Electronic Supporting Information for

pH-triggered self-assembly of biocompatible triblock copolymer hydrogels

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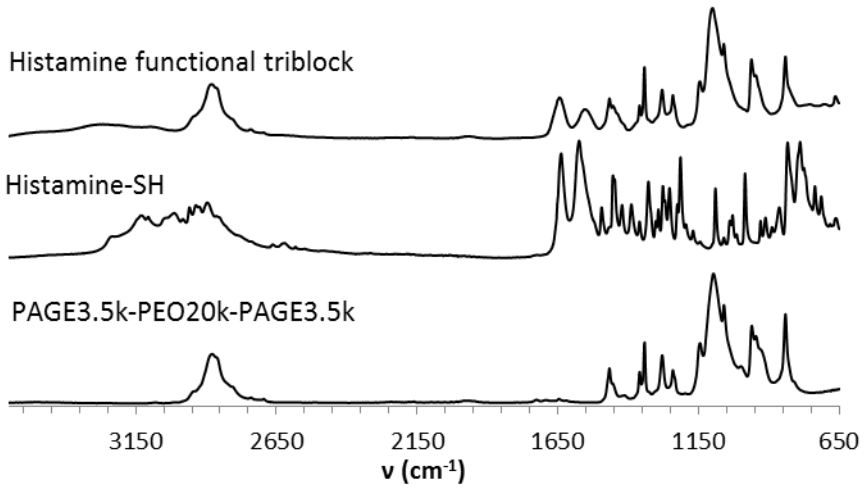
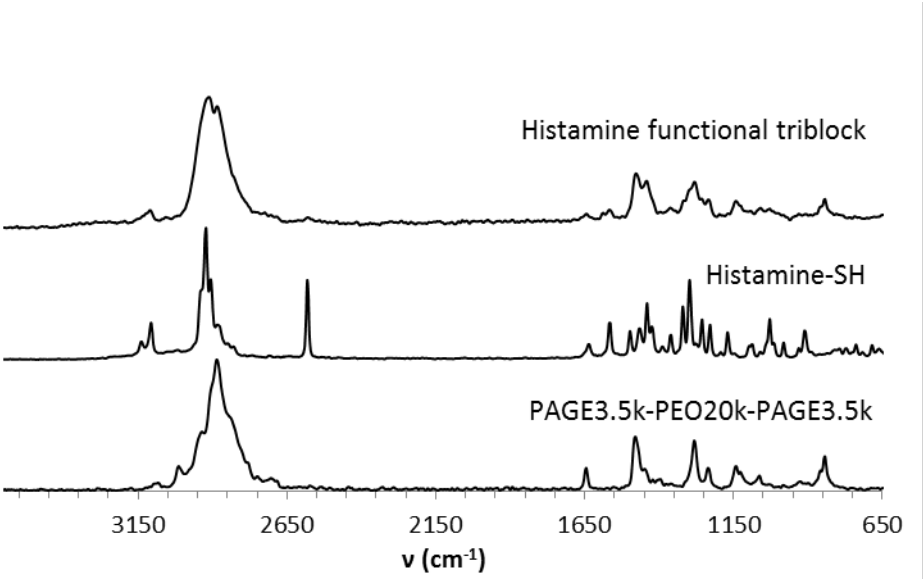


Figure ESI1. FT-IR spectra of PAGE3.5k-PEO20k-PAGE3.5k (bottom), Hist-SH (middle), and PHGE-PEO-PHGE (top).



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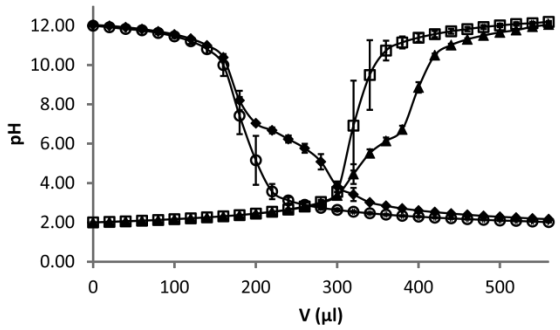


Figure ESI3. Potentiometric titration of solutions of PHist-PEO-PHist (▲) and NaCl (□)with 1M NaOH and of PHist-PEO-PHist (♦) and NaCl (○) with 1M HCl.

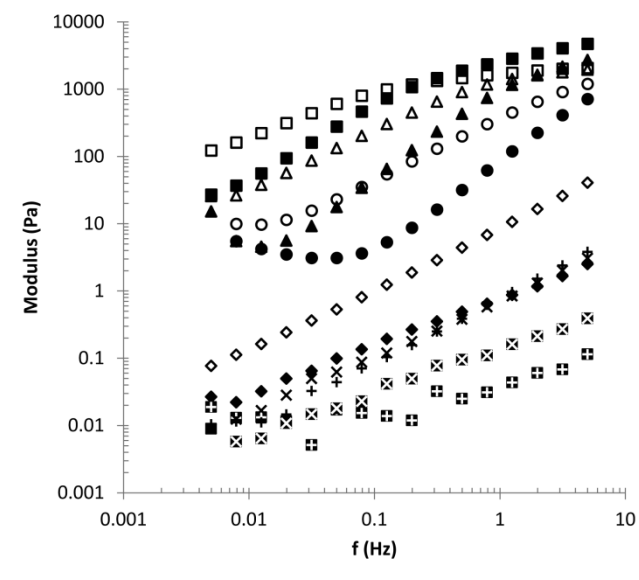


Figure ESI4. Rheological characterization of 10 wt% gels/solutions plotting the modulus as a function of frequency. ■ G' pH 8.0, □ G'' pH 8.0, ▲ G' pH 7.4, ΔG'' pH 7.4,● G' pH 7.0, ○ G'' pH 7.0, ♦ G' pH 6.6, ◊ G'' pH 6.6 , ✚ G' pH 5.8, + G'' pH 5.8, ☒ G' pH 5.0, x G'' pH 5.0.

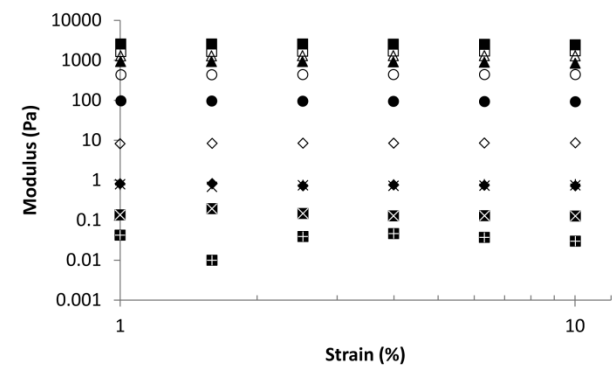


Figure ESI5. Strain sweep at a frequency of 1 Hz. ■ G' pH 8.0, □ G'' pH 8.0, ▲ G' pH 7.4, ΔG'' pH 7.4,● G' pH 7.0, ○ G'' pH 7.0, ♦ G' pH 6.6, ◊ G'' pH 6.6 , ✚ G' pH 5.8, + G'' pH 5.8, ☒ G' pH 5.0, x G'' pH 5.0.

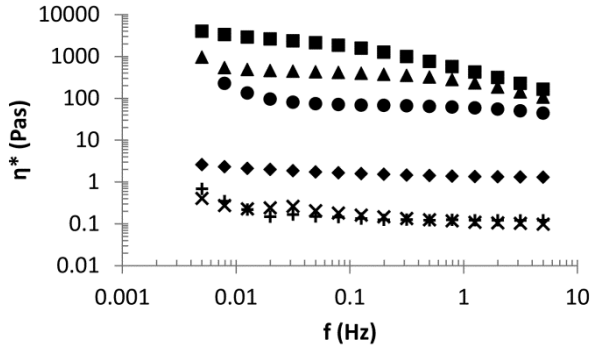


Figure ESI6. Dynamic viscosity of 10 wt% gels/solutions as a function of frequency. ■ pH 8.0, ▲ pH 7.4, ● pH 7.0, ♦ pH 6.6, + pH 5.8, x pH 5.0.

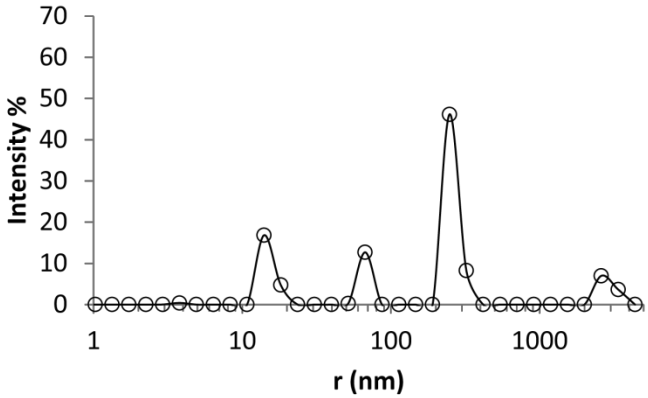
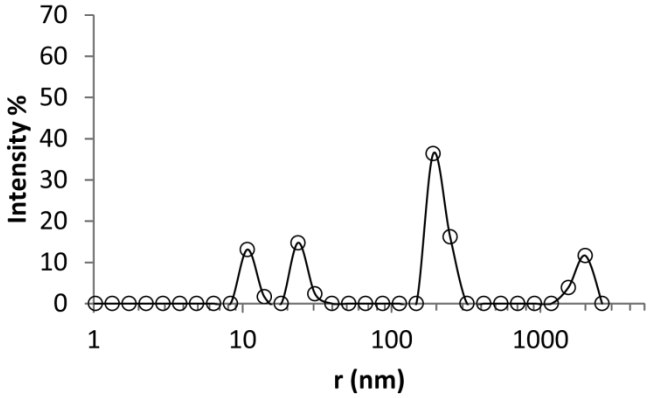


Figure ESI7. DLS of 1 mg/ml solution of **Hage-PEO-Hage** at pH 5.0.



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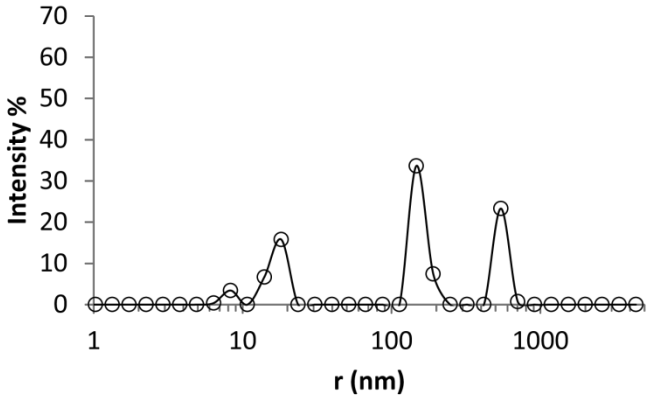
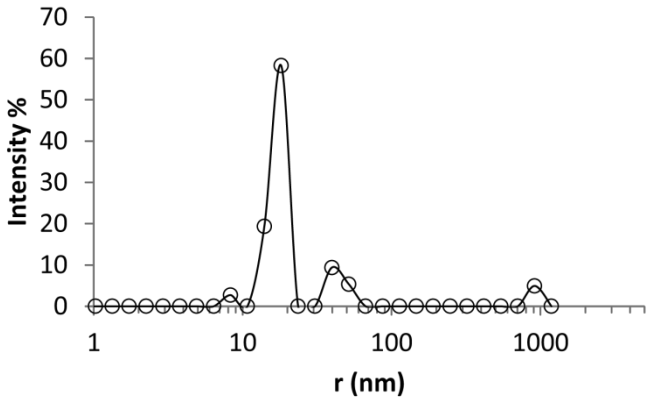


Figure ESI9. DLS of 1 mg/ml solution of **Hage-PEO-Hage** at pH 6.6.



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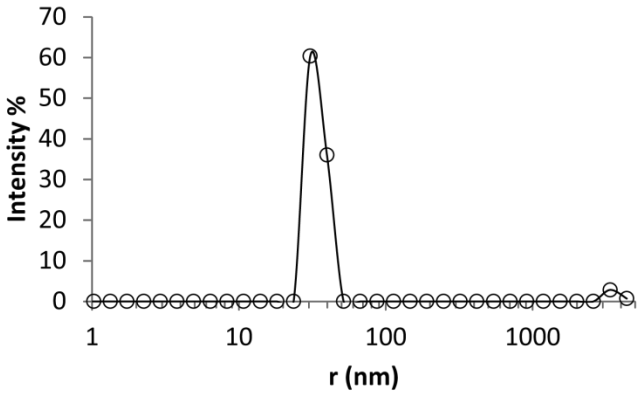

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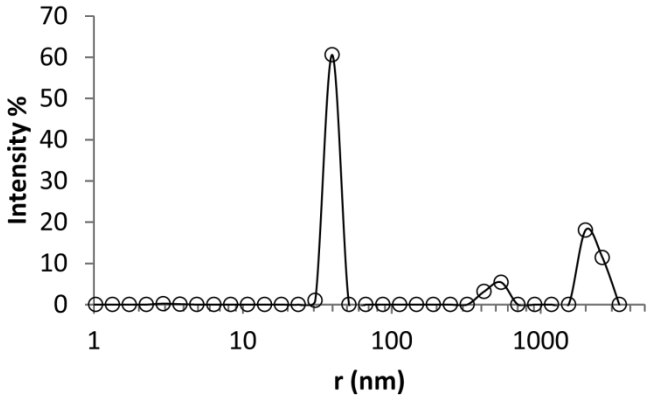

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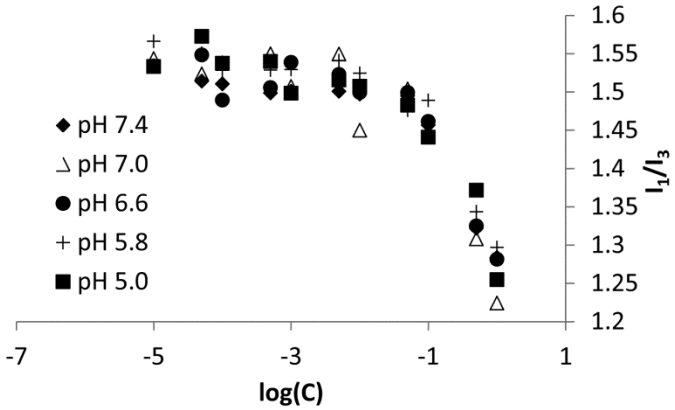

Figure ESI13. CMC determination using the fluorescent probe technique at different pH.