## A strategy for Tuning Achiral Main-chain Polymers into Helical Assemblies and Chiral Memory

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## **Supporting Information**



**Fig. S1** The photo images of co-gels of PSi8/ *L*-BG and PCz8/*L*-BG when exicted with UV 360nm.



**Fig. S2** SEM images for PSi8 polymer (a) and (b).



Fig. S3 TEM images for the co-gels of PSi8/L-BG (a) and PSi8/D-BG (b) at the mass ratio 1/50.



**Fig. S4** The UV-Vis spectra of (a) PSi8 solution (0.12 mg  $\cdot$  mL<sup>-1</sup> in dichloromethane) and (b) co-gels of PSi8/*L*-BG=1/50.



**Fig. S5** G value of the PSi8/BG co-gels at different mass ratio (w/w): (a) 1/200, (b)1/100, (c)1/25, (d)1/10, (e)1/5. The co-gels of PSi8/*L*-BG were marked with black line and PSi8/*D*-BG was marked with red line.



**Fig. S6** SEM images for PCz8 polymer (a) and (b), co-gels of PCz8/*L*-BG=1/50 (c) and (d), co-gels of PCz8/*D*-BG=1/50 (e) and (f).



**Fig. S7** The UV-Vis spectra of (a) PCz8 solution (0.12 mg  $\cdot$  mL<sup>-1</sup> in dichloromethane) and (b) co-gels of PCz8/*L*-BG=1/50.



**Fig. S8** G value of the PCz8/BG co-gels at different mass ratio (w/w): (a) 1/200, (b) 1/100, (c) 1/50, (d) 1/25, (e) 1/10, (f) 1/5. (g) G value of co-gels at 400 nm as a function of the mass ratio of PCz8/BG. The co-gels of PCz8/*L*-BG were marked with black line and PCz8/*D*-BG marked with red line.



**Fig. S9** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for (a) pure polymer PCz8, the remaining polymer PCz8 after removing the chiral gelator from the co-gels of (b) PCz8/L-BG=1/10 and (c) PCz8/D-BG=1/10.



**Fig. S10** Chiral memory effect: (a) CD spectra of the remaining polymer PCz8 after removing the chiral gelator from the co-gels of PCz8/*L*-BG=1/10 (black line) and PCz8/*D*-BG =1/10 (red line). SEM images for the remaining polymer PCz8 after removing the chiral gelator from the co-gels of (b) PCz8/L-BG=1/10 and (c) PCz8/D-BG=1/10.



**Fig. S11** (a) Fluorescence spectra of 0.10 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>PCz8 solution in dichloromethane and PCz8/BG=1/10 co-gels. (b) CPL spectra of the PCz8/*L*-BG=1/10 (black line) and PCz8/*D*-BG=1/10 (red line) co-gels. (c) CPL spectra of the remaining PCz8 polymer after removing the chiral gelator from the co-gels of PCz8/*L*-BG=1/10 (black line) and PCz8/*D*-BG=1/10 (red line). Excitation wavelength  $\lambda$ = 360 nm for CPL spectra and 390 nm for emission spectra.