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## **Supporting Information**

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# Stimuli-responsive helical polymeric particles with amplified circularly polarized luminescence

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#### Monomer structures characterization.

Fig. 1a: In the FT-IR spectrum of M1, the characteristics for -C=C bond (2124 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and amide (I and II, 1663, 1570 cm<sup>-1</sup>) were clearly observed. In the FT-IR spectrum of M2, the characteristics for -C=C bond (2121 cm<sup>-1</sup>), -C-N- bond (1151 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and -S=O bond (1333 cm<sup>-1</sup>) clearly appeared.

Fig. 1b and 1c: The particular chemical shifts of H and C for  $-HC \equiv (\delta_H 2.35 \text{ ppm}, \delta_C 68.7 \text{ ppm})$  and  $-(CH_3)_3 (\delta_H 1.43 \text{ ppm}, \delta_C 32.8 \text{ ppm})$  were obviously observed in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of M1. And the particular chemical shifts of H and C for  $-HC \equiv (\delta_H 1.95 \text{ ppm}, \delta_C 46.5 \text{ ppm}), -Ar-H (\delta_H 7.34 \sim 8.65 \text{ ppm}, \delta_C 114.6 \sim 155.7 \text{ ppm})$  and  $-N(CH_3)_2 (\delta_H 2.95 \text{ ppm}, \delta_C 35.6 \text{ ppm})$  were obviously presented in the NMR spectrum of M2.



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CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> / <i>n</i> -heptane	$M_{\rm n}, \exp^{\rm b}/10^{3}$	PDI <sup>b</sup>	Yield <sup>c</sup>	Particle
(mL/mL)	$(g \cdot mol^{-1})$		(%)	diam <sup>d</sup> (nm)
1/6	5.1	1.7	85.4	640
1/7	4.9	1.6	87.3	630
1/8	4.8	1.7	88.7	610
1/9	4.6	1.7	89.2	e

**Table S1** Effects of the mixed solvent ( $CH_2Cl_2/n$ -heptane) ratio on copolymerization and formation of particles <sup>a</sup>.

<sup>a</sup> Copolymerization was performed under conditions: total concentration of monomers mixture, 2.5  $\times 10^{-2}$  M; [Rh], 2.5  $\times 10^{-4}$  M; at 30 °C for 3 h. <sup>b</sup> Det ermined by GPC trace and PDI was defined as  $M_w/M_n$ . <sup>c</sup> Determined gravimetrically. <sup>d</sup> Determined by SEM. <sup>e</sup> Only few regular microparticles.

proceed time (min)	$M_{\rm n, exp} {}^{\rm b}/10^3$	PDI <sup>b</sup>	Yield	Particle
			(70)	
5	4.3	1.8	35.3	e
10	4.4	1.6	56.7	e
15	4.5	1.7	63.4	e
30	4.6	1.8	78.6	e
45	4.6	1.5	79.9	e
60	4.8	1.7	85.8	540
90	4.9	1.6	87.2	560
120	4.9	1.6	87.3	630

Table S2 Copolymerization and growth of P<sub>55</sub> particles <sup>a</sup> with time.

<sup>a</sup> Copolymerization was performed under conditions: total concentration of monomers mixture [M],  $2.5 \times 10^{-2}$  M; [Rh],  $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-heptane, 1/7 (mL/mL); at 30 °C for 2 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GPC trace and PDI was defined as  $M_w/M_n$ . <sup>c</sup> Determined gravimetrically. <sup>d</sup> Determined by SEM. <sup>e</sup> Only few regular particles.

Table S3 Effects of total monomer concentration on P<sub>55</sub> particles <sup>a</sup>.

$[M]/10^{-2} (M)$	$M_{\rm n}, \exp^{\rm b}/10^{3}$	PDI <sup>b</sup>	Yield	Particle	
	$(g \cdot mol^{-1})$		° (%)	diam <sup>d</sup> (nm)	
1.25	3.9	1.8	85.4	e	
2.5	4.9	1.6	87.3	630	
5	4.5	2.2	70.5	e	
10	4.4	2.2	68.7	e	

<sup>a</sup> Copolymerization was performed under conditions: [Rh],  $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-heptane, 1/7 (mL/mL); at 30 °C for 2 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GPC. <sup>c</sup> Determined gravimetrically. <sup>d</sup> Determined by SEM. <sup>e</sup> Only few regular particles.

[Rh]/10 <sup>-4</sup> (M)	$M_{\rm n},  \exp^{\rm b}/10^{3}$	PDI <sup>b</sup>	yield <sup>c</sup>	Particle
	$(g \cdot mol^{-1})$		(%)	diam <sup>d</sup> (nm)
1.25	5.1	1.5	85.4	e
2.5	4.9	1.6	87.3	630
5	3.5	2.2	88.6	e
10	3.3	2.1	87.9	e

Table S4 Effects of Rh catalyst concentration on P<sub>55</sub> particles <sup>a</sup>.

<sup>a</sup> Copolymerization was performed under conditions: total concentration of monomers mixture [M],  $2.5 \times 10^{-2}$  M; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-heptane, 1/7 (mL/mL); at 30 °C for 2 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GPC. <sup>c</sup> Determined gravimetrically. <sup>d</sup> Determined by SEM. <sup>e</sup> Only few regular particles.

Table S5 Effects of feed mass ratio of the two monomers M1/M2 on copolymeric

particles <sup>a</sup>.

Sample	M1/M2	$M_{\rm n},  \exp^{b}/10^3$	PDI	Yield <sup>c</sup>	Particle	$[\alpha]_D^f$	$\Phi_F{}^{g}$	$g_{ m abs}$ $^{ m h}/10^{-2}$	$g_{\rm lum}{}^{\rm i}/10^{-2}$
NO.	(mg/mg)	$(g \cdot mol^{-1})$	b	(%)	diam <sup>d</sup> (nm)	(deg)			
P1	10:0	4.7	1.9	87.9	e	-1300	_	-1.15	_
P <sub>91</sub>	9:1	4.7	2.2	84.6	610	-1240	7.3	-0.91	-1.333
P <sub>82</sub>	8:2	4.7	2.0	85.4	e	-890	10.5	-0.68	-1.239
P <sub>73</sub>	7:3	4.8	2.3	86.5	e	-560	23.4	-0.45	-1.087
P <sub>64</sub>	6:4	4.7	2.1	87.1	e	-250	30.6	-0.31	-0.970
P <sub>55</sub>	5:5	4.9	1.6	87.3	630	-120	39.8	-0.23	-0.815
P2	0:10	4.8	1.8	88.7	e	2	64.3	_	_

<sup>a</sup> Copolymerization was performed under conditions: total concentration of monomers mixture [M],  $2.5 \times 10^{-2}$  M; [Rh],  $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-heptane, 1/7 (mL/mL); at 30 °C for 2 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GPC. <sup>c</sup> Determined gravimetrically. <sup>d</sup> Determined by SEM. <sup>e</sup> Only few regular particles. <sup>f</sup> Measured by polarimetry at 25 °C, c=0.1 g/dL, in CHCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>g</sup> Absolute fluorescence quantum yield of composite film obtained using the calibrated integrating sphere system. <sup>h</sup> Determined by the CD and UV-vis spectra of composite film. <sup>i</sup> Determined by the CPL spectra of composite film.