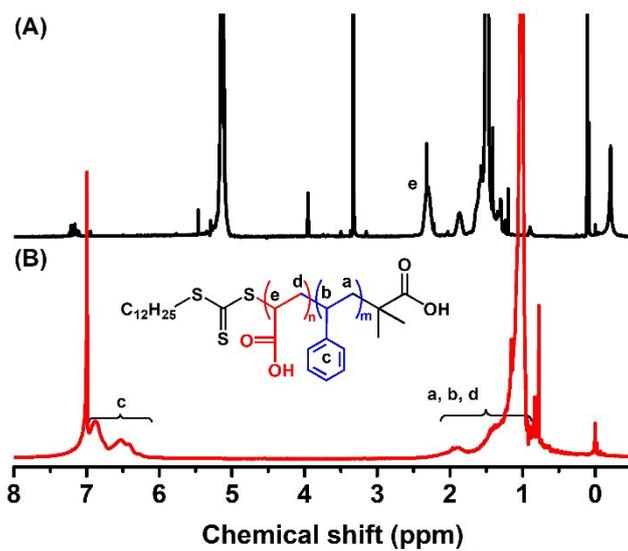
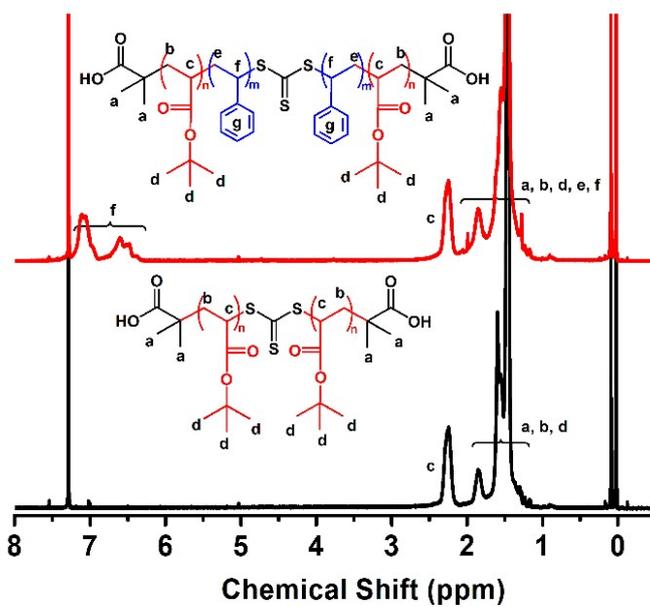


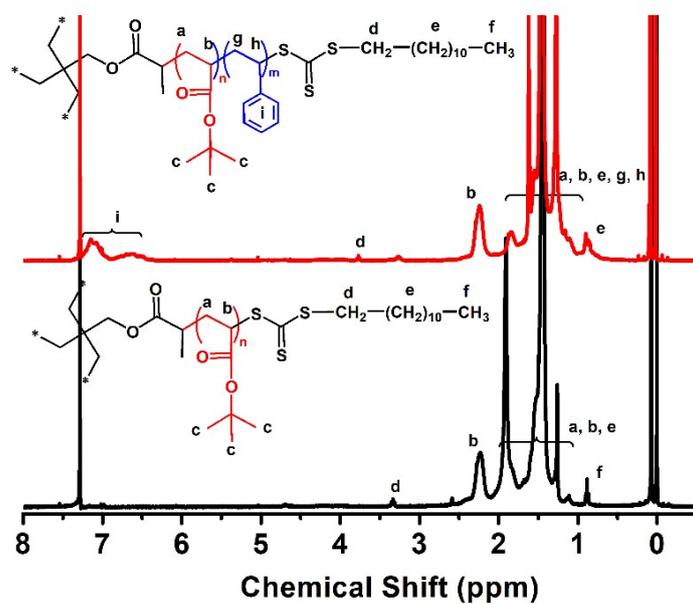
Fig. S4 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for macroinitiator PS-CTA-1 and PS-*b*-PtBA (in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solvent).



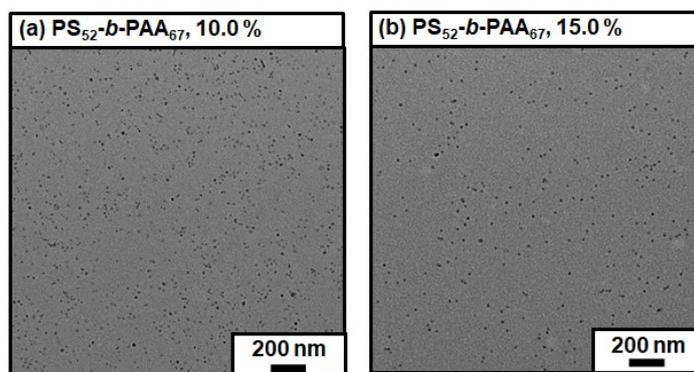
**Fig. S5**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for nano-objects in (A)  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  solvent, and (B)  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  solvent from  $\text{PS-}b\text{-PAA}$ .



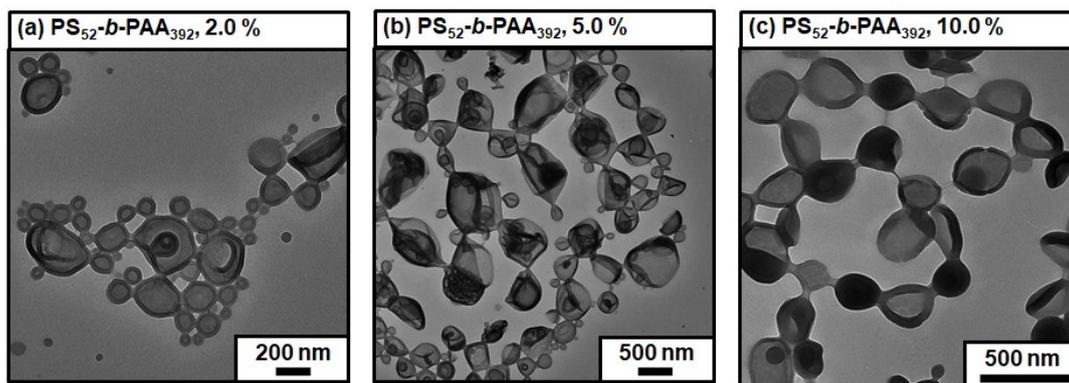
**Fig. S6**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for macroinitiator  $\text{PtBA-CTA-2}$  and  $\text{PtBA-}b\text{-PS-}b\text{-PtBA}$  (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solvent).



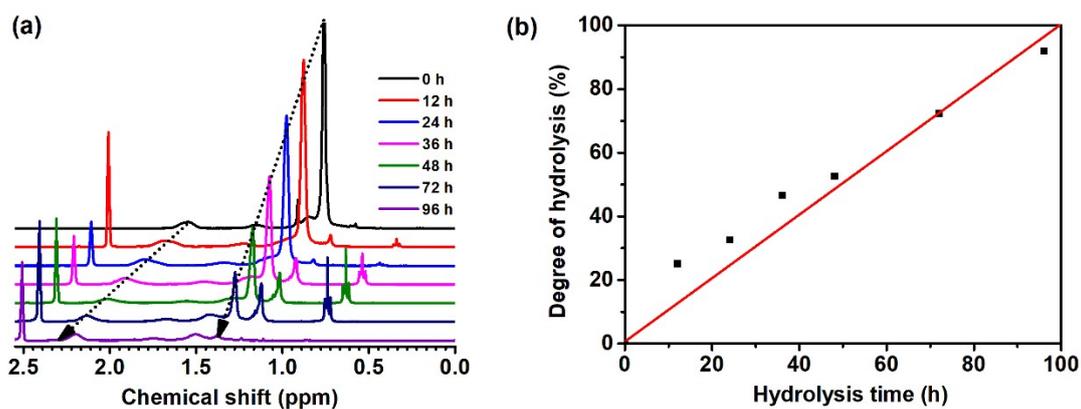
**Fig. S7** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for macroinitiator Star-PtBA<sub>4</sub> and Star-(PtBA-*b*-PS)<sub>4</sub> (in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solvent).



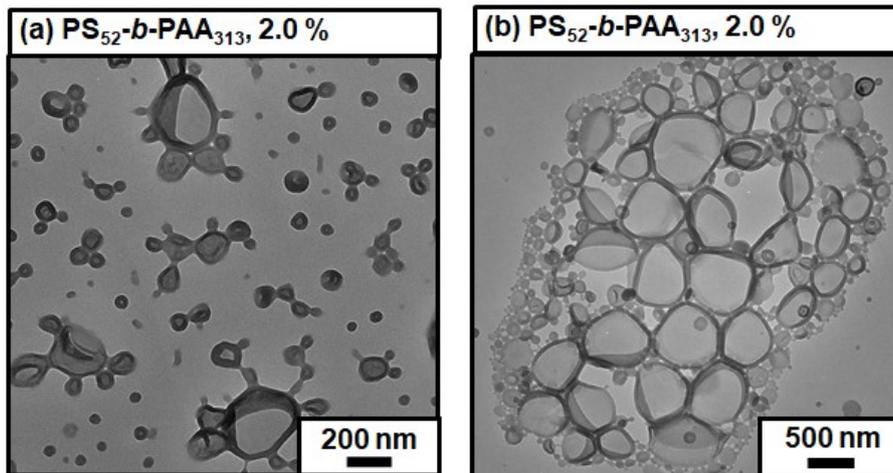
**Fig. S8** TEM images of nano-objects formed in MISA process from PS<sub>52</sub>-*b*-PtBA<sub>67</sub> with different weight solids content. (a, b) spherical nano-objects.



**Fig. S9** TEM images of nano-objects formed in MISA process from  $PS_{52}\text{-}b\text{-}PtBA_{392}$  with different weight solids content. (a, b, c) vesicular nano-objects.



**Fig. S10** (a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for the purified and hydrolyzed block copolymers  $PS_{52}\text{-}b\text{-}PtBA_{313}$  at different time (in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  solvent), (b) the relationship between the degree of hydrolysis and hydrolysis time.



**Fig. S11** TEM images of nano-objects formed in MISA process from PS<sub>52</sub>-*b*-PtBA<sub>313</sub> with fixed weight solids content of 2.0 % w/w and varied stirring rate. (a) stirring rate was fixed as 600 rpm, (b) stirring rate was fixed as 250 rpm.