The supporting information for

## Reversible Stability of Colloids Switched by CO<sub>2</sub> Based on Polyhexamethylene Guanidine

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Figure S1. Variation of conductivity for deionized water while alternatively bubbling  $CO_2$  and  $N_2$  at 25±0.5 °C.



**Figure S2**. The images in microscopic view and different states of PHMG for crude oil emulsion in two situations (SDBS, 0.015mol/L; PHMG, 0.2 wt%) at 25 °C. The initial emulsion (left side) and the separated water/crude oil with CO<sub>2</sub>-induced (right side).

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	Amount of oil phase sample	water content	Moisture
	(mg)	(mg)	percentage
Test 1	13.5	0.734	5.44%
Test 2	13.9	0.744	5.35%
Test 3	12.7	0.686	5.40%
Average moisture percentage			5.40%

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**Figure S3**. (a) The original PS latex after preparation with PHMG (concentration of PHMG is 0.2 wt.%, T=25 °C); (b) After sparing  $CO_2$  for 30 min and standing for 2 days, the PS became white precipitation; (c) The upper clear layer is removed by filtration to obtain a white precipitate; (d) After adding 20 mL fresh SDBS solution (concentration of PHMG is 0.2 wt.%) and hand shaking, the PS latex was obtained at

25 °C.