

**Supporting Information**

**A novel MPEG-PDLLA-PLL copolymer for docetaxel  
delivery in breast cancer therapy**

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## Supporting figures and tables

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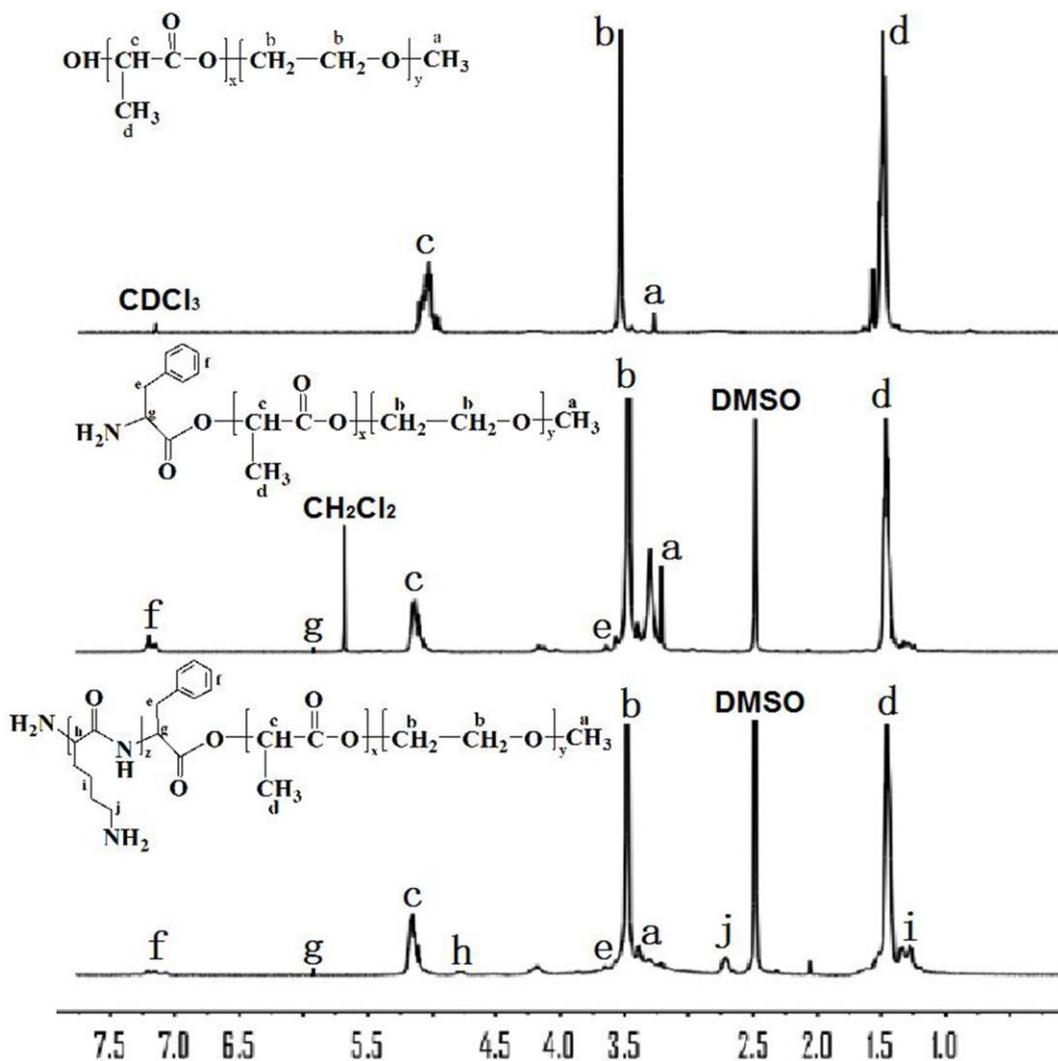
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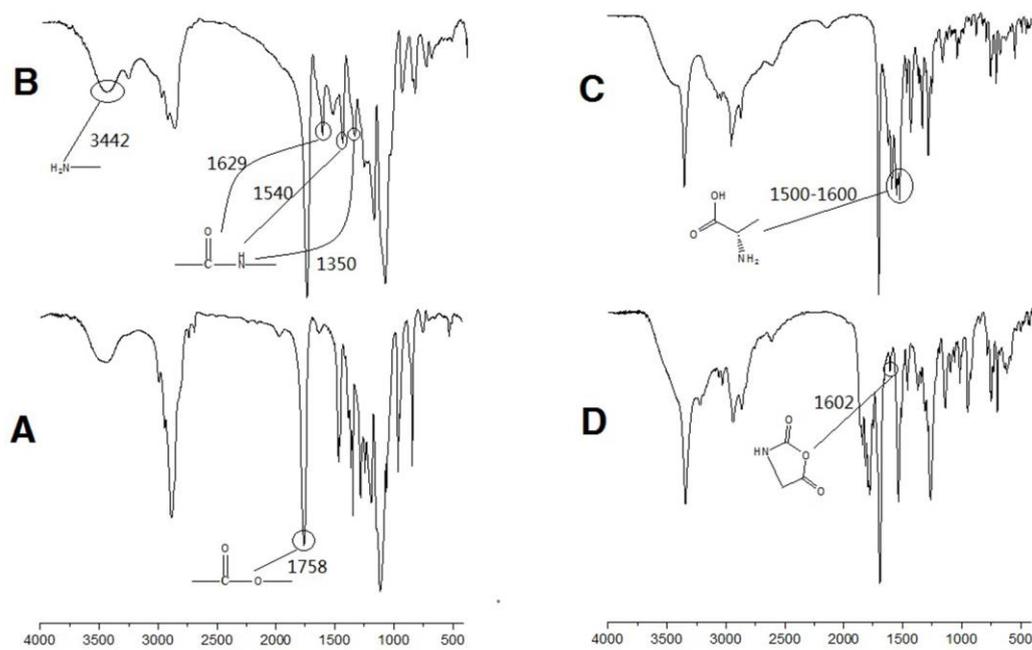
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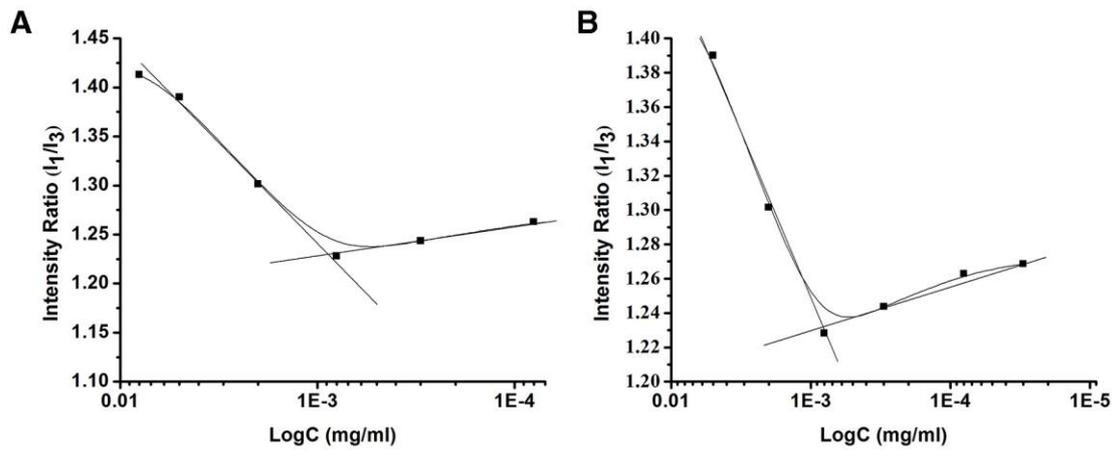
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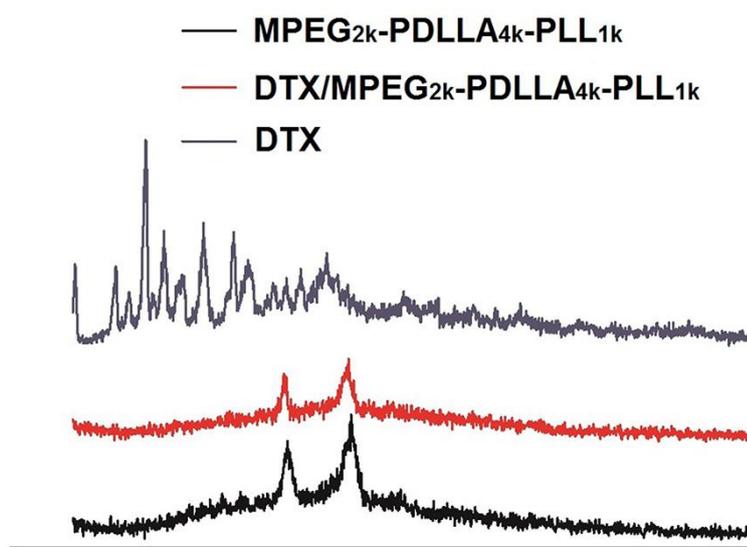
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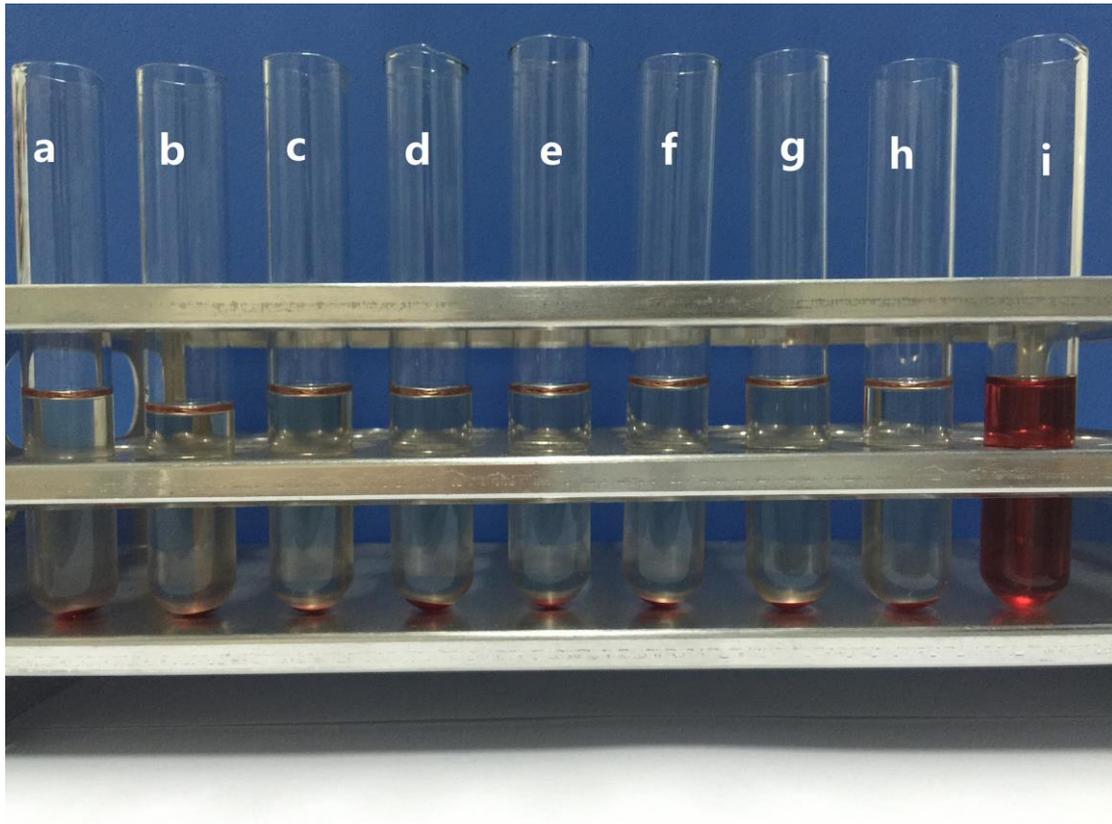
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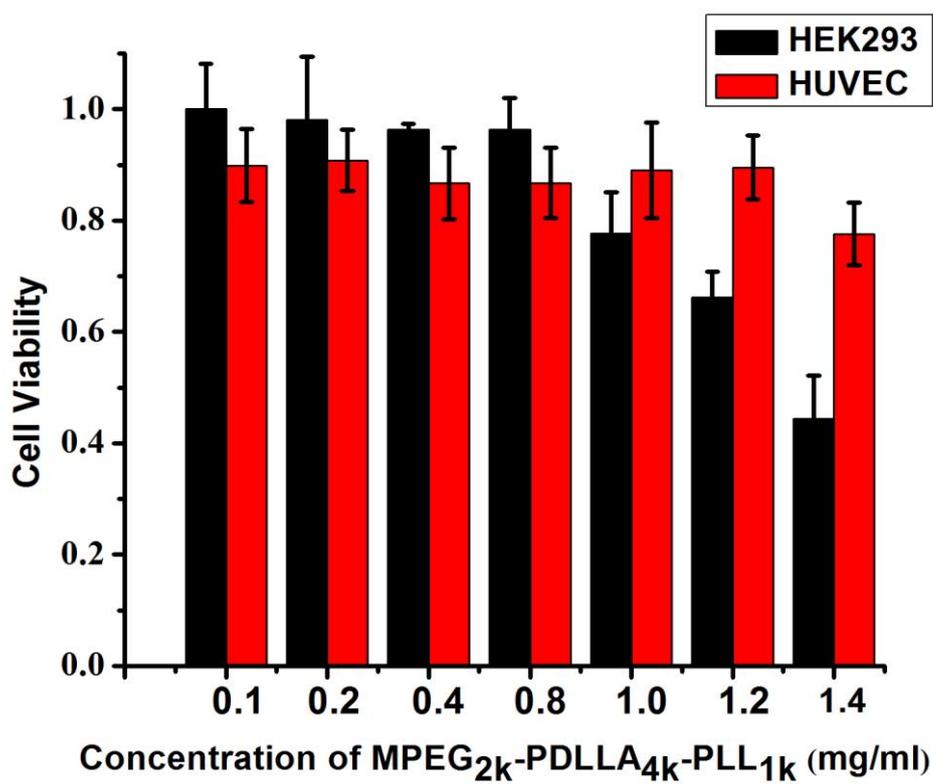
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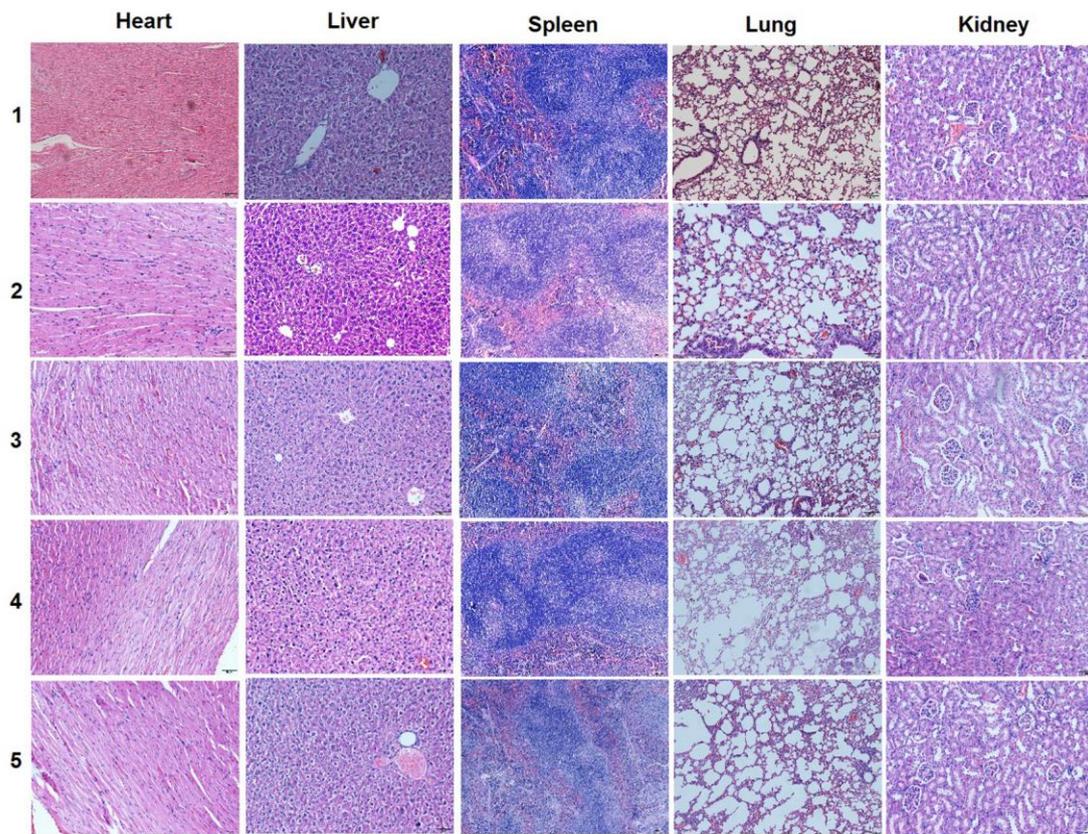
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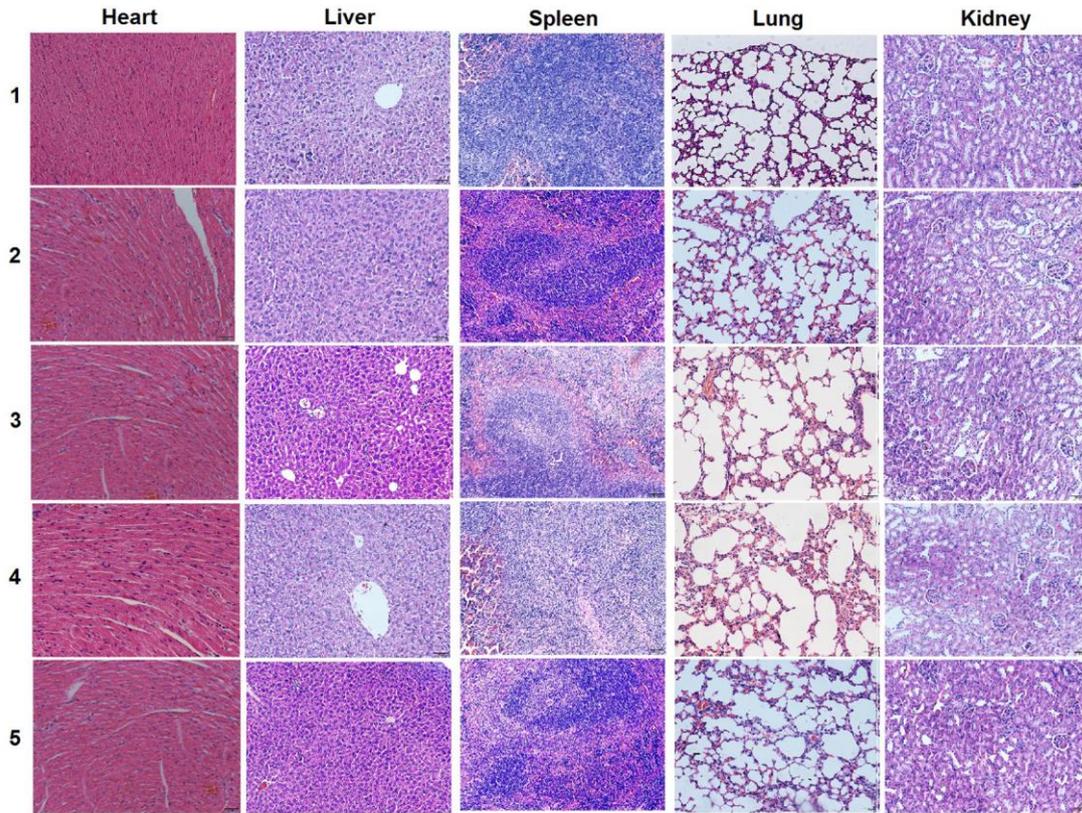
Code	Concentration of MPEG <sub>2k</sub> -PDLLA <sub>4k</sub> -PLL <sub>1k</sub> (mg/ml)	Hemolysis ratio (%)	The international standard(%)
b	0.1	0	
c	0.2	0.49	
d	0.5	0.47	
e	1	0.69	≤5
f	2	1.31	
g	5	2.50	
h	10	3.10	



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