Supporting Information

Hollow Flower Micelles from Diblock Copolymer

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Experimental Details

Formation of micelles

The amphiphilic diblock copolymer poly(2-vinylpyridine)-b-poly(2-(4-

vinylphenyl)pyridine) (P2VP-*b*-PVPPy) (1 mg/mL) was solvated in the mixed solvent of methanol and water (95/5, v/v).

Characterizations of Aggregates

DLS

The particles size analysis of the aggregates was performed by dynamic light scattering at 25 °C (DLS/Malvern Instrument, PCS). The scattered light of a vertically polarized He-Ne laser (632.8 nm) was measured at an angle of 30, 60 and 90°, and collected on an autocorrelator. The hydrodynamic diameters (*d*) of vesicles were calculated by using the Stokes-Einstein equation $d = k_{\rm B}T/3\pi\eta D$, where $k_{\rm B}$ is the Boltzmann constant, *T* is the absolute temperature, η is the solvent viscosity, and *D* is the diffusion coefficient. CONTIN algorithms were used in the Laplace inversion of the autocorrelation function to obtain the size distribution.

SEM

For morphological study, (P2VP-*b*-PVPPy) aggregates solution was spin-coated (rpm 1500, 30s) on hydrophilic silica substrate, dried at room temperature, and coated with platinum for field emission scanning electron microscope (FE-SEM, Hitachi S-4700, Japan) analysis.

TEM

Field emission transmission electron microscope (FE-TEM) [JEOL, JEM-2100, 200 kV] was used for analysis. The aggregate of $P2VP_{106}$ -*b*-PVPPy₉₅ was drop-coated on 400 mesh carbon-coated copper grids, dried at room temperature, and finally stained with I₂ vapor.

AFM

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Samples was spin coated on silica substrate and characterized by taping mode

Synthesis of metal nanoparticles

Synthesis of Pt DPNs

0.5 equiv ammonium hexachloroplatinate(IV) $(NH_4)_2PtCl_6$ was coordinated with the pyridine units of $P2VP_{106}$ -*b*-PVPPy₉₅ solutions in mixed solvent of methanol and water (95/5, *v*/*v*) and reduction of a Pt complex itself mediated by methanol without the need of any reducing agent. The color of the solutions was changed to darkish after NPs formation.

Synthesis of Au NPs

0.5 equiv AuCl₃ was coordinated with the pyridine units of $P2VP_{106}$ -b-PVPPy₉₅ solutions in mixed solvent of methanol and water and followed by 24 h stirring. Au NPs were finally synthesized by reducing with sodium borohydride (NaBH₄) in block copolymer solutions. The colour of the solutions was changed from yellow to deep purple. The resultant solutions were further stirred for 5 h to complete the reduction and centrifuged for 10 min at 1000 rpm to remove the side salts and the precipitations.

Synthesis of Au-Pt hybrid DPNs

First 0.25/0.50 equiv AuCl₃ with respect to pyridine units was coordinated with $P2VP_{106}$ -*b*-PVPPy₉₅ solutions in mixed solvent of methanol and water (95/5, *v/v*) and followed by 24 h stirring and reduction with NaBH₄. After forming the Au nanoparticles, appropriate amount of (0.25, 0.50, and 0.75 equiv, respectively) (NH₄)₂PtCl₆, were added to micelles solution, followed by 24 h stirring and reduction with NaBH₄. The color of the solutions was changed from deep purple to darkish brown.

Characterization of metals nanoparticles

TEM

Field emission transmission electron microscope (FE-TEM) [200kV, JEOL, JEM-2100] and the high voltage electron microscope (HVEM, 1250 kV, JEM-ARM 1300s, HV-GIF) were used to distinguish Pt and Au lattice in composite. TEM image processing for inverse fast Fourier transformation (IFFT) image analysis was carried out by Digital Micrograph software (version 3.0 manufactured by Gatan Inc). HAADF-STEM and EDS characterizations were performed with a FEI Technai G2 F30 Super-Twin transmission electron microscope operating at 300 kV. The effective electron probe size and dwell time used in HAADF-STEM-EDS mapping experiments were 1.5 nm and 200 ms per pixel, respectively. The compositions of Au-Pt bimetallic nanoparticles were determined by ICP–AES (ELAN 6000, Perkin– Elmer).

Optical properties

Absorbance of metal nanoparticles containing polymer aggregates in solution were checked by UV-spectrophotometer (CARY 1E).

Supporter Information Figures and Table



Fig. S1. AFM micrographs of the poly(2-vinylpyridine)-b-poly(2-(4vinylphenyl)pyridine) in mixed solvent of methanol and water (95/5, *v/v*) at (A) pH 7 and (B) pH 8 (1 mg/mL concentration).



Fig. S2. (A) SEM and (B) TEM micrographs of the poly(2-(4-vinylphenyl)pyridine) micelles in mixed solvent of methanol and water (95/5 v/v).
(C) SEM and (D) TEM micrographs of the poly(2-vinnypyridine) micelles in mixed solvent of water and methanol (60/40, v/v).



Fig.S3. (A) Energy dispersive x-ray spectra and (B) The high-angle annular darkfield scanning TEM (HAADF-STEM) image of Pt-Au dendritic nanoparticles.



Fig.S4. The high-angle annular dark-field scanning TEM (HAADF-STEM) image of Pt-Au dendritic nanoparticles after 6 years of samples preparation.



Fig. S5. Time bound UV-vis spectra of the reaction between $Fe(CN)_6^{3-}$ and $S_2O_3^{2-}$ at room temperature (A) in absence of catalyst, (B) presence of Pt, and (C) Pt-Au dendritic nanoparticles prepared by using poly(2-vinylpyridine)-*b*-poly(2-(4-vinylphenyl)pyridine) flower micelles as a template.

Table 1. Elemental analysis by the energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy (EDS)

Element	Weight %	Atomic %	Uncert %.	Correction	k-Factor
Pt (L)	48.54	48.78	1.32	0.99	3.96
Au (L)	51.45	51.21	1.21	0.99	4.03

Note: Input FWHM = 134 eV @ 5.9 keV, Measured FWHM = 123.370 eV @ 5.9 keV

Calibration: 10.0188 eV/ch, -20.9881 eV at channel 0, Accelerating voltage: 300 kV, Alpha tilt: 15 degrees