## Synthesis of amphiphilic statistical copolymers bearing methoxyethyl and phosphorylcholine groups and their self-association behavior in water

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**Figure S1.** (a) Time-conversion and (b) the pseudo first-order kinetic plots for conventional free-radical polymerization of equimolar concentrations of MEA ( $\bullet$ ) and MPC ( $\blacksquare$ ) in methanol at 40°C. [M]<sub>0</sub> and [M] were monomer concentrations at polymerization times of 0 and *t* min, respectively.



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $P(MEA/MPC_m)$  with various feed mol% of the hydrophilic MPC units in methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub> at room temperature.

Monomer in feed (mol%)		Monomer ratio in feed	Integral intensities of monomers in the copolymers		Content ratios of monomers in the copolymer	Parameters of Fineman–Ross equation	
MEA	MPC	F = [Mmea]0/[Mmpc]0	MEA ( <i>I</i> 1) <i><sup>a</sup></i>	MPC ( <i>I</i> <sub>2</sub> ) <sup><i>b</i></sup>	$f = m_{\text{MEA}}/m_{\text{MPC}}$ $= I_1/I_2$	$F^2/f$	F(f-1)/f
90	10	9.00	398.7	87.1	4.58	17.69	7.03
80	20	4.00	268.8	124.8	2.15	7.43	2.14
70	30	2.33	174.2	168.8	1.03	5.28	0.07
60	40	1.50	170.5	200.5	0.85	2.65	-0.26
50	50	1.00	99.3	219.2	0.45	2.21	-1.21
30	70	0.43	43.1	215.3	0.20	0.92	-1.71
10	90	0.11	9.89	214.8	0.05	0.27	-2.30

Table S1. The Fineman–Ross parameters of the copolymers, as determined via <sup>1</sup>H NMR in

methanol- $d_4$  at room temperature

<sup>a</sup> The integral intensities of the pendant methylene protons in the MEA units at 3.62 ppm. <sup>b</sup>

The integral intensities of the pendant methylene protons in the MPC units at 3.72 ppm.

**Table S2.** Composition of the copolymers, as estimated via  ${}^{1}$ H NMR in methanol- $d_4$  at roomtemperature

Monomer in		m in food a	Integral inter	<i>m</i> in the	
feed (mol)		$m \ln 100$	copoly	copolymer <sup>d</sup>	
MEA	MPC	(1110170)	$\mathrm{MEA}\left(I_{1}\right){}^{b}$	MPC ( <i>I</i> <sub>2</sub> ) <sup><i>c</i></sup>	(mol%)
1.901	0.099	4.96	9.37	0.55	$5.54 \approx 6$
1.836	0.201	9.88	4.06	0.53	$11.55 \approx 12$
1.201	0.800	39.97	1.75	1.49	$45.99 \approx 46$

<sup>*a*</sup> *m* in feed =  $[M_{MPC}]_0/([M_{MEA}]_0+[M_{MPC}]_0) \times 100$ . <sup>*b*</sup> The integral intensities of the pendant methylene protons in the MEA units at 3.62 ppm. <sup>*c*</sup> The integral intensities of the pendant methylene protons in the MPC units at 3.72 ppm. <sup>*d*</sup> *m* in the copolymer =  $I_2/(I_1+I_2) \times 100$ .



Figure S3. Photographs of (a) PMEA, (b) P(MEA/MPC<sub>6</sub>), (c) P(MEA/MPC<sub>12</sub>), and (d)

P(MEA/MPC<sub>46</sub>) solutions after dialysis using pure water.



**Figure S4.** SEC elution curves for (a) PMEA, (b) P(MEA/MPC<sub>6</sub>), (c) P(MEA/MPC<sub>12</sub>), and (d) P(MEA/MPC<sub>46</sub>) using methanol containing 0.1 M lithium perchlorate as the eluent at 40°C.



**Figure S5.** Hydrodynamic radius ( $R_h$ ) distributions for (a) P(MEA/MPC<sub>6</sub>), (b) P(MEA/MPC<sub>12</sub>), and (c) P(MEA/MPC<sub>46</sub>) in methanol at  $C_p = 10$  g/L at 25°C.



**Figure S6.** Zimm plots of (a) P(MEA/MPC<sub>6</sub>), (b) P(MEA/MPC<sub>12</sub>), and (c) P(MEA/MPC<sub>46</sub>) in methanol at 25°C.



Figure S7. Hydrodynamic radius ( $R_h$ ) of P(MEA/MPC<sub>6</sub>) as a function of the polymer concentration ( $C_p$ ) in water.



**Figure S8.** Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images for P(MEA/MPC<sub>6</sub>) at  $C_p = 1.0$  g/L in water with different magnifications.



Figure S9. Fluorescence spectra of pyrene excited at 334 nm in water in the presence of  $P(MEA/MPC_6)$  at  $C_p = 0.08$  (solid line) and 0.0012 g/L (dashed line).