## **Supporting Information**

## Dynamic Chitosan-Based Self-Healing Hydrogels with Tunable Morphology and Its application as an Isolating Agent

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Figure S1: FT–IR spectra of (a) chitosan and (b) ChF.

 Table S1: The most significant peak of FT-IR

Sample	v <sub>C=O</sub>	δ <sub>N-H</sub>	v <sub>C=N</sub>	v <sub>(bridge</sub>	
	(amide I)	(amide II)	(imine)	C-O-C)	
Chitosan	1651.54	1553.40	absent	1072.10	
ChG	absent	absent	1636.3	1073.3	



Figure S2: <sup>13</sup>C CP-MAS NMR spectrum ChF.

C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>1</sub> ,	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>7</sub>	C <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>9</sub>
104.21	99.68	81.05	75.29	64.12	74.57	60.82	161.19	173.93	24.49



(e)

(f)

0 0

**Figure S3:** (a) and (b) are SEM images of ChF1 and ChF5 respectively, (c), (d), (e) and (f) AFM images of ChF1.



Figure S4: (a) Thermogravimetric analysis (b) Differential Scanning Calorimetry of ChF.



Figure S5: Powder XRD patterns of ChF.



**Figure S6:** SLX profile of <sup>152</sup>Eu and <sup>137</sup>Cs in solid phase (hydrogel) by varying (a) shaking time and (b) settling of the medium.



Figure S7: Morphological Study of ChF after heating at (a) 60 °C, (b) 75 °C and (c) 90 °C.



**Figure S8:** Effect of  $\gamma$ -irradiate ChF on the SLX profile of <sup>152</sup>Eu and <sup>137</sup>Cs in solid phase (ChF) at pH 5.



**Figure S9:** Appearance of self-healing of ChF hydrogel automatically without any additional stimuli.