

Electronic Supplementary Information

Poly(ethylene glycol) cryogels as potential cell scaffolds: Effect of polymerization conditions on cryogel microstructure and properties

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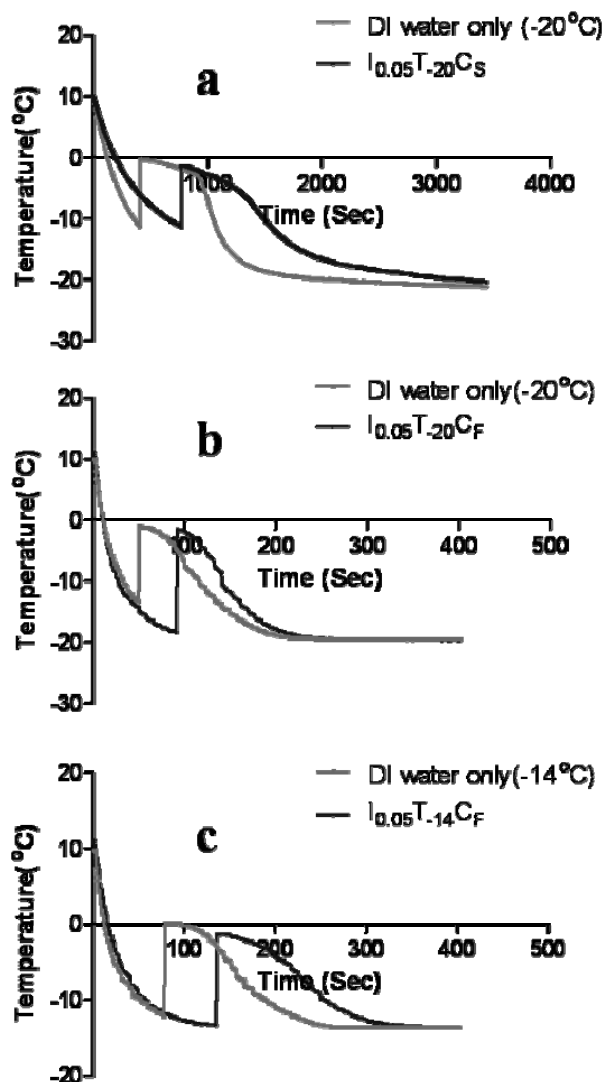


Fig. S1 Thermograms of cryogelation at different temperatures with reference to DI water. (a) $I_{0.05}T_{-20}C_S$ (b) $I_{0.05}T_{-20}C_F$ (c) $I_{0.05}T_{-14}C_F$.

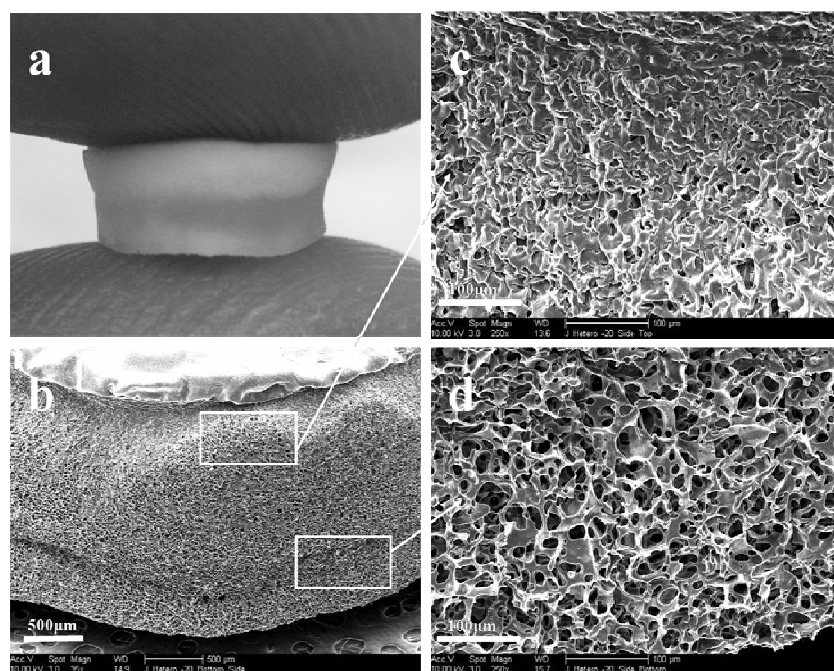


Fig. S2 Photograph (a) and SEM images (b-d) of $I_{0.1}T_{.20}C_F$

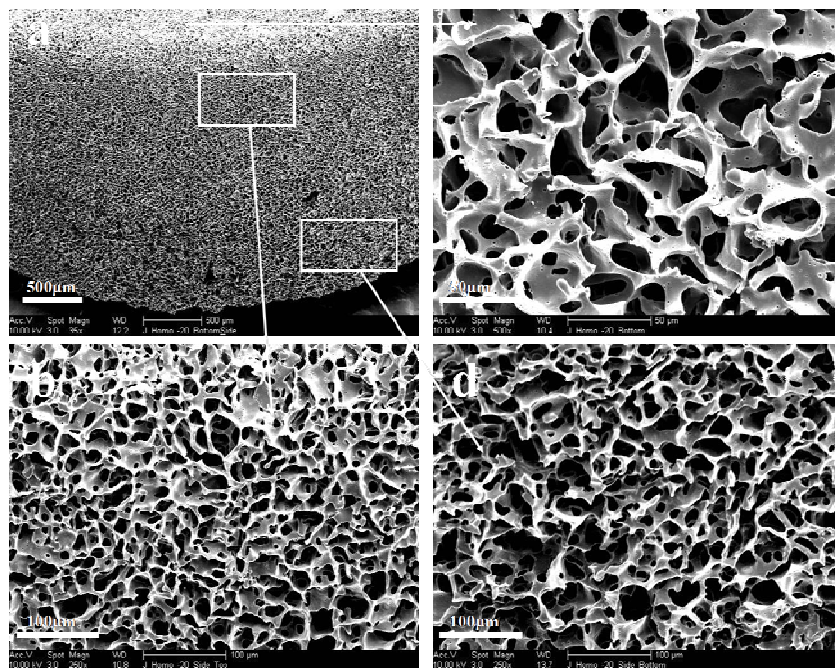


Fig. S3 SEM images of bottom and side view of $I_{0.05}T_{-20}C_F$

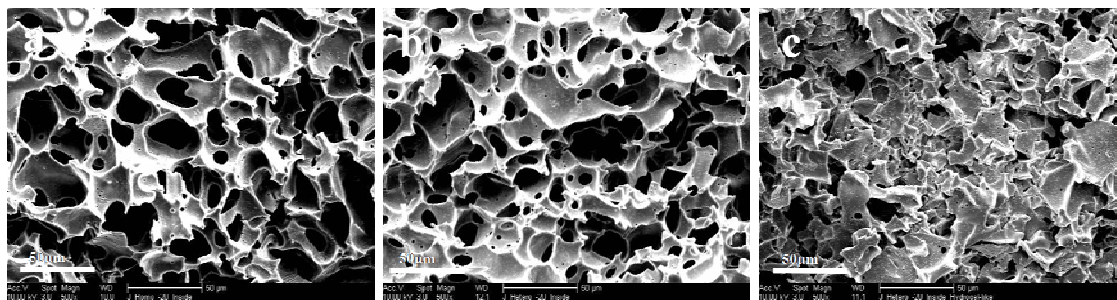


Fig. S4 SEM images of $I_{0.05}T_{-20}C_F$ and $I_{0.1}T_{-20}C_F$; (a) internal fracture surface of $I_{0.05}T_{-20}C_F$, (b) internal fracture surface of cryogel-like structure of $I_{0.1}T_{-20}C_F$, and (c) internal fracture surface of hydrogel-like structure of $I_{0.1}T_{-20}C_F$.

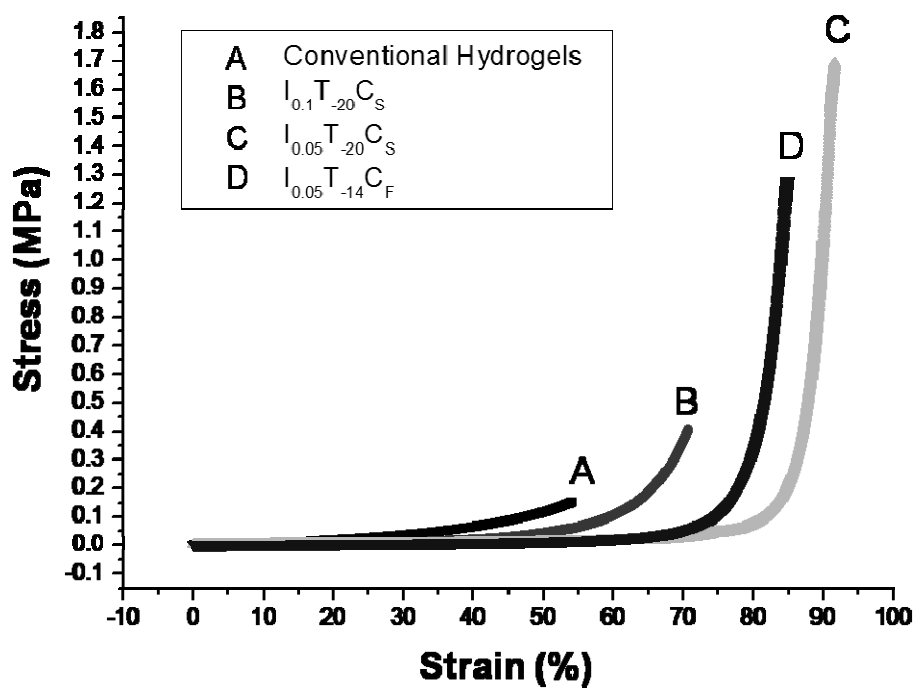


Fig. S5 Stress-strain curves of conventional hydrogels, heterogeneous ($I_{0.1}T_{-20}C_S$) and homogeneous cryogels ($I_{0.05}T_{-20}C_S$ and $I_{0.05}T_{-14}C_F$).