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Supplementary information

Visible light-degradable supramolecular gels comprising cross-linked polyrotaxanes capped by trithiocarbonate groups

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Synthesis of 1-admantyl group-capped polyrotaxane (10kPRX-Ad)

 $10kPEG-NH_2$ (4.0 g, 0.4 mmol) and α -CD (12.1 g, 12.4 mmol) were dissolved in distilled water (82.7 mL) and the solution was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. The precipitate was collected by centrifugation and freeze-dried to obtain a pseudo-PRX as a white solid (12.84 g). 1-Adamanecarboxylic acid (0.72 g, 3.98 mmol), BOP (1.77 g, 4.05 mmol), and DIPEA (0.68 mL, 4.01 mmol) were then dissolved in DMF (120 mL), and the solution was added into a glass bottle with pseudo-PRX. The mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. After the reaction, the precipitate was collected by centrifugation, and the precipitate was washed 3times with DMF. The washed precipitate then dissolved in a small aliquot of DMSO, and reprecipitated 3 times in distilled water. The recovered precipitate was freeze-dried for 2 days to obtain 10kPRX-Ad (6.76 g, 29.9 % yield based on PEG).

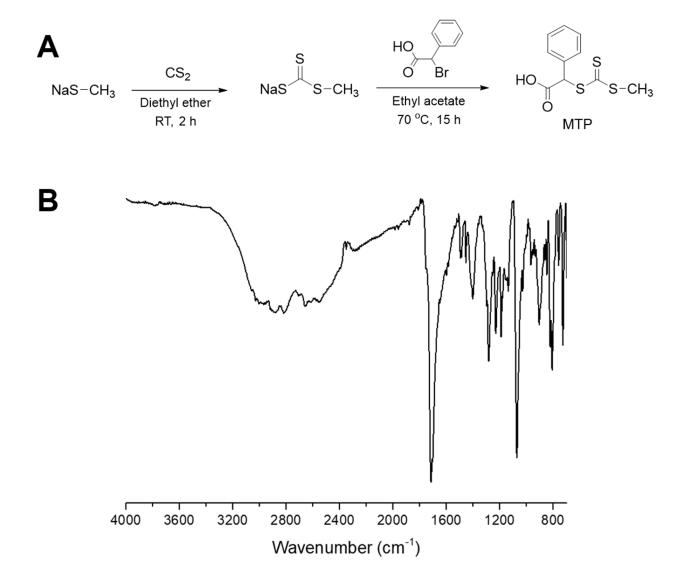


Figure S1. (A) Synthesis scheme of MTP. (B) FT-IR spectrum of MTP.

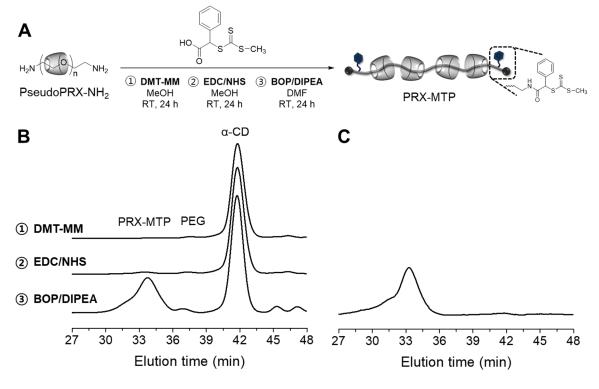


Figure S2. (A) Synthesis methods of PRX-MTP using different types of condensation reagents (DMT-MM, EDC/NHS, or BOP/DIPEA). (B, C) SEC curve of crude material before (B) and after washing (C).

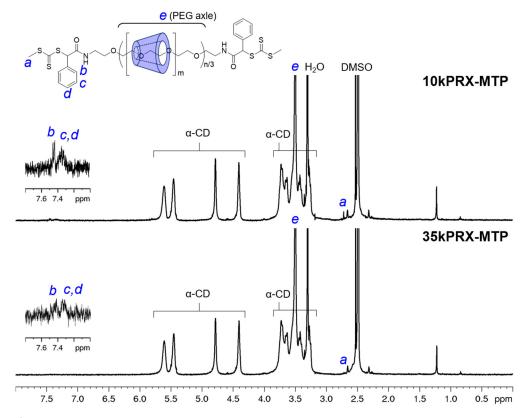


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectra of 10kPRX-MTP and 35kPRX-MTP in DMSO-d₆.

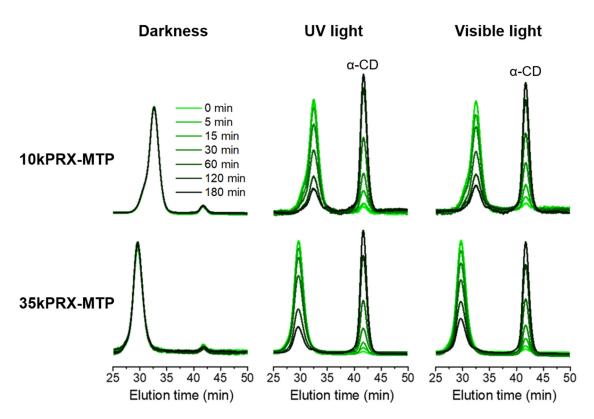


Figure S4. SEC curves (RI detection) of 10kPRX-MTP and 35kPRX-MTP under dark conditions or irradiation with UV and visible light for 180 min.

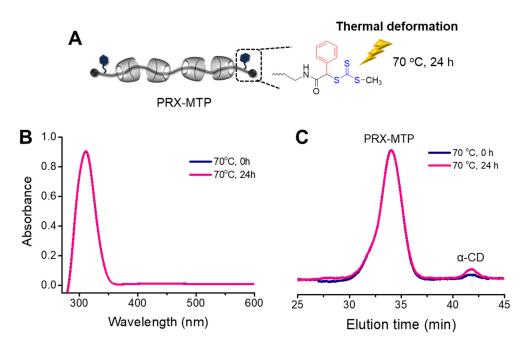


Figure S5. (A) UV-vis absorption spectra and (B) SEC curves of PRX-MTP before and after heating at 70 °C for 24 h.

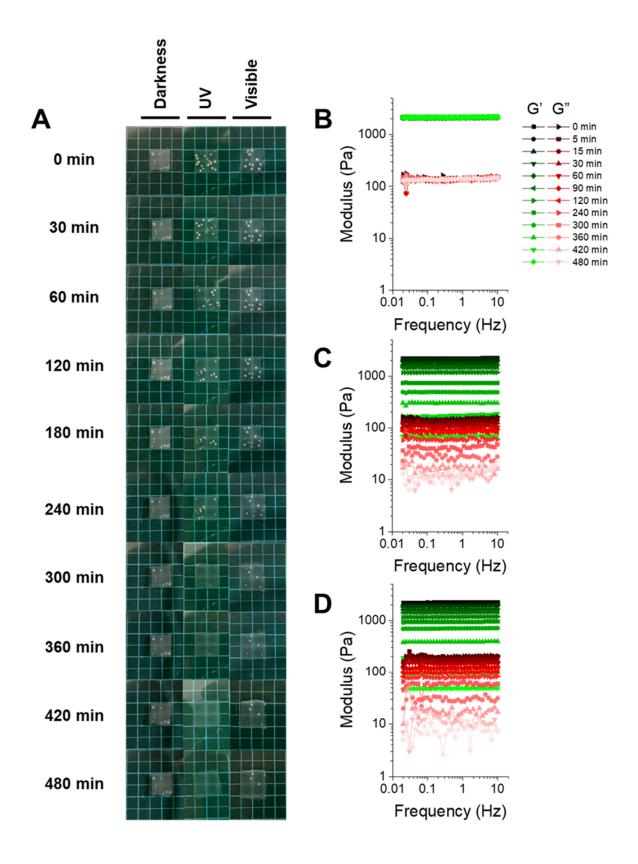


Figure S6. (A) Images of 35kPRX-MTP gels under dark condition or irradiation with UV and visible light for 0–480 min. (B-C) Storage (*G*') and loss moduli (*G*'') of 35kPRX-MTP gels under dark conditions (B) or irradiation with UV (C) and visible light (D) for 480 min.

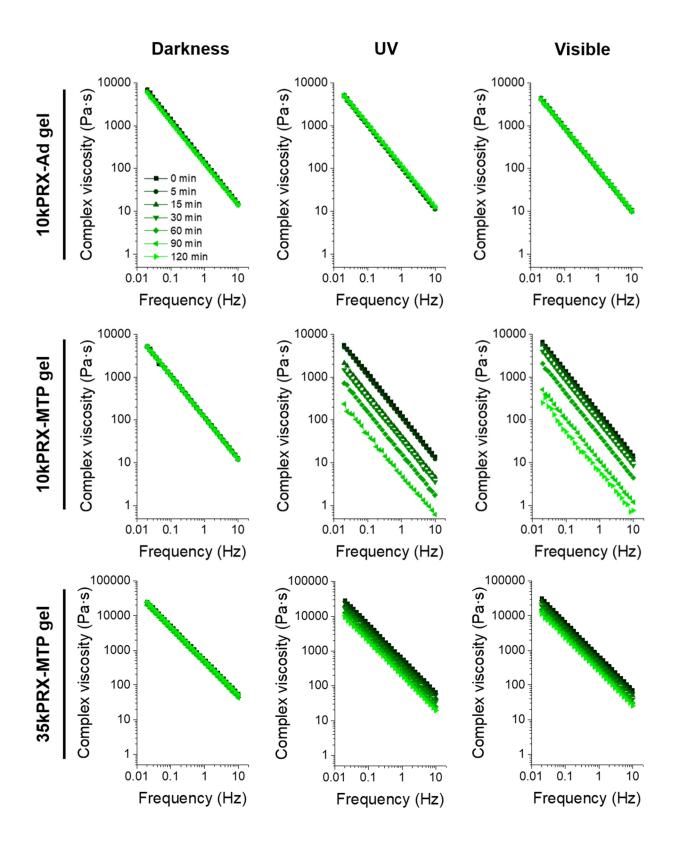


Figure S7. Complex viscosities of 10kPRX-Ad gels, 10kPRX-MTP gels, and 35kPRX-MTP gels under darkness, UV irradiation, and visible light irradiation for 120 min.