

# Supplementary Materials: Facile Functionalization of Electrospun Poly(ethylene-co-vinyl alcohol) Nanofibers via the Benzoxaborole-Diol Interaction

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## 1. Preparation of P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>91.0</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>9.0</sub>)

MEO<sub>2</sub>MA (900 mg, 4.78 mmol), MAAmBO (116 mg, 0.53 mmol), 4-cyanopentanoic acid dithiobenzoate (CTP) (7.42 mg,  $2.66 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) and 4,4'-azobis-4-cyanovaleric acid (ACVA) (2.98 mg,  $1.06 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) ( $[MEO_2MA]_0/[MAAmBO]_0/[CTP]_0/[ACVA]_0 = 180/20/1/0.4$ ) were dissolved in 4 mL of methanol. After degassing with nitrogen gas for 30 min, the mixture was allowed to polymerize for 24 h at 60 °C. The resulting P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA-co-MAAmBO) was purified by dialysis against ethanol and acetone and was dried under reduced pressure.

## 2. Preparation of P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>86.7</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>4.8</sub>-co-Ac<sub>8.5</sub>)

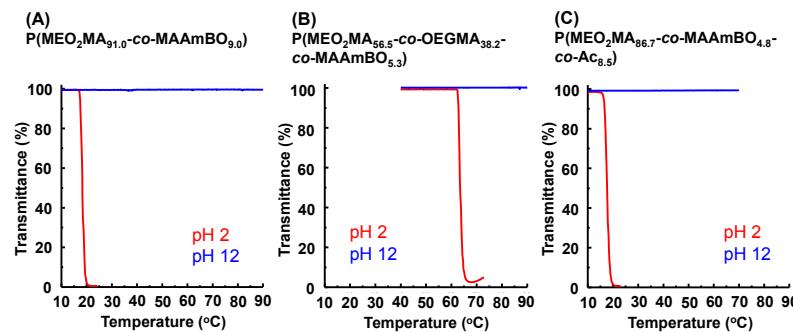
MEO<sub>2</sub>MA (850 mg, 4.52 mmol), MAAmBO (116 mg, 0.53 mmol), Ac (19 mg, 0.27 mmol), 4-cyanopentanoic acid dithiobenzoate (CTP) (7.42 mg,  $2.66 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) and 4,4'-azobis-4-cyanovaleric acid (ACVA) (2.98 mg,  $1.06 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) ( $[MEO_2MA]_0/[MAAmBO]_0/[Ac]_0/[CTP]_0/[ACVA]_0 = 170/20/10/1/0.4$ ) were dissolved in 4 mL of methanol. After degassing with nitrogen gas for 30 min, the mixture was allowed to polymerize for 24 h at 60 °C. The P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>86.7</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>4.8</sub>-co-Ac<sub>8.5</sub>) was purified by the same protocol as shown above.

## 3. Preparation of P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>93.9</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>5.2</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>0.9</sub>)

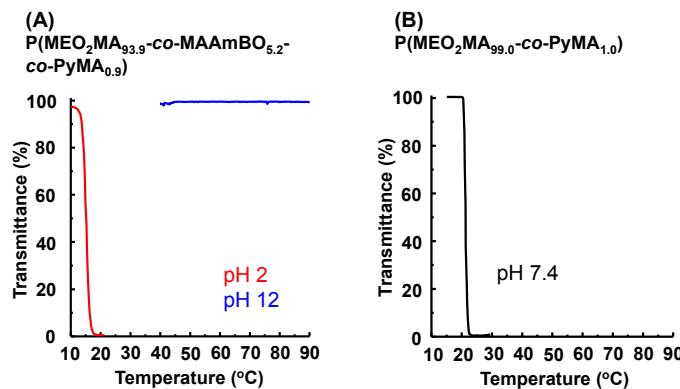
MEO<sub>2</sub>MA (900 mg, 4.78 mmol), MAAmBO (116 mg, 0.53 mmol), PyMA (16 mg,  $5.31 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol), 4-cyanopentanoic acid dithiobenzoate (CTP) (7.42 mg,  $2.66 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) and 4,4'-azobis-4-cyanovaleric acid (ACVA) (2.98 mg,  $1.06 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) ( $[MEO_2MA]_0/[MAAmBO]_0/[PyMA]_0/[CTP]_0/[ACVA]_0 = 178/20/2/1/0.4$ ) were dissolved in 4 mL of methanol. After degassing with nitrogen gas for 30 min, the mixture was allowed to polymerize for 24 h at 60 °C. The P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>93.9</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>5.2</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>0.9</sub>) was purified by the same protocol as shown above.

## 4. Preparation of P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>99.0</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>1.0</sub>)

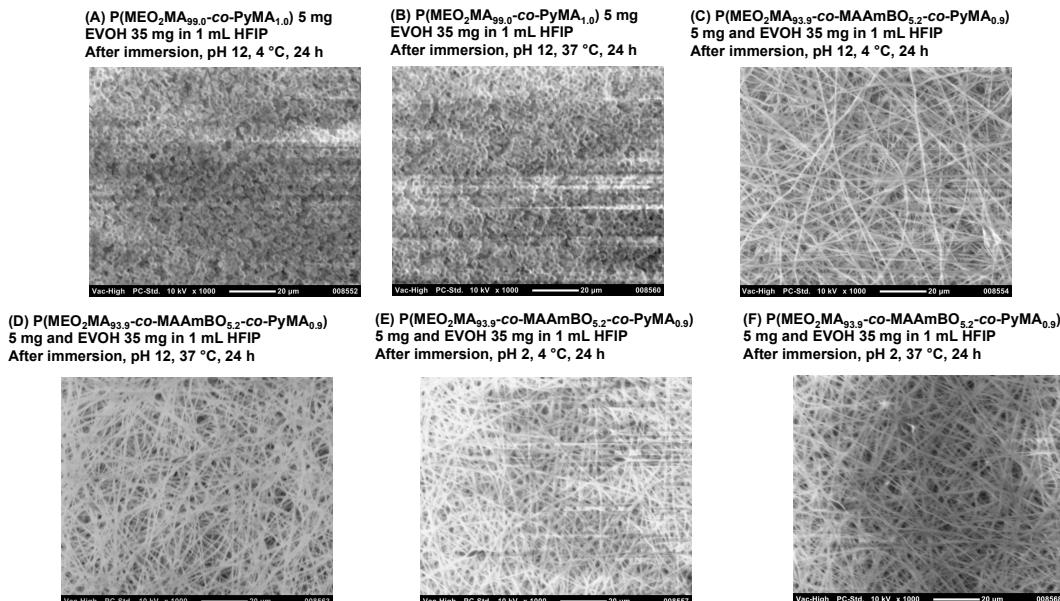
MEO<sub>2</sub>MA (990 mg, 5.26 mmol), PyMA (16 mg,  $5.31 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol), 4-cyanopentanoic acid dithiobenzoate (CTP) (7.42 mg,  $2.66 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) and 4,4'-azobis-4-cyanovaleric acid (ACVA) (2.98 mg,  $1.06 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) ( $[MEO_2MA]_0/[PyMA]_0/[CTP]_0/[ACVA]_0 = 198/2/1/0.4$ ) were dissolved in 4 mL of methanol. After degassing with nitrogen gas for 30 min, the mixture was allowed to polymerize for 24 h at 60 °C. The P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>99.0</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>1.0</sub>) was purified by the same protocol as shown above.



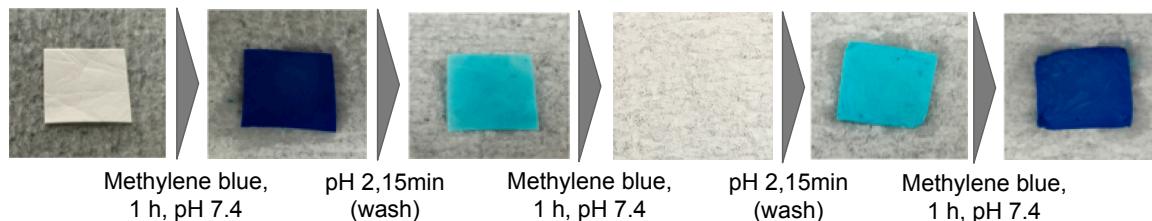
**Figure S1.** Transmittance changes of 0.1 wt % (A) P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>91.0</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>9.0</sub>), (B) P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>56.5</sub>-co-OEGMA<sub>38.2</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>5.3</sub>) and (C) P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>86.7</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>4.8</sub>-co-Ac<sub>8.5</sub>) at pH 2 (red line) and 12 (blue line) as a function of temperature.



**Figure S2.** (A) Transmittance changes of 0.1 wt % P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>93.9</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>5.2</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>0.9</sub>) at pH 2 (red line) and 12 (blue line) as a function of temperature. (B) Transmittance changes of 0.1 wt % P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>99.0</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>1.0</sub>) at pH 7.4 PBS as a function of temperature.



**Figure S3.** SEM images of electro-spinning samples after immersion for 24 h at various conditions: (A) P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>99.0</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>1.0</sub>)/EVOH, pH 12, 4 °C; (B) P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>99.0</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>1.0</sub>)/EVOH, pH 12, 37 °C; (C) P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>93.9</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>5.2</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>0.9</sub>)/EVOH, pH 12, 4 °C; (D) P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>93.9</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>5.2</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>0.9</sub>)/EVOH, pH 12, 37 °C; (E) P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>93.9</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>5.2</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>0.9</sub>)/EVOH, pH 2, 4 °C; and (F) P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA<sub>93.9</sub>-co-MAAmBO<sub>5.2</sub>-co-PyMA<sub>0.9</sub>)/EVOH, pH 2, 37 °C.



**Figure S4.** Reusability test of EVOH/P(MEO2MA86.7-*co*-MAAmBO4.8-*co*-Ac8.5) nanofiber on pH-responsive adsorption/desorption of methylene blue dye.



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