## **Supporting information**

Synthesis of cationic poly(3-acrylamidopropyl trimethylammonium chloride) by SARA ATRP in ecofriendly solvent mixtures

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**Figure FS1.** (a) Kinetic plots of  $\ln[M]_0/[M]$  *vs.* time and (b) plot of number–average molecular weights  $(M_n^{SEC})$  and  $\mathcal{D}$   $(M_w/M_n)$  *vs.* monomer conversion (the dashed line represents theoretical molecular weight at a given conversion) for the SARA ATRP of AMPTMA initiated by ECP, using Me<sub>6</sub>TREN or TPMA as ligand. Conditions: [AMPTMA]\_0/[ECP]\_0/[CuCl\_2]\_0/[ligand]\_0/Cu(0) wire = 100/1/0.5/1.0/Cu(0) wire; [AMPTMA]\_0 = 1.45 M; Cu(0) wire:  $l = 10 \text{ cm}; d = 1 \text{ mm}; V_{solvent} = 5 \text{ mL}.$ 



**Figure FS2.** (a) Kinetic plots of  $\ln[M]_0/[M]$  *vs.* time and (b) plot of number–average molecular weights  $(M_n^{SEC})$  and  $\mathcal{D} (M_w/M_n)$  *vs.* monomer conversion (the dashed line represents theoretical molecular weight at a given conversion) for the SARA ATRP of AMPTMA using different lengths of Cu(0) wire. Conditions:  $[AMPTMA]_0/[ECP]_0/[CuCl_2]_0/[Me_6TREN]_0/Cu(0)$  wire = 100/1/0.3/0.6/Cu(0) wire  $[AMPTMA]_0 = 1.45$  M; Cu(0) wire: d = 1 mm; V<sub>solvent</sub> = 5 mL.



**Figure FS3.** 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the PAMPTMA<sub>24</sub>-*b*-POEOA<sub>39</sub>, in D<sub>2</sub>O, obtained by "onepot" SARA ATRP at room temperature. Reaction conditions: first block - $[AMPTMA]_0/[ECP]_0/[CuCl_2]_0/[Me_6TREN]_0/Cu(0)$  wire = 25/1/0.5/1.0; Cu(0) wire: *l* = 5 cm; *d* = 1 mm;  $[AMPTMA]_0 = 1.45$  M; conversion = 97 %; V<sub>solvent</sub> = 1.25 mL; T = 25 °C; second block -  $[OEOA_{480}]_0 =$ 0.4 M;  $[OEOA]_0/[ECP]_0 = 50$ ; conversion = 90 %.



**Figure FS4.** UV light ( $\lambda$  = 366 nm) irradiated NMR tube containing a solution of fluorescent coumarinfunctionalized PAMPTMA in CD3OD, obtained by a "click" reaction.