## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Stimuli-Responsive Methionine-Based Zwitterionic Methacryloyl Sulfonium Sulfonate

## Monomer and Corresponding Antifouling Polymer with Tunable Thermosensitivity

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рН	Anions	CSC ([M])		Concentration	Cloud point
		Transmittance Study	DLS Study	([M])	( <i>T<sub>cp</sub></i> ) (°C)
3.5	SO4 <sup>2-</sup>	0.45	0.45	0.45	13.0
				0.50	25.4
				0.55	35.0
				0.65	53.4
				0.72	66.6
	H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	0.50	0.50	0.50	13.5
				0.65	37.0
				0.80	61.5
8.0	Ct <sup>3-</sup>	$Ct^{3-}$ $0.27$ $0.$ $Ac^{-}$ $2.3$ $2.$	0.27	0.27	18.8
				0.30	35.8
				0.34	50.7
				0.37	66.6
	Ac			2.30	17.2
			2.25	2.55	40.1
				2.80	64.4
	SO4 <sup>2-</sup>	O <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> 0.38	0.36	0.38	16.7
				0.45	43.4
				0.48	55.1
				0.53	68.2

**Table S1.** Effect of anions and its concentrations on the phase behaviour of aqueousPMETMASPS50 solution (1 wt%) at different pHs.



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Boc-L-Methionine (Signal at  $\delta$  7.2 ppm corresponds to CHCl<sub>3</sub> present in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S2**. ESI-MS spectrum of Boc-Meth-OH ( $M/z + H^+ = 271.2$ ).



**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Boc-L-methionine-(2-methacryloylethyl)ester (Signal at  $\delta$  7.2 ppm corresponds to CHCl<sub>3</sub> present in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S4.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Boc-L-methionine-(2-methacryloylethyl)ester



**Figure S5**. ESI-MS spectrum of Boc-L-methionine-(2-methacryloylethyl)ester  $(M/z + Na^+ = 384.1)$ .



**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectrum of METMASPS (The <sup>1</sup>H NMR 500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, signal at  $\delta$  4.7 ppm corresponds to water present in D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S7.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of METMASPS (<sup>13</sup>C NMR 500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S8**. ESI-MS spectrum of METMASPS ( $M/z + Na^+ = 506.2$ ).



**Figure S9.** FTIR spectra of (a) METMA (b) METMASPS and (c) PMETMASPS acquired in ATR mood.



**Figure S10.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PMETMASPS (The <sup>1</sup>H NMR 500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, signal at  $\delta$  4.7 ppm corresponds to water present in D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S11.** SEC traces of (a) PMETMASPS<sub>100</sub>, (b) PMETMASPS<sub>75</sub>, and (c) PMETMASPS<sub>50</sub> samples (Table 1). Eluent for SEC was water with 0.1 M LiBr.



**Figure S12.** (A) Turbidity curves for the aqueous METMASPS monomer solution (1 wt%) at different pHs. (B) The plot of cloud point of the aqueous METMASPS solution (1 wt%) against pH of the solution.



**Figure S13.** Zeta potentials of of 1.0 wt % aqueous solution of PMETMASPS at different pHs at 25 °C.



**Figure S14.** Variation of hydrodynamic diameters (measured by DLS) of 1.0 wt % aqueous solution of PMETMASPS<sub>50</sub> with increasing different anions concentration at 25  $^{\circ}$ C.



**Figure S15.** Turbidity curves (at  $\lambda = 600$  nm) of zwitterionic PMETMASPS<sub>50</sub> (0.1 wt %) in water in presence of different concentration of (A) SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> and (B) H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> anions.



**Figure S16.** Turbidity curves (at  $\lambda = 600$  nm) of zwitterionic PMETMASPS<sub>50</sub> (0.1 wt %) in water in presence of different concentration of (A) Ct<sup>3-</sup> and (B) Ac<sup>-</sup> anions.



Figure S17. Variation of hydrodynamic diameters (measured by DLS) of 1.0 wt % aqueous solution of PMETMASPS<sub>50</sub> with increasing temperature in presence of different kosmotropic anions.



**Figure S18.** Turbidity curves (at  $\lambda = 600$  nm) of aqueous 1 wt % zwitterionic PMETMASPS<sub>75</sub> in presence of 0.5M SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> ion from various salts at pH 3.5.



**Figure S19.** Turbidity curves (at  $\lambda = 600$  nm) of zwitterionic PMETMASPS<sub>50</sub> (0.1 wt %) in water in presence of 0.45 M SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> at different pHs.



Figure S20. MALDI-TOF-MS spectrum of PNIPAM.