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# **Supplementary Information**

## for

## Polymerizable Organo-gelator-stabilized Gel-emulsions Toward

#### **Preparation of Compressible Porous Polymeric Monoliths**

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Solvent	CEA	Solvent	CEA	Solvent	CEA	
methanol	S	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	S	<i>n</i> -hexane	G, ~42 (2) ª	
ethanol	S	ethyl ether	Р	<i>n</i> -heptane	G, ~76 (1)	
<i>n</i> -propanol	S	petroleum ether	Ι	<i>n</i> -octane	G, ~74 (0.5)	
<i>n</i> -butanol	S	benzene	S	<i>n</i> -nonane	G, ~68 (0.1)	
<i>n</i> -pentanol	S	toluene	S	<i>n</i> -decane	G, ~80 (0.05)	
<i>n</i> -hexanol	S	acetic acid	S	cyclohexane	PG	
<i>n</i> -heptanol	S	acetonitrile	Р	THF	S	
cyclohexanol	S	TEA	Р	acetone	S	
$CCl_4$	S	DMSO	S	ethyl acetate	Р	
H <sub>2</sub> O	Ι	DMF	S	pyridine	S	
methyl acrylate	S	methyl methacrylate	S	<i>n</i> -buty acrylate	S	
vinyl cyanide	S	styrene	S	<i>t</i> -butyl methacrylate	Р	

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S = Solution; P = Precipitation; I = Insoluble; G = Gel; PG = partial gel.

<sup>*a*</sup> 42 (2) means that the  $T_{gel}$  (transition temperatures of gel-sol phase) of the gel system is 42°C and the CGC (critical gelation concentration) is 2% (*w/v*).



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