Supporting Information

Poly(acrylate) with pendant aggregation-induced emission (AIE) tetraphenylethene luminogens: Highly stable AIE polymer nanoparticles for effective detection of nitro-compounds

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Figure S1. (A) FL spectra of **P2** in THF/H₂O mixtures with different H₂O contents $(\lambda_{ex} = 318 \text{ nm}, [P2] = 100.0 \text{ } \mu\text{g} \cdot \text{mL}^{-1}$, inserted picture is photographs of **P2** solutions taken under UV illumination). (B) Change of FL maximum of **P2** with H₂O content of the aqueous mixture.



Figure S2. (A) FL spectra of **P3** in THF/H₂O mixtures with different H₂O contents $(\lambda_{ex} = 318 \text{ nm}, [P3] = 100.0 \text{ } \mu\text{g} \cdot \text{mL}^{-1}$, inserted picture is photographs of **P3** solutions taken under UV illumination). (B) Change of FL maximum of **P3** with H₂O content of the aqueous mixture.



Figure S3. (A) Fluorescence spectra of 100.0 μ g•mL⁻¹ **P2** in THF/H₂O (1:9 v/v) mixture in the presence of different PA concentrations (μ g•mL⁻¹), the insets display the photo of **P2** in the absence and presence of 100 μ g•mL⁻¹ PA under UV light (365 nm) illumination. (B) Concentration-dependent fluorescence quenching of **P2** by PA.



Figure S4. (A) Fluorescence spectra of 100.0 μ g•mL⁻¹ **P3** in THF/H₂O (1:9 v/v) mixture in the presence of different PA concentrations (μ g•mL⁻¹), the insets display the photo of **P3** in the absence and presence of 100 μ g•mL⁻¹ PA under UV light (365 nm) illumination. (B) Concentration-dependent fluorescence quenching of **P3** by PA.



Figure S5. (a) Fluorescence spectra of polymer **P1** (100.0, 50.0, 25.0 and 12.5 μ g•mL⁻¹) in THF/H₂O (1:9 v/v) mixtures in the absence and presence of equal PA concentration. (b) Fluorescence quenching of polymer **P1** in THF/H₂O (1:9 v/v) mixtures at different concentrations.



Figure S6. (A) Fluorescence spectra of 50.0 μ g•mL⁻¹ **P1** in THF/H₂O (1:9 v/v) mixture in the presence of different PA concentrations (μ g•mL⁻¹). (B) Concentration-dependent fluorescence quenching of **P1** by PA.



Figure S7. (A) Fluorescence spectra of 25.0 μ g•mL⁻¹ **P1** in THF/H₂O (1:9 v/v) mixture in the presence of different PA concentrations (μ g•mL⁻¹). (B) Concentration-dependent fluorescence quenching of **P1** by PA.



Figure S8. (A) Fluorescence spectra of 12.5 μ g•mL⁻¹ **P1** in THF/H₂O (1:9 v/v) mixture in the presence of different PA concentrations (μ g•mL⁻¹). (B) Concentration-dependent fluorescence quenching of **P1** by PA.