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Supporting information

Micellization and Gelatinization in Aqueous Media of pH- and thermo-responsive Amphiphilic ABC (PMMA₈₂-b-PDMAEMA₁₅₀-b-PNIPAM₆₅) Triblock Copolymer Synthesized by Consecutive RAFT Polymerization†

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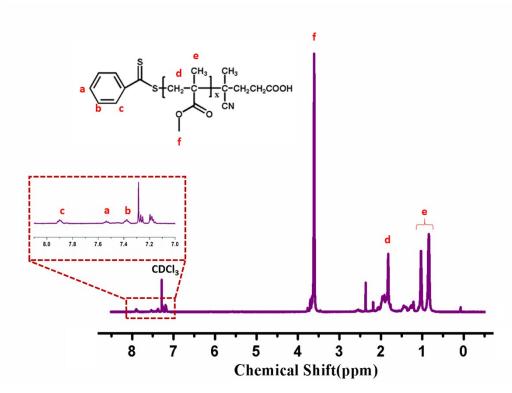


Fig. S1 ¹H-NMR spectrum of PMMA-Macro-CTA in CDCl₃.

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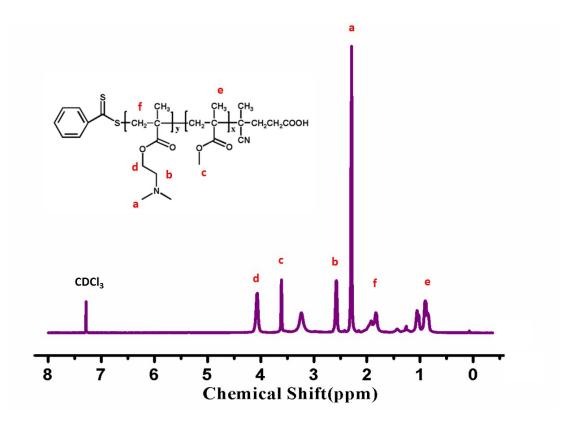


Fig. S2 ¹H-NMR spectrum of PMMA-*b*-PDMAEMA-Macro-CTA in CDCl₃.

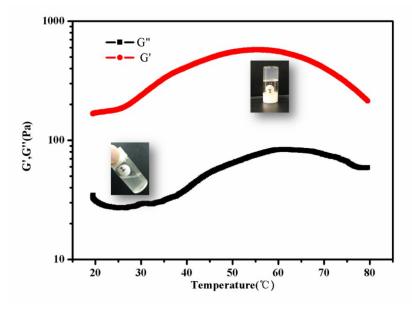


Fig. S3 Temperature dependence of the storage modulus (G') and loss modulus (G") at a constant strain of 0.5 % for a 3 wt. % PMMA-b-PDMAEMA-b-PNIPAM triblock copolymer at the frequency of 0.16 Hz at pH=4.

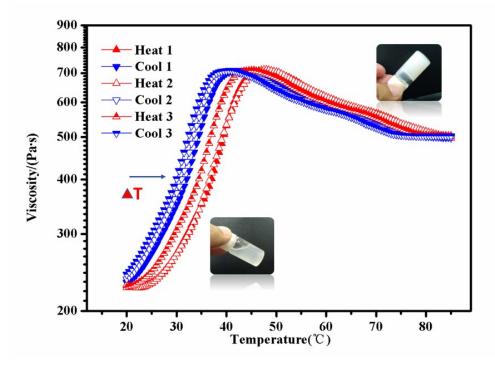


Fig. S4 Repetitive sol - gel curves of PMMA-*b*-PDMAEMA-*b*-PNIPAM triblock copolymer at pH=4 and 3wt. %. The viscosity and temperature of the concentrated solutions were read on a viscometer.

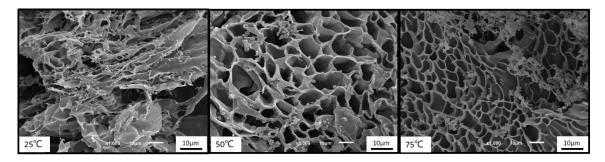


Fig. S5 SEM images of gelation behaviour at different temperatures at pH=4.

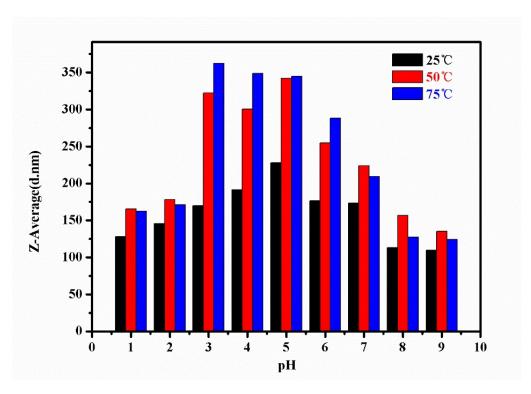
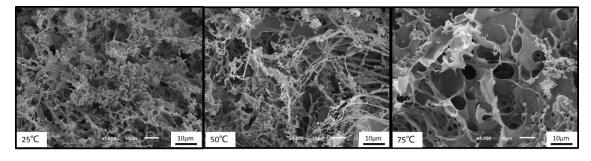


Fig. S6 Z-Average diameter as a function of selected temperature in a DLS study of 0.3 mg mL $^{-1}$ PMMA-b-PDMAEMA-b-PNIPAM solution at different pH.



 $\textbf{Fig. S7} \ \textbf{SEM} \ images \ of \ gelation \ behaviour \ at \ different \ temperatures \ at \ pH=9.$