

Supporting Information for

A Dual-Gated Polymersome Nanoreactor

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1. Materials

Polyethylene oxide monomethylether ($M_n = 1900$), 2-(diisopropylamino)ethyl methacrylate (DPA), *N*-isopropylacrylamide (NIPAM), 2,2'-azobis(2-methylpropionitrile) (AIBN), 6,8-difluoro-4-methylumbelliferyl octanoate (DiFMU), 7-hydroxy-4-methylcoumarin, 2-bromoethanol, tricaprilylmethylammonium chloride (R = C8-C10), dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC, $\geq 99\%$), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, $\geq 95\%$) and phosphotungstic acid were purchased from Aladdin Chemistry, Co., Ltd. (Shanghai, China). Potassium carbonate (K_2CO_3), sodium hydroxide (NaOH), magnesium sulfate ($MgSO_4$), triethylamine (TEA, $\geq 99.0\%$), acetonitrile (ACN, $\geq 99.5\%$), acetone ($\geq 99.5\%$), carbon disulfide, dichloromethane (DCM, $\geq 99.9\%$), trichloromethane (99.0%), tetrahydrofuran (THF, $\geq 99.9\%$), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF, $\geq 99.9\%$) and other solvents were purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. (SCRC, Shanghai, China) and used as received. *Candida Antarctica* Lipase B (CALB, 32kDa) and *p*-nitrophenyl acetate were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. $CDCl_3$ was purchased from J&K Scientific Ltd (Shanghai, China).

2. Characterization

2.1 Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (1H NMR)

1H NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker AV 400 MHz spectrometer at room temperature. Samples (5.0 mg) were dissolved in 0.5 mL of $CDCl_3$ prior to measurements.

2.2 Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS)

The apparent hydrodynamic diameters (D_h) and polydispersities (PDs) of the polymersomes were determined by DLS using a ZETASIZER Nano series instrument (Malvern Instruments ZS 90) at a fixed scattering angle of 90° . Data processing was carried out using cumulant analysis of the

experimental correlation function and calculated from the computed diffusion coefficients using the Stokes-Einstein equation. Each reported measurement was conducted for three runs.

2.3 Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

The polymersomes aqueous solution (8.0 μL , 0.1 mg/mL) was dropped onto a copper grid covered by carbon layer and dried at 40 °C or 25 °C and stained by neutral (pH 7.0) or acidic (pH 4.0) 1.0% phosphotungstic acid solution for 1 min. In particular, to prepare the TEM samples at 40 °C, the pre-heated copper grids loaded with the cross-linked polymersomes were dried out in an oven at 40 °C to minimize the influence of temperature change on the morphology of thermally responsive polymersomes. TEM Images were recorded on a JEOL JEM-2100F instrument at 200 kV equipped with a Gatan 894 Ultrascan 1k CCD camera.

2.4 Fluorescence Spectroscopy

Fluorescence experiments were carried out *via* a Lumina fluorescence spectrometer (Thermo Fisher).

2.5 UV-vis Spectroscopy

The UV-vis spectra were acquired using a UV759S UV-vis spectrophotometer (Shanghai Precision & Scientific Instrument Co., Ltd.). All the samples were analyzed using quartz cuvettes.

3. Scheme and Figures

Scheme S1. Synthesis route of PEO₄₃-P(NIPAM₄₄-*stat*-CMA₁₀-*stat*-DPA₂₄) block copolymer.

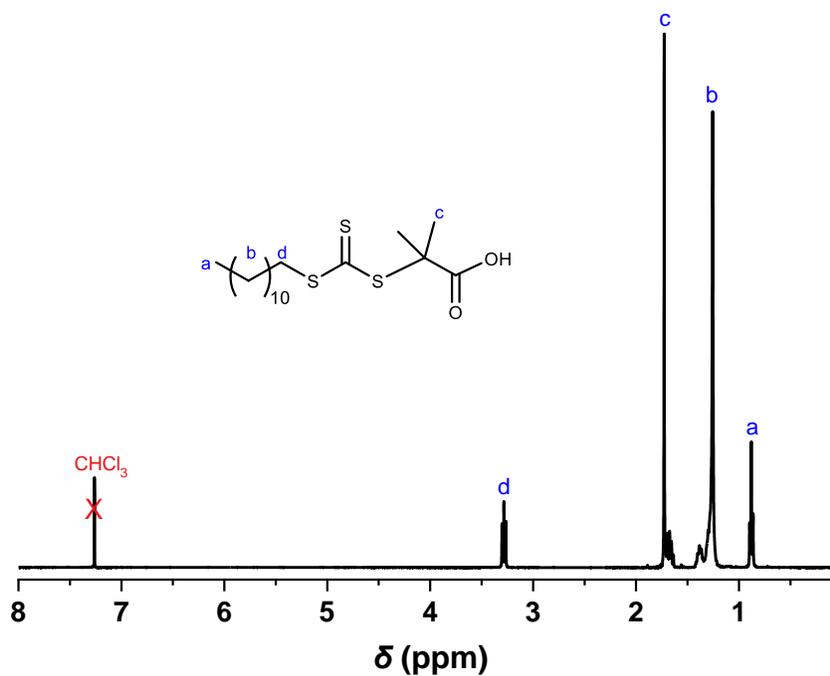
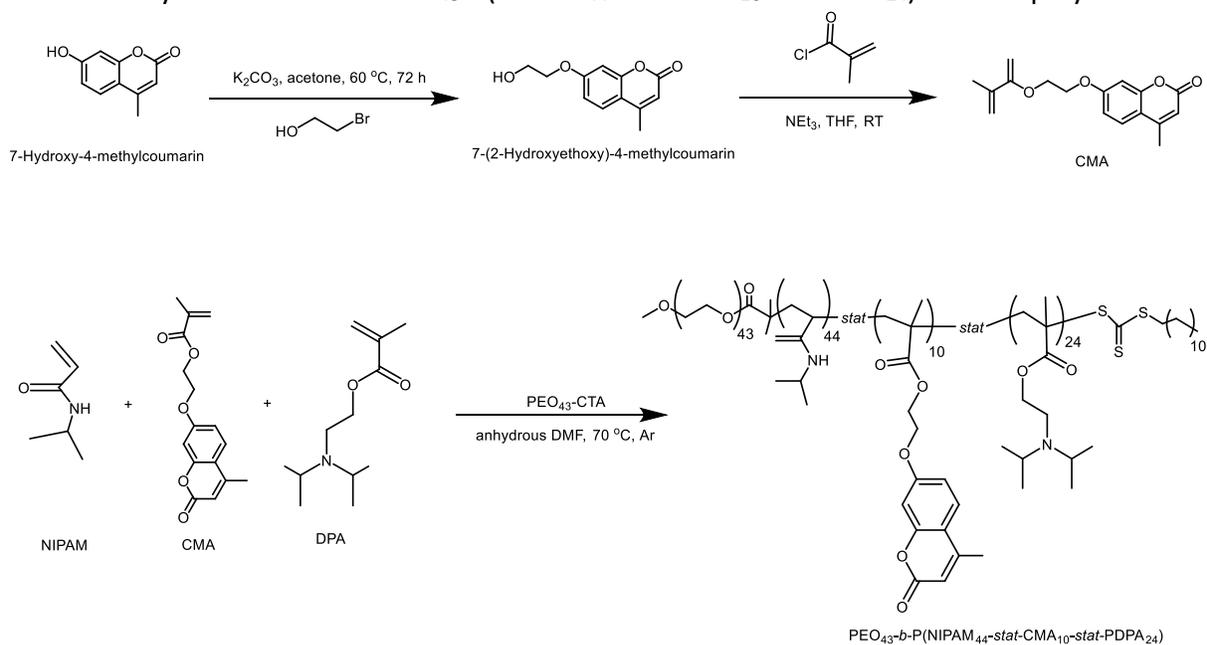


Fig. S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of DDMAT in CDCl₃.

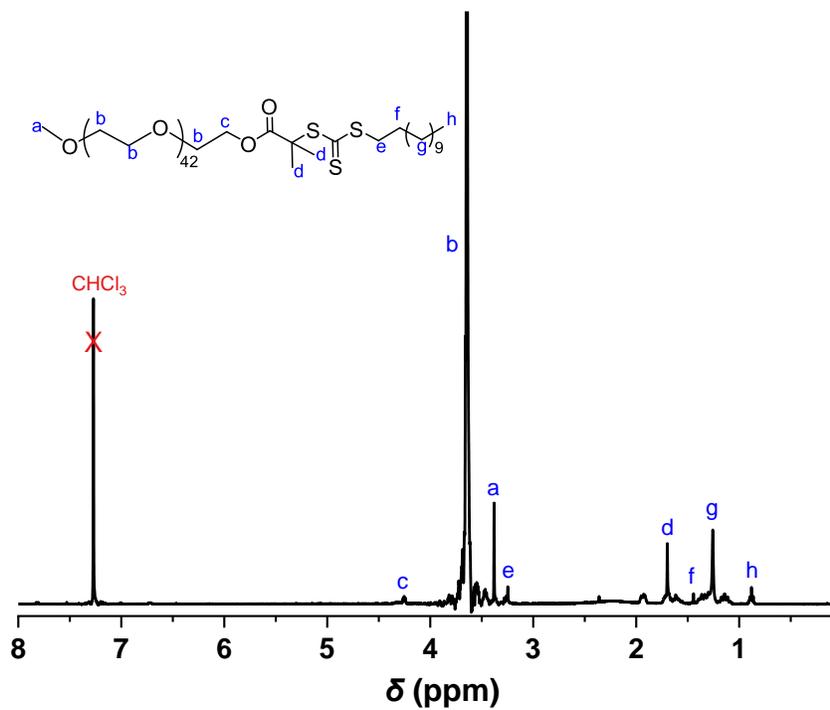


Fig. S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of PEO-DDMAT in CDCl_3 .

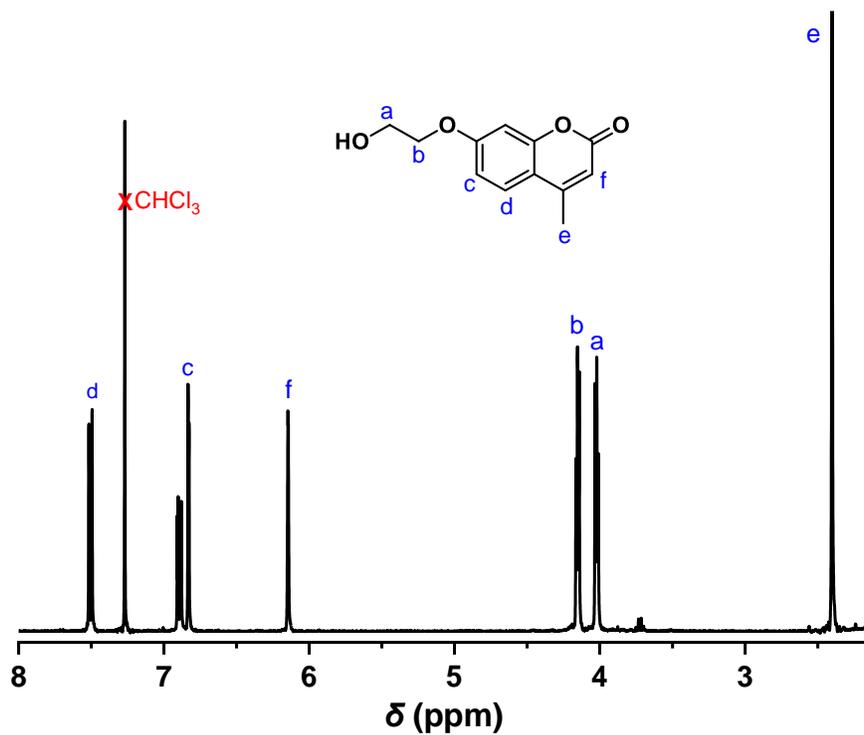


Fig. S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of HEMC in CDCl_3 .

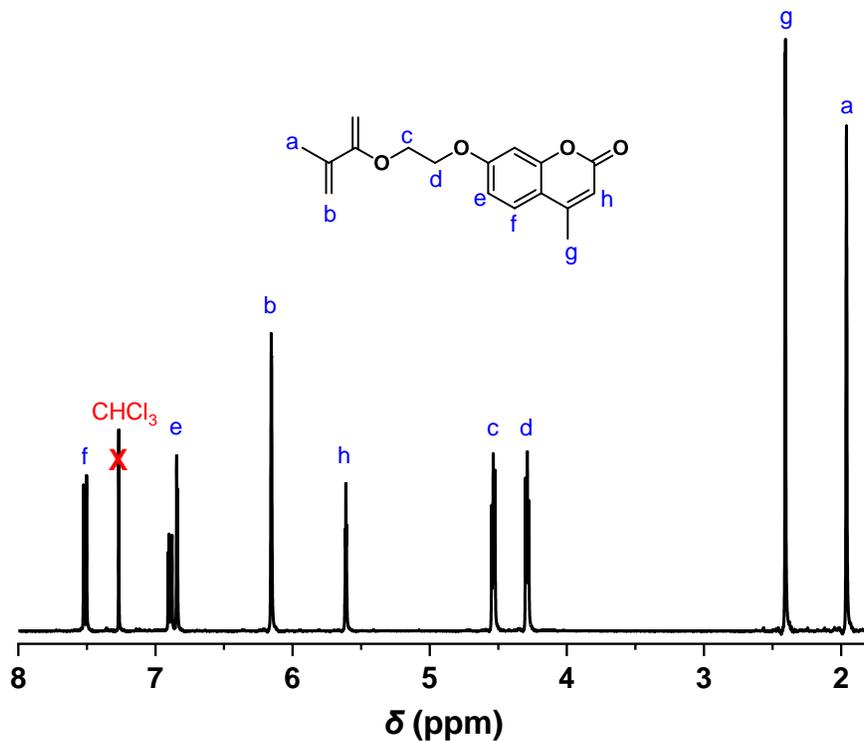


Fig. S4. ^1H NMR spectrum of CMA in CDCl_3 .

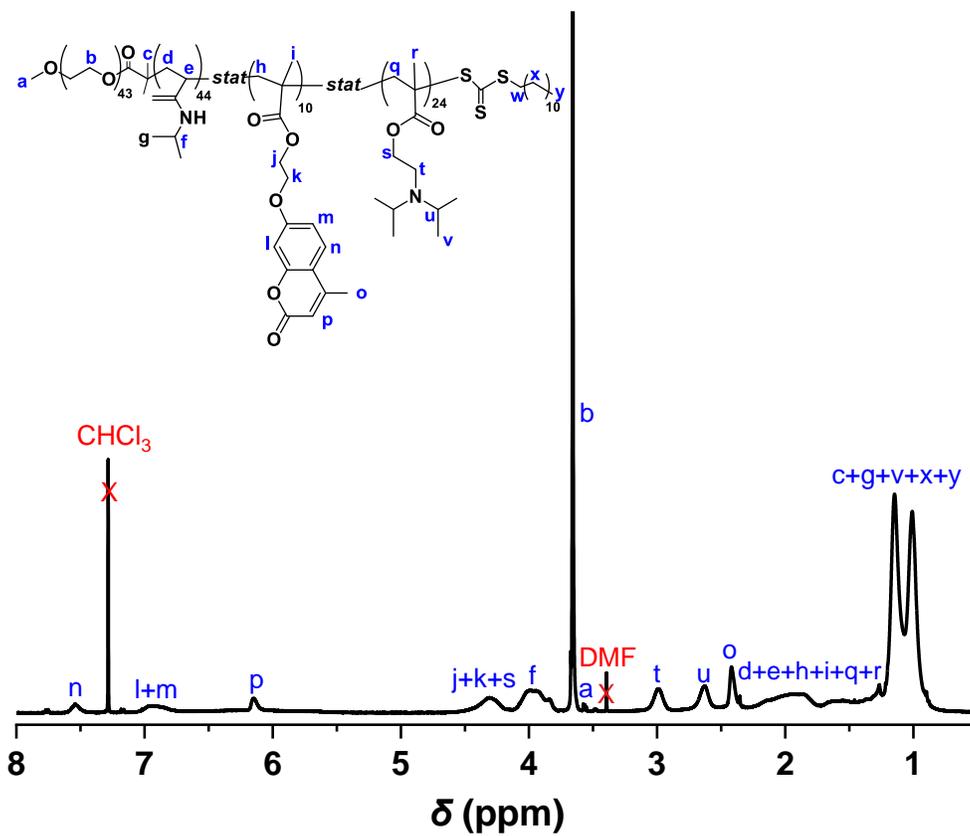


Fig. S5. ^1H NMR spectrum of PEO₄₃-P(NIPAM₄₄-stat-CMA₁₀-stat-DPA₂₄) in CDCl_3 .

To calculate the DP (degree of polymerization) of PNIPAM, PCMA and PDPA block, the total integral area of peaks *a*, *b* is defined as A_{ab} and set as 170.00. The integral area of peak *f*, defined as A_f , can be therefore obtained as 43.94. The integral area of peak *p*, defined as A_p , can be therefore obtained as 10.08. The integral area of peak *t*, defined as A_t , can be therefore obtained as 48.31. Then the DP of the PNIPAM, PCMA and PDPA block should satisfy the following equation:

$$\text{According to peak } f: DP_{\text{PNIPAM}} = A_d \approx 44$$

$$\text{According to peak } p: DP_{\text{PCMA}} = A_d \approx 10$$

$$\text{According to peak } t: DP_{\text{PDPA}} = \frac{A_t}{2} = \frac{48.31}{2} \approx 24$$

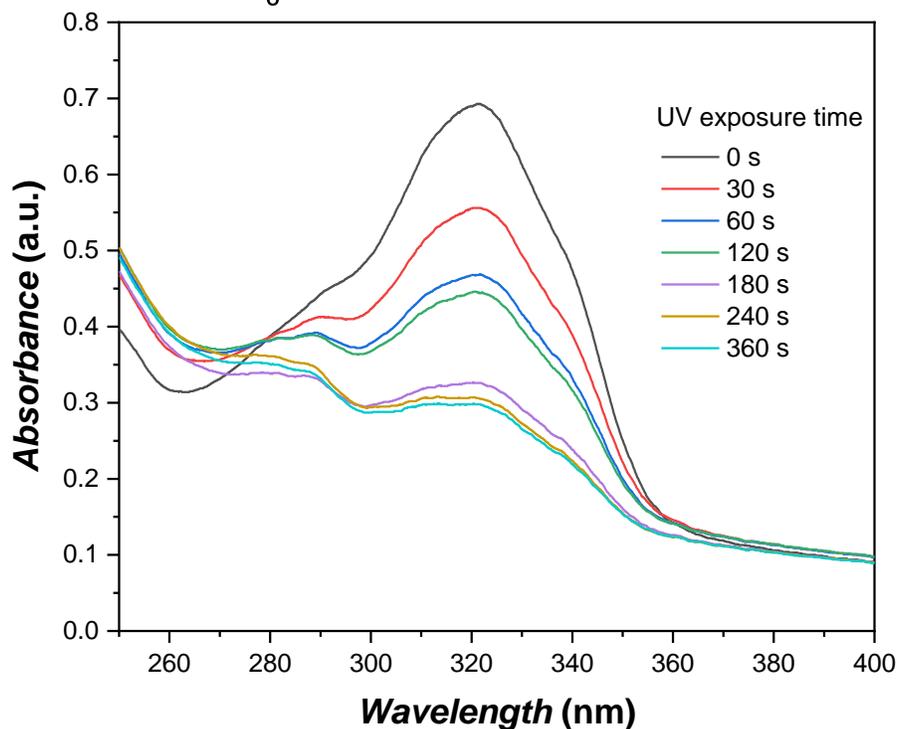
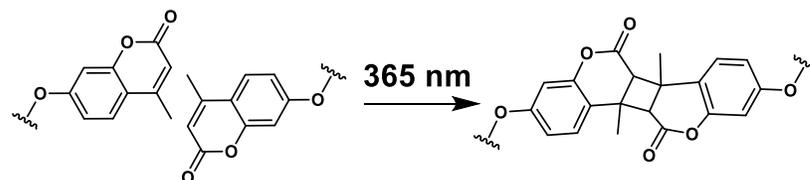


Fig. S6. UV-vis spectra of polymersomes under different UV exposure time (from 0 to 360 s).
 $C_{\text{polymersomes}} = 0.1 \text{ mg/mL}$.

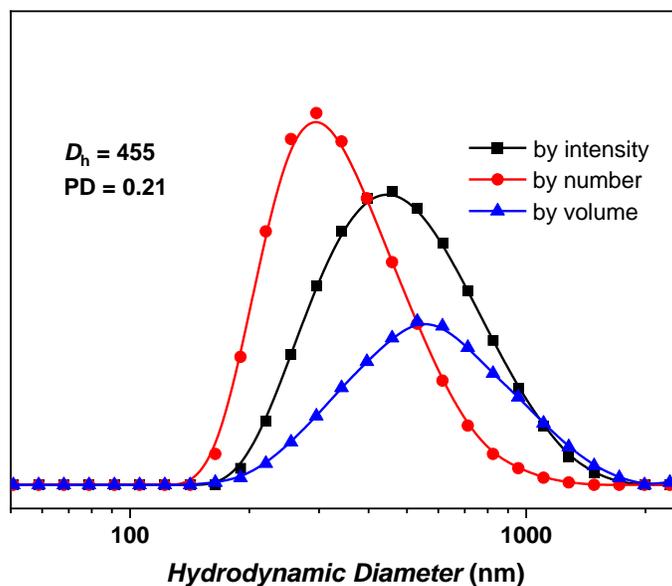


Fig. S7. DLS study of polymersomes self-assembled at 40 °C ($C_{\text{ini}} = 2.0 \text{ mg/mL}$).

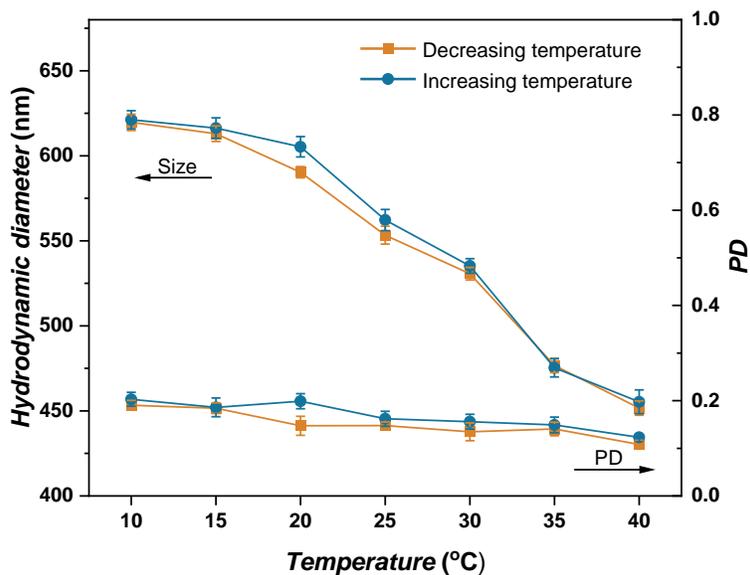


Fig. S8. Temperature-dependent size and PD s changes during the heating-cooling cycles.

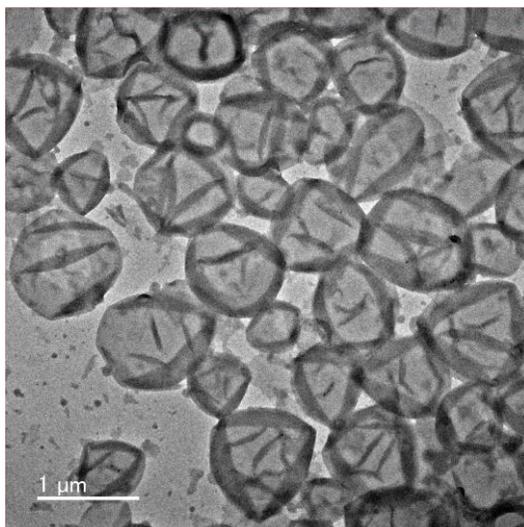


Fig. S9. TEM image of the swollen polymersomes at 25 °C.

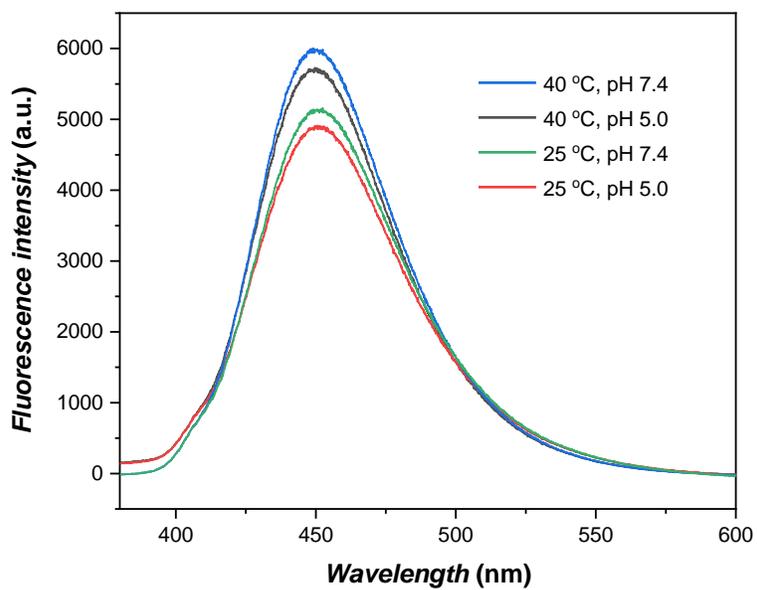


Fig. S10. Activity assay of free CALB under different temperature and pH conditions (pH 7.4 or 5.0, 40 °C or 25 °C).