Supplementary information for

Nano-encapsulation of a far-red absorbing phthalocyanine into poly(benzylmalate) biopolymers and modulation of their photodynamic efficiency

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Characterization spectra for polymeric materials



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) of PMLABe₇₃ and PEG₄₂-*b*-PMLABe₇₃.



Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) of PEG₄₂-*b*-PMLABe₇₃.



Figure S3. SEC chromatogram (THF, 40°C, polystyrene standards, RI detector) of PMLABe₇₃.



Figure S4. SEC chromatogram (THF, 40°C, polystyrene standards, RI detector) of **PEG₄₂-***b***-PMLABe₇₃**.





Figure S5. FT-IR spectrum of ZnPc(SO₂Prop)8



Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum of ZnPc(SO₂Prop)8 (CDCl₃)



Figure S7. MALDI-MS spectrum of ZnPc(SO₂Prop)8

Preparation of calibration curve for E.E.



Figure S8. A: UV-vis spectra of **ZnPc(SO₂Prop)8** in a 9/1 THF/water mixture. B: Calibration curve.

Ground state electronic absorption

Absorption spectra were recorded at room temperature on a Schimadzu 2600 UV-vis spectrometer using a 1 cm path length quartz cuvette between maximum range 300 and 1100 nm in THF. Solutions were freshly prepared in spectrophotometric grade solvents. Molar extinction coefficients (ϵ) were determined by measurement of the absorption solutions of differing concentration for each compound, followed by determination of the slope.

Fluorescence

Steady-state fluorescence excitation and emission spectra in THF were recorded by using a Varian Cary Eclipse spectrofluorometer using 10 mm path length cuvettes at room temperature.



Figure S9. UV-vis spectra (water) of $ZnPc(SO_2Prop)8$ -loaded PMLABe₇₃ nanoparticles (red) and $ZnPc(SO_2Prop)8$ -loaded PEG₄₂-*b*-PMLABe₇₃ nanoparticles (blue) with different loading ratios: 1 wt% (dot), 5 wt% (dash) and 10 wt% (line). Phthalocyanine concentrations: 2-8 μ M.



Figure S10. Absorbance (line), fluorescence emission (dashes) and excitation (dots) spectra (in THF) of $ZnPc(SO_2Prop)8$ -loaded PMLABe₇₃ disrupted nanoparticles (red), of $ZnPc(SO_2Prop)8$ -loaded PEG₄₂-*b*-PMLABe₇₃ disrupted nanoparticles (blue) and of $ZnPc(SO_2Prop)8$ (black), with different loading ratios.



Figure S11. Study of PDT effect of empty **PMLABe**₇₃ and **PEG**₄₂-*b*-**PMLABe**₇₃ nanoparticles, incubated 24 h at 50 μ g.mL⁻¹ with MCF-7 cells. Cells were irradiated with continuous laser for 20 min at 650 nm. Data are presented as (mean \pm SD), n=3.



Figure S12. Study of PDT effect of non-encapsulated **ZnPc(SO₂Prop)8** on MCF-7 cells treated with 0.5 μ g/mL, 2.5 μ g/mL and 5 μ g/mL for 24 h. Cells were irradiated with continuous laser for 20 min at 650 nm. Data are presented as (mean ± SD), n=3.

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