

Supplementary information



## **On-demand bioadhesive dendrimers with reduced** cytotoxicity

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			PAMAM-g-diazirine					PAMAM-g-diazirine-blk	
generation	initial molar mass (Da) a	Theoretical diazirine conjugation percentage	eluent volume (mL)	molar mass calculated by eluent time (Da) <sup>b</sup>	molar mass calculated by multiple angles light scattering (MALS) (Da) <sup>c</sup>	Diazirine conjugation percentage calculated by NMR <sup>d</sup>	Diazirine conjugation percentage calculated by RI and UV signal <sup>e</sup>	Residual –NH <sub>2</sub> percentage calculated by molecular weight increase (MALS) <sup>f.g</sup>	Residual – NH2 percentage measured b TNBSA <sup>f</sup>
		0	7.621	1430	$2700\pm300$	$0\pm0.54$	$0.0\pm0.3\%$		
G1	1430	37.5	7.138	4073	$2200\pm154$	$38.4\pm0.54$	$33.4\pm2.3\%$	25 ±8.8%	$8.8\pm\!\!0.33\%$
		62.5	6.988	5303	$2100\pm170$	$68.2\pm0.54$	$51.9\pm4.5\%$	4 ±5.2%	$5.2\pm0.54\%$
G2	3250	0	7.071	3250	$4300\pm260$	$0\pm0.54$	$0.0\pm0.2\%$		
		20	6.905	6165	$3900\pm274$	$22.7\pm0.54$	$15.6 \pm 1.1\%$	$20 \pm 8.4\%$	$8.4\pm\!\!0.69\%$
		30	6.796	7508	$4200\pm337$	$29.6\pm0.54$	$22.4 \pm 1.8\%$	$10 \pm 7.4\%$	$7.4\pm0.82\%$
	6909	0	6.863	6909	$7300\pm293$	$0\pm0.54$	$0.0\pm0.1\%$		
		10	6.771	7874	$8200\pm409$	$11.4\pm0.54$	$14.2\pm0.7\%$	22 ±5.3%	5.3 ±0.44%
65		20	6.705	8890	$8500\pm255$	$21.8\pm0.54$	$17.6\pm0.5\%$	15 ±7.3%	7.3 ±0.16%
		30	6.696	9043	$8100\pm324$	$33.2\pm0.54$	$28.7 \pm 1.2\%$	16 ±3.9%	$3.9 \pm 0.64\%$
	14215	0	6.496	14215	$14600\pm439$	$0\pm0.54$	$0.0\pm0.2\%$		
G4		10	6.413	15467	$15500\pm311$	$12.3\pm0.54$	$10.2\pm0.2\%$	$10 \pm 14.2\%$	$14.2 \pm 0.36\%$
		20	6.404	15745	$15400\pm615$	$21.1\pm0.54$	$21.1\pm0.8\%$	$20 \pm 12.3\%$	12.3 ±0.29%
		30	6.389	16220	$16800 \pm 168$	$32.4\pm0.54$	$28.4\pm0.3\%$	$20 \pm 13.1\%$	13.1 ±0.69%
G5	28826	0	6.096	28826	$27600 \pm 552$	$0 \pm 0.54$	$0.6 \pm 0.3\%$		
		10	6.012	32011	$33200\pm 663$	$14.6\pm0.54$	$13.2\pm0.6\%$	14 ±6.8%	$6.8 \pm 0.35\%$

Table S1: Structure characterization information for G1-G5 PAMAM-g-diazirine and G1-G5 PAMAM-g-diazirine-blk conjugates.

20	5.917	39063	$32000 \pm 1293$	$22.5\pm0.54$	$19.8\pm0.8\%$	19 ±9.1%	$9.1 \pm 0.44\%$
30	5.884	41892	$35000 \pm 1054$	$31.7\pm0.54$	$29.6 \pm 1.1\%$	$2 \pm 2.7\%$	$2.7 \pm 0.61\%$

<sup>a</sup> This is the theoretical molar mass of unmodified PAMAM for each generation

<sup>b</sup> Commercially available PAMAM from G1 to G5 were used as the SEC M<sub>w</sub> standards

<sup>c</sup> For this light scattering analysis, dn/dc value used here was 0.185

<sup>d</sup> The total injection mass of dendrimer was calculated via integration of refractive index signal area. The mass of diazirine was calculated from the UV absorbance signal and the UV extinction coefficient of diazirine. (1008 mL  $g^{-1}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>)

<sup>e</sup> peak a and f (Figure 4) were chosen as the standards to calculate the amount PAMAM and diazirine respectively.

<sup>f</sup> Percentage values are the percentage of residual –NH<sub>2</sub> after the 'blocking' reaction by acetyl chloride.

<sup>g</sup> Values calculated from the increase of molecular weight measured via SEC-MALS-UV system as well as the tested diazirine conjugation percentage values.



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of PAMAM and G1-G5 PAMAM-g-diazirine.

				PAMAM-g-diazirine		PAMAM-g-diazirine-blk			
generation <sup>a</sup>	Theoretical diazirine conjugation degree (%)	Concentration (wt%) <sup>b</sup>	G' after 2 min stimulation (kPa)	G' after 5 min stimulation (kPa)	ex vivo adhesion strength towards fresh aorta (kPa)	G' after 2 min stimulation (kPa)	G' after 5 min stimulation (kPa)	ex vivo adhesion strength towards fresh aorta (kPa)	
		25	_c	-	-	-	-	-	
3	10	50	0.061	0.063	0.2	0.047	0.049	0.17	
		75	0.13	0.14	0.48	0.1	0.11	0.36	
	20	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		50	0.083	0.097	0.3	0.077	0.074	0.27	
		75	0.57	0.61	0.3	0.43	0.45	0.3	
	30	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		50	0.17	0.16	0.21	0.15	0.16	0.33	
		75	7.3	9.2	3.2	6.5	7.4	0.17	
4	10	25	0.43	0.41	0.36	-	-	-	
		50	0.93	1.08	1.6	0.82	0.87	1.1	
		75	1.22	1.45	1.4	0.9	1.43	1.5	
	20	25	0.56	0.78	0.3	0.44	0.48	0.3	
		50	3.6	4.2	1.87	3.3	3.4	1.3	
		75	1.32	1.36	1.74	1.21	1.2	1.9	
	30	25	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.5	
		50	6.2	6.4	3.3	5.7	6.3	2.1	
		75	7.8	11.2	7.4	4.6	9.7	3.2	

## Table S2: Rheometry results and adhesion strength of G5 PAMAM-g-diazirine and PAMAM-g-diazirine-blk conjugates.

		25	2.5	2.4	1.8	2.4	2.2	1.4
	10	50	21	27	5.3	18	21	3.5
5		75	27	54	4.3	26	38	3.6
		25	22	31	2.3	21	29	2.2
	20	50	77	94	11.2	69	81	9.7
		75	86	108	14.3	65	79	11.2
		25	44	41	8.2	36	39	4.5
	30	50	87	143	21	63	114	15.4
		75	164	225	25.3	95	151	17.1

<sup>a</sup>: Conjugates based on G1 and G2 were not listed since there was no crosslinking observed for these formulations.

<sup>b</sup>: all the adhesives were prepared in PBS solution.

<sup>c</sup>: '-' listed in the table above indicated there was no crosslinking observed for the corresponding formulation.







Figure S2: Surgical procedure for subcutaneous implantation and subsequent UV-activated crosslinking of bioadhesive formulations.