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# Polypeptide Composition and Topology Affect Hydrogelation of Star-Shaped Poly(L-lysine)-Based Amphiphilic Copolypeptides

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## Supplementary Materials

**Table S1.** Feed molar ratio, degree of polymerization (DP), number-average molecular weight ( $M_n$ ) and molecular weight distribution ( $M_w/M_n$ ) of s-PZLL homopolypeptides.

Polypeptide	Feed ratio	DP of ZLL	$M_n^b$	$M_w/M_n^b$
3s-PZLL <sub>22</sub>	1:60	66	17000	1.37
6s-PZLL <sub>21</sub>	1:120	126	35200	1.42

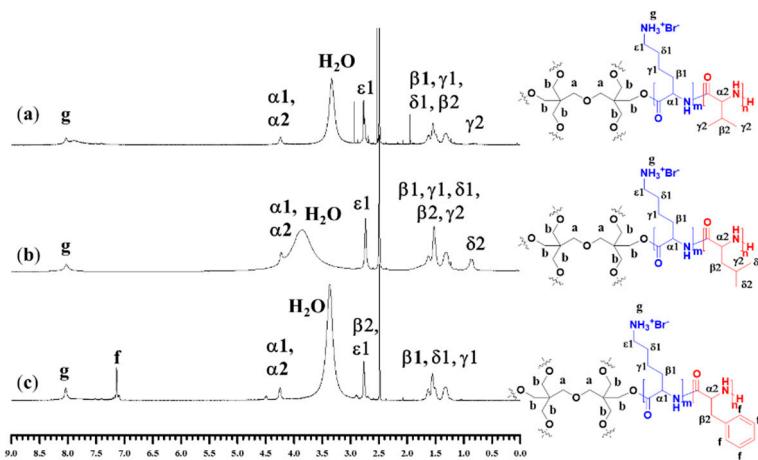
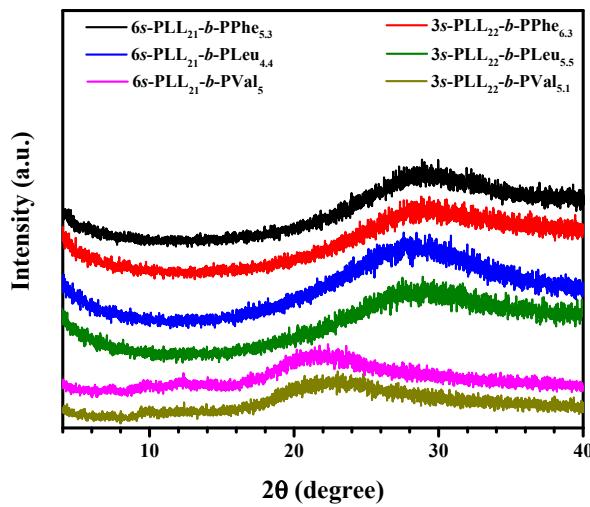
<sup>a</sup> Degree of polymerization (DP) of ZLL was calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>b</sup>  $M_n$  and  $M_w/M_n$  were determined by GPC-LS.**Table S2.** Feed ratios and block ratios between the ZLL block and the second block.

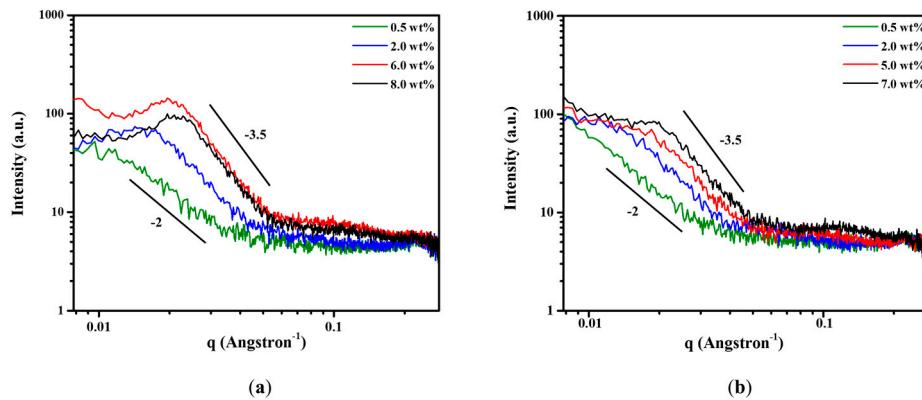
Polypeptide	Feed ratio	ZLL: Y <sup>a</sup>
3s-PZLL <sub>22</sub> -b-PPhe <sub>6.3</sub>	4 : 1	3.5 : 1
6s-PZLL <sub>21</sub> -b-PPhe <sub>5.3</sub>	4 : 1	4.0 : 1
3s-PZLL <sub>22</sub> -b-PLeu <sub>5.5</sub>	4 : 1	4.0 : 1
6s-PZLL <sub>21</sub> -b-PLeu <sub>4.4</sub>	4 : 1	4.8 : 1
3s-PZLL <sub>22</sub> -b-PVal <sub>5.1</sub>	4 : 1	4.3 : 1
6s-PZLL <sub>21</sub> -b-PVal <sub>5</sub>	4 : 1	4.2 : 1

<sup>a</sup> Block ratio of the ZLL block to the second block (Y block) was calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

**Table S3.** The corresponding d spacing obtained from SAXS profiles of 3-armed PLL-*b*-PY hydrogel samples.

Samples	Concentration (wt%)	d (Å)
3s-PLL <sub>22</sub> - <i>b</i> -PPhe <sub>6.3</sub>	5.0	273
	7.0	273
3s-PLL <sub>22</sub> - <i>b</i> -PLeu <sub>5.5</sub>	8.0	241.5
	9.0	241.5
3s-PLL <sub>22</sub> - <i>b</i> -PVal <sub>5.1</sub>	6.0	314
	8.0	314

**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of (a) 6s-PLL<sub>21</sub>-*b*-PVal<sub>5</sub> in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, (b) 6s-PLL<sub>21</sub>-*b*-PLeu<sub>4.4</sub> in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, and (c) 6s-PLL<sub>21</sub>-*b*-PPhe<sub>5.3</sub> in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.**Figure S2.** XRD patterns of freeze-dried 6s-PLL<sub>21</sub>-*b*-PPhe<sub>5.3</sub> (5.0 wt%), 3s-PLL<sub>22</sub>-*b*-PPhe<sub>6.3</sub> (5.0 wt%), 6s-PLL<sub>21</sub>-*b*-PLeu<sub>4.4</sub> (5.0 wt%), 3s-PLL<sub>22</sub>-*b*-PLeu<sub>5.5</sub> (8.0 wt%), 6s-PLL<sub>21</sub>-*b*-PVal<sub>5</sub> (5.0 wt%), and 3s-PLL<sub>22</sub>-*b*-PVal<sub>5.1</sub> (8.0 wt%) hydrogel samples.



**Figure S3.** SAXS profiles of (a) 3s-PLL<sub>22</sub>-*b*-PVal<sub>5.1</sub> and (b) 6s-PLL<sub>21</sub>-*b*-PVal<sub>5</sub> sol and gel solutions at different polypeptide concentrations in DI water.