## **Supporting Information**

## Albumin-Mediated Incorporation of Water-Insoluble Therapeutics in Layer-by-Layer Assembled Thin Films and Microcapsules

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Fig. S1. Schematic representation of preparation of pyrene-BSA conjugates.



Fig. S2. Transmission Electron Microscopic (TEM) image of drop casted PyB.



Fig. S3. Transmission Electron Microscopic (TEM) image of drop casted CuB.



Fig. S4. Fluorescence spectra of (PyB/CH)<sub>10</sub>.



Fig. S5. SEM image of surface (left) and cross-section (right) of 20-bilayer film of CuB/CH.



**Fig. S6** UV-visible absorbance spectra of (PyB/CH)<sub>10</sub> (a) and (CuB /CH)<sub>10</sub> (b) film before and after loading of Doxorubicin. The inset shows the photographic image of the films after Dox loading, the red coloration confirms the loading of Dox.



**Fig. S7** (a) Release profile of Pyrene at different pH from (PyB/CH)<sub>10</sub> film post-loaded with Doxorubicin. (b) and (c) are cumulated amount of Doxorubicin and Pyrene, respectively, released in the media.



**Fig. S8.** UV-vis absorbance spectra of release media (PBS of pH 6.4 and pH 7.4) after release experiment has been conducted with Dox loaded (PyB/CH)<sub>10</sub> thin films.



**Fig. S9** (a) Release profile of Doxorubicin for (CuB/CH)<sub>10</sub> films post-loaded with Doxorubicin at pH 7.4 and pH 6.4. (b) Cumulated amount of Doxorubicin in the medium at pH 7.4 and pH 6.4.



Fig. S10. UV-vis absorbance spectra of release media (PBS of pH 6.4 and pH 7.4) after release

experiment has been conducted with Dox loaded (CuB/CH)<sub>10</sub> thin films.



Fig. S11. FESEM image of microcapsules of PSS/(CH/PyB)<sub>5</sub>/PDDAC.

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**Fig. S12.** FESEM image showing the surface morphology of (a) bare CaCO<sub>3</sub> microparticle (b) CaCO<sub>3</sub> microparticles coated with PSS(CH/PyB)<sub>5</sub>/PDDAC and (c) microcapsule of PSS/(CH/PyB)<sub>5</sub>/PDDAC formed after core dissolution.



**Fig. S13.** AFM image of microcapsule of PSS/(CH/PyB)<sub>5</sub>/PDDAC. Thickness of the shell of the microcapsule as determined from height profile is 158 nm.



Fig. S14: UV-visible and Fluorescence Emission Spectra of FITC-BSA.



Fig. S15: Confocal Laser Scanning micrograph of FITC-BSA encapsulated microcapsules of CH/PyB after loading with hydrophhilic dye, Rhodamine B. (a) CLSM image showing fluorescence from FITC (excited at 488 nm). (b) CLSM image showing fluorescence from Rhodamine B (excited at 543 nm). (c) Superposition of images (a) and (b).



Fig. S16: Structure of TDPP.