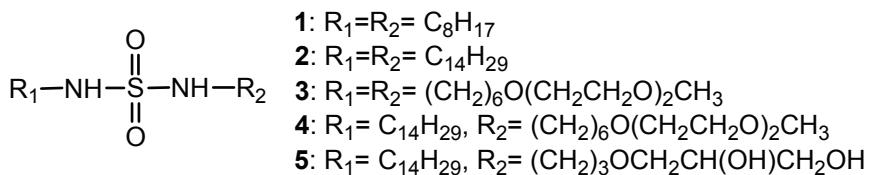


## Supporting Information

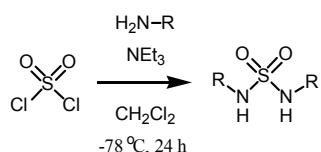
Novel sulfamide-type low-molecular-mass gelators: gelation of aqueous, organic, and aqueous/organic biphasic solutions by hydrogen bond-directed 2-D amphiphilic sheet assemblies

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### Synthesis of sulfamide derivatives 1 – 5



The symmetrically substituted derivatives **1-3** were synthesized according to the following scheme.

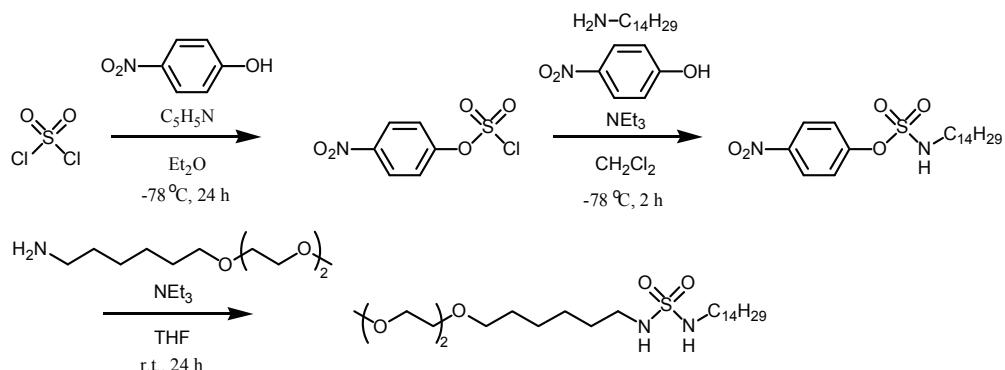


**1** : Microcrystalline powder. Mp 124-125 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 0.88 (6H, t,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.22-1.39 (20H, m,  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ), 1.53 (4H, m,  $\text{NHCH}_2\text{-CH}_2-$ ), 3.03 (4H, q,  $\text{NH-CH}_2-$ ), 4.03 (2H, t,  $\text{NH}$ ). FABMS :  $m/z$ =321.4 (calcd for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 321.3).

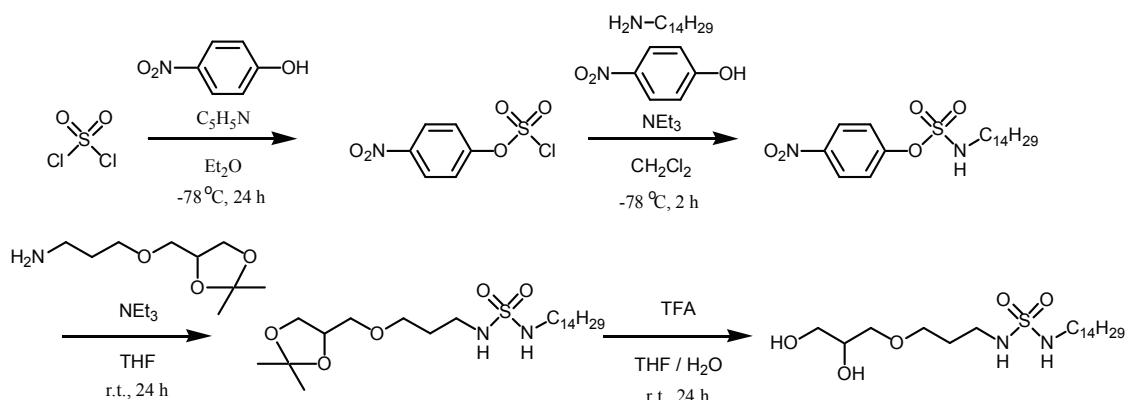
**2** : White solid. Mp 126-127 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 0.86-0.90 (6H, t,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.26 (48H, s,  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ), 3.01-3.06 (4H, q,  $\text{NH-CH}_2-$ ) 4.00-4.02 (2H, t,  $\text{NH}$ ). Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{60}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ : C 68.79, H 12.37, N 5.73 %; found: C 69.03, H 12.36, N 5.42 %. HR-MS:  $m/z$ =489.4457 (calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  : 489.4453).

**3** : White solid. Mp 43-44 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 1.35-1.60(16H, m,  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ), 3.01-3.06 (4H, q,  $-\text{NH-CH}_2-$ ), 3.39(6H, s,  $-\text{OCH}_3$ ) 3.44-3.47 (4H, m,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-O}-$ ), 3.55-3.67 (16H, m,  $\text{O-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-O}-$ ), 4.12-4.15 (2H, t,  $\text{NH}$ ). HR-MS:  $m/z$ =501.3202 (calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  : 501.3209).

The asymmetrically substituted derivatives **4** and **5** were synthesized according to the method of Fettes et al.<sup>1</sup>



**4** : White solid. Mp 87-88 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 0.91-0.94 (3H, t, -CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.07-1.51 (32H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 2.75-2.82 (4H, m, NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 3.14 (6H, s, -OCH<sub>3</sub>) 3.28-3.31 (2H, t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-), 3.34-3.52 (8H, m, O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-O-), 3.73-3.77 (2H, tt, NH). HR-MS: m/z=495.3812 (calcd. for (M+H)<sup>+</sup> : 495.3831).



**5** : White solid. Mp 121-122 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400MHz, DMSO) 0.84-0.87 (3H, t, -CH<sub>3</sub>) 1.24 (22H, s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-) 1.41-1.43 (2H, t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.65-1.68 (2H, m NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-), 2.73-2.76 (4H, q, -NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 2.81-2.85 (4H, q, -NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 3.23-3.42 (4H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 3.54-3.55 (1H, m, CH) 4.47-4.49 (1H, t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-OH), 4.61 (1H, d, CH<sub>2</sub>-OH), 6.72-6.75 (2H, tt, NH).

HR-MS: m/z=425.3047 (calcd. for (M+H)<sup>+</sup> : 425.3049).

## Measurements

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR and IR spectra were recorded on a JEOL AL400 and a Shimadzu FTIR-8700 or a JEOL WINSPEC100 spectrometer, respectively. FABMS measurements were performed on a JEOL JMS-600H using glycerol as a matrix. XRD measurements were operated on a Rigaku RINT-2100 diffractometer (CuK $\alpha$ ) in the range  $0.7 < 2\theta < 30^\circ$ . For AFM measurements, silicon wafers were pressed onto gel surfaces, and the transferred gel samples were subjected to tapping mode AFM observation using a JEOL JSPM-4200 equipped with an Olympus silicon microcantilever (OMCL-AC160TS-C2, radius = 6 nm, resonance frequency=300kHz, spring constant = 42N/m). SEM image was obtained by a Hitachi High-Tech TM-1000.

Gelation abilities of the compound at 5 wt% were tested by the inversion method.<sup>2</sup> After solution of the compounds in each solvents by heating, the sample was cooled down to the ambient temperature.

### Mode of molecular packing

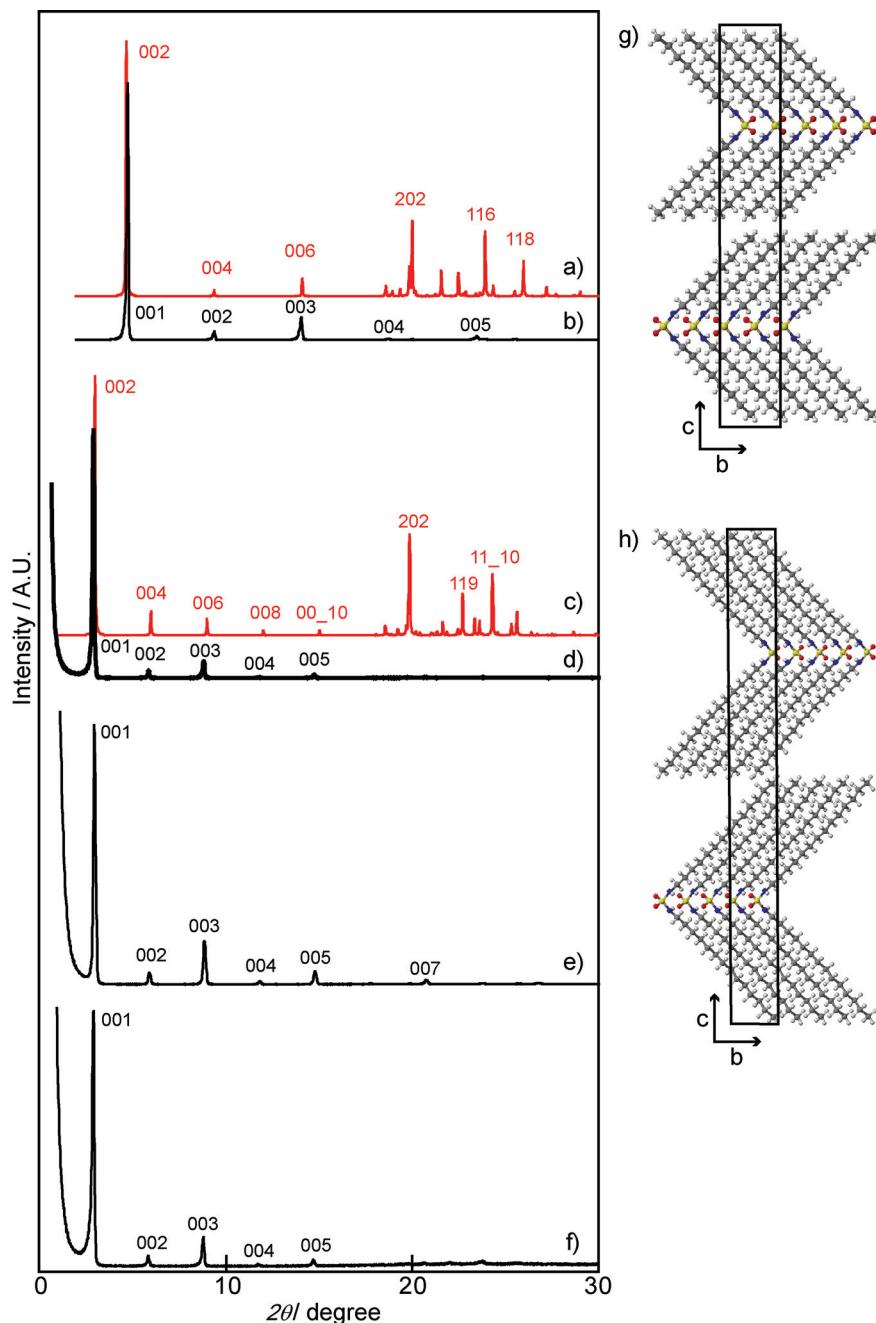


Figure S1 a) Simulated<sup>†</sup> (red) and b) observed (black) XRD patterns of **1**, c) simulated<sup>†</sup> (red) and d) observed (black) XRD patterns of **2**, e) XRD pattern of the **2/benzene** xerogel, f) XRD pattern of the **2/ethanol** xerogel, and estimated molecular packing of g) **1** and h) **2**.

†: Simulated from the reported crystal structure (CCDC: 159730, QIFGOB)<sup>3</sup> or by assuming that mode of the molecular packing was the same as that of **1**; Because the unit cell of the crystal contains two layers, indices corresponding to the observed (00n) reflections are shown as (002n) in the simulated pattern.

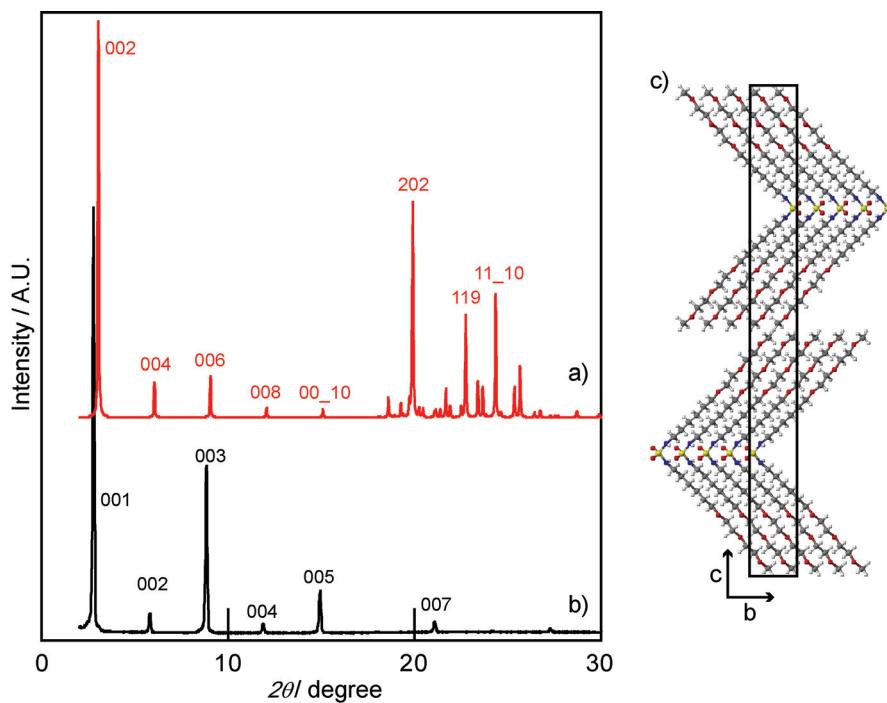


Figure S2 a) Simulated<sup>†</sup> (red) and b) observed (black) XRD pattern of a cast film of **3**, and c) estimated molecular packing.

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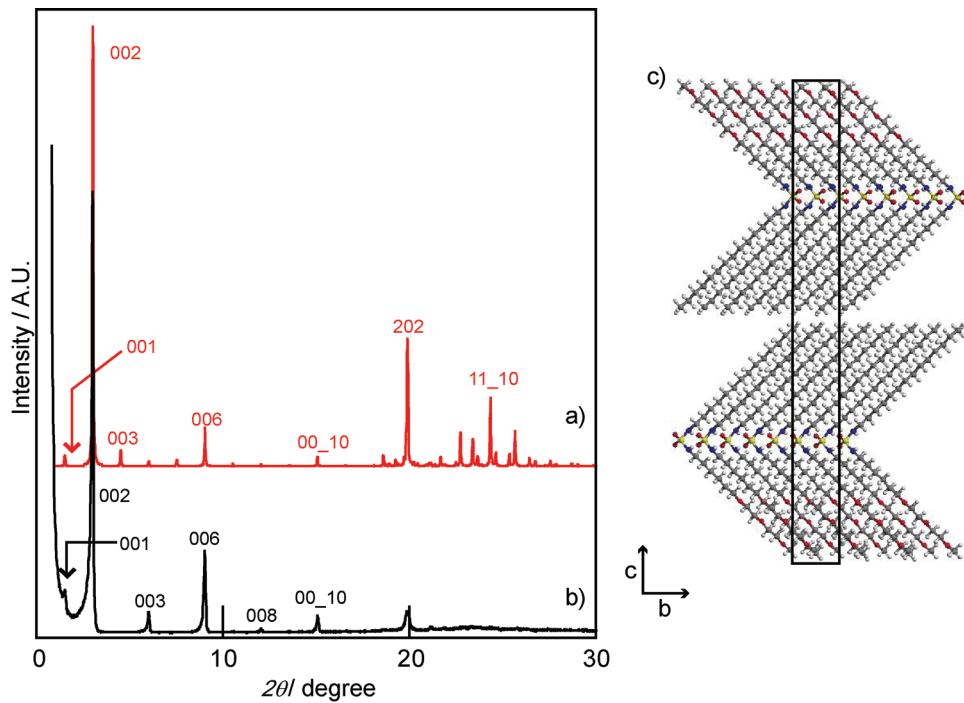


Figure S3 a) Simulated<sup>‡</sup> and b) observed XRD pattern of a cast film of **4**, and c) estimated molecular packing.

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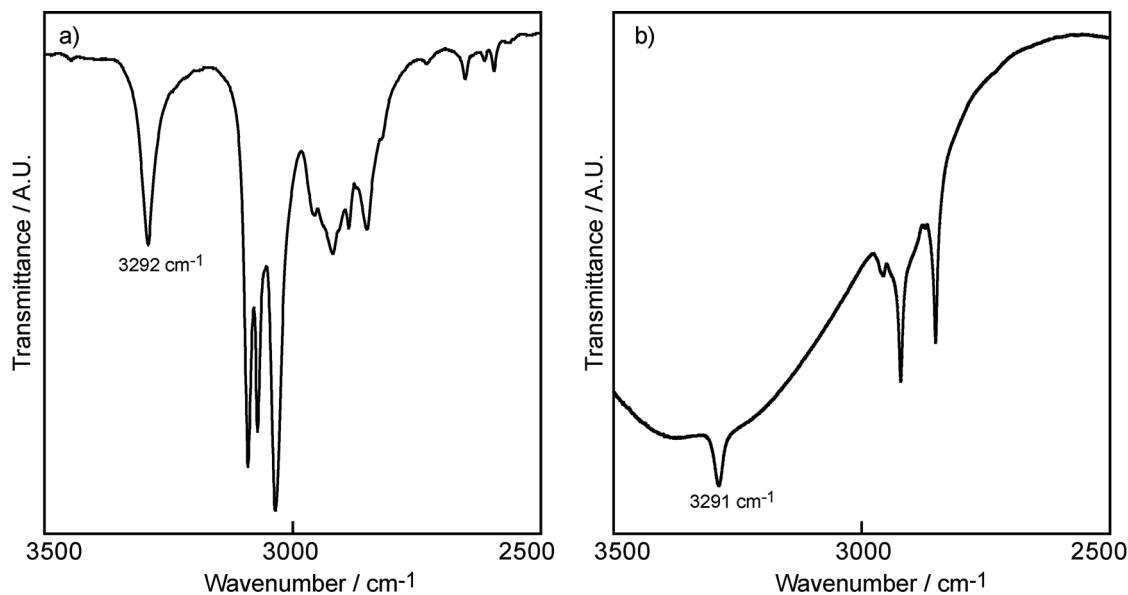


Figure S4 IR spectra of a) benzene organogel of **2** (5 wt%) and c) ethanol (33%)-containing hydrogel of **5** (5 wt%) placed between calcium fluoride plates..

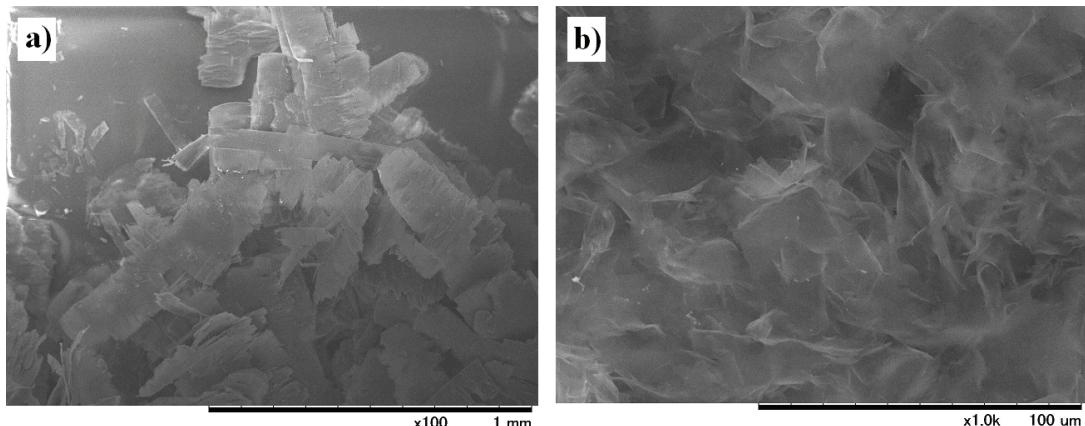


Figure S5 SEM images of the benzene xerogels of a) **2** and b) **5**.

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