

Colloidal properties of block copolymers based on 2-(acetoacetoxy)ethyl methacrylate: Organic–inorganic hybrid materials

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This paper describes colloidal properties of a poly(*n*-butyl methacrylate)₃₄₂-block-poly[2-(acetoacetoxy)ethyl methacrylate]₃₉ (PBMA-*b*-PAEMA) copolymer in dilute cyclohexane solution. Spherical micelles of this block copolymer consist of a PAEMA core and a PBMA solvating corona (NMR and Light Scattering, DLS and SLS). The PAEMA core of the micelles could be loaded with metal ion salts (Fe³⁺, Co²⁺, Pd²⁺, etc.) (UV/visible spectroscopy and Analytical Ultracentrifugation, AUC) to yield stable organic-inorganic colloidal dispersions. These dispersions were used for the fabrication of ordered arrays of metal ions on a solid mica substrate (Atomic Force Microscopy, AFM).

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