

Supporting Information

Water-based eco-friendly fabrication of physicochemically crosslinked and highly wettable PU-rich electrospun PU/PEO nanofiber composites with exceptional chemical and thermal stability

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Table S1. Parameters applied for optimizing PU_x/s-PEO_y/CL_z/bc-NFs blend nanofibers.

Sample code	Polymer solution conditions			Electrospinning conditions		
	PU	PEO	CL	Applied voltage (kV)	TCD (cm)	Solution feeding (mm/sec)
PU ₁₀ /s-PEO ₀ /CL ₁ /bc-NFs	10	0	1	-	-	-
PU ₉ /s-PEO ₁ /CL _{0.9} /bc-NFs	9	1	0.9	8	8	0.0022
PU ₈ /s-PEO ₂ /CL _{0.8} /bc-NFs	8	2	0.8	8	10	0.0018
PU ₇ /s-PEO ₃ /CL _{0.7} /bc-NFs	7	3	0.7	8	10	0.0016
PU ₆ /s-PEO ₄ /CL _{0.6} /bc-NFs	6	4	0.6	8.5	12	0.0015
PU ₅ /s-PEO ₅ /CL _{0.5} /bc-NFs	5	5	0.5	8.5	12	0.0014
PU ₄ /s-PEO ₆ /CL _{0.4} /bc-NFs	4	6	0.4	8.5	12	0.0013
PU₃/s-PEO₇/CL_{0.3}/bc-NFs 3	7	7	0.3	8.5	13	0.0010
PU₂/s-PEO₈/CL_{0.2}/bc-NFs 2	8	8	0.2	8.5	13	0.0006
PU ₁ /s-PEO ₉ /CL _{0.1} /bc-NFs	1	9	0.1	8.5	12	0.0004
PU ₀ /s-PEO ₁₀ /CL ₀ /bc-NFs	0	10	0	9	12	0.0002

PU aqueous dispersion 30 wt%; PEO aqueous solution 6 wt%, CL- crosslinker 41.3 wt% aqueous solution

Table S2. Parameters applied for optimizing PU_x/8-PEO_y/CL_z/bc-NFs blend nanofibers.

Sample code	Polymer solution conditions			Electrospinning conditions		
	PU	PEO	CL	Applied voltage (kV)	TCD (cm)	Solution feeding (mm/sec)
PU ₁₀ /8-PEO ₀ /CL ₁ /bc-NFs	10	0	1	-	-	-
PU ₉ /8-PEO ₁ /CL _{0.9} /bc-NFs	9	1	0.9	8	8	0.0022
PU ₈ /8-PEO ₂ /CL _{0.8} /bc-NFs	8	2	0.8	8	10	0.0018
PU ₇ /8-PEO ₃ /CL _{0.7} /bc-NFs	7	3	0.7	8	10	0.0016
PU₆/8-PEO₄/CL_{0.6}/bc-NFs 6	6	4	0.6	8.5	12	0.0015
PU₅/8-PEO₅/CL_{0.5}/bc-NFs 5	5	5	0.5	8.5	12	0.0014
PU ₄ /8-PEO ₆ /CL _{0.4} /bc-NFs	4	6	0.4	8.5	12	0.0013
PU ₃ /8-PEO ₇ /CL _{0.3} /bc-NFs	3	7	0.3	8.5	13	0.0010
PU ₂ /8-PEO ₈ /CL _{0.2} /bc-NFs	2	8	0.2	8.5	13	0.0006
PU ₁ /8-PEO ₉ /CL _{0.1} /bc-NFs	1	9	0.1	8.5	12	0.0004
PU ₀ /8-PEO ₁₀ /CL ₀ /bc-NFs	0	10	0	9	12	0.0002

PU aqueous dispersion 30 wt%; PEO aqueous solution 6 wt%, CL- crosslinker 41.3 wt% aqueous solution

Table S3. Parameters applied for optimizing PU_x/3-PEO_y/CL_z/bc-NFs blend nanofibers.

Sample code	Polymer solution conditions			Electrospinning conditions		
	PU	PEO	CL	Applied voltage (kV)	TCD (cm)	Solution feeding (mm/sec)
PU ₁₀ /3-PEO ₀ /CL ₁ /bc-NFs	10	0	1	-	-	-
PU ₉ /3-PEO ₁ /CL _{0.9} /bc-NFs	9	1	0.9	8	8	0.0022
PU ₈ /3-PEO ₂ /CL _{0.8} /bc-NFs	8	2	0.8	8	10	0.0018
PU ₇ /3-PEO ₃ /CL _{0.7} /bc-NFs	7	3	0.7	8	10	0.0016
PU ₆ /3-PEO ₄ /CL _{0.6} /bc-NFs	6	4	0.6	8.5	12	0.0015
PU ₅ /3-PEO ₅ /CL _{0.5} /bc-NFs	5	5	0.5	8.5	12	0.0014
PU ₄ /3-PEO ₆ /CL _{0.4} /bc-NFs	4	6	0.4	8.5	12	0.0013
PU₃/3-PEO₇/CL_{0.3}/bc-NFs3		7	0.3	8.5	13	0.0010
PU₂/3-PEO₈/CL_{0.2}/bc-NFs2		8	0.2	8.5	13	0.0006
PU ₁ /3-PEO ₉ /CL _{0.1} /bc-NFs	1	9	0.1	8.5	12	0.0004
PU ₀ /3-PEO ₁₀ /CL ₀ /bc-NFs	0	10	0	9	12	0.0002

PU aqueous dispersion 30 wt%; PEO aqueous solution 6 wt%, CL- crosslinker 41.3 wt% aqueous solution

Table S4. Parameters applied for optimizing PU_x/4-PEO_y/CL_z/bc-NFs blend nanofibers.

Sample code	Polymer solution conditions			Electrospinning conditions		
	PU	PEO	CL	Applied voltage (kV)	TCD (cm)	Solution feeding (mm/sec)
PU ₁₀ /4-PEO ₀ /CL ₁ /bc-NFs	10	0	1	-	-	-
PU ₉ /4-PEO ₁ /CL _{0.9} /bc-NFs	9	1	0.9	8	8	0.0022
PU ₈ /4-PEO ₂ /CL _{0.8} /bc-NFs	8	2	0.8	8	10	0.0018
PU ₇ /4-PEO ₃ /CL _{0.7} /bc-NFs	7	3	0.7	8	10	0.0016
PU ₆ /4-PEO ₄ /CL _{0.6} /bc-NFs	6	4	0.6	8.5	12	0.0015
PU₅/4-PEO₅/CL_{0.5}/bc-NFs5		5	0.5	8.5	12	0.0014
PU₄/4-PEO₆/CL_{0.4}/bc-NFs4		6	0.4	8.5	12	0.0013
PU ₃ /4-PEO ₇ /CL _{0.3} /bc-NFs	3	7	0.3	8.5	13	0.0010
PU ₂ /4-PEO ₈ /CL _{0.2} /bc-NFs	2	8	0.2	8.5	13	0.0006
PU ₁ /4-PEO ₉ /CL _{0.1} /bc-NFs	1	9	0.1	8.5	12	0.0004
PU ₀ /4-PEO ₁₀ /CL ₀ /bc-NFs	0	10	0	9	12	0.0002

PU aqueous dispersion 30 wt%; PEO aqueous solution 6 wt%, CL- crosslinker 41.3 wt% aqueous solution

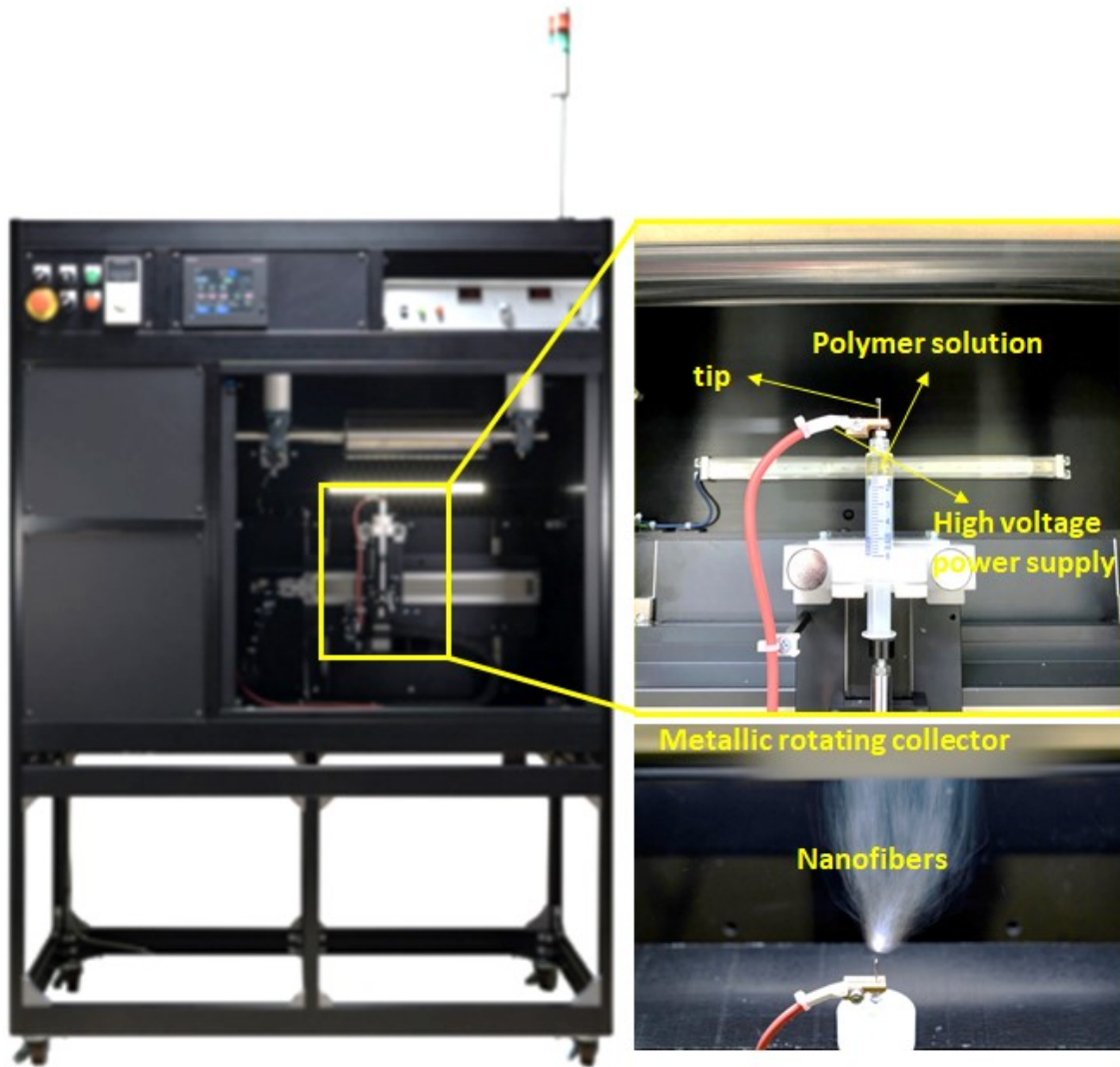


Fig. S1. Electrospinning Setup

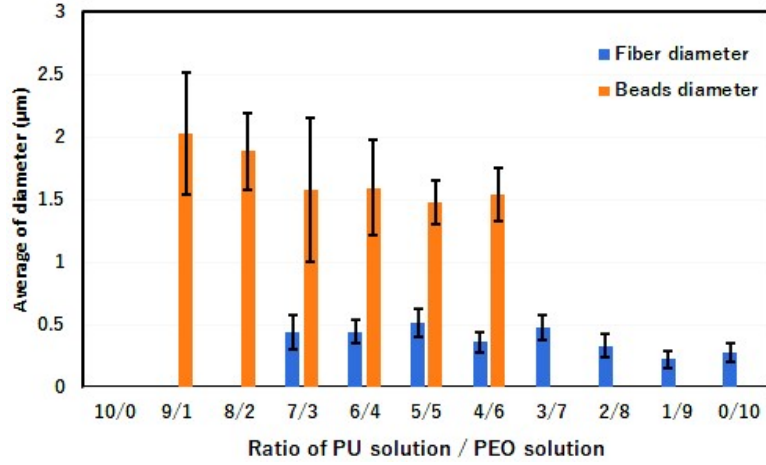


Fig. S2. Average fiber diameter of PU/PEO nanofibers at different PU:PEO mass ratios.

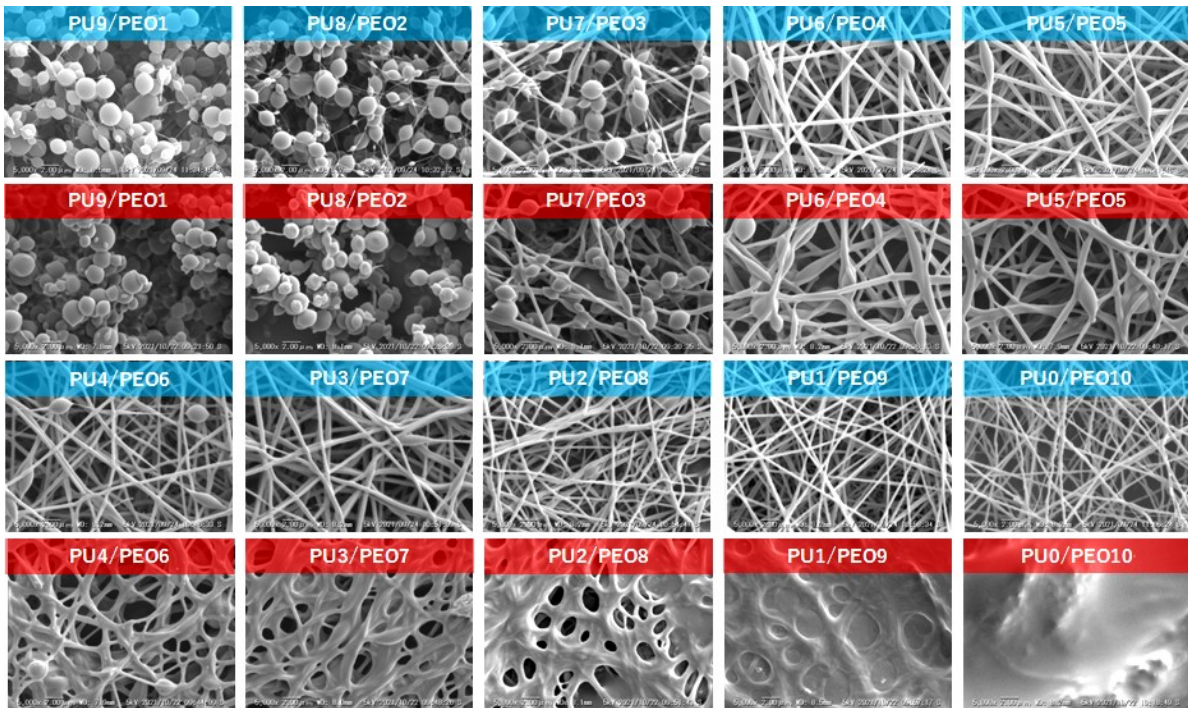


Fig. S3. SEM images of PU_x/s-PEO_y/CL_z nanofibers before and after crosslinking.

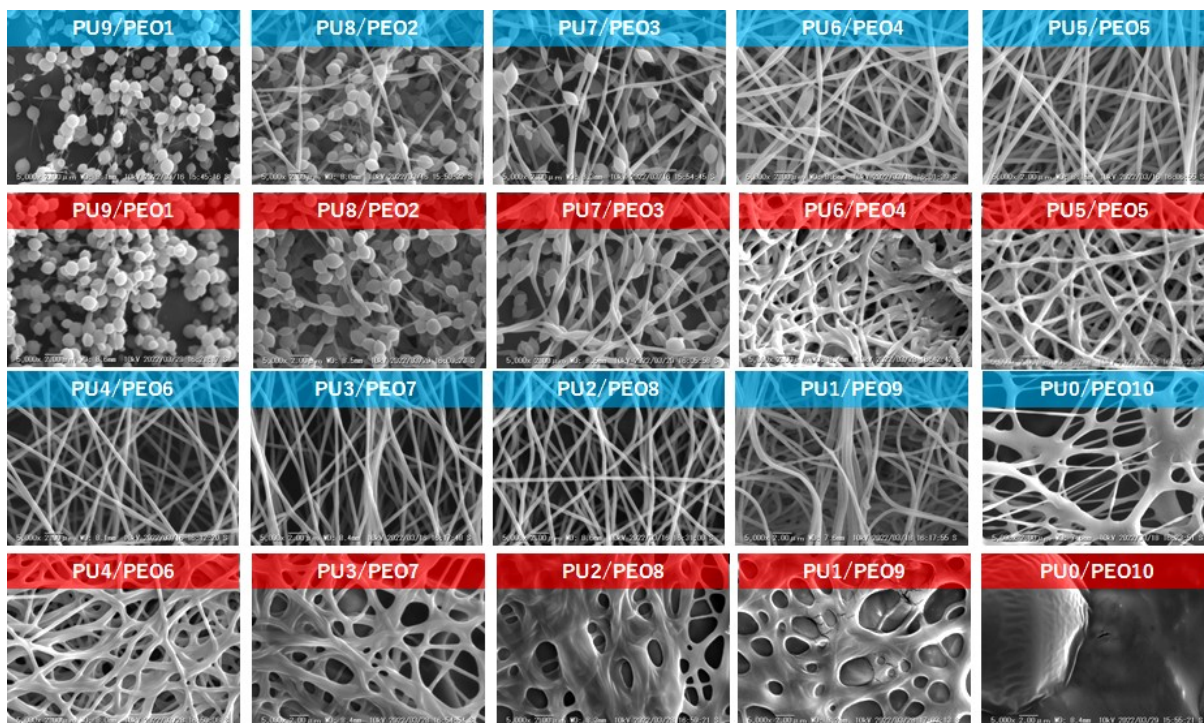


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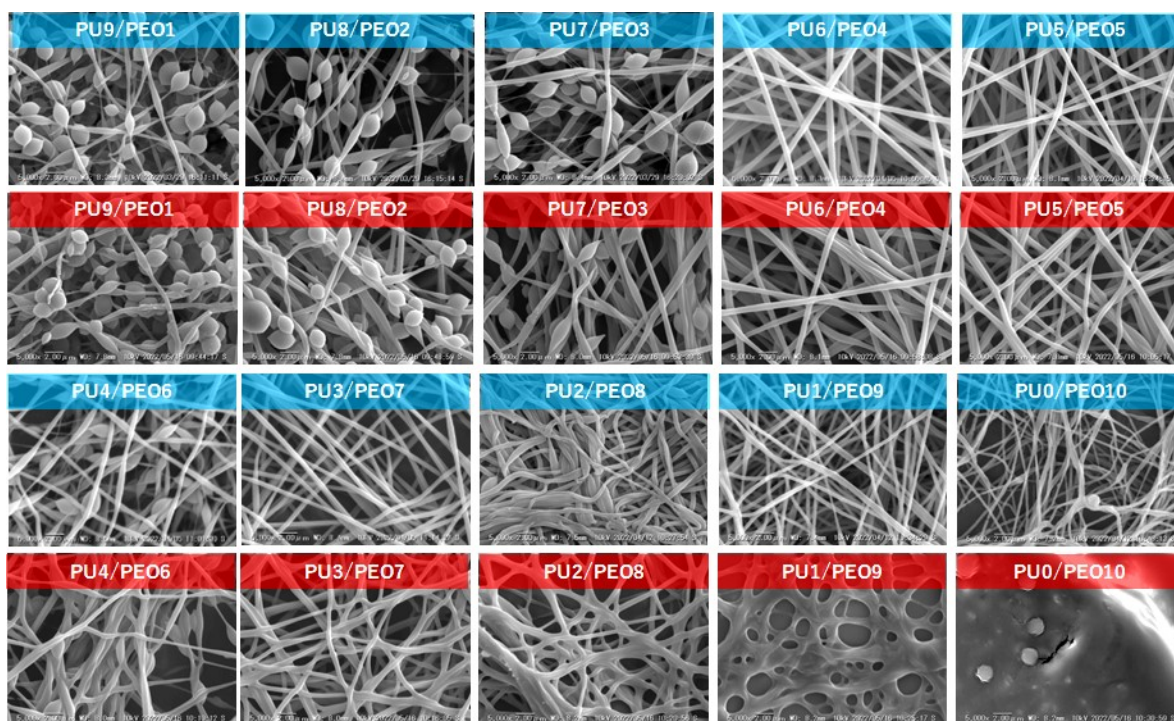


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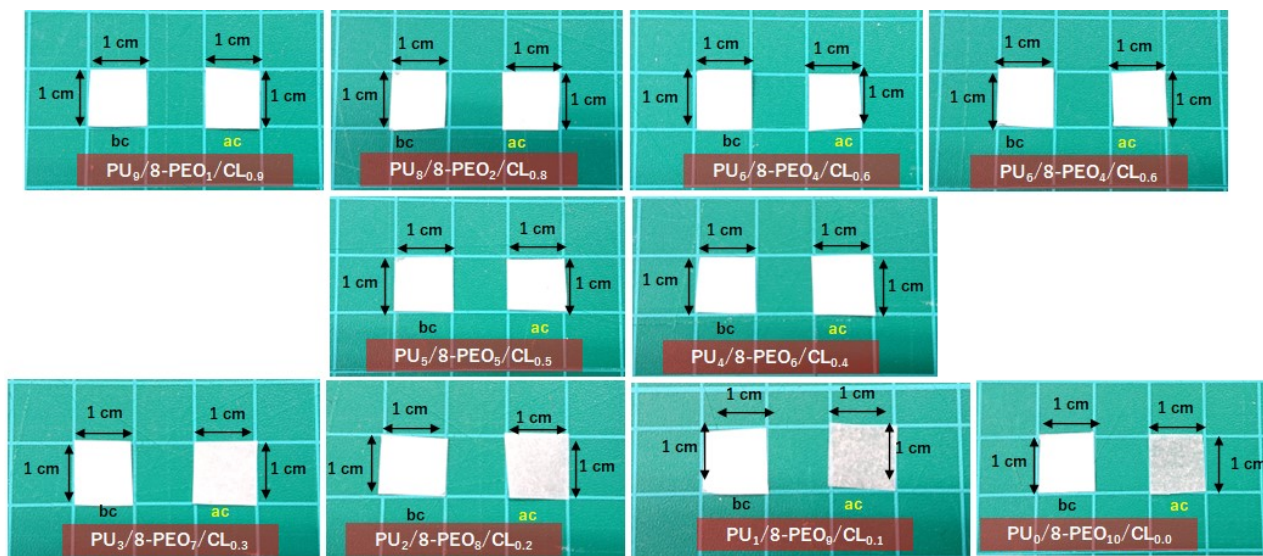


Fig. S6. Physical stability of $PU_x/8-PEO_y/CL_z$ nanofibers before and after crosslinking.

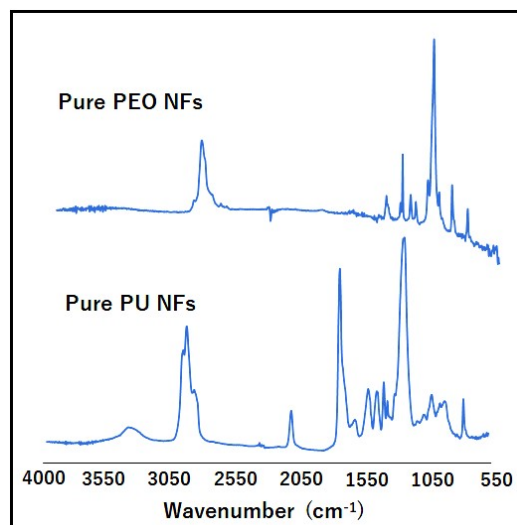


Fig. S7. FT-IR spectra of PEO nanofibers and PU nanofiber composite.

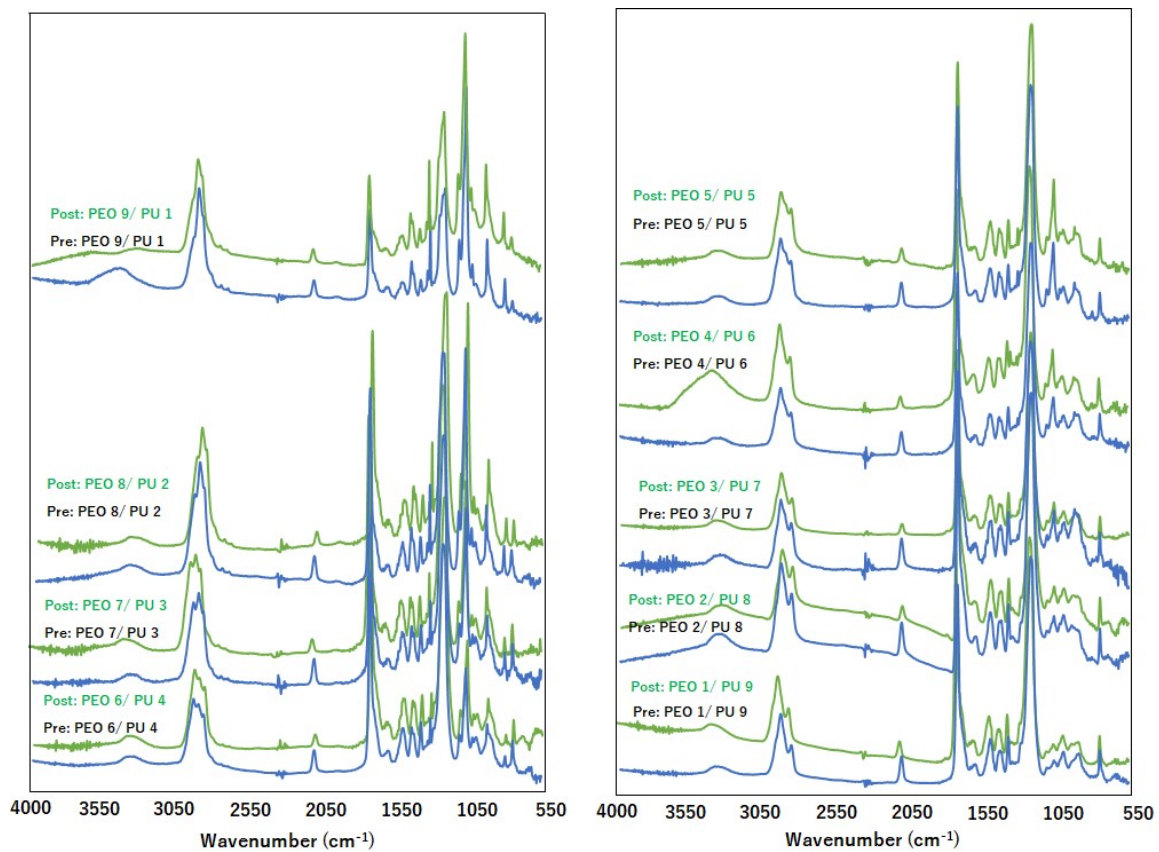


Fig. S8. FT-IR spectra of PU_x/s-PEO_y/CL_z nanofiber composites before and after crosslinking.

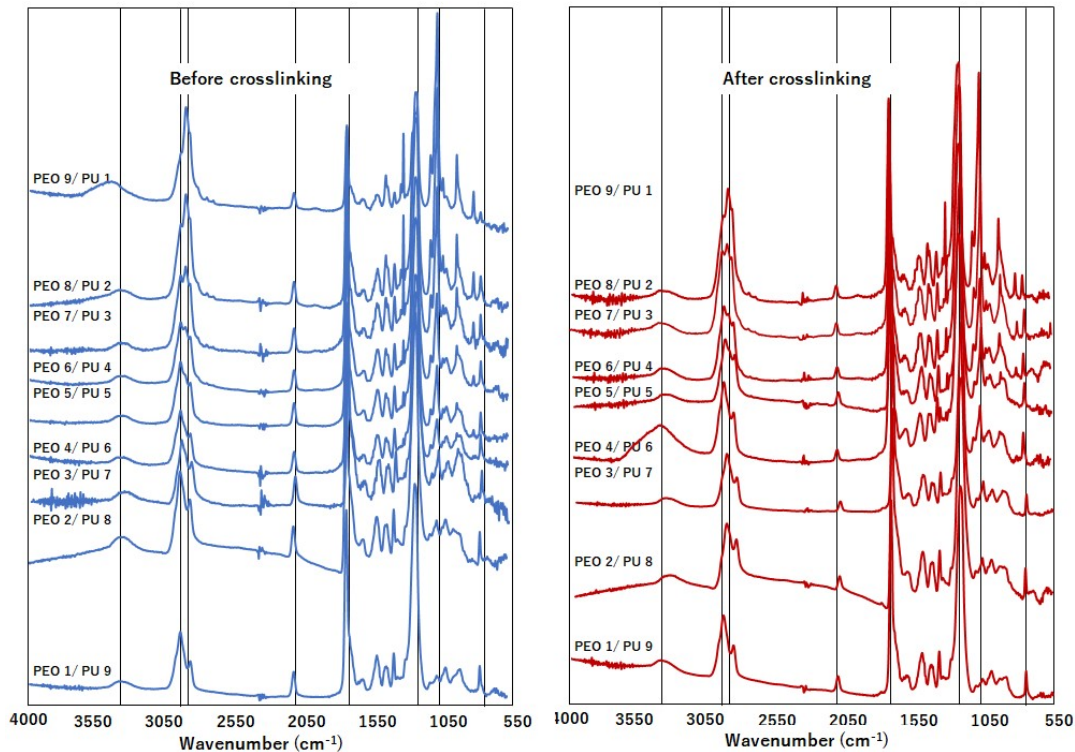


Fig. S9. FT-IR spectra of $PU_x/4-PEO_y/CL_z$ nanofiber composites before and after crosslinking.

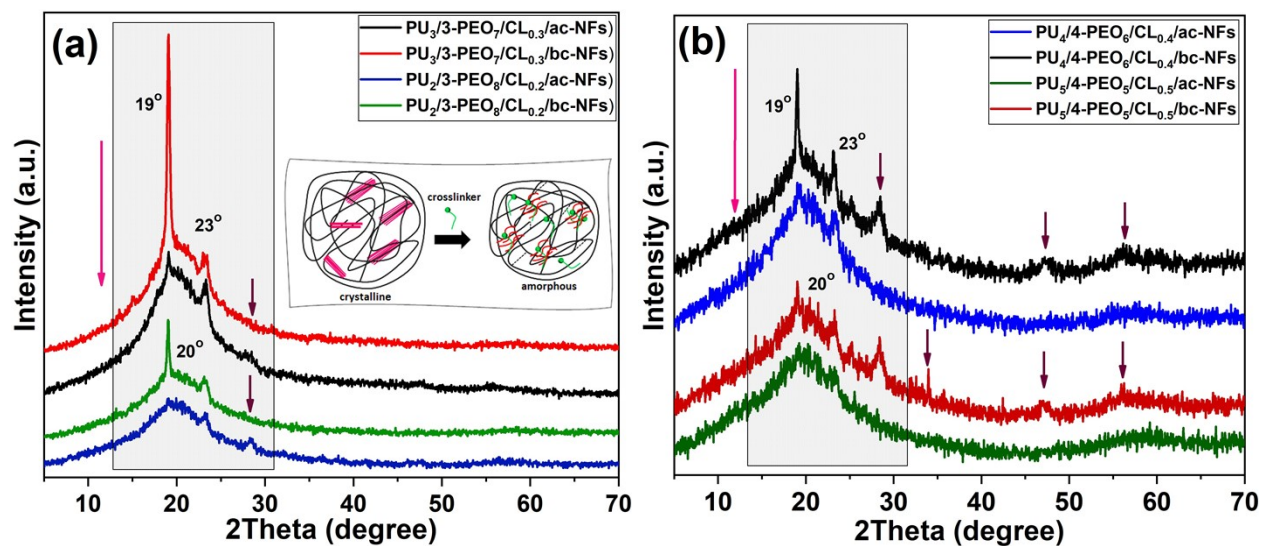


Fig. S10. XRD patterns of (a) $PU_x/3-PEO_y/CL_z$ -bc-NFs and (b) $PU_x/4-PEO_y/CL_z$ -bc-NFs nanofiber composites and before and after thermal crosslinking ($PU_x/g-PEO_y/CL_z$ -ac-NFs).

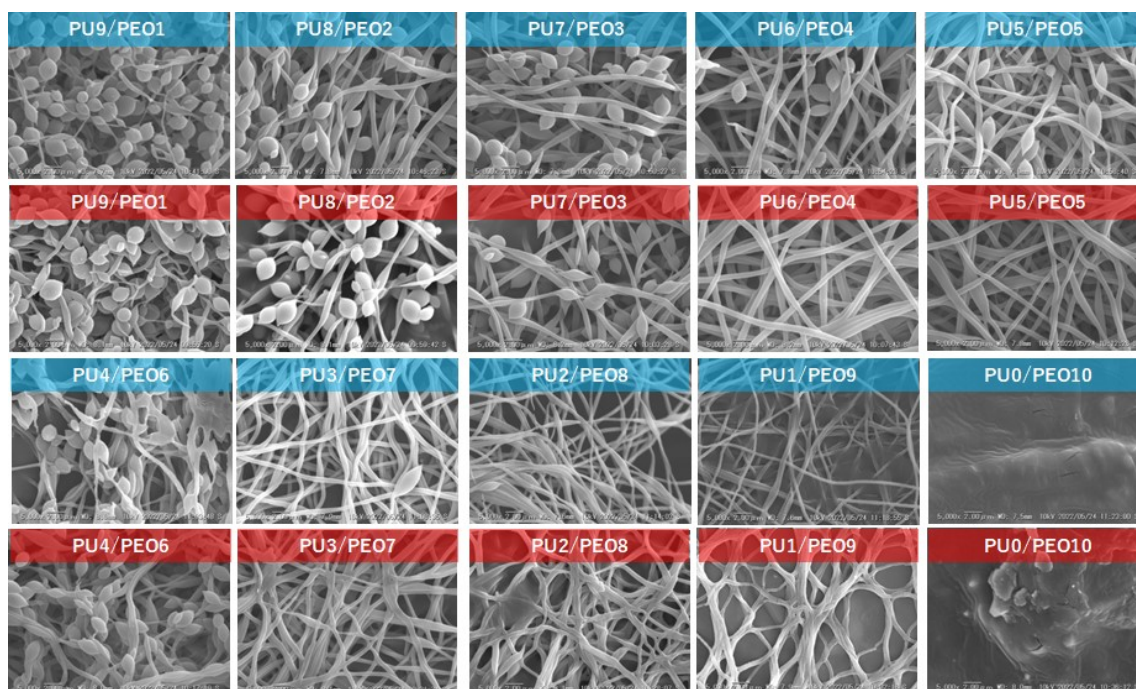


Fig. S11. SEM images of $PU_x/8-PEO_y/CL_z$ nanofiber composites before and after dipped in hot water at 90°C for 3h (red – crosslinked and blue – non-crosslinked).

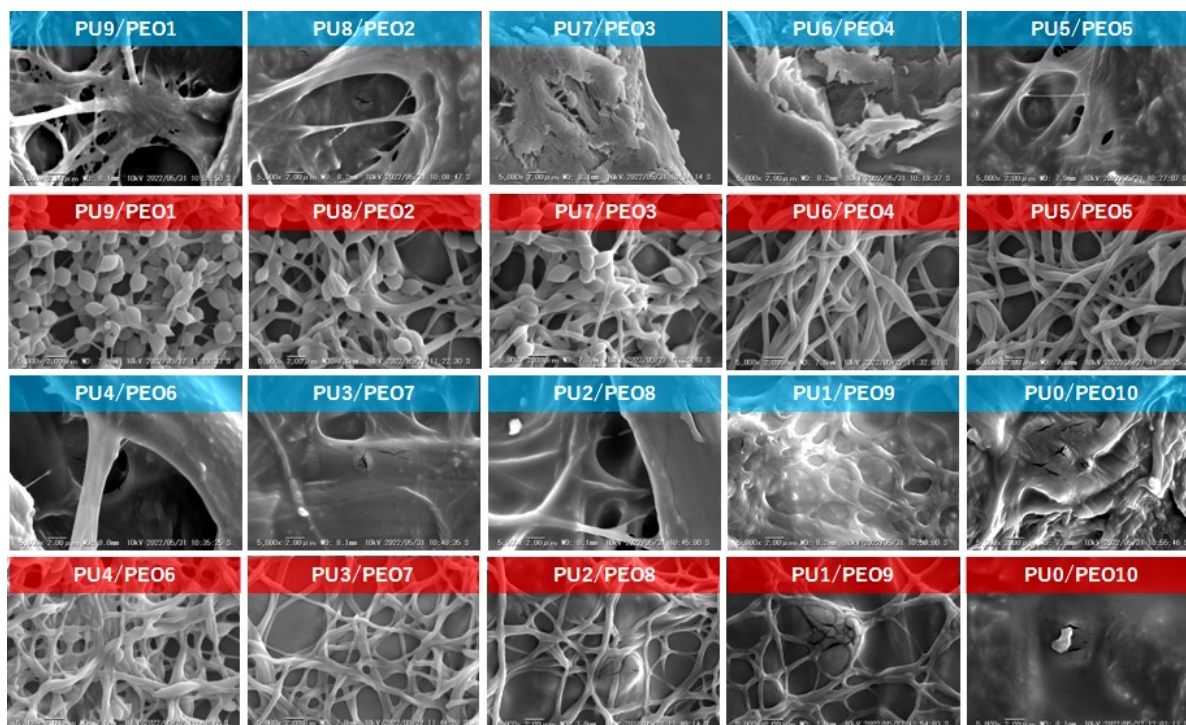


Fig. S12. SEM images of $PU_x/8-PEO_y/CL_z$ NFs composites before and after dipped in DMF at 60°C for 3h (red – crosslinked and blue – non-crosslinked).

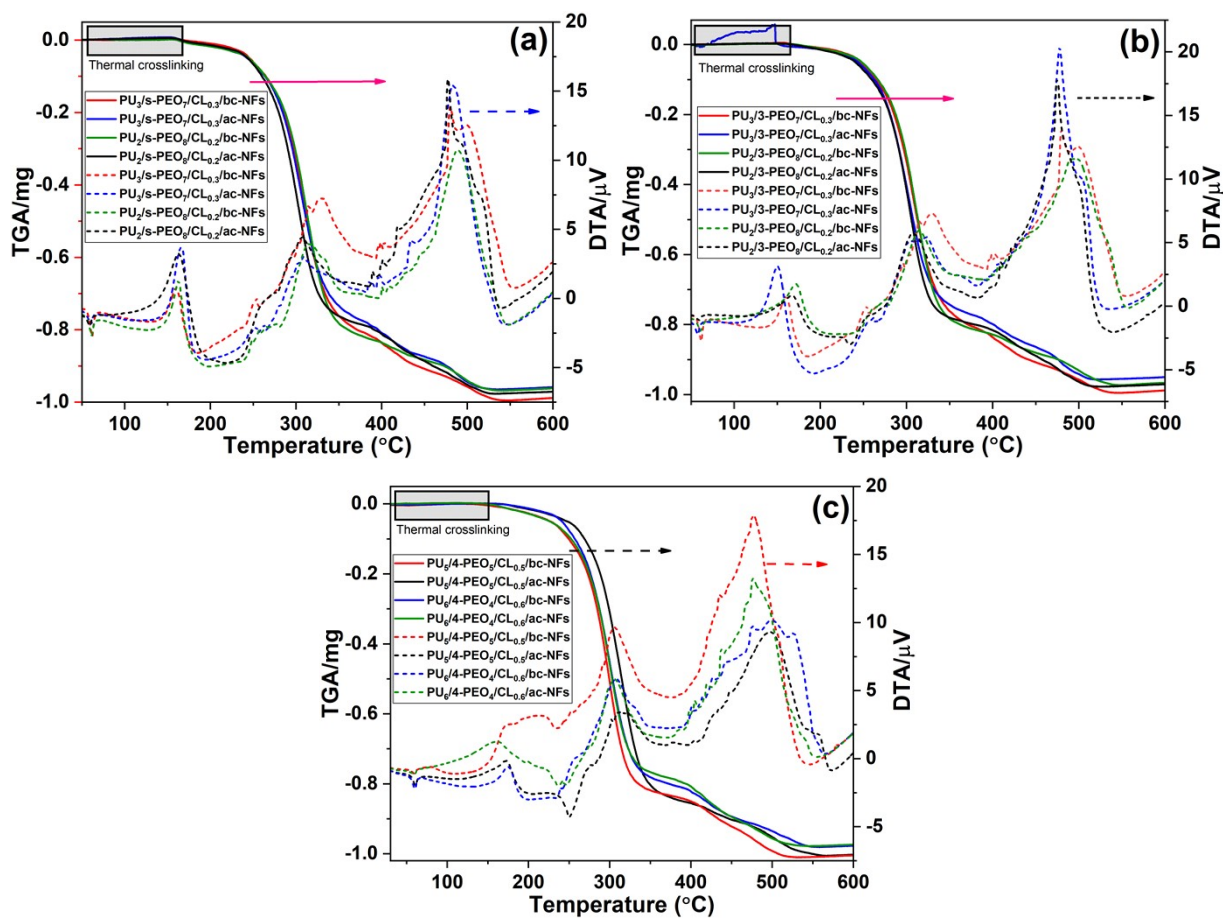


Fig. S13. TG-DTA curves of (a) PU_x/s-PEO_y/CL_z-bc-NFs, (b) PU_x/3-PEO_y/CL_z-bc-NFs and (c) PU_x/4-PEO_y/CL_z-bc-NFs nanofibers composites and the nanofiber composites after crosslinking (PU_x/g-PEO_y/CL_z-ac-NFs).