

## Supplementary data

**Supplementary table 1.** Fragmentation behavior of several precursor ions observed in the ESI spectra of the h5e peptide (M).

**Supplementary table 2.** Fragmentation behavior of several precursor ions observed in the ESI spectra of the h9e peptide (M).

**Supplementary figure 1.** SEM images of h9e Ca<sup>2+</sup> (a) and acidic (b) hydrogel.

**Supplementary figure 2.** G' of h9e Ca<sup>2+</sup> hydrogels with different molar ratio of Ca<sup>2+</sup> to peptide. ( Molar ratio of Ca<sup>2+</sup> to h9e: 0.1 (black), 1 (red), 10 (blue), 100 (green))

**Supplementary figure 3.** physical properties of h9e hydrogel in Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> solutions. **a.** G' of h9e Zn<sup>2+</sup> (blue), Na<sup>+</sup> (black) and Mg<sup>2+</sup> (red) hydrogels. (peptide concentration 0.005M) **b.** Temperature profile test of h9e Na<sup>2+</sup> hydrogel. (Temperature: black: 5 °C, red: 20 °C, blue: 37 °C, yellow: 50 °C, green: 75 °C, purple: 90°C) **c.** G' and G'' values of h9e Na<sup>+</sup> hydrogel under 4 amplitude sweep shear circles, time interval between each cycle was 10, 20 and 30 s, respectively (black: G'; red: G''). **d.** G' and G'' values of h9e Mg<sup>2+</sup> hydrogel under 4 amplitude sweep shear circles, time interval between each cycle was 10 s, 1 min and 5 min, respectively (black: G'; red: G''). **e.** G' and G'' values of h9e Zn<sup>2+</sup> hydrogel under 4 amplitude sweep shear circles, time interval between each cycle was 10 s, 1 min and 5 min, respectively (black: G'; red: G'').

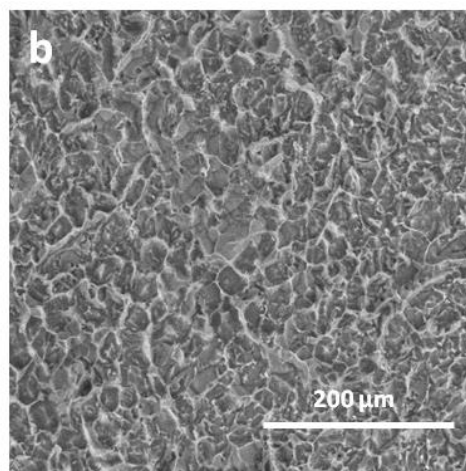
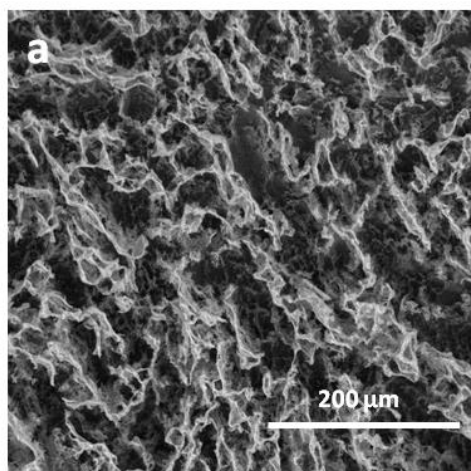
**Supplementary table 1.**

Precursor		$[M+H+Ca]^{3+}$ (m/z 469.891)		$[M+2Ca-H]^{3+}$ (m/z 482.54)		$[M+Ca]^{2+}$ (m/z 704.33)	
Fragments		<i>N-terminal</i>	<i>C-terminal</i>	<i>N-terminal</i>	<i>C-terminal</i>	<i>N-terminal</i>	<i>C-terminal</i>
1	F						
2	L	<b>a<sub>2</sub>; b<sub>2</sub><sup>a)</sup></b>	$[y_{14}-H+Ca]^{2+}$	<b>a<sub>2</sub>; b<sub>2</sub></b>	$[y_{14}-3H+2Ca]^{2+}$	<b>a<sub>2</sub></b>	
3	I	<b>b<sub>3</sub></b>	$[y_{13}-H+Ca]^{2+}$		<b><math>[y_{13}-3H+2Ca]^{2+}</math></b> $[y_{13}-3H+2Ca-H_2O]^{2+}$	<b>b<sub>3</sub></b>	
4	V		$[y_{12}-H+Ca]^{2+}$		$[y_{12}-3H+2Ca]^{2+}$	<b>a<sub>4</sub>; b<sub>4</sub></b>	$[y_{12}-H_2O-2H+Ca]^+$
5	I						$[y_{11}-H_2O-2H+Ca]^+$
6	G		$[y_{10}-H+Ca]^{2+}$				$[y_{10}-2H+Ca]^+$ $[y_{10}-H_2O-2H+Ca]^+$
7	P						$[y_9-H_2O-2H+Ca]^+$
8	G					$[b_8-2H+Ca]^+$	
9	G			$[c_9-H+Ca]^{2+}$		$[c_9-H+Ca]^{2+}$ $[c_9-2H+Ca]^+$	
10	D					$[b_{10}-H+Ca]^{2+}$ $[a_{10}-H+Ca]^{2+}$ $[b_{10}-2H+Ca]^+$ $[c_{10}-2H+Ca]^+$	
11	G					$[b_{11}-2H+Ca]^+$	<b>y<sub>5</sub></b> $[y_5-H+Ca]^+$
12	P					$[b_{12}-H+Ca]^{2+}$	y <sub>4</sub>
13	G	$[b_{13}-H+Ca]^{2+}$				$[b_{13}-H+Ca]^{2+}$	
14	G	$[b_{14}-H+Ca]^{2+}$				$[b_{14}-H+Ca]^{2+}$ $[a_{14}-H+Ca]^{2+}$	
15	D						

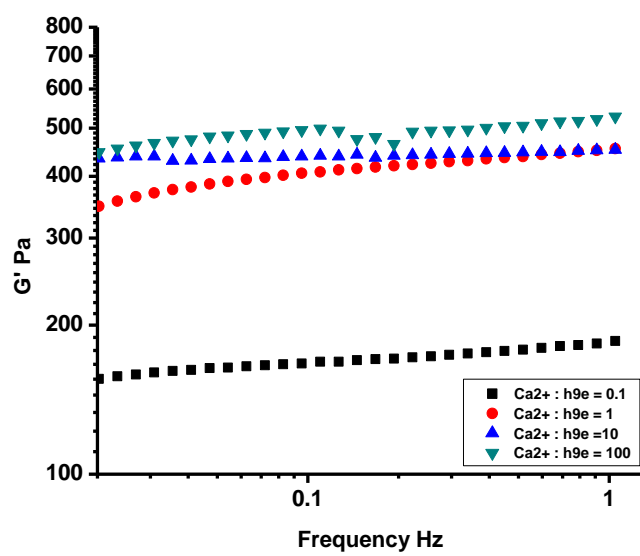
a) Abundant fragments are shown in bold.



**Supplementary figure 1**



Supplementary figure 2



### Supplementary figure 3

