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Chitosan Nanogels by Template Chemical Cross-Linking in Polyion Complex Micelle Nanoreactors

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Table S1. D_h of PIC micelles prepared in 0.1 M acetate buffer pH 4.3. $C_{\text{PIC}} = 1 \text{ mg/mL}$, $f_+ = 0.5$.

Samples	$D_h \text{ (nm)}^{\text{a}}$		
	C_{26}	C_{44}	C_{130}
A ₂₀	69±4	62±4	86±7
A ₄₀	56±5	47±3	91±6

^a The error was calculated as standard deviation (SD) ($n = 3$).

Table S2. D_h of PIC micelles prepared in acetate buffer pH 4.3 at different buffer concentration (C_B). $C_{\text{PIC}} = 1 \text{ mg/mL}$, $f_+ = 0.5$.

Sample	$D_h \text{ (nm)}^{\text{a}}$			
	$C_B = 0.01\text{M}$	$C_B = 0.05\text{M}$	$C_B = 0.1\text{M}$	$C_B = 0.2\text{M}$
A ₂₀ C ₂₆	57±4	65±3	69±4	72±5
A ₄₀ C ₂₆	48±4	52±5	56±5	59±4
A ₂₀ C ₄₄	52±3	57±4	62±4	67±4
A ₄₀ C ₄₄	44±3	45±4	47±3	50±4

^a The error was calculated as standard deviation (SD) ($n = 3$).

Table S3. D_h of PIC micelles prepared in 0.1 M acetate buffer pH 4.3 at different mixing ratio.

$C_{\text{PIC}} = 1 \text{ mg/mL}$.

Sample	$D_h \text{ (nm)}^{\text{a}}$		
	$f_+ = 0.37$	$f_+ = 0.45$	$f_+ = 0.50$
A ₂₀ C ₂₆	75±3	71±4	69±4
A ₄₀ C ₂₆	68±4	59±4	56±5
A ₂₀ C ₄₄	72±5	66±3	62±4
A ₄₀ C ₄₄	60±4	57±4	47±3

^a The error was calculated as standard deviation (SD) ($n = 3$).

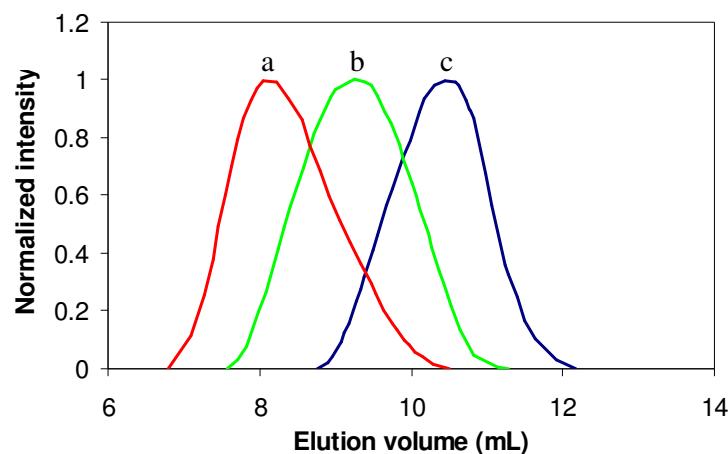


Figure S1. GPC chromatograms of C₁₃₀ (a), C₄₄ (b) and C₂₆ (c).

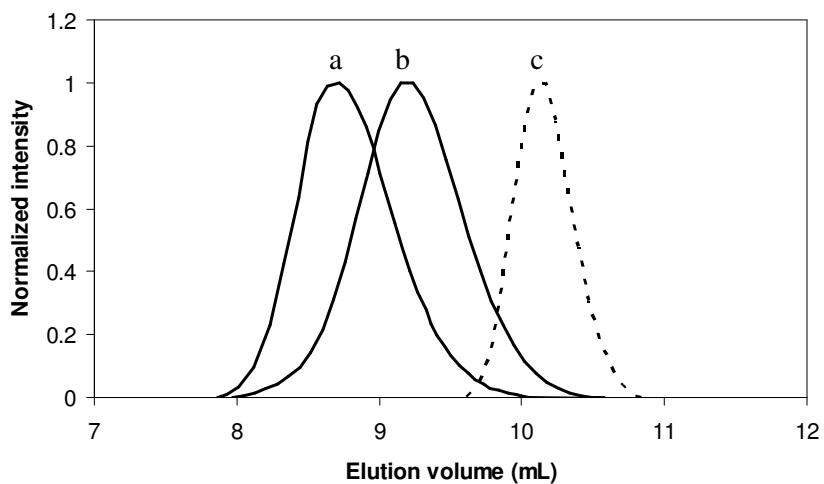


Figure S2. GPC chromatograms of PEO₁₁₄-b-PAMPS₄₀ (a), PEO₁₁₄-b-PAMPS₂₀ (b) and PEO₁₁₄-Br (c).

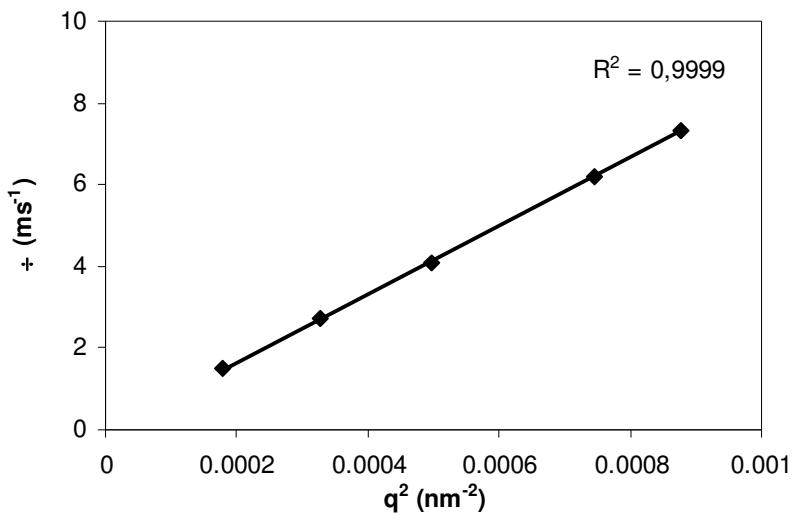


Figure S3. Relationship between the relaxation rate (Γ) and the square of the scattering vector (q^2) for PIC micelles A₂₀C₄₄ at T = 25°C in 0.1 M acetate buffer pH = 4.3. PIC concentration 1 mg/mL.

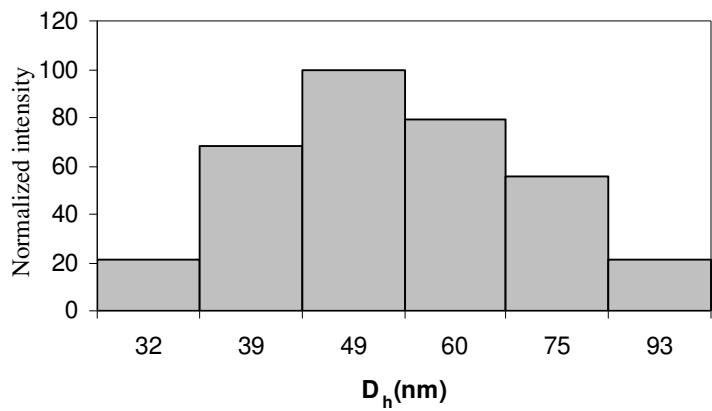


Figure S4. Distribution of Dh obtained by CONTIN analysis of PIC A₂₀C₄₄ at T = 25°C in 0.1 M acetate buffer pH = 4.3. PIC concentration 5 mg/mL.