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**Novel cyclodextrin-containing pH-responsive star polymer for nanostructure
fabrication and drug delivery**

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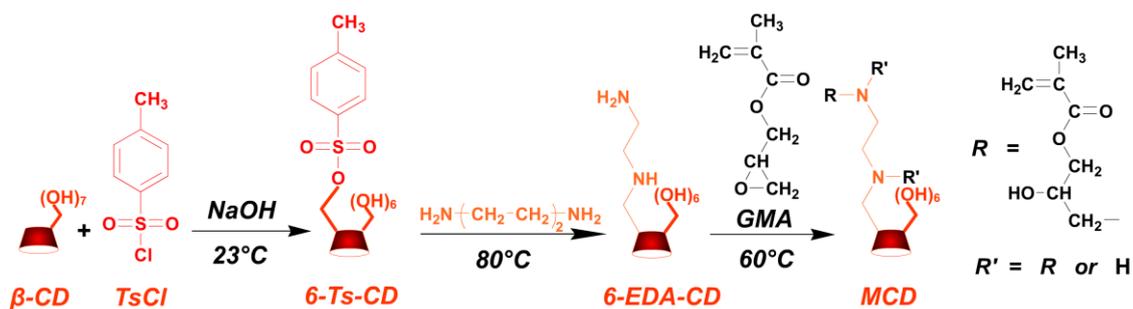
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Scheme S1 Synthesis of methacrylate substituted β -cyclodextrin (MCD).

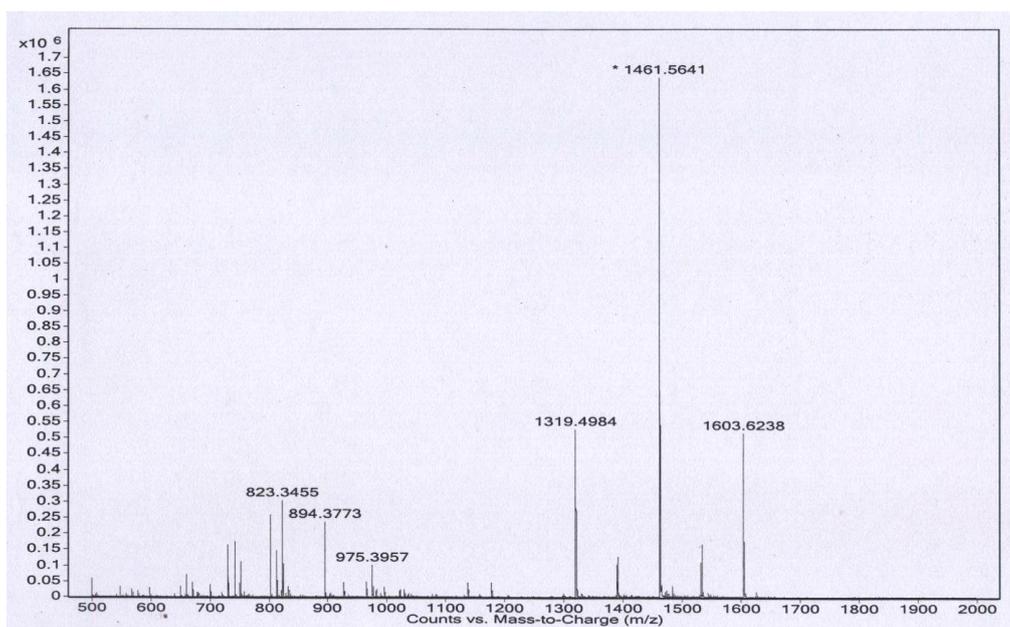


Fig. S1 The HR-ESI-MS spectrum of MCD.

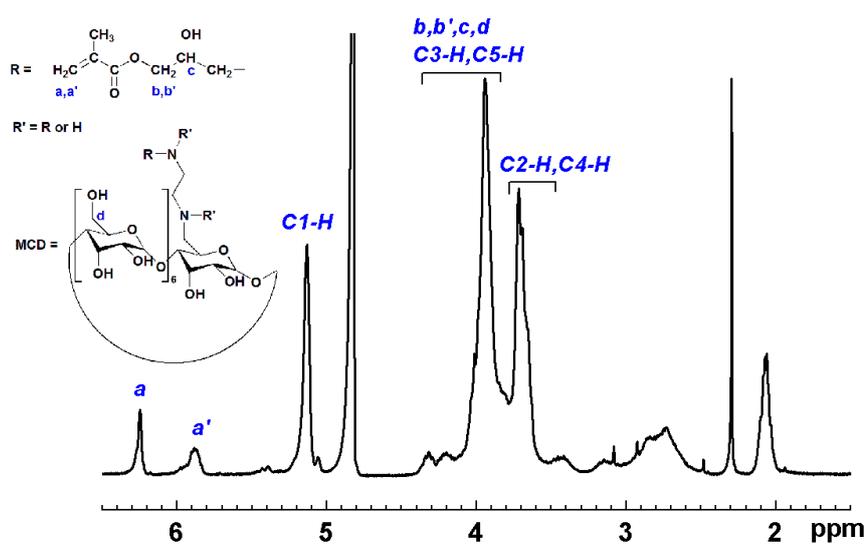


Fig. S2 The ^1H NMR spectrum of MCD in D_2O .

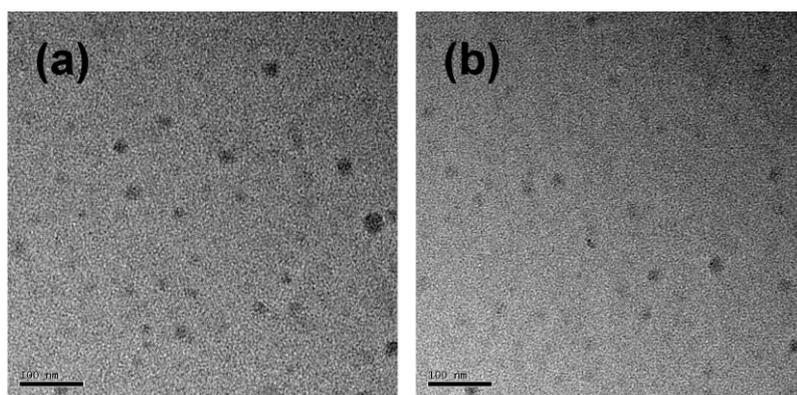


Fig. S3 TEM images of PEG-P(CD-co-DMAEMA) star polymer in aqueous solution of pH 3.0 (a) and pH 10.0 (b). Scale bars: 100 nm for both (a) and (b).

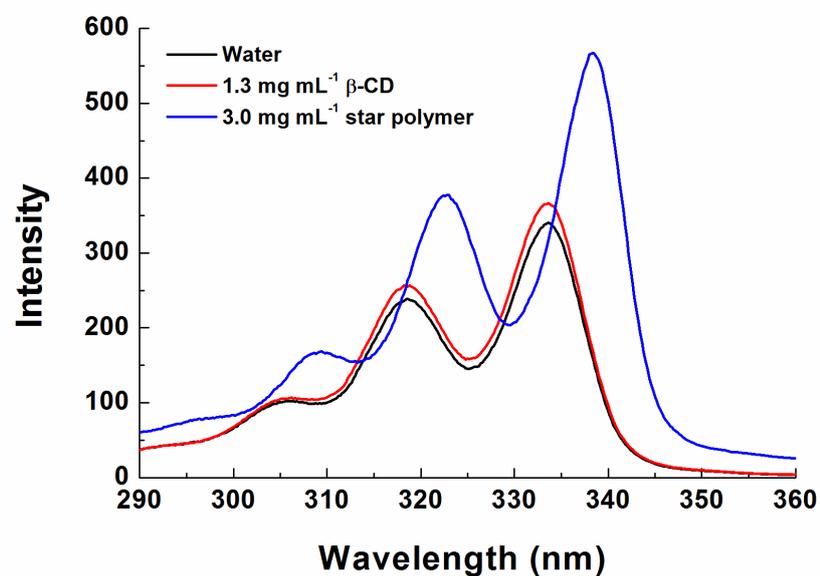


Fig. S4 Excitation spectra of pyrene in aqueous solutions containing various substances. $\lambda_{em} = 392$ nm.

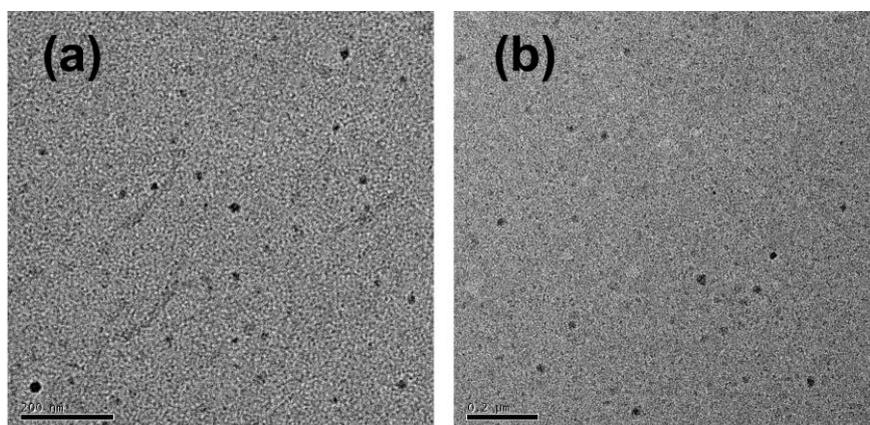


Fig. S5 TEM images of Py₁S₈ nanoparticles in aqueous solution of pH 3.0 (a) and pH 10.0 (b). Scale bars: 200 nm for both (a) and (b).

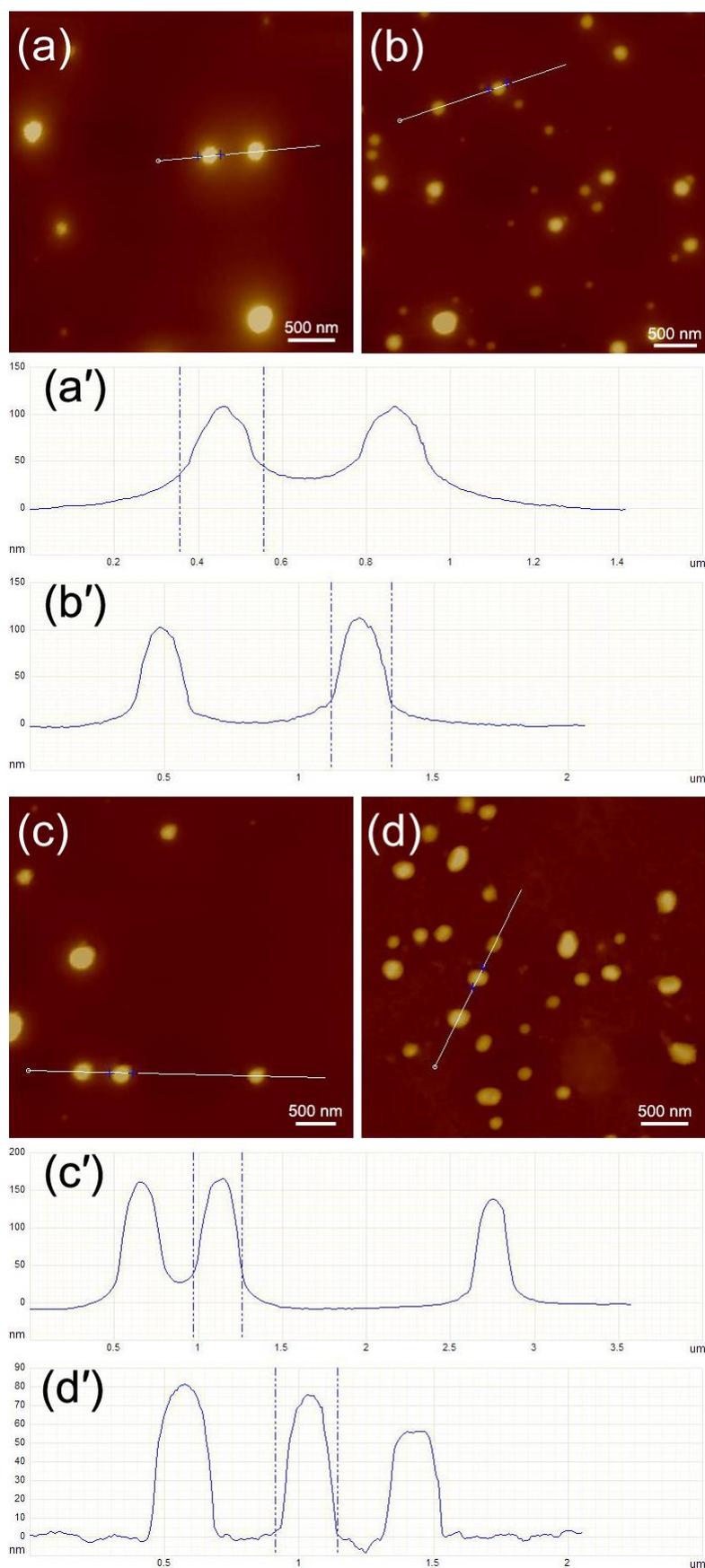


Fig. S6 AFM height images and section analysis of PLA₈S₁₀ nanoparticles at pH 3.0 (a, a') and pH 10.0 (b, b'), PLA₃S₁₀ nanoparticles at pH 3.0 (c, c') and pH 10.0 (d, d').

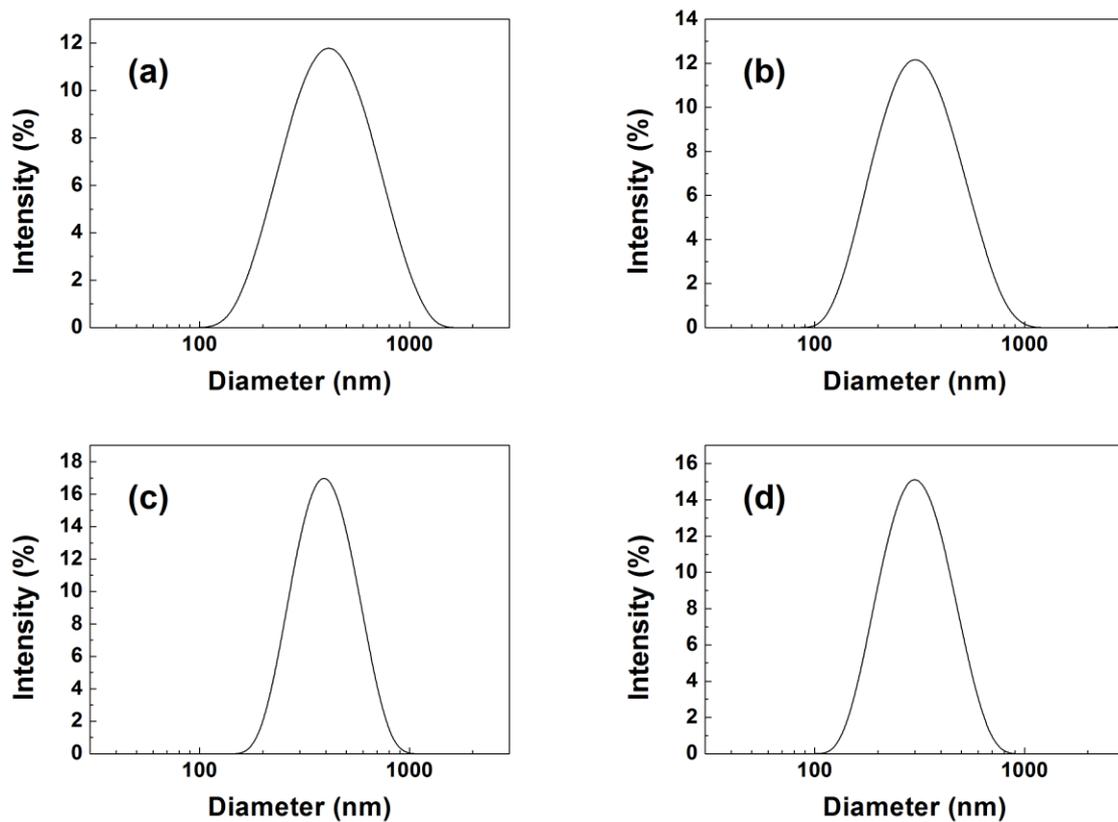


Fig. S7 DLS histograms of $\text{PLA}_8\text{S}_{10}$ nanoparticles at pH 3.0 (a) and pH 10.0 (b), $\text{PLA}_3\text{S}_{10}$ nanoparticles at pH 3.0 (c) and pH 10.0 (d).

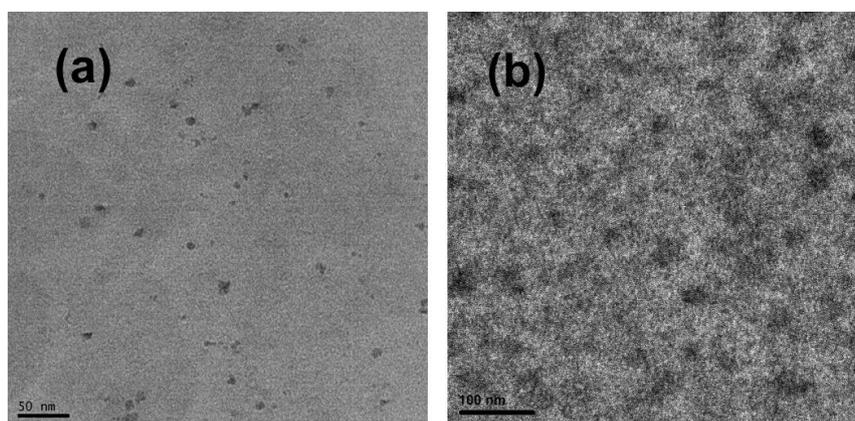


Fig. S8 TEM images of star polymer in PBS solution (a) and ABS solution (b). Scale bars: 50 nm for (a) and 100 nm for (b).