

Supplementary information

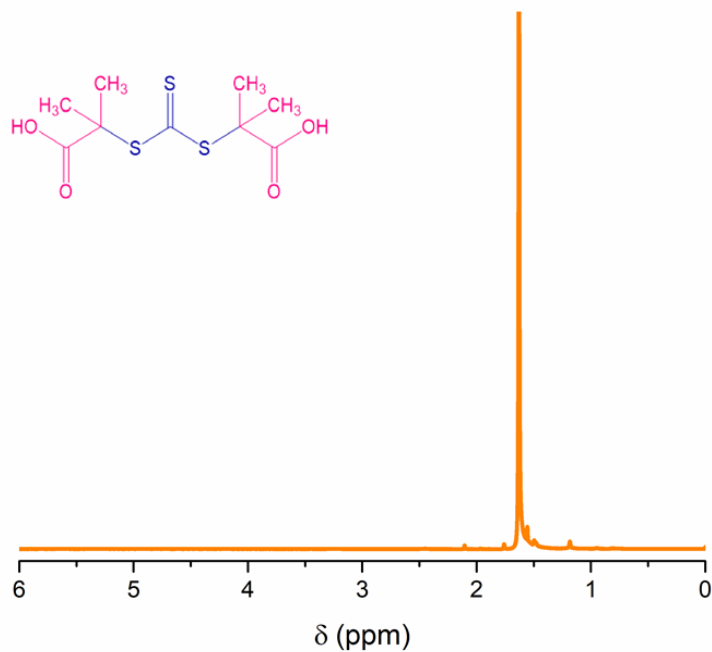


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the symmetric transfer agent 2,2'-(thiocarbonylbis(sulfanediyl))bis(2-methylpropanoic acid).

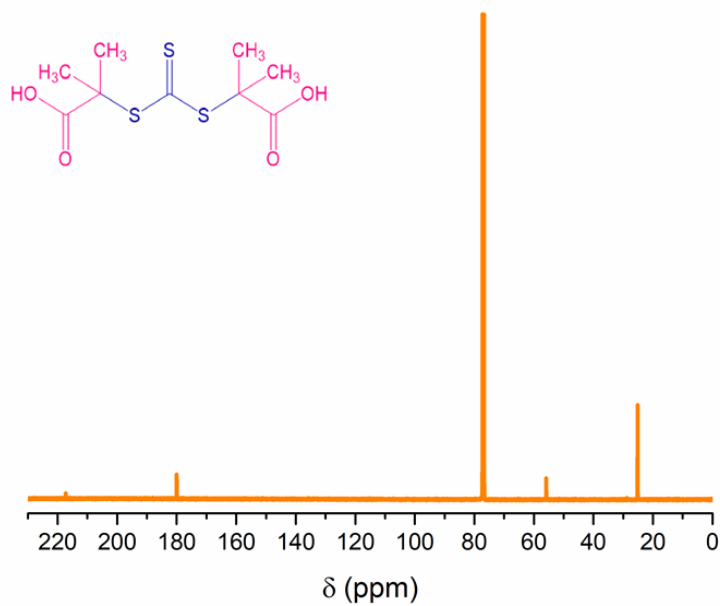


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the symmetric transfer agent 2,2'-(thiocarbonylbis(sulfanediyl))bis(2-methylpropanoic acid).

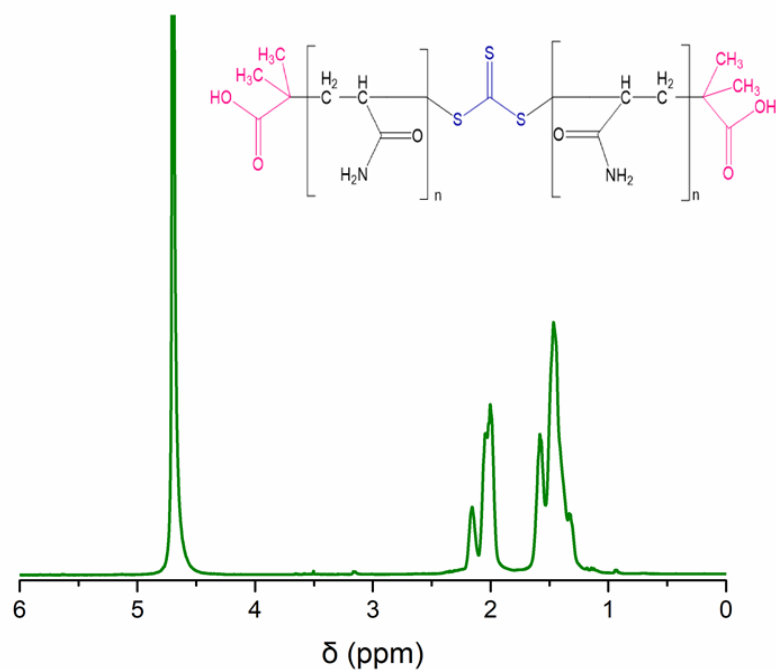


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the polyacrylamide block (PAM).

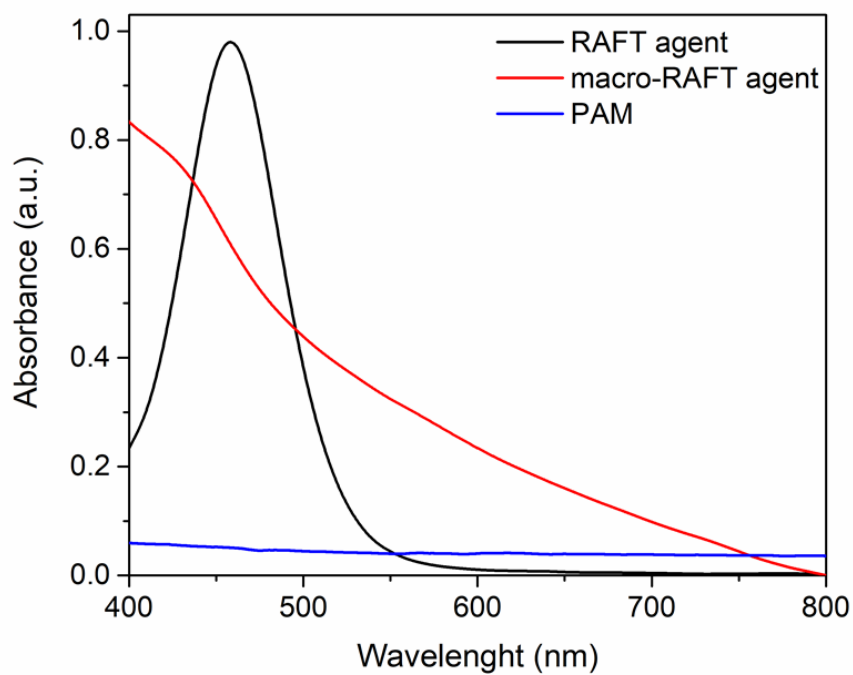


Figure S4. Comparison of UV-Vis spectra of symmetric transfer agent 2,2'-(thiocarbonylbis(sulfanediyl))bis(2-methylpropanoic acid), the macro-RAFT agent (the PAM block) and polyacrylamide (PAM) synthesized by inverse emulsion polymerization.

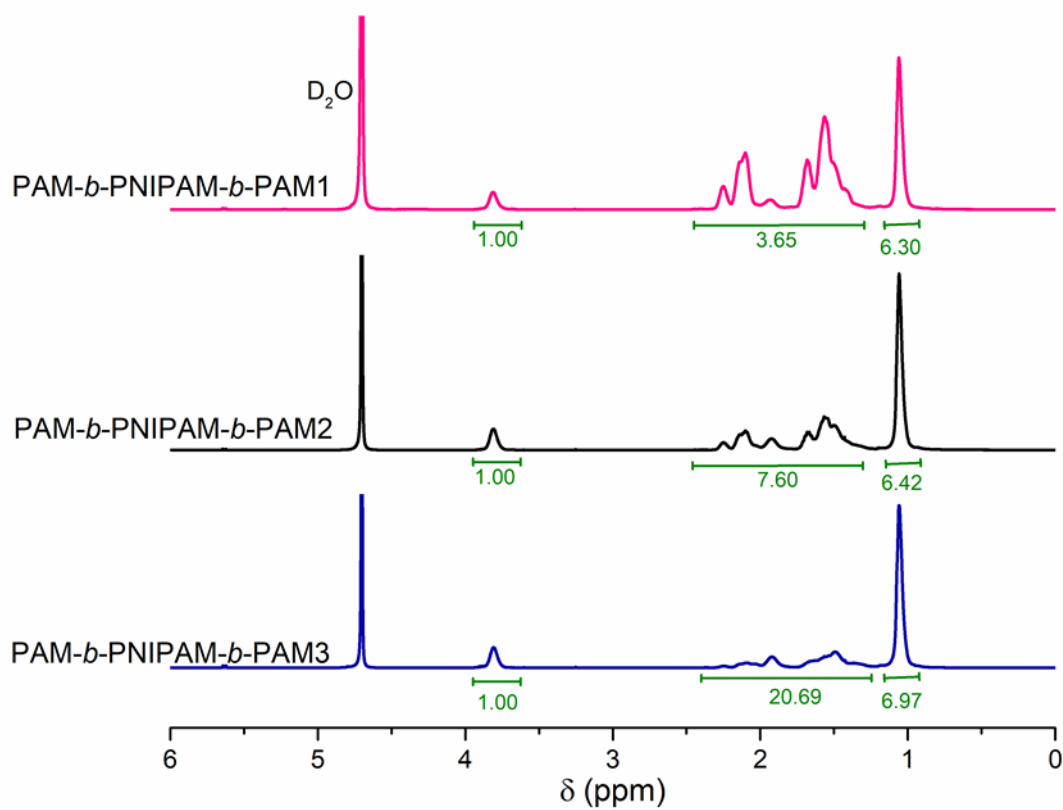


Figure S5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum, with the signal integration of PAM-*b*-PNIPAM-*b*-PAM1, PAM-*b*-PNIPAM-*b*-PAM2 and PAM-*b*-PNIPAM-*b*-PAM3.