Supplementary Information

Micellar-Incorporated Hydrogels with Highly Tough, Mechanoresponsive, and Self-

Recovery Properties for Strain-Induced Color Sensors

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poly(AM- <i>co-</i> MA/SP)*	Water content (wt%)	E (kPa)	$\sigma_{\rm f}$	ε _f (mm/mm)	W
			(MPa)		(MJ/m ³)
MA ₁₀ -SP _{0.2} -AM ₄₀	50	1.466	0.234	0.76	0.14
MA ₂₀ -SP _{0.2} -AM ₃₀	50	0.710	0.373	3.55	0.87
MA ₂₅ -SP _{0.2} -AM ₂₅	50	0.826	0.771	6.07	2.67
$MA_{30}\text{-}SP_{0.2}\text{-}AM_{20}$	50	0.692	0.859	5.97	2.70
$MA_{40}\text{-}SP_{0.2}\text{-}AM_{10}$	50	0.251	0.052	2.45	0.12
MA ₂₅ -SP _{0.1} -AM ₂₅	50	0.556	0.271	5.88	1.12
MA ₂₅ -SP _{0.2} -AM ₂₅	50	0.826	0.771	6.07	2.67
MA ₂₅ -SP _{0.3} -AM ₂₅	50	1.074	1.083	6.01	3.46

Table S1. Summary of the mechanical properties of poly(AM-*co*-MA/SP) hydrogels prepared at different conditions.

* The poly(AM-*co*-MA/SP) hydrogel prepared at a MA:AM concentration ratio of 1:4 and 0.2 mol% SP is denoted as MA_{10} -SP_{0.2}-AM₄₀ to identify the concentration of each component in the table.



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of Compound 1 (CDCl₃, 300 Hz)



Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of Compound 2 (CDCl₃, 300 Hz)







Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of Compound **4** (CDCl₃, 300 Hz)







Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum of Compound 6, SP crosslinker (CDCl₃, 300 Hz)



Figure S7. ¹³C NMR spectrum of Compound **6**, SP crosslinker (CDCl₃, 300 Hz)





Figure S9. The stress-external force curves of poly(AM-co-MA/SP) hydrogels as a function of (a) MA:AM ratios and (b) SP concentrations.



Figure S10. Color recovery of poly(AM-co-MA/SP) hydrogel as a function of recovery time (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 min.) under white light.



Figure S11. The potential application of poly(AM-co-MA/SP) hydrogel as wearable strain sensor for detecting the joint motion.

