

## Supporting Information

### Zwitterionic Modification of Polyethyleneimine for Efficient in vitro siRNA Delivery

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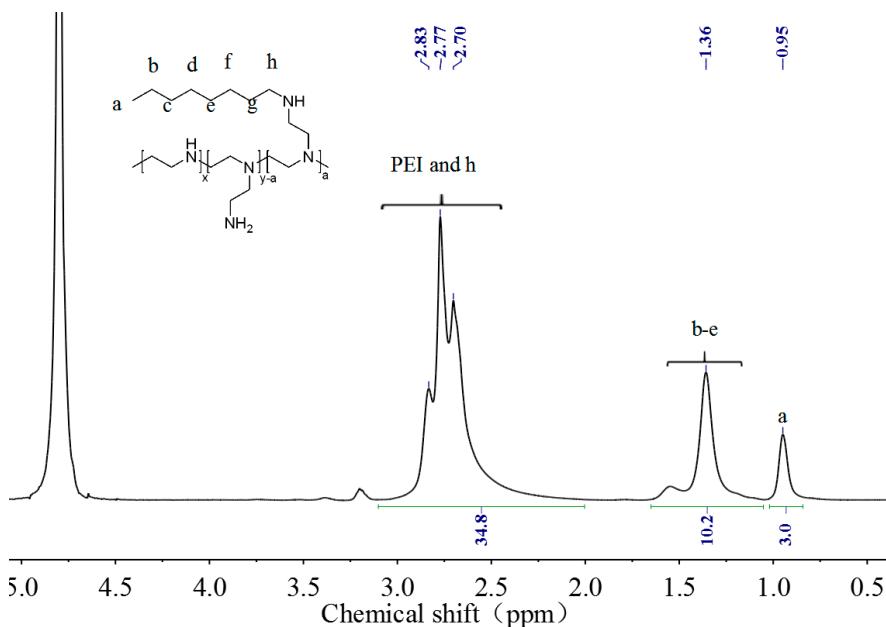
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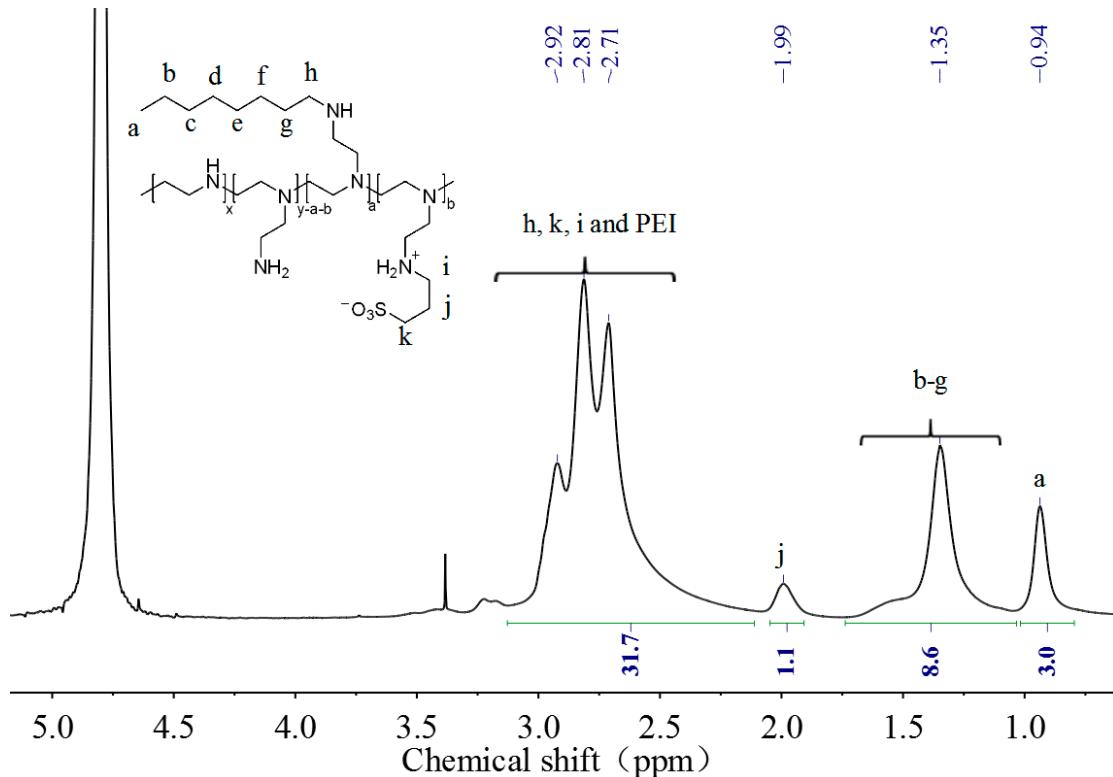
### 1. Supporting Data



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 25-40

Calculation of the modification ratio of n-octanal to PEI:

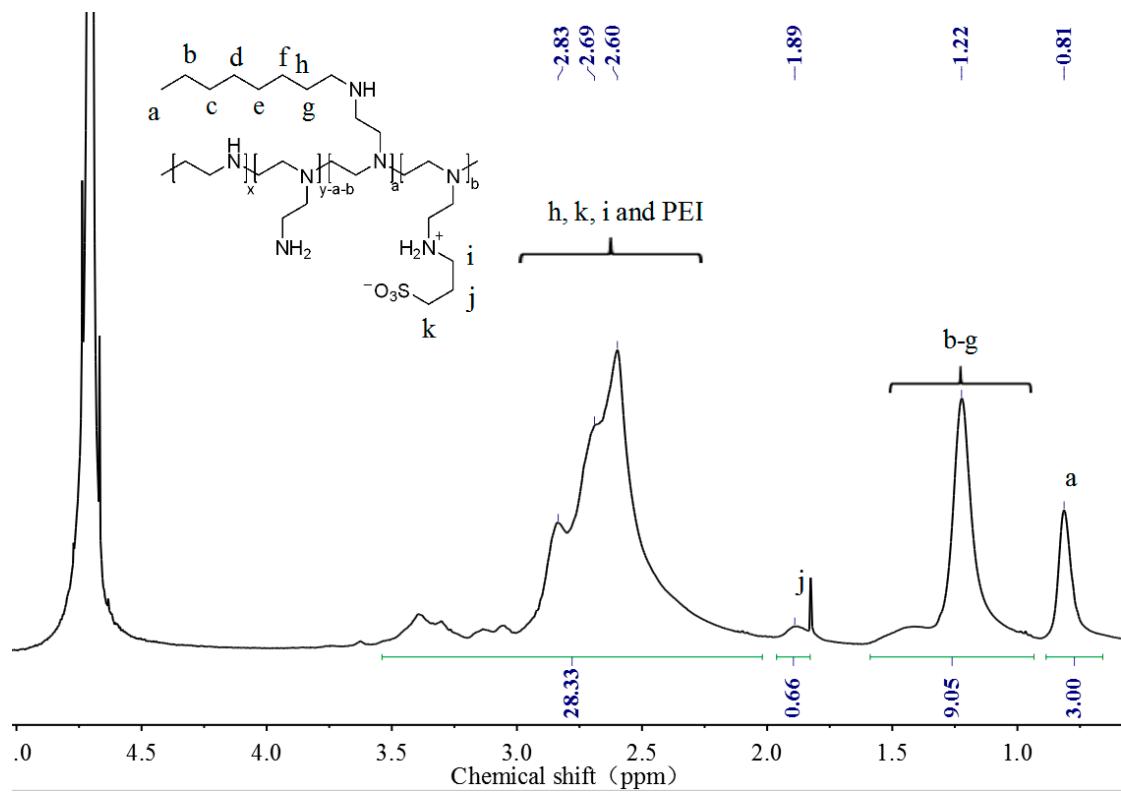
$$\text{graft ratio} = \frac{\text{amount of octane chains of H-PEI}}{\text{amount of primary amine groups of PEI}} = \frac{a/3}{\text{PEI}/4 * 25\%} = 46.0\%$$



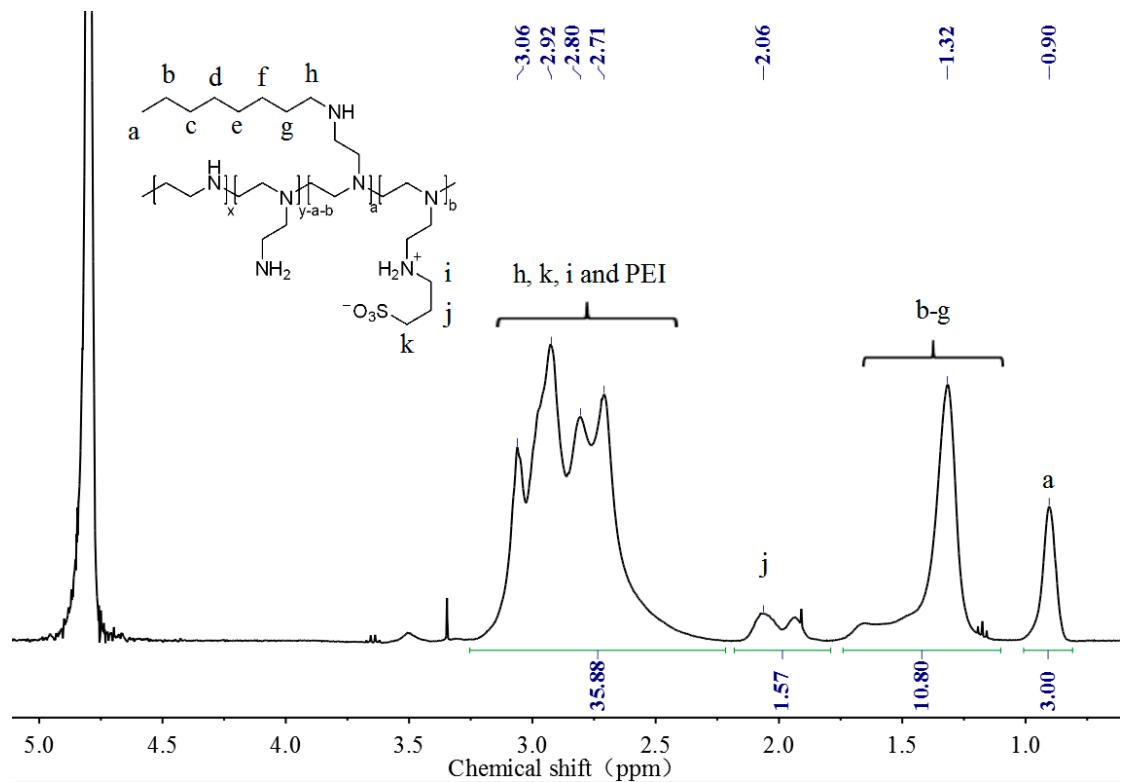
**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 25-40-S-20

Calculation of the modification ratio of 1,3 propane sultone to H-PEI:

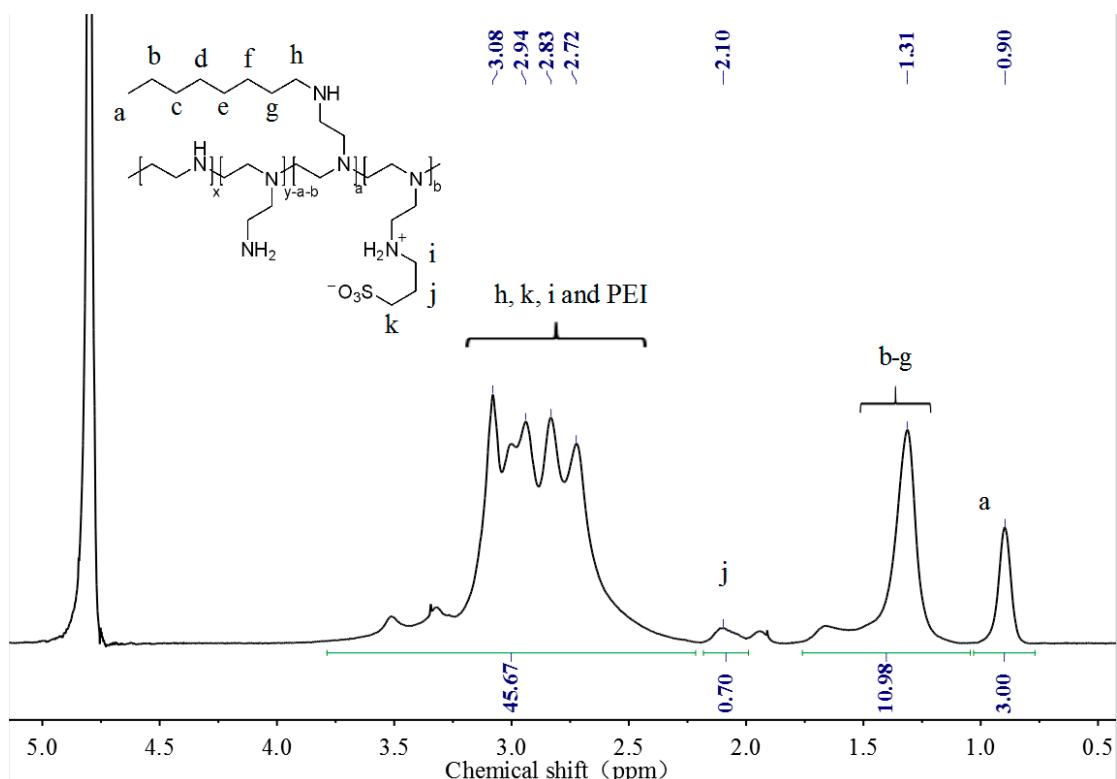
$$\text{graft ratio} = \frac{i/2}{a/3} * 40\% = 22\%$$



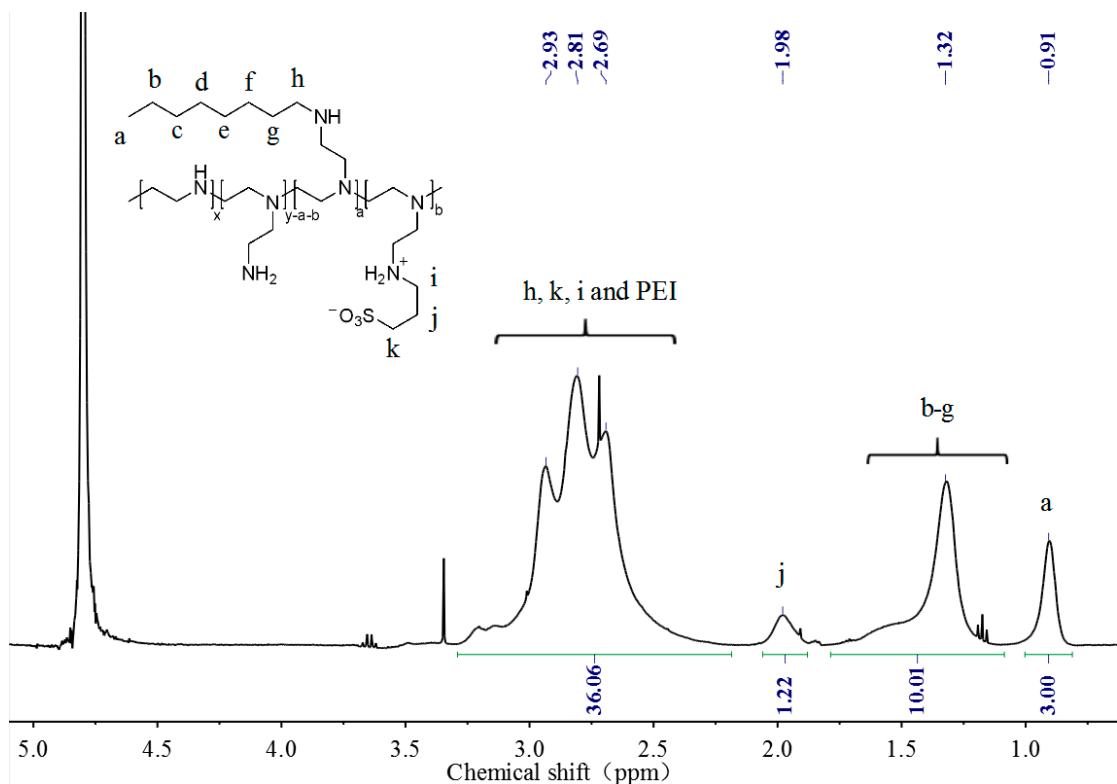
**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 25-40-S-10



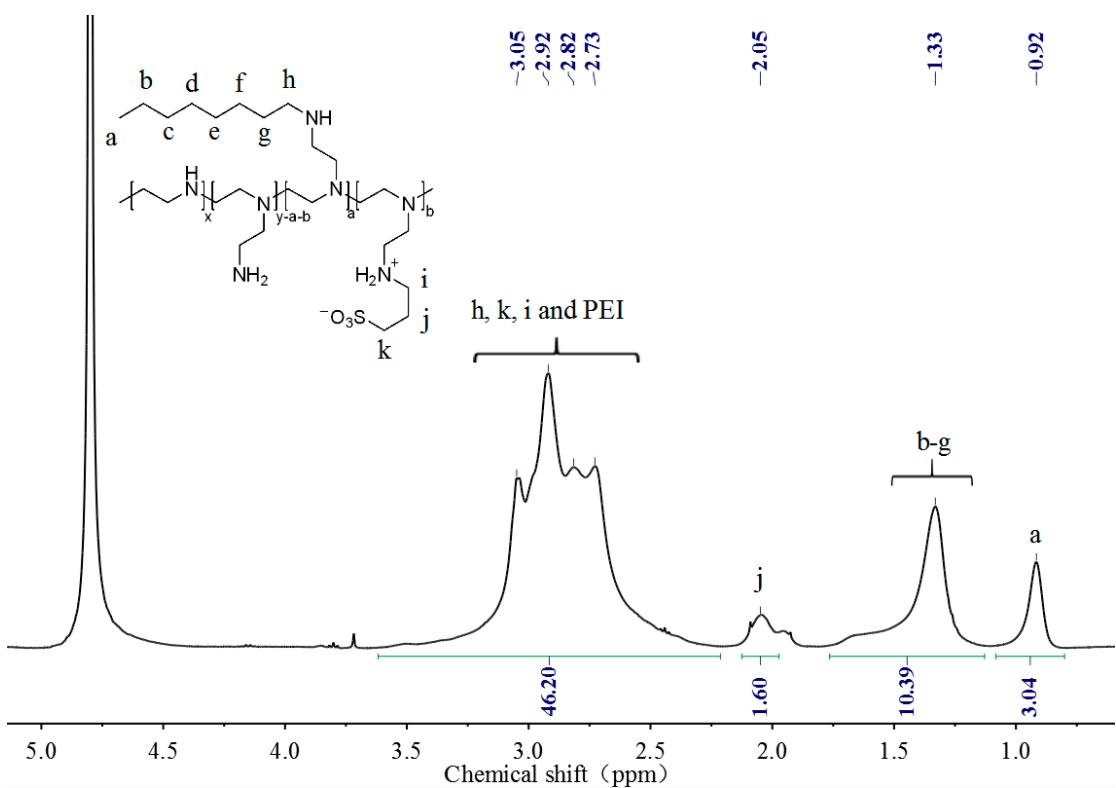
**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 25-40-S-30



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 10-40-S-10



**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 10-40-S-20



**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 10-40-S-30