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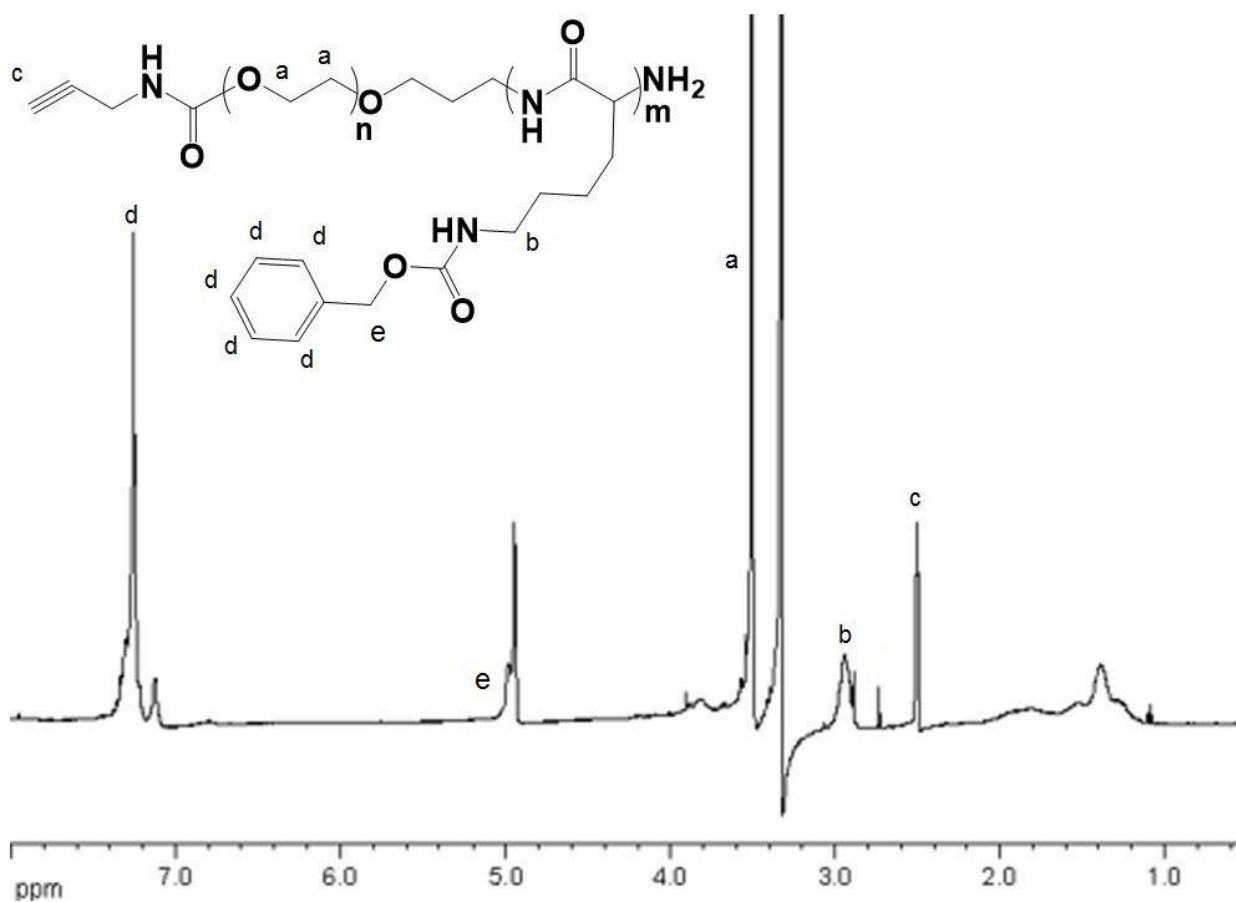


Figure S1. The ¹H-NMR spectra of propargyl-PEG₁₁₄-*b*-PLL(Z)₆₂ (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz, 25 °C).

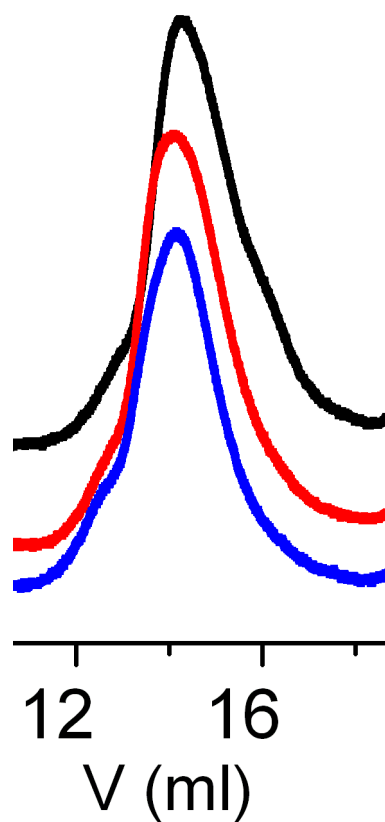


Figure S2. GPC chromatograms of propargyl-PEG₁₁₄-*b*-PLL(Z)₆₂ (black), propargyl-PEG₁₁₄-*b*-PLL(Z)₁₅₀ (red), propargyl-PEG₁₁₄-*b*-PLL(Z)₂₀₆ (blue) in DMF containing 1% LiBr obtained at 45 °C at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min using the refractive index detection.

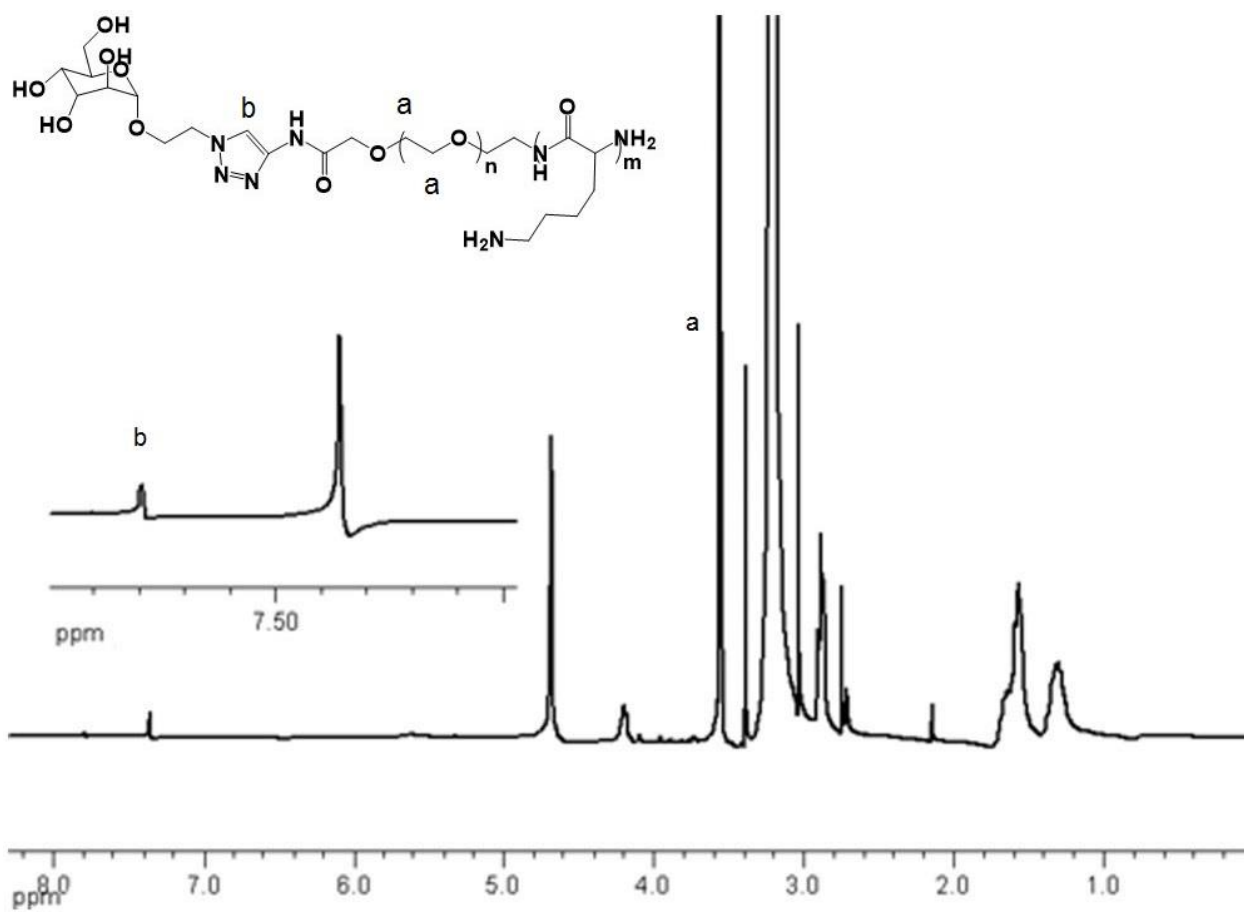


Figure S3. The ¹H-NMR spectra of Man-PEG₁₁₄-b-PLL₆₂ (D₂O, 400 MHz, 25 °C).

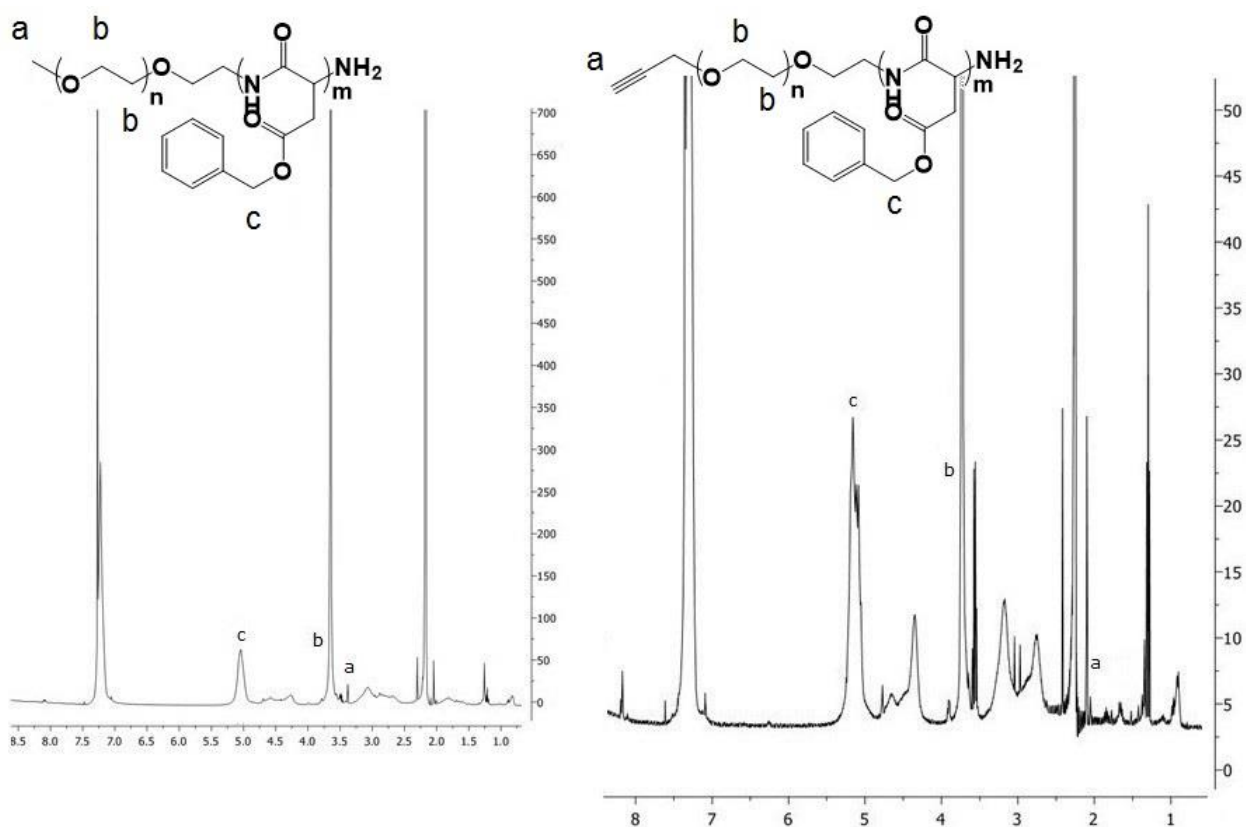


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectra of mPEG-*b*-PBLA (left) and alkyne-PEG-*b*-PBLA (right) (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 25 °C).

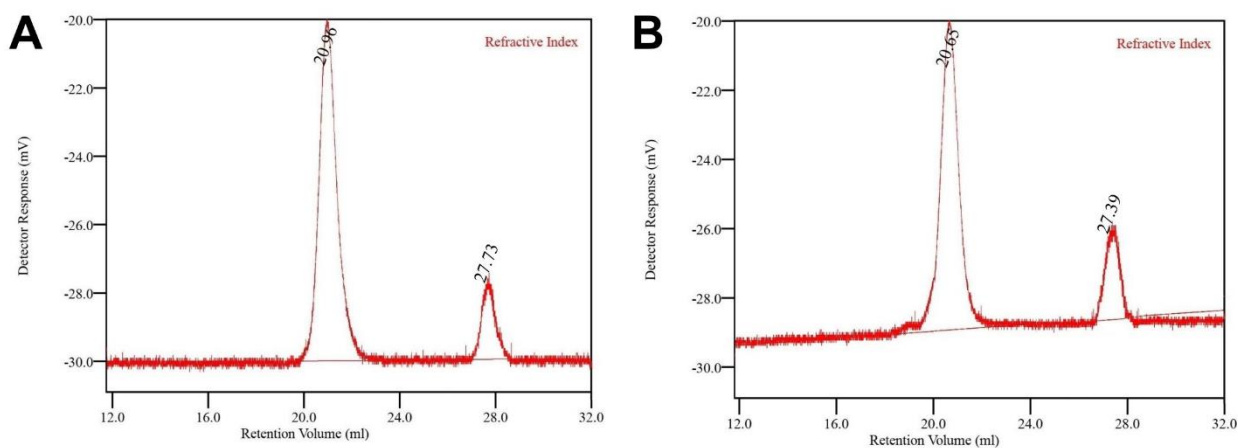


Figure S5. GPC chromatograms of (A) mPEG-*b*-pBLA and (B) alkyne-PEG-*b*-pBLA in DMF containing 1% LiBr obtained at 45 °C at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min using the refractive index detection.

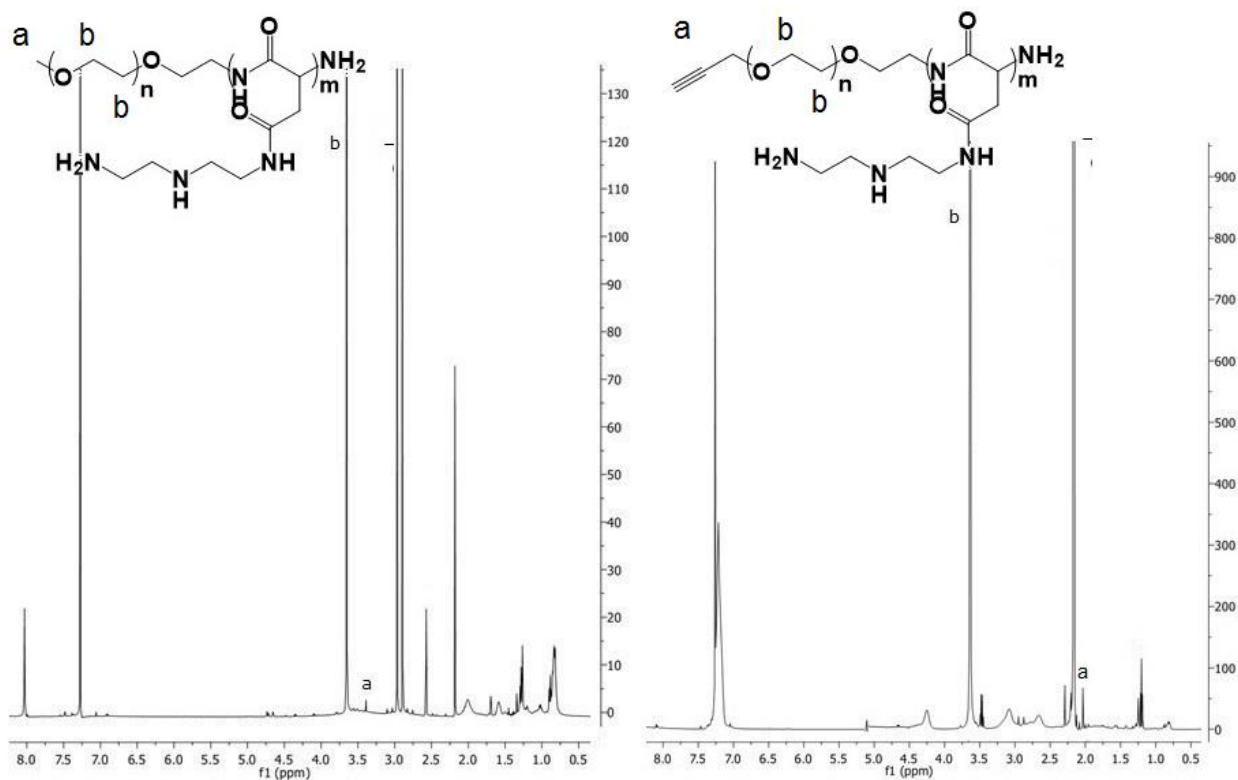


Figure S6. ^1H NMR spectra of mPEG-*b*-pAsp(DET) (left) and alkyne-PEG-*b*-pAsp(DET) (right) (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 25 °C).

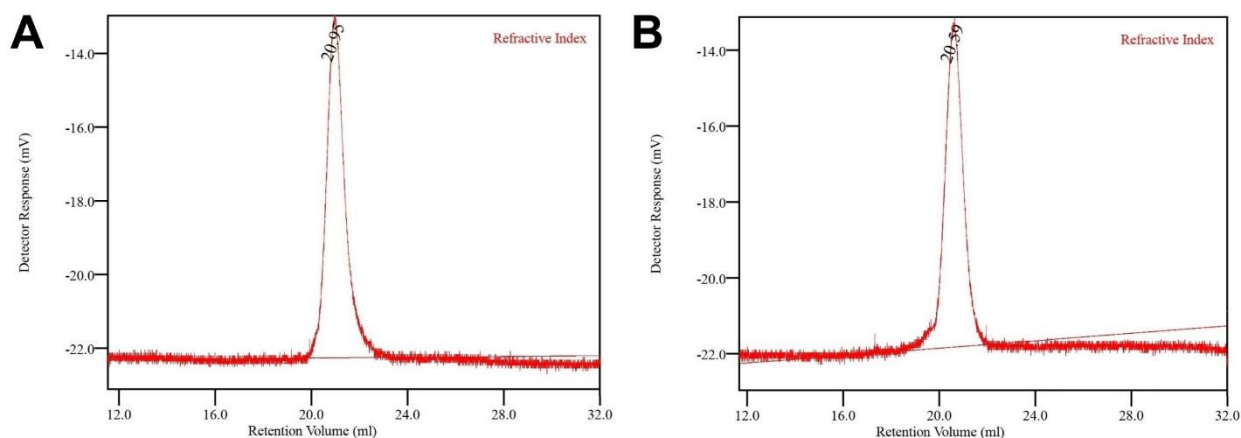


Figure S7. GPC chromatograms of (A) mPEG-*b*-pAsp(DET) and (B) alkyne-PEG-*b*-pAsp(DET) in DMF containing 1% LiBr obtained at 45 °C at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min using the refractive index detection.

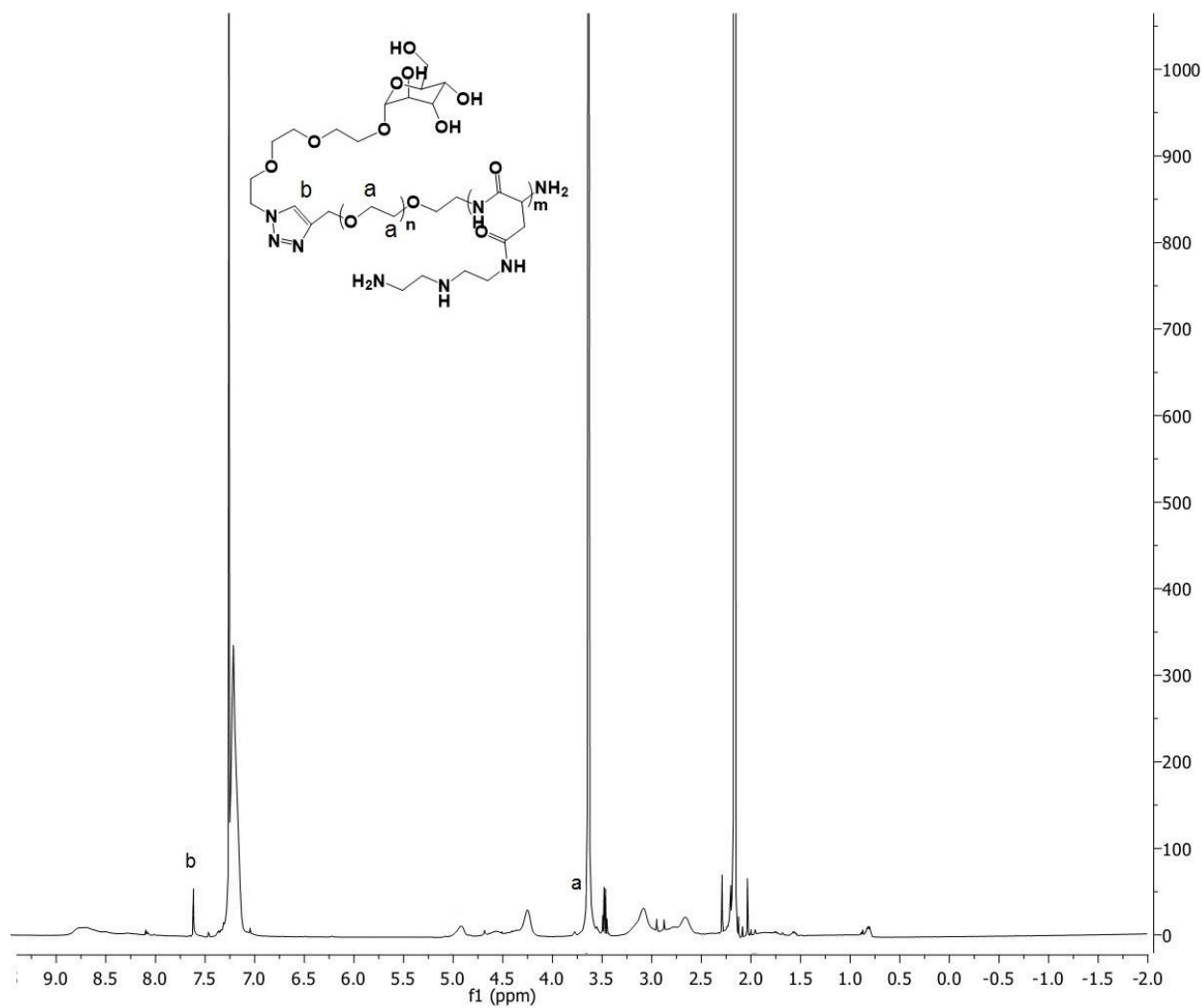


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectra of Man-PEG-*b*-pAsp(DET) (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 25 °C).

Table S1. Characterization of polyplexes prepared using different PEG-*b*-PLL copolymers. PEG tethering density was calculated by dividing the number of PEG chains per pDNA molecule in a hypothetical stoichiometric complex by the surface area of the naked pDNA [for gWiz-GFP, 5757 bp: $2\pi \times 1 \text{ (nm)} \times 0.338 \text{ (nm/bp)} \times 5757 \text{ (bp)} = 12,226.2 \text{ (nm}^2\text{)}$]. The reduced tethering density (RTD) was calculated as $\pi R_g^2 \sigma$. Radius of gyration (R_g , nm) of PEG was estimated according to the following equation: $R_g = 0.181 \times (\text{DP of PEG})^{0.58} = 2.82 \text{ (nm)}$.

| Polymer used | PEG tethering density, σ (chain/nm ²) | RTD, $\pi R_g^2 \sigma$ |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| PEG ₁₁₄ - <i>b</i> -PLL ₆₂ | 0.046 | 1.141 |
| PEG ₁₁₄ - <i>b</i> -PLL ₁₅₀ | 0.019 | 0.471 |
| PEG ₁₁₄ - <i>b</i> -PLL ₂₀₆ | 0.014 | 0.343 |

Table S2. Transfection efficiency of gWiz-Luc pDNA containing polyplexes, formed from PEG-*b*-pAsp(DET) cationic copolymers. The concentrations of pDNA were 4.53 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ for both targeted and non-targeted. Polyplexes were prepared at various N/P and were incubated with the cells for various period. Relative Luminescent Units (RLU) were normalized on protein content. Values are mean \pm SEM (n = 3).

| Polyplexes type | RLU/mg protein | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | N/P | 4 h incubation | 8 incubation | 24 incubation |
| mPEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 1 | 18763 \pm 1635 | 23408 \pm 3043 | 42851 \pm 3686 |
| mPEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 8 | 33007 \pm 2648 | 24499 \pm 11842 | 194067 \pm 97037 |
| mPEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 20 | 887248 \pm 252252 | 168536 \pm 64998 | 364766 \pm 187237 |
| Man-PEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 1 | 68923 \pm 8784 | 164679 \pm 18158 | 389330 \pm 110,921 |
| Man-PEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 8 | 866634 \pm 84233 | 10196817 \pm 1803821 | 23372325 \pm 3155373 |
| Man-PEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 20 | 14325463 \pm 1506281 | 79739546 \pm 2087039 | 104834769 \pm 16372866 |

Table S3. Extent of enhancement of transfection as a result of attachment of the mannose targeting moieties to the PEG-*b*-pAsp(DET)/pDNA polyplexes. For every N/P ratio and time point data are presented as the ratio of luciferase expression levels (RLU/mg protein) for the targeted vs. non-targeted polyplexes. Values are mean \pm SEM (n = 3).

| N/P | Times increase targeted vs. non-targeted polyplex | | |
|-----|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 4 h incubation | 8 incubation | 24 incubation |
| 1 | 3.7 \pm 0.1 | 26.2 \pm 0.3 | 16.7 \pm 2.3 |
| 8 | 7.0 \pm 0.1 | 469.8 \pm 128.8 | 524.5 \pm 150.3 |
| 20 | 8.9 \pm 1.2 | 139.9 \pm 45.5 | 335.0 \pm 108.8 |

Table S4. The protein concentration (mg/ml) determined using BCA assay after treating IC-21 cells transfected using PEG-*b*-pAsp(DET)/pDNA with lysis buffer for 2 hrs. Values are mean \pm SEM (n = 3).

| Polyplex type | N/P | Incubation time, hrs | | |
|------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | 4 h incubation | 8 incubation | 24 incubation |
| mPEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 1 | 2.19 \pm 0.08 | 2.05 \pm 0.34 | 0.80 \pm 0.15 |
| mPEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 8 | 2.06 \pm 0.07 | 2.47 \pm 0.44 | 0.81 \pm 0.16 |
| mPEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 20 | 1.08 \pm 0.86 | 1.85 \pm 0.21 | 0.86 \pm 0.13 |
| Man-PEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 1 | 1.93 \pm 0.24 | 1.89 \pm 0.22 | 0.89 \pm 0.09 |
| Man-PEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 8 | 1.79 \pm 0.18 | 2.05 \pm 0.31 | 0.85 \pm 0.16 |
| Man-PEG- <i>b</i> -pAsp(DET) | 20 | 1.72 \pm 0.24 | 1.91 \pm 0.26 | 0.92 \pm 0.11 |