## Supplementary Information

# Design of peptide-based bolaamphiphile exhibiting heat-set hydrogelation *via* retro-Diels-Alder reaction

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#### 1. Analytical HPLC of 1•2-endo



**Fig. S1.** HPLC chart of **1**•2-*endo* (RP-HPLC (column: YMC-Triart C18 column (250 mm  $\times$  4.6 mm I.D.), eluent: acetonitrile/water (containing 0.1 % TFA) = 25:75 to 80:20 over 40 min (linear gradient), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, detection wavelength = 220 nm)).

#### 2. Photograph and TEM image of FurTpa-BPh-F (1) hydrogel



**Fig. S2.** (**A**) Photograph and (**B**) typical TEM image of FurTpa-BPh-F (**1**) hydrogel. Conditions: [FurTpa-BPh-F (**1**)] = 0.06 wt% (1.0 mM), 200 mM HEPES (pH 7.2). Scale bar is 200 nm.

#### 3. Photographs of aqueous solutions of 1•2-endo incubated at room temperature



Fig. S3. Photographs of aqueous solutions of 1•2-*endo* (18 mM, 200 mM HEPES (pH 7.2), 100  $\mu$ L) before and after incubation at room temperature.



#### 4. HPLC analysis of dissociation of 1.2-endo at 60 °C and RT

Fig. S4. HPLC traces of aqueous solutions of 1•2-endo (18 mM, 200 mM HEPES (pH 7.2)) (A) before and (B) after heating at 60 °C, and (C) after incubation at room temperature for 36 h. HPLC conditions: acetonitrile/water (containing 0.1 % TFA) = 0:100 to 80:20 over 50 min (linear gradient), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, detection wavelength = 220 nm).

#### 5. Aggregation property of 1.2-endo in aqueous media



Fig. S5. (A) Fluorescence spectra ( $\lambda_{ex} = 375$  nm) of 1-anilino-8-naphthalene sulfonate (ANS, 20  $\mu$ M) in (a) the presence or (b) the absence of 1•2-*endo* (18 mM). (B) Fluorescence intensity of ANS at 475 nm depending on the 1•2-*endo* concentrations, which yielded ca. 2 mM as critical association concentration (*CAC*) at 25 °C. Conditions: [1•2-*endo*] = 0–18 mM, 200 mM HEPES (pH 7.2).