

**Supporting Information**

# Synthesis of Biocompatible PEG-based Star Polymers with Cationic and Degradable Core for siRNA Delivery

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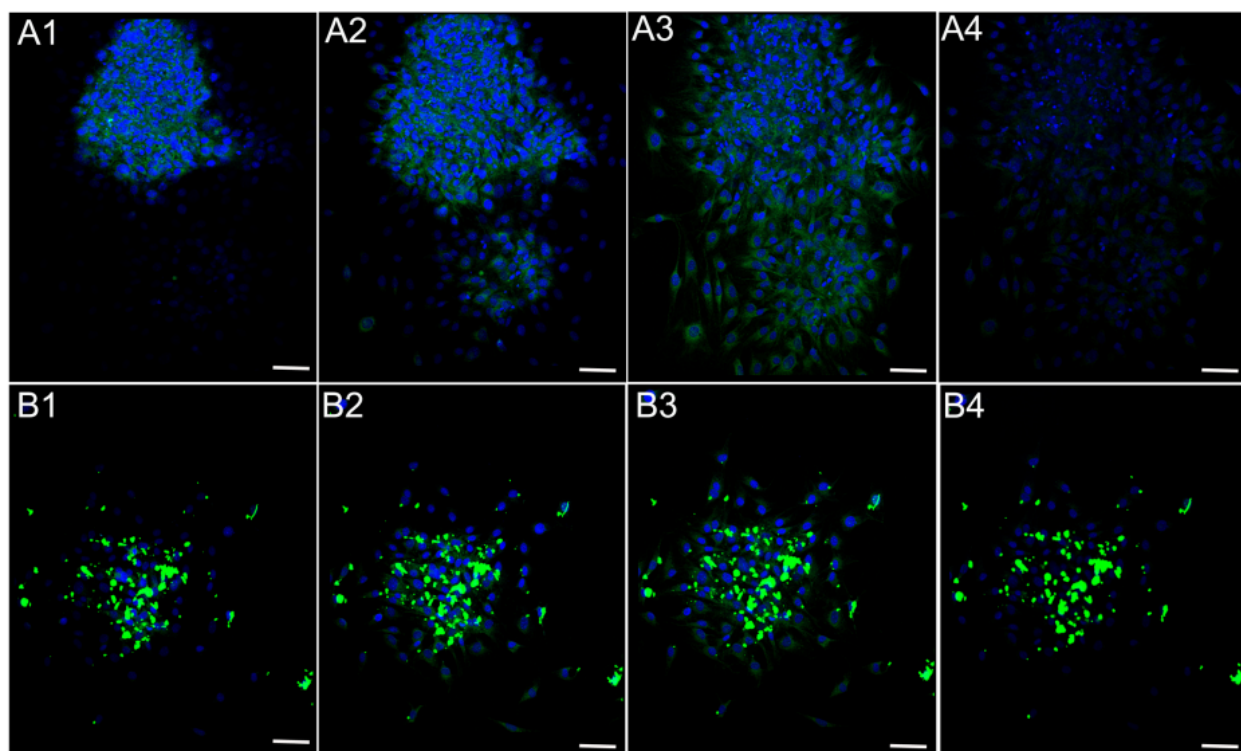
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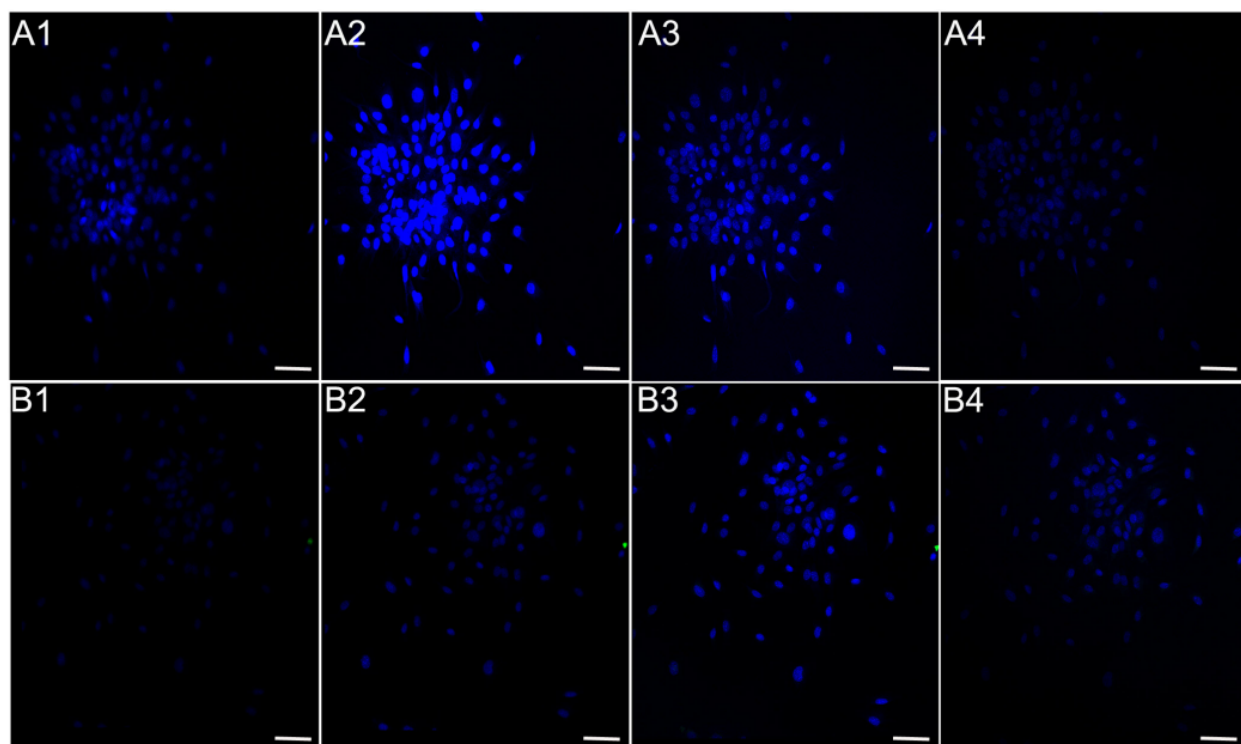
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**Figure S1.** Confocal microscopy z-stack images of cell internalization of siRNA-FITC complexed with QN-SS (A1-4) and N-TER (B1-4) after 24 h incubation with MC3T3-E1.4 cells. Pancytoplasmic cellular internalization was observed for both QN-SS and N-TER but N-TER showed large particle aggregation. Multiple views were randomly selected and the scale bar represents 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Figure S2.** Confocal microscopy z-stack images of MC3T3-E1.4 cells only (A1-4) and MC3T3-E1.4 cells incubated with naked siRNA-FITC (B1-4) after 24 h. z-stack analysis revealed poor or no cellular internalization of naked siRNA. Multiple views were randomly selected and the scale bar represents 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .