SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

In between molecules and self-assembled fibrillar networks: Highly stable nanogel particles from a low molecular weight hydrogelator

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1. NMR spectra

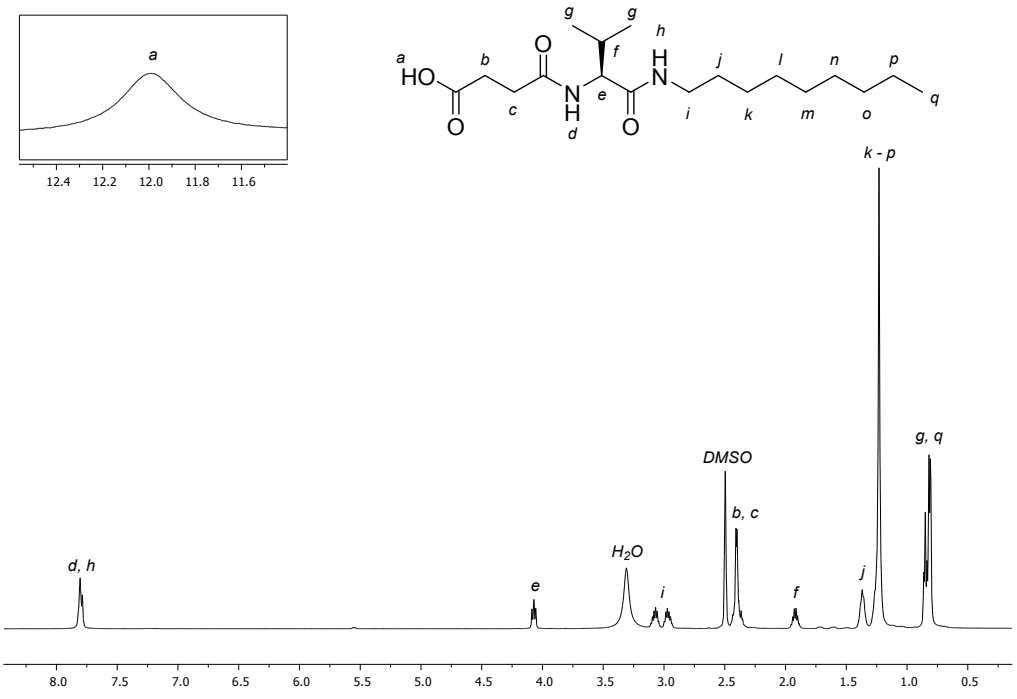

Figure S1. ^{1}H NMR spectrum of **1** in D_6-DMSO.

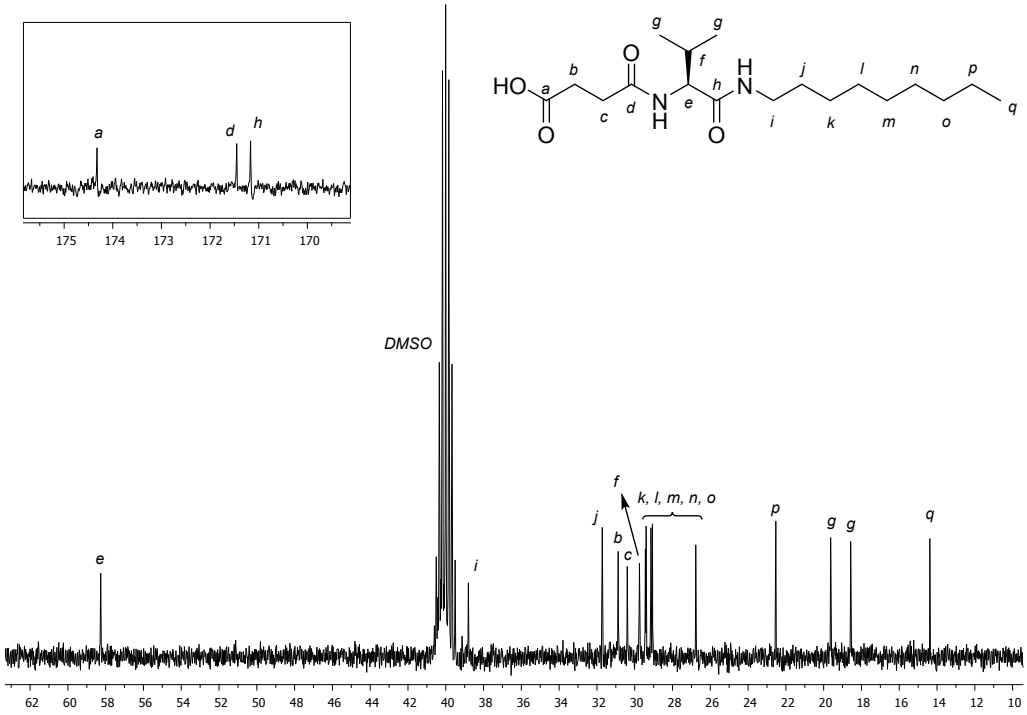

Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **1** in D_6-DMSO.

2. Determination of minimum gelation concentration (mgc)

Table S1. Minimum gelation concentration of compound **1** in different solvents.

Solvent	mgc	
	(mg/mL)	(mM)
Acetonitrile	6	18
Dicloromethane	6	18
Toluene	1	3
Water	5	16
Ethyl acetate	13	38
Chloroform	Soluble	
Tetrahydrofurane	Soluble	
Ethanol	Soluble	
Methanol	Soluble	

3. pKa determination

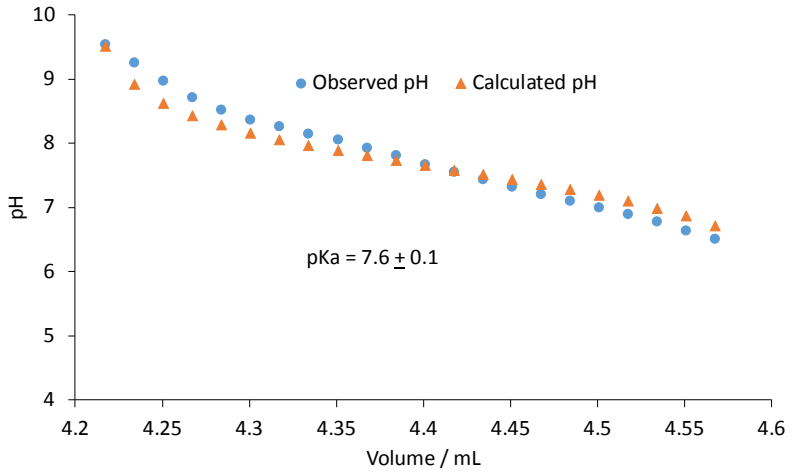

Figure S3. Calculated (Hyperquad) vs observed pH for the potentiometric titration of **1** with HCl 0.1M.

4. Dynamic light scattering

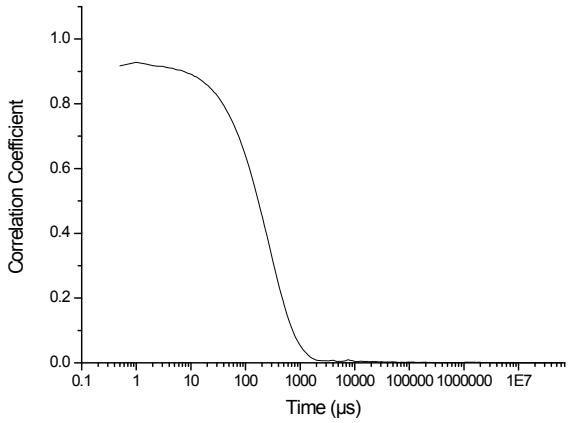

Figure S4. Correlation function of a representative DLS measurement of nanogel particles of **1** obtained from the xerogel from toluene.

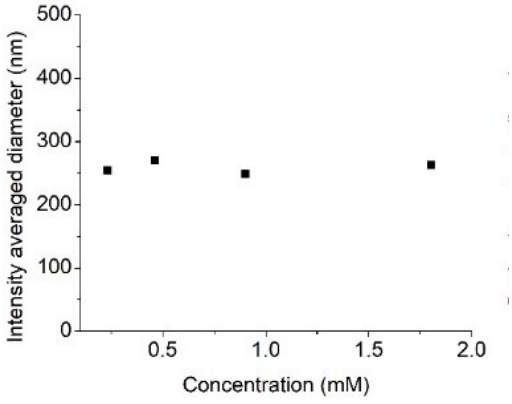

Figure S5. Influence of the concentration in the diameter of the nanoparticles formed by **1** in PBS.

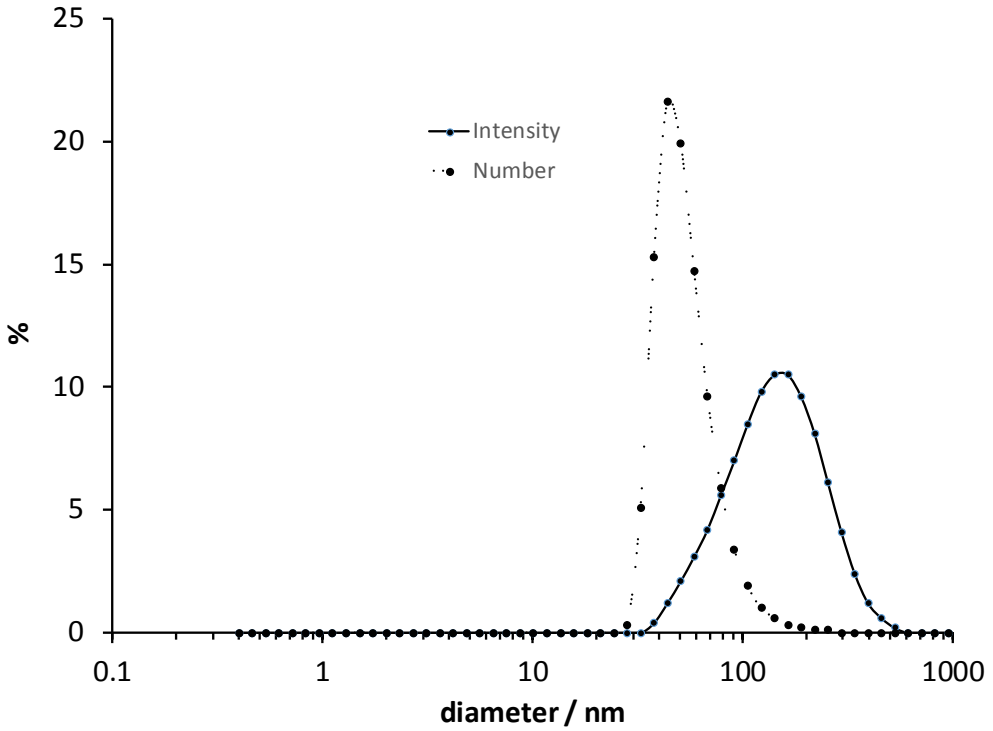

Figure S6. DLS analysis of size distribution by intensity (solid line) and by number (dash-dot line) of a representative sample of nanogel particles obtained from a xerogel from water.

5. Static light scattering

Table S2. Calculated concentration (mg mL^{-1}) of aggregated **1** in the samples used in SALS.[a]

$[\mathbf{1}]_{total}$	$[\mathbf{1}]_{ionized}$	$[\mathbf{1}]_{free,\ neutral}$	$[\mathbf{1}]_{nanoparticles}$
0.274	0.026	0.075	0.173
0.377	0.036	0.075	0.266
0.480	0.046	0.075	0.359
0.582	0.055	0.075	0.452
0.685	0.065	0.075	0.545

[a] $[1]_{ionized}$ is calculated for a system with pH=6.4 and pKa=7.6; $[1]_{free,\ neutral}$ corresponds to the *cac* value, 0.2 mM, 0.075 mg mL^{-1}

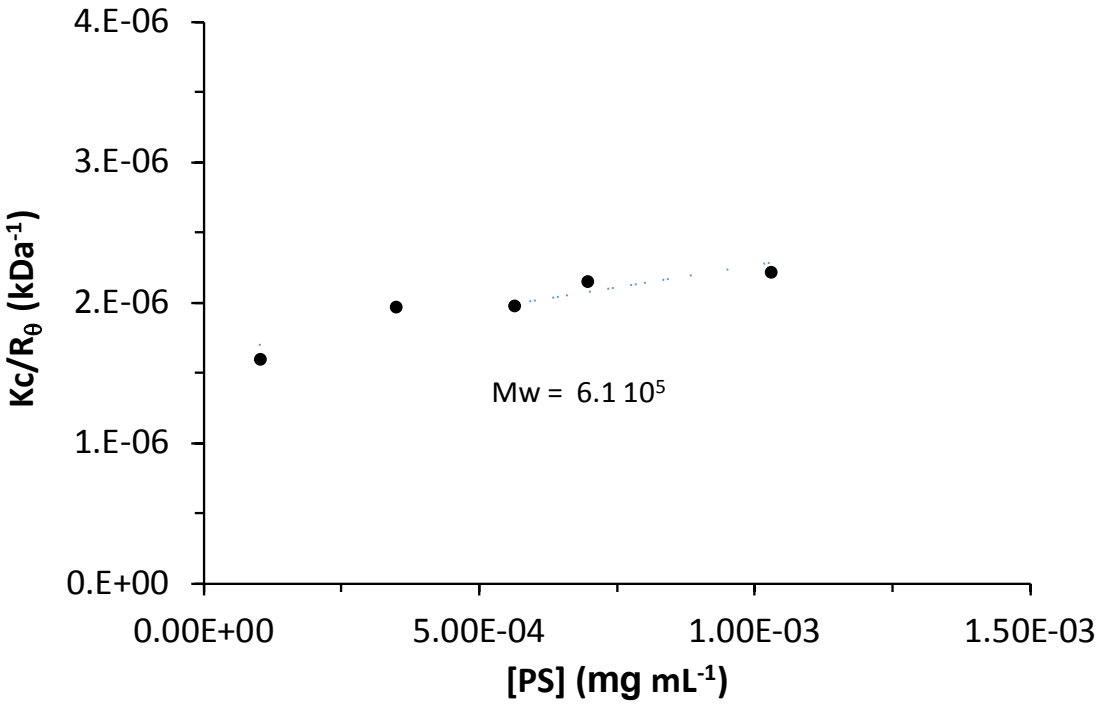

Figure S7. Debye plot for determination of M_w of standard polystyrene latex particles (d= 100 nm).

6. Differential scanning calorimetry

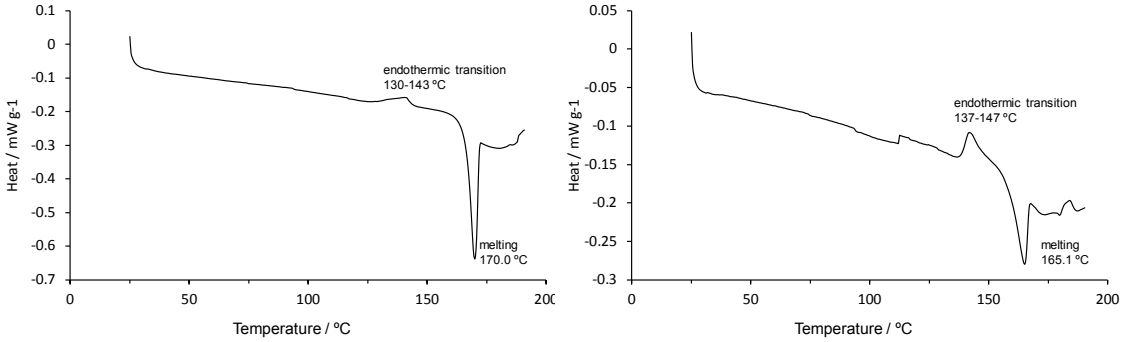

Figure S8. DSC traces of the xerogels from toluene (left) and water (right).