## **Supporting Information**

## Bridged-Cyclodextrin Supramolecular Hydrogels: Host-Guest Interaction Between Cyclodextrin Dimer and Adamantyl Substituted Poly(acrylate)s

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Figure S1. 2D <sup>1</sup>H NOESY NMR spectrum of PAAAD and  $\beta$ CD<sub>2</sub>ur with equimolar  $\beta$ CD groups and adamantyl substituents. The cross-peaks enclosed in rectangle A arise from interactions of the AD substituent H<sup>2-4</sup> with the annular H<sup>3,5,6</sup> of  $\beta$ CD<sub>2</sub>ur.



**Figure S2.** 2D <sup>1</sup>H NOESY NMR spectrum of PAAADhn and  $\beta$ CD<sub>2</sub>ur with equimolar  $\beta$ CD groups and adamantyl substituents. The cross-peaks enclosed in rectangles A and B arise from interactions of the AD substituent H<sup>2-4</sup> and hexyl tether protons with the annular H<sup>3,5,6</sup> of  $\beta$ CD<sub>2</sub>ur, respectively.



**Figure S3.** Top. ITC data for the βCD<sub>2</sub>ur /PAAAD system where  $6.54 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup> βCD<sub>2</sub>ur was titrated into 0.4 wt. % PAAAD for which the [adamantyl substituent] =  $1.22 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup> in aqueous phosphate buffer at pH 7.0 and *I* = 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> at 298.2 K. Bottom. The solid curve shows the best fit to the experimental data points of an algorithm for equilibrium analogous for the interaction of the βCD with the adamantyl substituent.



**Figure S4.** Top. ITC data for the $\beta$ CD<sub>2</sub>ur /PAAADddn system where 3.27 × 10<sup>-3</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>  $^{3}\beta$ CD<sub>2</sub>ur was titrated into 0.2 wt. % PAAADddn for which the [adamantyl substituent] = 0.59 × 10<sup>-3</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup> in aqueous phosphate buffer at pH 7.0 and *I* = 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> at 298.2 K. Bottom. The solid curve shows the best fit to the experimental data points of an algorithm for equilibrium analogous for the interaction of the  $\beta$ CD with the adamantyl substituent.