

# A Controllable Etching Supramolecular Hydrogel Based on Metal Ion

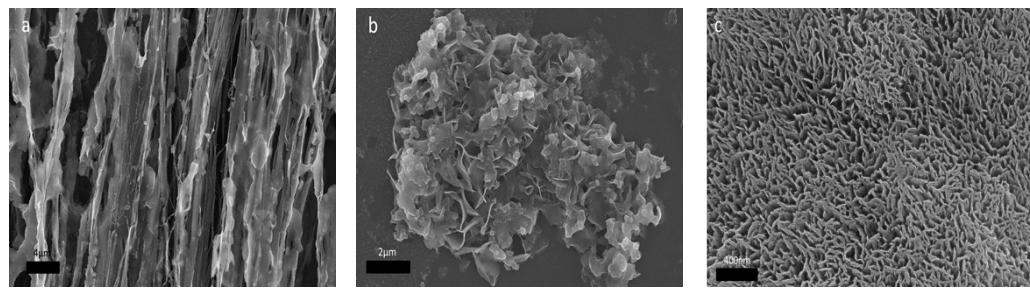
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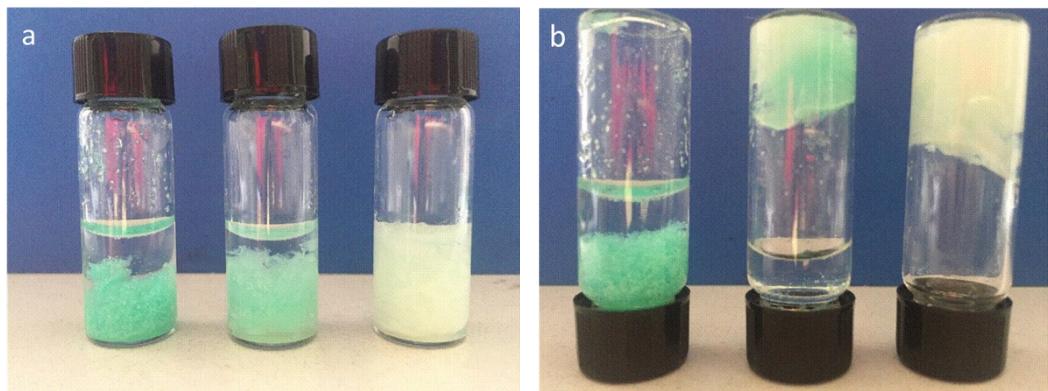
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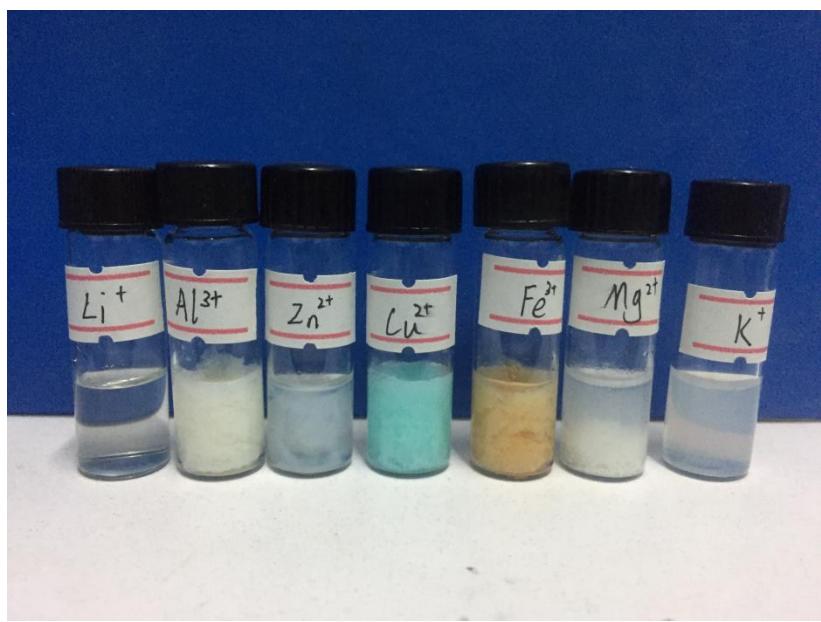
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**Fig. S1** SEM images of (a) etched gel by cyclohexylamine, scale bar = 4 $\mu$ m, (b) etched gel by methylbenzene, scale bar = 2 $\mu$ m, (c) etched gel by aniline, scale bar = 400nm.



**Fig. S2** images of mixed gel with different ratios. (a) From left to right:  $\text{Cu}^{2+} : \text{Eu}^{3+} = 2:1, 1:1, 1:2$ . (b) From left to right:  $\text{Cu}^{2+} : \text{Eu}^{3+} = 2:1, 1:1, 1:2$ .



**Fig. S3** Fmoc-Ala mixed with different metal ions. From left to right:  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ .

**Table S1.** Results of Eu<sup>3+</sup>-induced gel etching result with different etching molecules.

etching molecules		etching rate* (cm <sup>3</sup> /min <sup>-1</sup> )	Results after etching gel system
aniline		5.20	blue solution
methylamine	H <sub>3</sub> C-NH <sub>2</sub>	0.257	blue solution with precipitate
n-butylamine		0.240	brown solution with precipitate
cyclohexylamine		0.263	brown solution with precipitate
trimethylamine		0.278	blue solution with precipitate
triethylamine		0.252	blue solution
ethanolamine	H <sub>2</sub> N-CH <sub>2</sub> -OH	0.260	dark blue solution with precipitate
triethanolamine		0.267	blue solution
diethylenetriamine		0.343	blue solution with precipitate
ammonia	NH <sub>3</sub> . H <sub>2</sub> O	0.310	blue solution
methylbenzene		0.243	blue solution and precipitate
benzaldehyde		0.320	blue solution
n-hexane		/	transparent solution and complete gel
cyclohexane		/	transparent solution and complete gel

