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Supporting Information

2 **Improved myocardial performance in infarcted rat heart by injection of**
3 **disulfide-cross-linked chitosan hydrogels loaded with basic fibroblast growth**
4 **factor**

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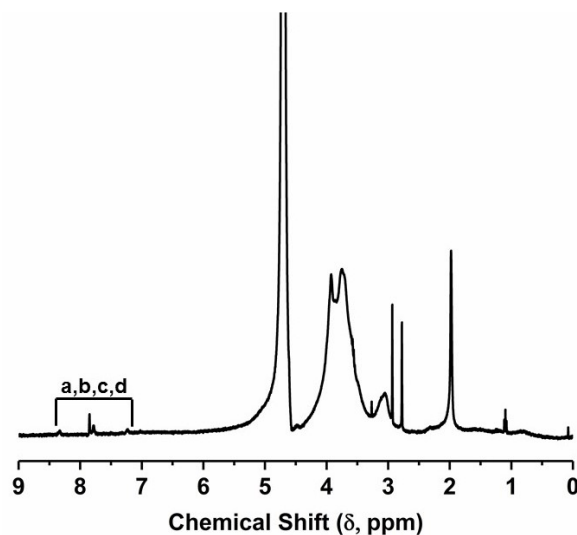
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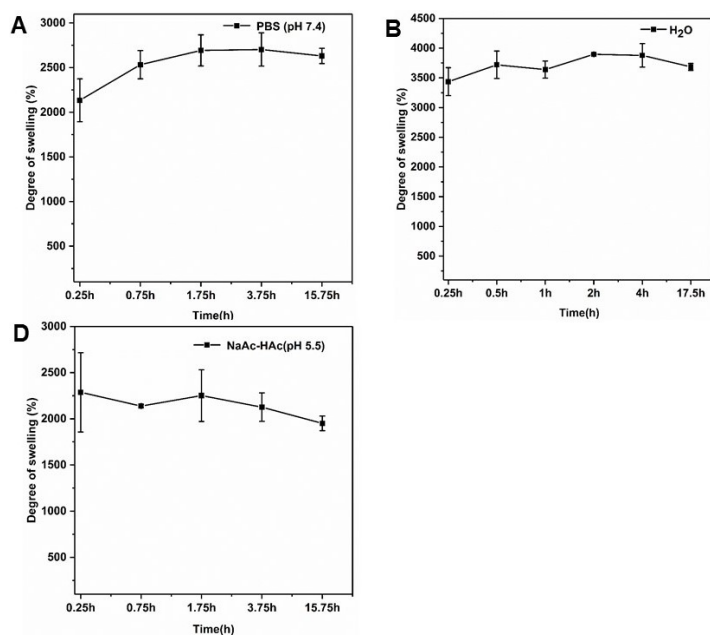
16 **¹H NMR spectrum of the CMCS/BSA hydrogel**



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18 **Figure S1.** ¹H NMR spectrum of the CMCS/BSA hydrogel in D₂O.

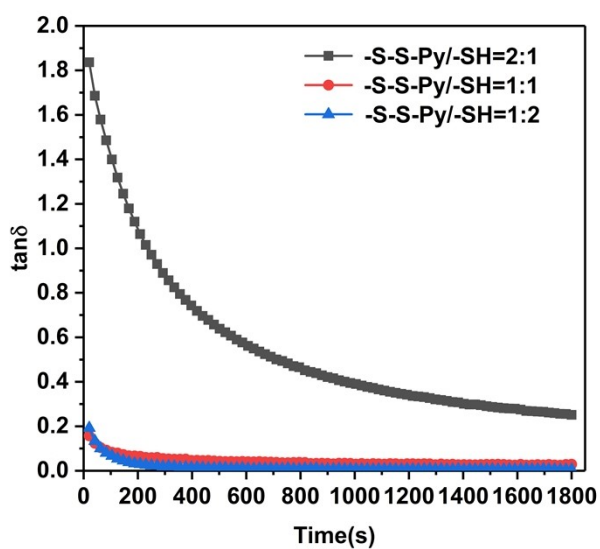
19 **2. Swelling test**



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21 **Figure S2.** Swelling properties of the CMCS/BSA hydrogels under different solutions.

22 **3. Phase angle analysis of the CMCS/BSA hydrogels**



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24 **Figure S3.** Phase angle analysis of the CMCS/BSA hydrogels with different -S-S-Py/-SH molar

25 ratio through dynamic time sweep tests at 37 °C.