

## Supporting Information

# Strong, tough, and elastic poly (vinyl alcohol)/polyacrylamide DN hydrogel based on Hofmeister effect for articular cartilage replacement

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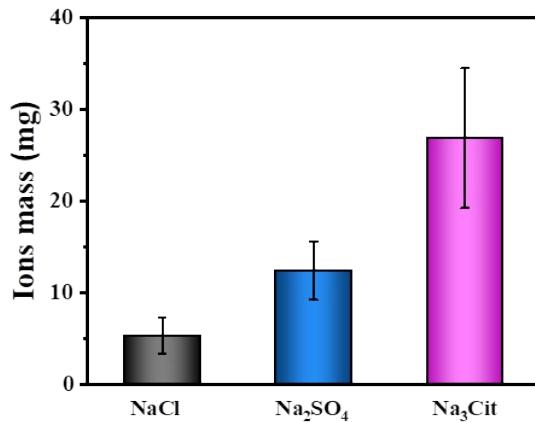
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**Figure S1.** The amount of Hofmeister series of the NaCl, Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and Na<sub>3</sub>Cit.

**Table S1.** The mechanical properties of PVA/PAM treated by various concentration of Cit<sup>3-</sup>

Concentration of Cit <sup>3-</sup> (M)	Tensile strength (MPa)	Tensile modulus (MPa)	Toughness (MJ/m <sup>3</sup> )	Compressive strength (MPa)	Compressive modulus (MPa)
1	3.5 ± 0.3	1.1 ± 0.1	8.6 ± 1.3	11.6 ± 1.3	1.4 ± 0.5
Saturate	18.9 ± 1.6	10.6 ± 2.1	66.2 ± 4.2	102.3 ± 7.9	8.9 ± 0.8

**Table S2.** Comparison of tensile strength and modulus of PAM/PVA-Cit to the reported PVA and PVA based DN hydrogels

Composition	Tensile strength (MPa)		References
PAM/PVA-Cit	<b>18.9 ± 1.6</b>	<b>10.6 ± 2.1</b>	This work
PVA	0.2-0.4	0.1	1, 2
PVA (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )	15.5	2.5	3
PVA/AG	14.6	3.7	4
PVA-HA/PAA	1.0	3.7	5
PVA-HA/HACC	3.1	0.7	6
PVA/CS	4.0	2.1	7

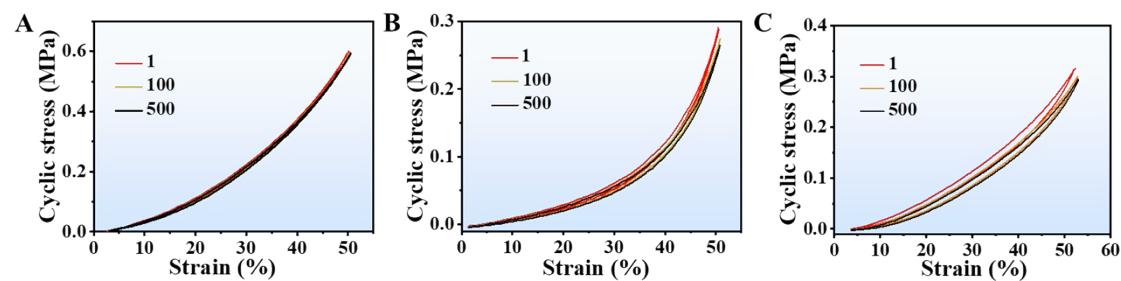
MCC-PVAGMA	1.3	0.4	8
PVA/SA	0.2-0.4	0.5-1.9	2
AG/PVA	1.4	2.2	9
PVA/AG ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ )	17.8	7.5	1
PVA/CPBA ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ )	2.0	0.5	10
PGCB-OH	17.3	2.3	11
PVA-M-H	16.6	8.6	12

**Table S3.** Comparison of toughness of PAM/PVA-Cit to the reported PVA and PVA based DN hydrogels

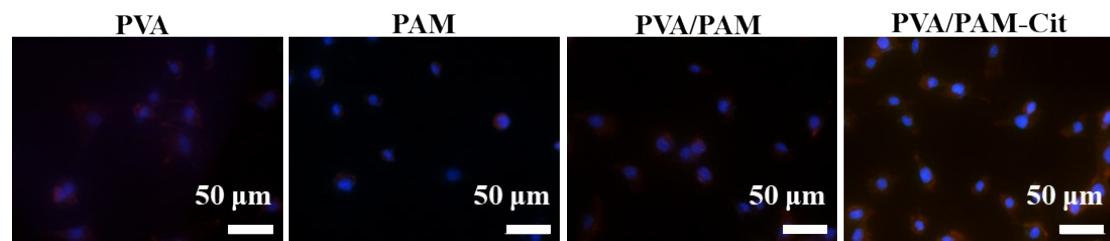
Composition	Toughness (MJ/m <sup>3</sup> )	References
<b>PAM/PVA-Cit</b>	<b>66.2 ± 4.2</b>	<b>This work</b>
PVA	0.2-0.4	1, 2
PVA/SA	4.9	2
PVA ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ )	153.4	3
PGCB-OH	9.2	11
PVA-M-H	39.2	12
PAM/PVA	0.2	13
PVA/GO	1.1	14
PVA-HA/HACC (Cit <sup>3-</sup> )	13.5	15
PVA/PAA	12.0	16
PVA-GMA/MSi	1.1	17
PVA/CS	22.1	18

**Table S4.** Comparison of compressive strength and modulus of PAM/PVA-Cit to the reported PVA and PVA based DN hydrogels

Composition	Compressive strength	Compressive modulus	References
	(MPa)	(MPa)	
PAM/PVA-Cit	<b>102.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	This work
PVA	0.2-2.1	0.5-0.8	1, 19-21
PVA/AG	3.7	0.1	4
PVA/CPBA (Ca <sup>2+</sup> )	26.0	5.5	10
PVA-HA/PAA	1.3	0.3	5
PVA-HA/HACC	40.2	0.9	6
PVA/CS	18.0	1.5	7
PVA-HA/HLC	5.6	6.8	22
PVA/PAA	22.0	2.1	16



**Figure S2.** Cyclic compressive of PVA (A), PAM (B), and PVA/PAM (C).



**Figure S3.** The differentiation of BMSCs to chondrocytes activity of the PVA, PAM, PVA/PAM and PVA/PAM-Cit hydrogels.

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