

### Supplementary information

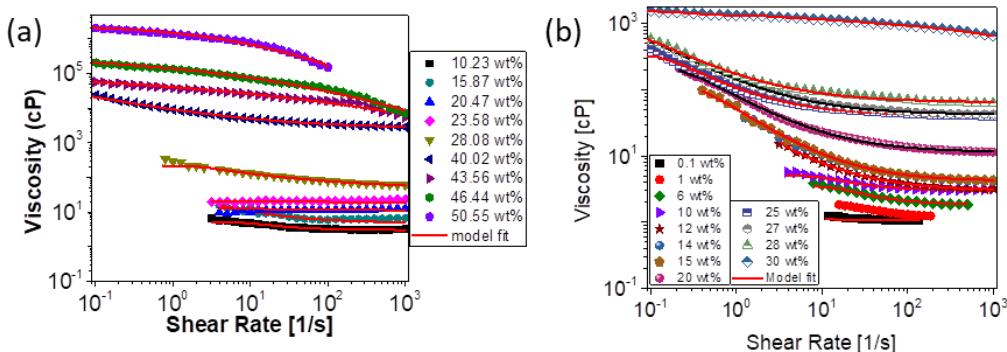


Figure S1. Shear rate-dependent viscosity of casein dispersions (a) during drying at 60 °C (Method A) and (b) for Method B. Red lines show the model fits to Equation (2).

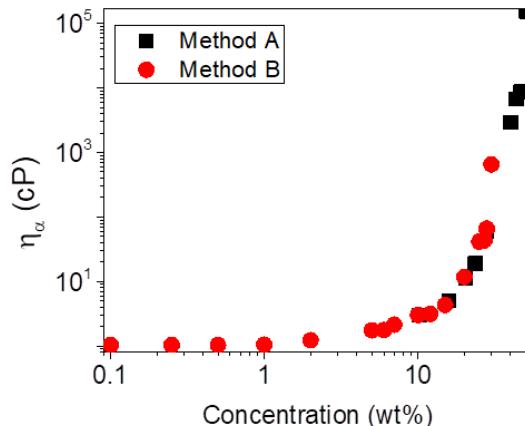


Figure S2. Variation of infinite shear viscosity,  $\eta_\infty$  (determined from Equation (2)) with concentration of casein dispersions.

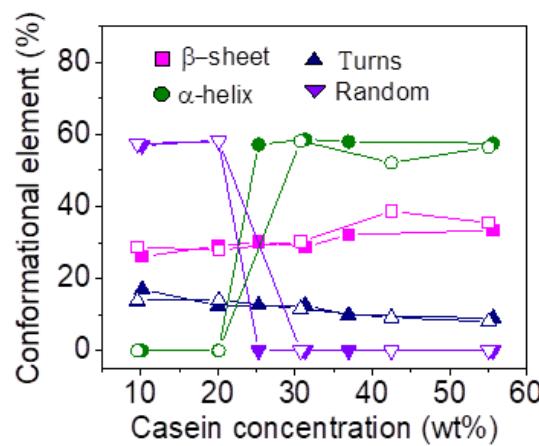


Figure S3. Conformational elements present in the dispersions while drying at different temperatures. Closed symbols and open symbols represent the data for 40 °C and 80 °C, respectively.

Table S1. Fitting parameters for Berli-Quemada model at different casein concentrations of Method A (60 °C) and Method B (1 N) dispersions

| Method A       |                                |                                     |                  | Method B       |                                |                                     |                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Conc.<br>(wt%) | $\phi_{\text{eff}}/\phi_{m,0}$ | $\phi_{\text{eff}}/\phi_{m,\infty}$ | $\tau_c$<br>(Pa) | Conc.<br>(wt%) | $\phi_{\text{eff}}/\phi_{m,0}$ | $\phi_{\text{eff}}/\phi_{m,\infty}$ | $\tau_c$<br>(Pa) |
|                |                                |                                     |                  | 0.1            | 0.521                          | 0.026                               | 0.003            |
|                |                                |                                     |                  | 0.5            | 0.38                           | 0.023                               | 0.006            |
|                |                                |                                     |                  | 1              | 0.465                          | 0.05                                | 0.034            |
|                |                                |                                     |                  | 5              | 0.794                          | 0.257                               | 0.024            |
| 10             | 0.752                          | 0.424                               | 0.027            | 10             | 0.752                          | 0.424                               | 0.027            |
| 12.3           | 0.679                          | 0.511                               | 0.027            | 15             | 1.051                          | 0.473                               | 0.086            |
| 15.87          | 0.612                          | 0.601                               | 0.336            | 20             | 1.036                          | 0.705                               | 0.096            |
| 17.99          | 0.667                          | 0.648                               | 0.434            | 25             | 1.004                          | 0.882                               | 0.127            |
| 20.3           | 0.814                          | 0.677                               | 0.648            | 28             | 1.005                          | 0.880                               | 0.093            |
| 29.8           | 1.005                          | 0.857                               | 0.086            | 30             | 0.967                          | 0.952                               | 69.25            |
| 41.3           | 0.994                          | 0.986                               | 18.83            |                |                                |                                     |                  |
| 50.55          | 0.999                          | 0.998                               | 1833.52          |                |                                |                                     |                  |

Table S2. Fitting parameters for Berli-Quemada model of casein dispersions prepared in NaOH solutions of different normalities

| 2 N            |                                |                                     |                  | 5 N            |                                |                                     |                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Conc.<br>(wt%) | $\phi_{\text{eff}}/\phi_{m,0}$ | $\phi_{\text{eff}}/\phi_{m,\infty}$ | $\tau_c$<br>(Pa) | Conc.<br>(wt%) | $\phi_{\text{eff}}/\phi_{m,0}$ | $\phi_{\text{eff}}/\phi_{m,\infty}$ | $\tau_c$<br>(Pa) |
| 10             | 1.0292                         | 0.5563                              | 0.02677          | 10             | 1.1017                         | 0.3345                              | 0.03757          |
| 20             | 1.0583                         | 0.6923                              | 0.09517          | 20             | 1.1199                         | 0.5682                              | 0.12001          |
| 30             | 1.0096                         | 0.8461                              | 0.17183          | 30             | 1.0757                         | 0.714                               | 0.1622           |