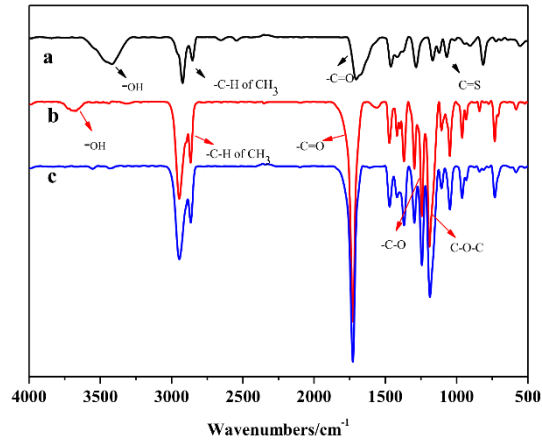
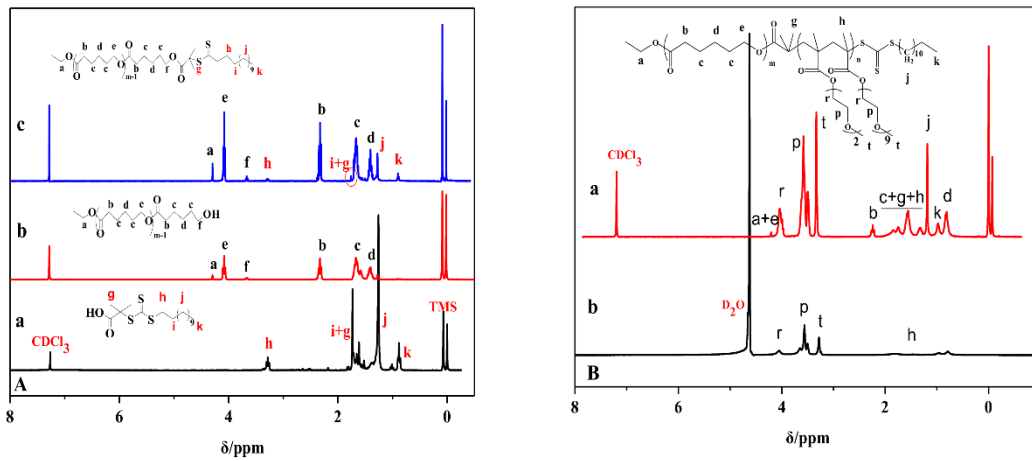


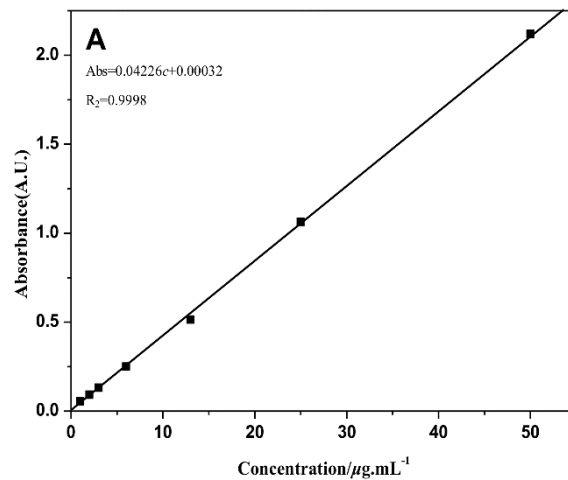
# Supplementary Materials



**Figure S1.** FT-IR spectra of CTA (a), OH-*b*-PCL-*b*-OH (b), and CTA-*b*-PCL-*b*-CTA (c).



**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra : (A) of CTA (a), OH-*b*-PCL-*b*-OH (b) and CTA-*b*-PCL-*b*-CTA (c); (B) of the triblock copolymer of P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA-*co*-OEGMA)-*b*-PCL-*b*-P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA-*co*-OEGMA) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (a) and D<sub>2</sub>O (b) at room temperature.



**Figure S3.** Calibration curve for anethole-loaded drug release.

**Table S1.** Characterization of various copolymers.

Samples	DPCL <sup>a</sup>	[M]:[O] <sub>0</sub> <sup>b</sup>	DP <sup>c</sup>	M <sub>n</sub> , Theory <sup>d</sup> (g/mol)	M <sub>n</sub> , GPC <sup>e</sup> (g/mol)	PDI <sup>e</sup>
tB1	30	-	-	3486	3716	1.54
tB2	30	-	-	4178	4349	1.46
tBP1	30	97:3	220	47,479	54,775	1.16
tBP2	30	97:3	250	53,384	57,485	1.06
tBP3	30	97:3	280	59,289	61,571	1.01
tBP4	30	92:8	250	56,969	59,605	1.04
tBP5	30	87:13	250	60,553	64,450	1.11

tB1 and tB2 represent the OH-PCL-OH and CTA-PCL-CTA. tBP represents the P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA-co-OEGMA)-*b*-PCL-*b*-P(MEO<sub>2</sub>MA-co-OEGMA). DPCL <sup>a</sup> is the DP of PCL segments. [M]:[O]<sub>0</sub><sup>b</sup> is the initial molar ratio of MEO<sub>2</sub>MA and OEGMA, DP <sup>c</sup> is the DP of monomers' segments. <sup>d</sup> Calculated theory analysis from the feed ratio of monomers to macro-chain transfer agents. <sup>e</sup> Determined by GPC with THF as the eluent and polystyrene as the standard.

**Table S2.** The PDI values of tBP3 for the DLS data as a function of the temperature.

T (°C)	25	27	29	31	33	35
Size-average (d/nm) <sup>a</sup>	37	39	41	43	45	50
	129.5	130.6	132.6	253.8	341.2	348.6
	343.9	337.4	328.8	310.1	310.7	297.4
PDI <sup>a</sup>	0.247	0.254	0.225	0.081	0.027	0.031
	0.128	0.017	0.052	0.115	0.124	0.250

<sup>a</sup> Determined by DLS in water (2mg mL<sup>-1</sup>).

**Table S3.** Properties of tBP3 micelles with and without anethole.

Samples	Drug/Polymer <sup>a</sup> (mg/mg)	Size-Average <sup>b</sup> (d/nm)	PDI <sup>b</sup>	DL <sup>c</sup> (wt%)	EE <sup>d</sup> (wt%)
tBP3	0/20	105.8	0.300	-	-
A <sub>1</sub> -tBP3	2/20	144.1	0.157	5.1	56.1
A <sub>2</sub> -tBP3	4/20	162.5	0.150	7.9	47.4

<sup>a</sup> In feed; <sup>b</sup> Determined by DLS in water (1mg mL<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>c</sup> Determined by UV absorbance.

**Table S4.** The properties of tBP's micelles with and without anethole.

Samples	Blank		A-Loaded Micelles		DL <sup>c</sup> (wt%)	EE <sup>d</sup> (wt%)
	Size-Average <sup>a</sup> (d/nm)	PDI <sup>b</sup>	Size-Average <sup>a</sup> (d/nm)	PDI <sup>b</sup>		
tBP1	149.9	0.291	206.9	0.171	5.7	63.3
tBP2	119.9	0.320	163.9	0.194	5.3	58.9
tBP3	105.8	0.300	144.1	0.157	5.1	56.1

<sup>a,b</sup> Determined by DLS in water in water (1mg mL<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>c</sup> Determined by UV absorbance.