

**Electronic Supplementary Information**

**Bright Fluorescent Nanoparticles for Development of Potential Optical  
Imaging Contrast Agents**

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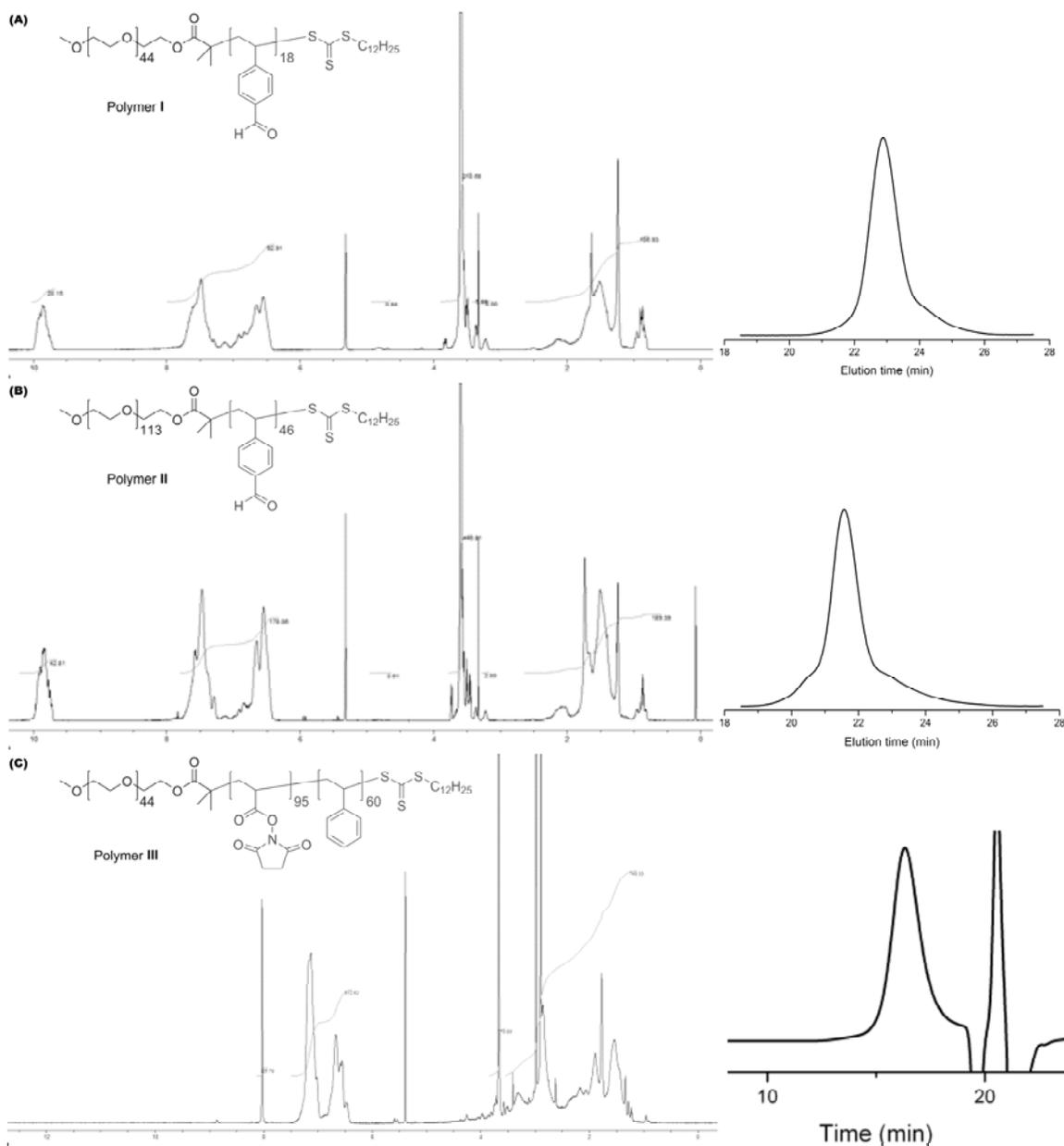
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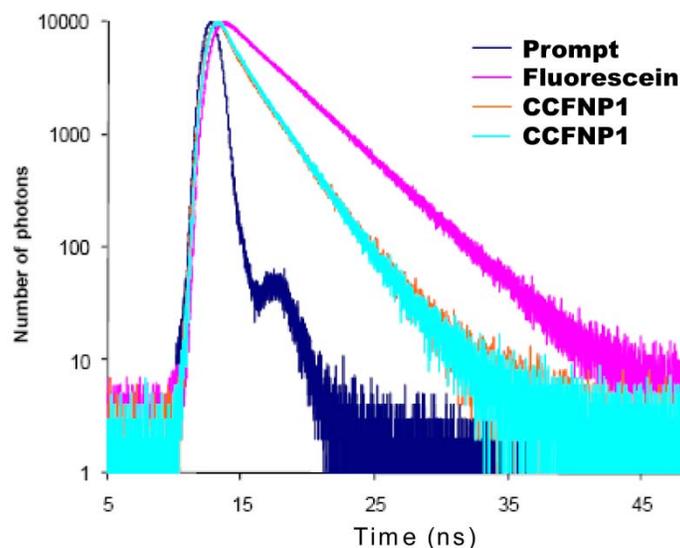
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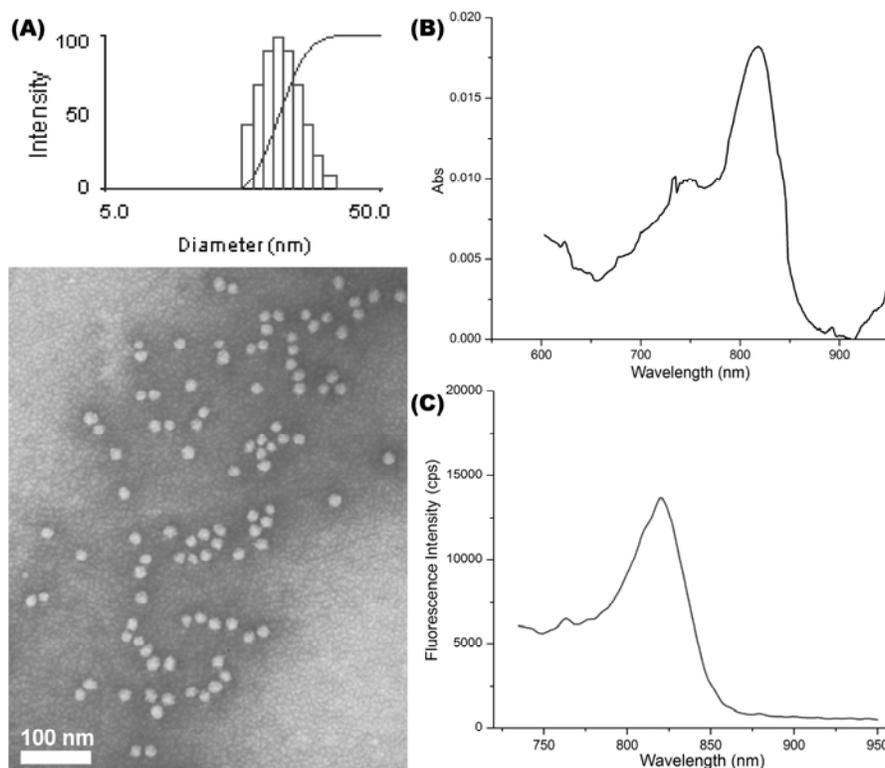
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**Fig. S1** Characterizations of PEO<sub>45</sub>-*b*-PVBA<sub>18</sub> (**I**) PEO<sub>113</sub>-*b*-PVBA<sub>46</sub> (**II**), and PEO<sub>45</sub>-*b*-PNAS<sub>95</sub>-*b*-PS<sub>60</sub> (**III**) block copolymer precursors. (A): <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (left, 500 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and THF-GPC profile (right) of PEO<sub>45</sub>-*b*-PVBA<sub>18</sub> block copolymer. (B): <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (left, 500 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and THF-GPC profile (right) of PEO<sub>45</sub>-*b*-PVBA<sub>18</sub> block copolymer. (C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (left, 600 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and DMF-GPC profile (right) of PEO<sub>45</sub>-*b*-PNAS<sub>95</sub>-*b*-PS<sub>60</sub> block copolymer.



**Fig. S2** Dynamic fluorescence spectra of **Fluorescein** and **CCFNP1**.



**Fig. S3** A) Intensity-average weighted hydrodynamic diameter distribution by DLS (top) and TEM micrograph (bottom) of **CCFNP8**. B-C) UV-Vis and fluorescence spectrum of **CCFNP8**, respectively.