

Self-assembled peptide dendrigraft supraparticles with potential application in pH/enzyme-triggered multistage drug release

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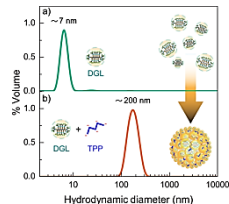
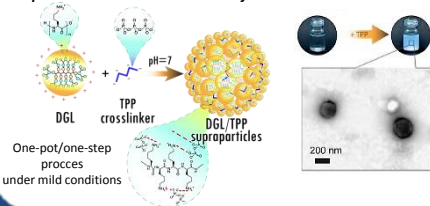
INTRODUCTION :

Small-sized nanoparticles (5-10 nm) have a great capacity for tumor penetration but exhibit fast systemic clearance. Instead, larger nanoparticles (100-200 nm) present longer circulation times, achieving better accumulation in tumor environments but inefficient penetration. To surmount this paradox, **multistage delivery systems** with size reduction capacity have emerged in recent years.

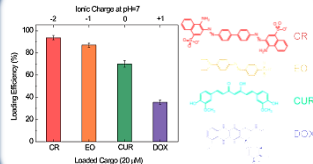
PROPOSAL:

Here we presented a **simple and fast supramolecular approach** to construct **size-shrinkable supraparticles (SPs)** by ionic cross-linking of biodegradable **poly-L-lysine dendrigraft (DGL)** with **tripolyphosphate anion (TPP)**.

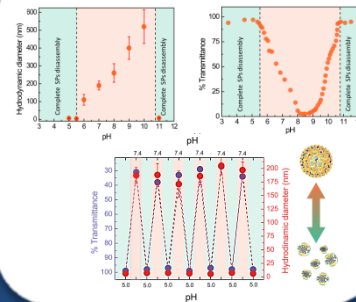
Preparation and characterization of SPs



Loading Efficiency

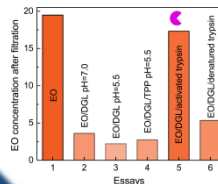


pH-triggered size switching of SPs



Triggered payload release by trypsin

After pH-triggered disassembly, the cargo trapped in dendrimers can be released by action of **trypsin** enzyme, a protease **overexpressed** in tumor tissues



CONCLUSION:

SPs could be exploited as **multistage nanocarriers** in **pH/enzyme-triggered drug releasing system**

