

Supporting information

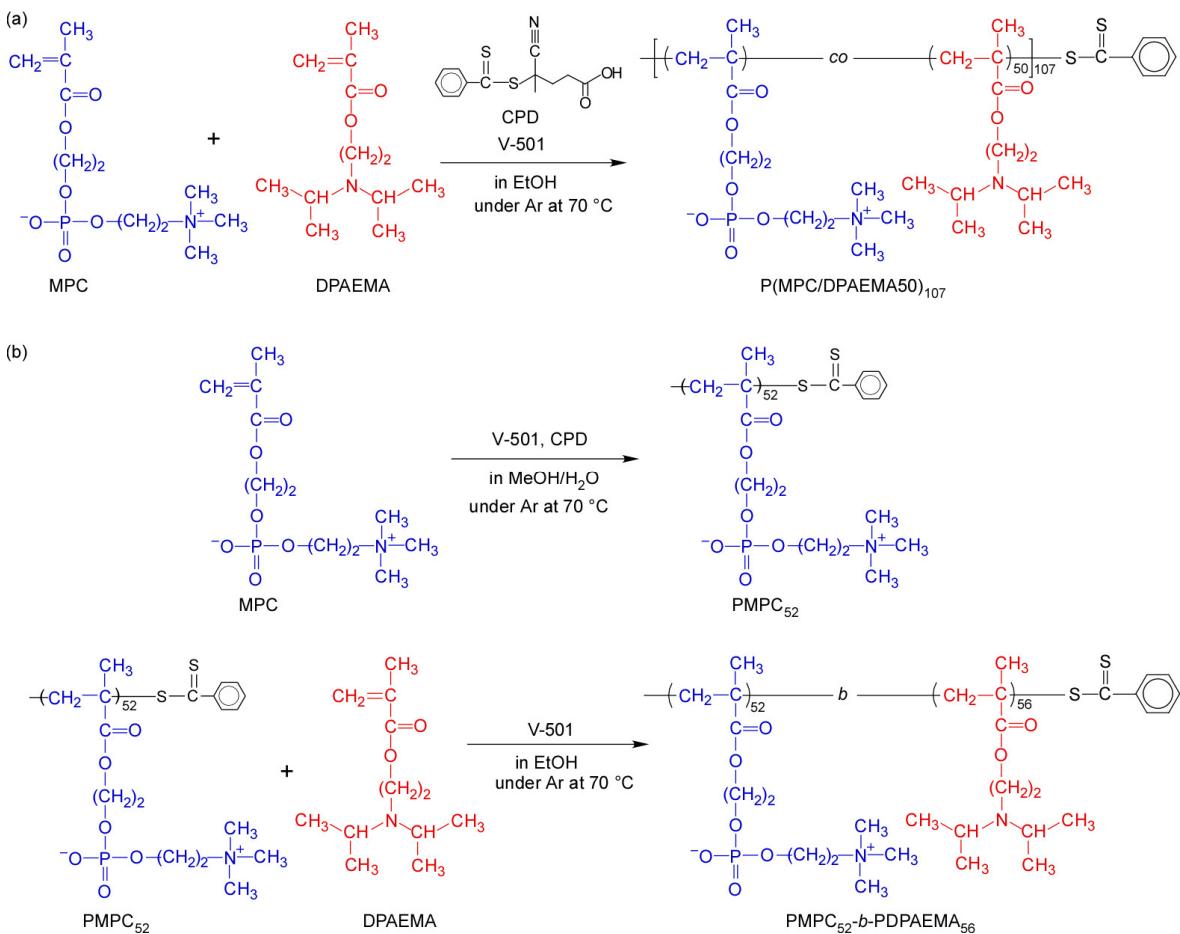
Separated Micelles Formation of pH-Responsive Random and Block Copolymers Containing Phosphorylcholine Groups

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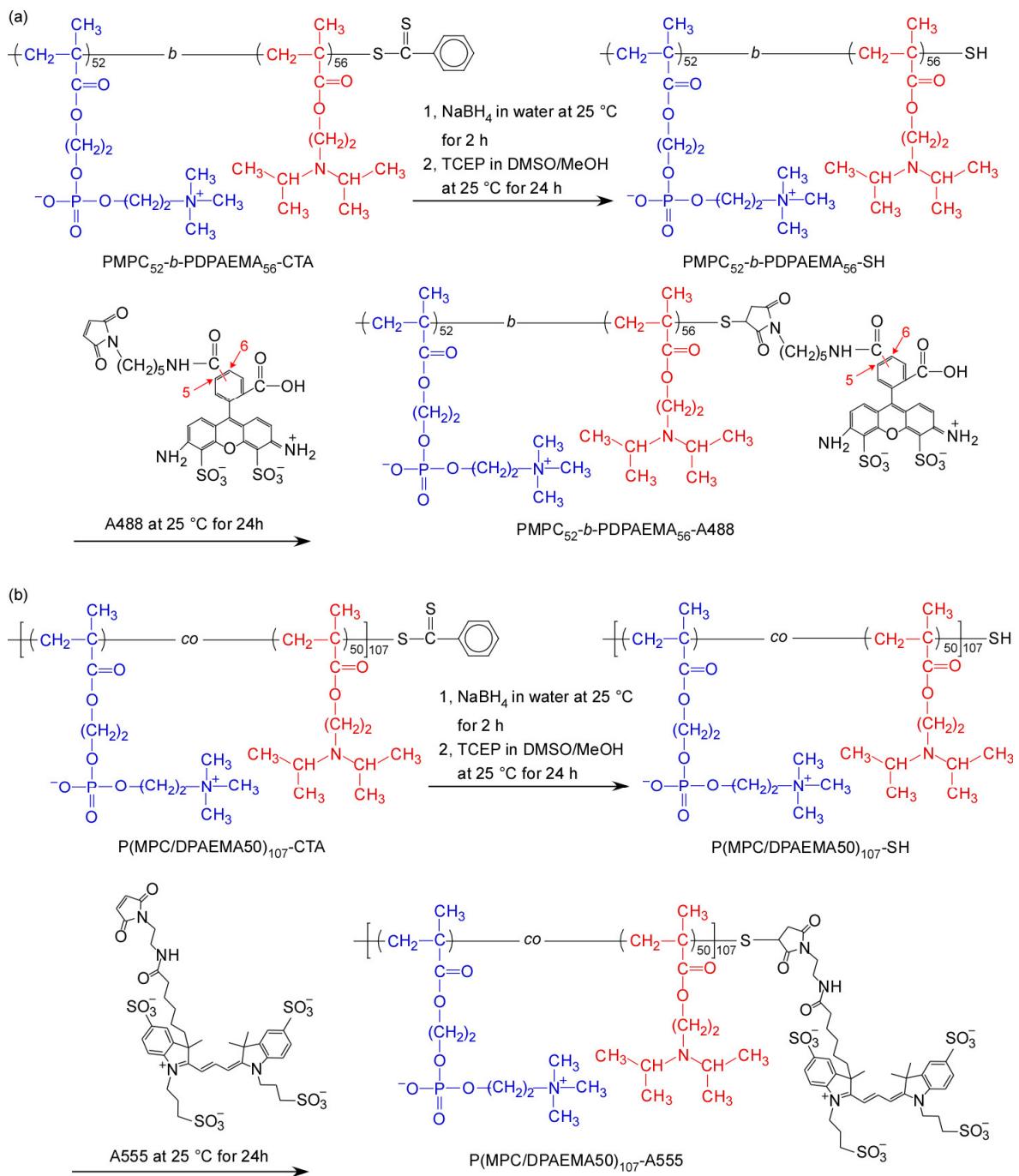
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Scheme S1. Synthesis of (a) random copolymer $P(MPC/DPAEMA50)_{107}$ and (b) block copolymer $PMPC_{52}-b-PDPAEMA_{56}$.



Scheme S2. Elimination of the RAFT end groups and labeling of (a) $\text{PMPC}_{52}\text{-}b\text{-PDPAEMA}_{56}$ with Alexa Fluor 488 C₅ maleimide (A488) and (b) $\text{P}(\text{MPC/DPAEMA50})_{107}$ with Alexa Fluor 555 C₂ maleimide (A555).

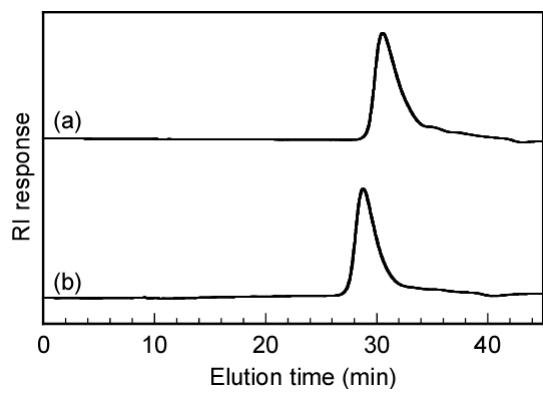


Figure S1. Gel-permition chromatography (GPC) elution curves of (a) P(MPC/DPAEMA50)₁₀₇ and (b) PMPC₅₂-*b*-PDPAEMA₅₆ using a 0.3 M Na₂SO₄ aqueous solution containing 0.5 M acetic acid as an eluent at 40°C.

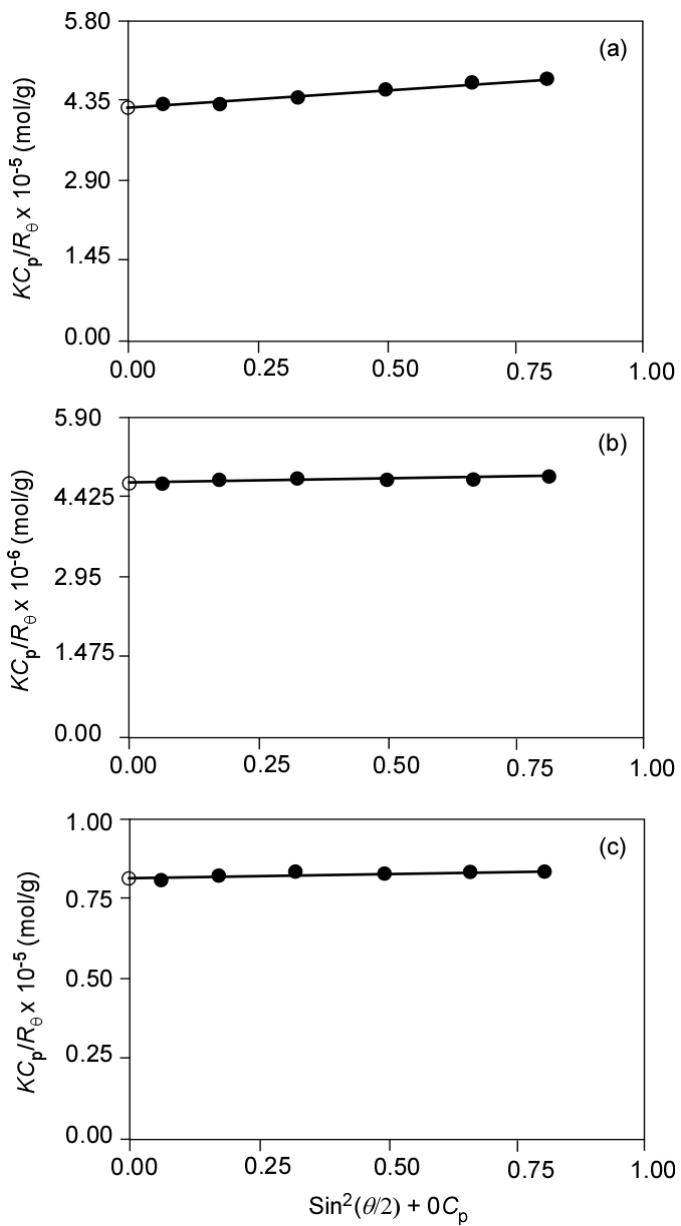


Figure S2. Zimm plots for (a) P(MPC/DPAEMA50)₁₀₇ and (b) PMPC₅₂-*b*-PDPAEMA₅₆ at a polymer concentration (C_p) of 2.0 g/L at pH 10 and (c) an equimolar mixture of the random and block copolymers at a C_p of 5.0 g/L at pH 10 in 0.1 M NaCl at 25°C.

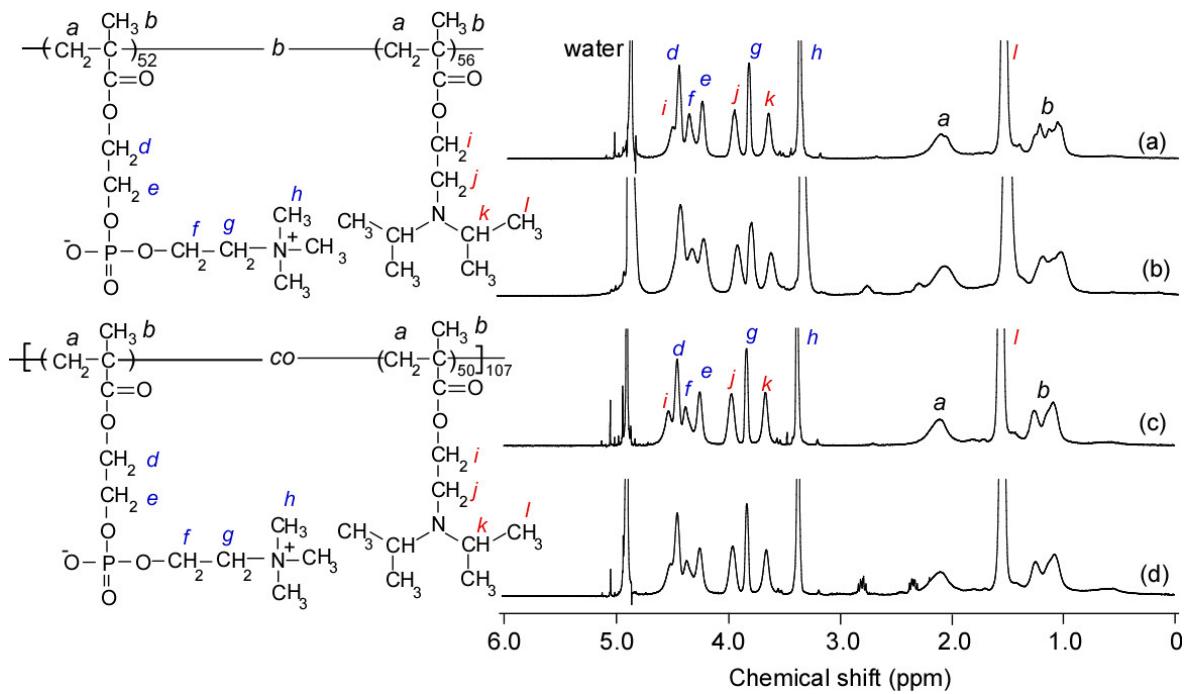


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectra of $\text{PMPC}_{52}\text{-}b\text{-PDPAEMA}_{56}$ (a) before and (b) after labeling with Alexa Fluor 488 C₅ maleimide and $\text{P}(\text{MPC/DPAEMA50})_{107}$ (c) before and (d) after labeling with Alexa Fluor 555 C₂ maleimide in D_2O at pH 3 and 25°C.

Table S1. Characterization of $\text{P}(\text{MPC/DPAEMA50})_{107}$ and $\text{PMPC}_{52}\text{-}b\text{-PDPAEMA}_{56}$ Before and After Fluorescence-labeling

| | $\text{P}(\text{MPC/DPAEMA50})_{107}$ | | $\text{PMPC}_{52}\text{-}b\text{-PDPAEMA}_{56}$ | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| | Before labeling | After labeling by A555 | Before labeling | After labeling by A488 |
| $M_n \times 10^{-4}$ (g/mol) | 1.02 | 1.19 | 1.49 | 1.62 |
| M_w/M_n | 1.03 | 1.44 | 1.14 | 1.36 |

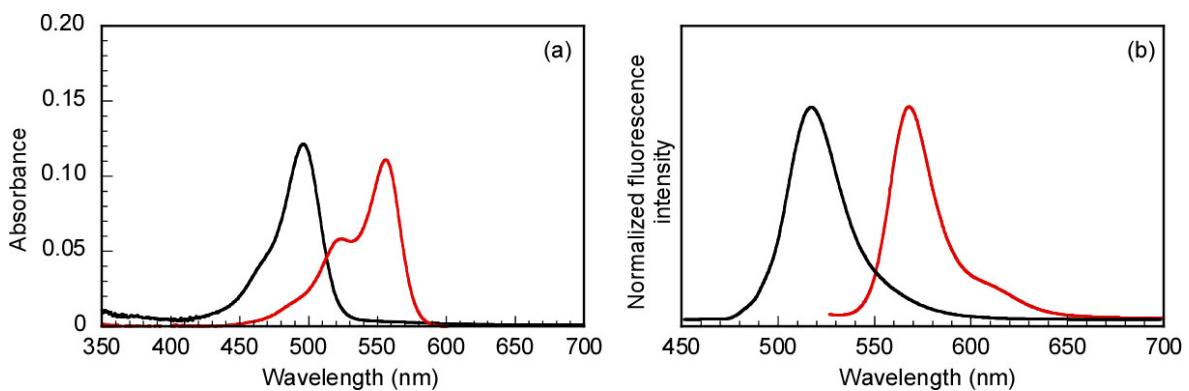


Figure S4. (a) UV–vis absorption and (b) fluorescence spectra of A555-labeled $\text{P}(\text{MPC}/\text{DPAEMA50})_{107}$ ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 520 \text{ nm}$) (—) and A488-labeled $\text{PMPC}_{52}-b-\text{PDPAEMA}_{56}$ ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 493 \text{ nm}$) (—) in pure water at 25°C . A488 = Alexa Fluor 488 C₅ maleimide; A555 = Alexa Fluor 555 C₂ maleimide.

Table S2. Fluorescence Intensities of Donor and Acceptor

| Sample | Fluorescence intensity | | | | E^c | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|--------|
| | I_D^a | | I_A^b | | pH 2 | pH 11 |
| | pH 2 | pH 11 | pH 2 | pH 11 | | |
| Mixture of donor and acceptor | 82.6 | 106.2 | 8.63 | 2.87 | 0.0768 | 0.0389 |
| Donor only | 89.5 | 110.5 | - | - | - | - |
| Acceptor only | - | - | 7.16 | 2.29 | - | - |

^aFluorescence intensity of the donor (A488 at 516 nm). $I_D = 0$ in the solution of the acceptor only.

^bFluorescence intensity of the acceptor (A555 at 565 nm). $I_A = 0$ in the solution of the donor only.

^cFRET efficiency calculated using the expression $1 - I_{\text{DA}}/I_D$, where I_D and I_{DA} are the fluorescence intensities of the donor in the absence and presence of the acceptor at 516 nm.

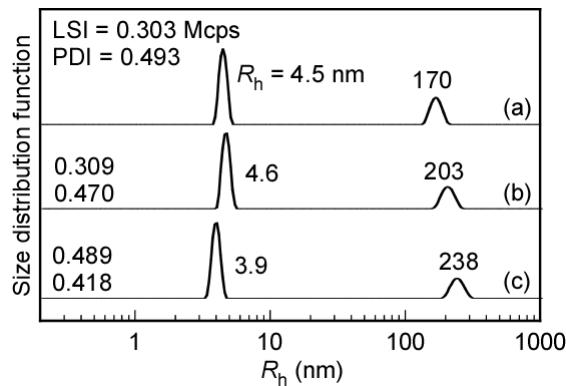


Figure S5. Hydrodynamic radius (R_h) distributions of (a) $\text{P}(\text{MPC/DPAEMA50})_{107}$, (b) $\text{PMPC}_{52}\text{-}b\text{-PDPAEMA}_{56}$, and (c) an equimolar mixture of the random and block copolymers in acidified dimethylsulfoxide at 25°C.

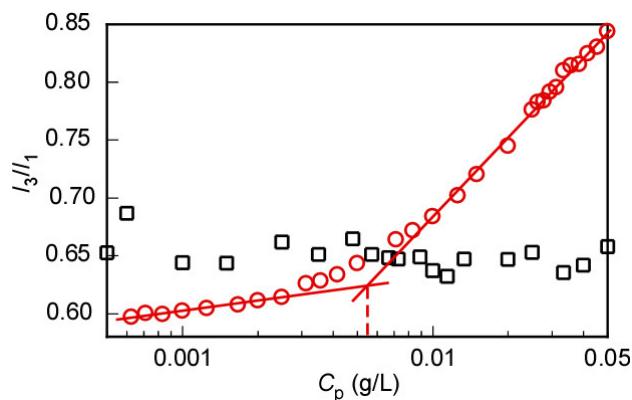


Figure S6. Fluorescence peak intensity ratio (I_3/I_1) of pyrene in the presence of $(\text{MPC/DPAEMA50})_{107}$ (□) and $\text{PMPC}_{52}\text{-}b\text{-PDPAEMA}_{56}$ (○) in 0.1 M NaCl plotted against the polymer concentration (C_p). I_3 and I_1 are the fluorescence intensities of the third and the first vibronic peaks, respectively, in the pyrene emission spectra recorded at the excitation wavelength of 334 nm.