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# Amphiphilic hyperbranched copolymers bearing a hyperbranched core and dendritic shell as novel stabilizers rendering gold nanoparticles unprecedentedly long lifetime in the catalytic reduction of 4-nitrophenol

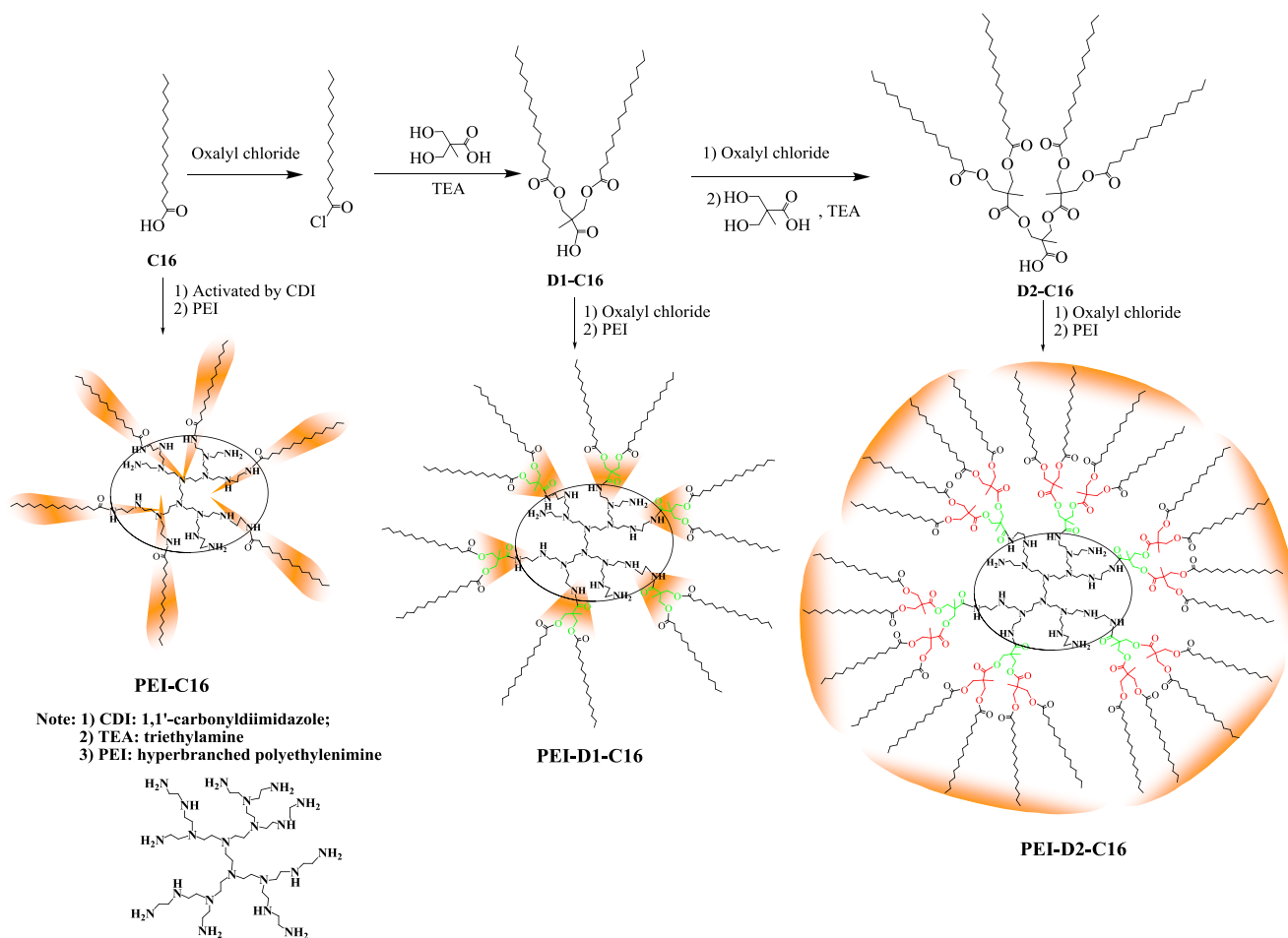
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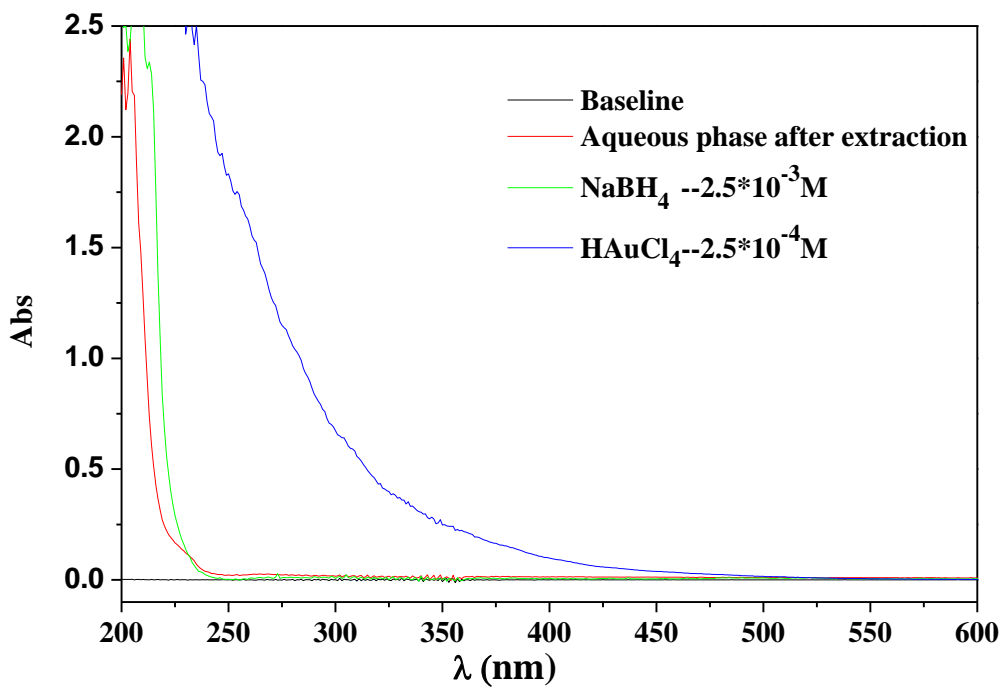
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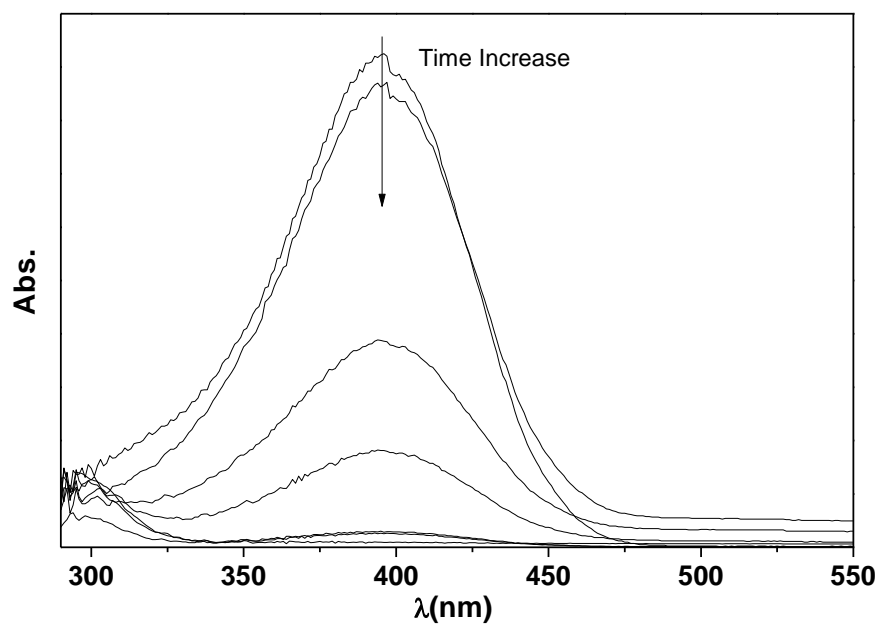
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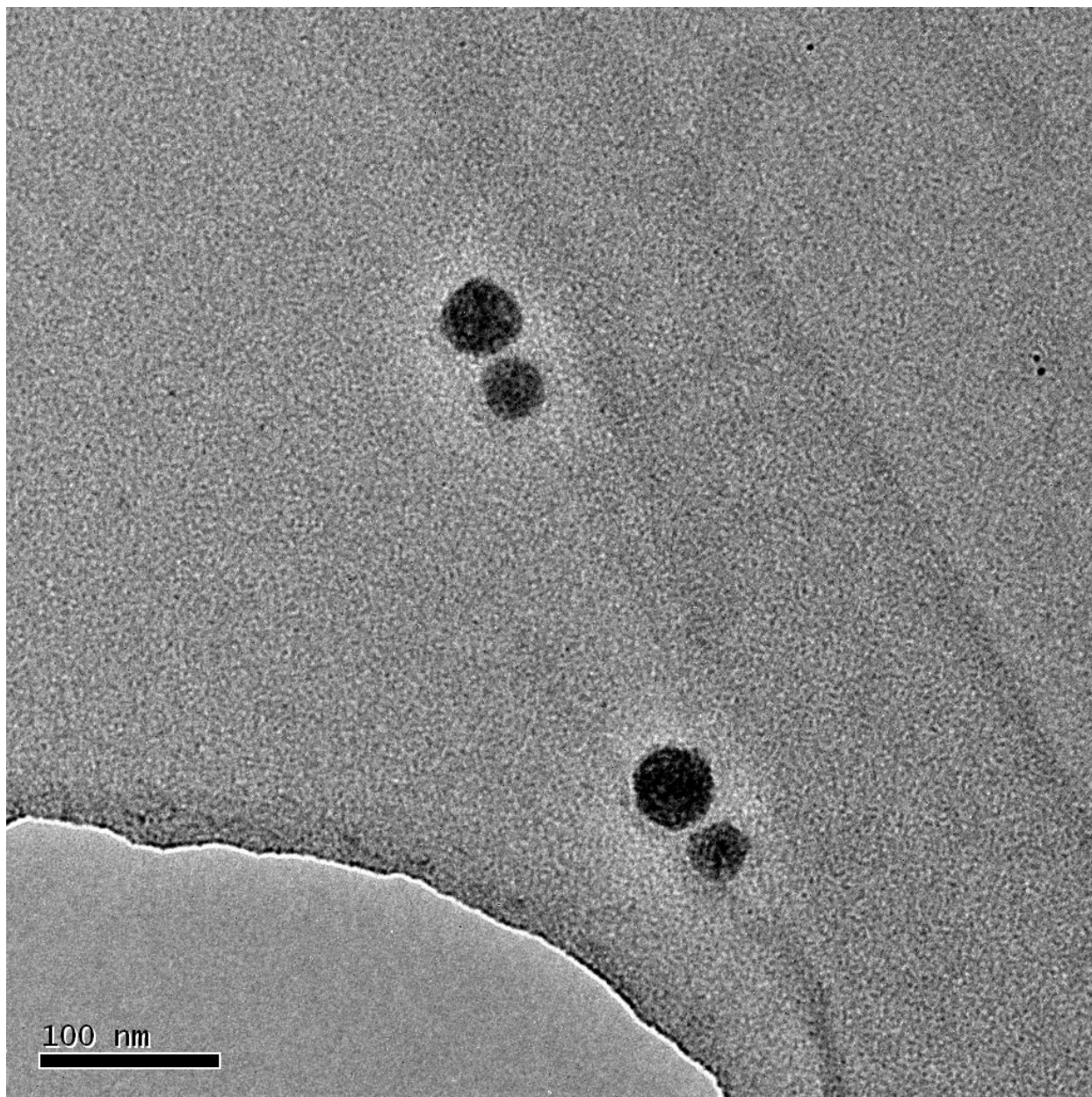
**Fig. S1** Syntheses of amphiphilic copolymers with hydrophilic amidated PEI core and hydrophobic linear or branched shell



**Fig. S2** The typical UV-vis absorbance spectra of HAuCl<sub>4</sub> in water, NaBH<sub>4</sub> in water and the water that has been used to extract the organic solution of AuNPs stabilized by the amphiphilic hyperbranched copolymers



**Fig. S3** The typical UV-vis absorbance spectra of the AuNP catalyzed reduction of 4-nitrophenol by NaBH<sub>4</sub>



**Fig. S4** Typical TEM image of gold nanoparticles showing very less catalytic activity after reusing certain times