## **Supporting Information**

# Effect of Polymer Ligand Structures on Fluorescence of Gold

## **Clusters Prepared by Photoreduction**

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## SI-1: The Characterization of Polymer Ligands.

*Gel Permeation Chromatography.* GPC was performed with an Agilent 1100 instrument using refractive index detector (RID) in order to obtain the molecular weights of polymer ligands. THF was used as the eluent at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min at 23 °C. The calculated molecular weights were based on a calibration curve for polystyrene standards of narrow polydispersity (Polymer Laboratories).



Fig. S1 GPC elution curves of polymer ligands PTMP-PMMA, PTMP-PBMA, and PTMP-PtBMA, respectively.

<sup>1</sup>*H NMR Spectroscopy.* <sup>1</sup>*H NMR* spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Bruker AV400 MHz spectrometer at room temperature using the  $\delta$  scale and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. The <sup>1</sup>*H NMR* spectra were similar to our previous works.<sup>1</sup>

PTMP-PMMA (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 0.76-1.10 CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.35-1.5 SH (from PTMP), 1.72-2.12 CH<sub>2</sub>, 2.47-2.63 CH<sub>2</sub> (from PTMP), 2.63-2.78 CH<sub>2</sub> (from PTMP), 3.52-3.65 CH<sub>3</sub>, 4.08-4.18 CH<sub>2</sub> (from PTMP)

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Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of polymer PTMP-PMMA

PTMP-PBMA (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 0.8-1.08 CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.31-1.50 CH<sub>2</sub>, 1.51-1.70 CH<sub>2</sub>, 1.72-2.12 CH<sub>2</sub>, 2.47-2.63 CH<sub>2</sub> (from PTMP), 2.63-2.78 CH<sub>2</sub> (from PTMP), 3.52-3.65 CH<sub>3</sub>, 3.84-4.06 CH<sub>2</sub>, 4.08-4.18 CH<sub>2</sub> (from PTMP)



Fig. S3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of polymer PTMP-PBMA

PTMP-PtBMA (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 0.9-1.2 CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.35-1.5 SH (from PTMP), 1.72-2.12 CH<sub>2</sub>, 2.47-2.63 CH<sub>2</sub> (from PTMP), 2.63-2.78 CH<sub>2</sub> (from PTMP), 4.08-4.18 CH<sub>2</sub> (from PTMP)

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Fig. S4 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of polymer PTMP-PtBMA

**Table S1** Molecular weight and poly dispersity of PTMP-PMMA, PTMP-PBMA, and PTMP-PtBMA polymers measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and GPC method.

Polymer Ligands	<sup>1</sup> H NMR	GPC	
	Mn (g/mol)	<i>Mn</i> (g/mol)	PDI
PTMP-PMMA	4300	4000	1.88
PTMP-PBMA	5650	5100	1.74
PTMP-PtBMA	5800	5250	1.71



Fig. S5 Fluorescence emission spectra of polymer PTMP-PMMA, PTMP-PBMA, and PTMP-PtBMA, .

SI-2: The Characterization of Au NCs



**Fig. S6** Fluorescence emission spectra (excited at 375 nm) of Au NCs prepared by (a) PTMP-PMMA (b) PTMP-PBMA (c) PTMP-PtBMA at different ligands concentrations under equal irradiation condition.



**Fig. S7** Size distribution determined by DLS of (a) Au NCs@PTMP-PMMA, (b) Au NCs@PTMP-PBMA and (c) Au NCs@PTMP-PtBMA prepared under UV irradiation for 480 min. (d) DLS of Au NCs@PTMP-PtBMA prepared under UV irradiation for 600 min



**Fig. S8** Photograths of Au NCs@PTMP-PtBMA irradiated by UV light for different time and placed at room temperature for one week after 600 min irradiation, all of the images were taken under daylight.



**Fig. S9** TEM images of Au NCs@PTMP-PtBMA prepared under UV irradiation for (a) 600 min and (b) placed in room temperature for one week after 600 min irradiation.



Fig. S10 Fluorescence emission spectra of Au NCs@PTMP-PtBMA at different temperature. The inset of (d) shows their relative intensities compared to the strongest emission.

#### SI-3: References and Notes.

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