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Supporting Information

Biomimetic Anisotropic Poly(vinyl alcohol) Hydrogels with Significantly Enhanced Mechanical Properties by Freezing-thawing under Drawing

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Supporting Figure



Figure S1. SEM micrographs of the N₃-PVA hydrogel.



Figure S2. The typical tensile stress–strain (σ_t – ε_t) curves of N₅-PVA and N₂D₁-PVA (//) hydrogels.

R	50%	100%	150%	200%
Lo	6	6	6	6
L	9	12	15	18
L'	7.5	8.9	10	11.5
R'	25%	48%	67%	92%

Table S1. The original, elongated and retracted lengths of the N_2D_1 -PVA hydrogel samples with different *R*.

R: Drawing ratio; L_0 : initial length; *L*: elongated length; *L'*: retracted length; *R'*= (*L'*- L_0) / L_0 .

Supporting Video

Video S1. The video shows the difference in field of view between N_3 -PVA hydrogel and N_2D_1 -PVA

(//) hydrogel under the POM with rotating the stage.