

Supporting information

Synthesis of highly biocompatible and temperature responsive physical gels for cryopreservation and 3D cell culture

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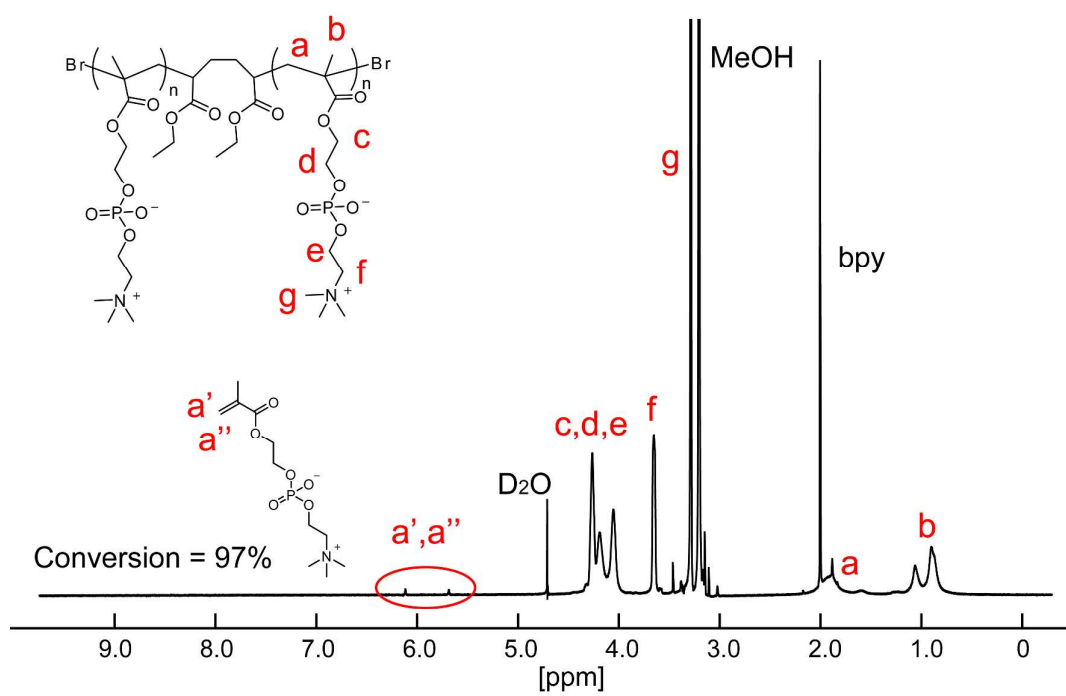


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of Br-MPC₂₄₃-Br after polymerization.

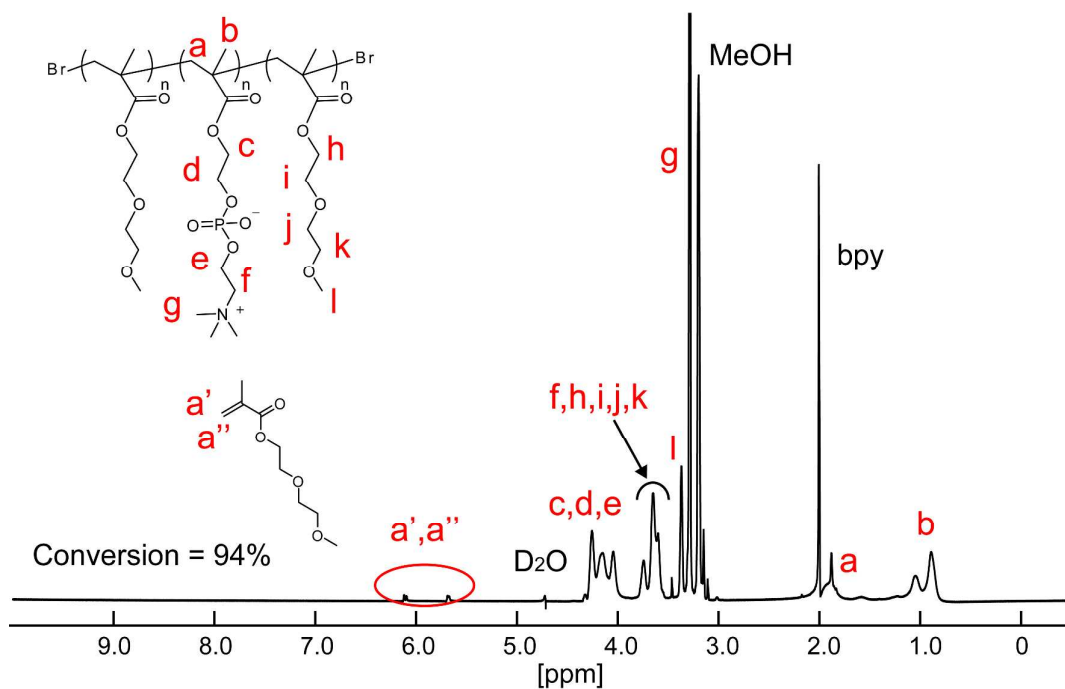


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{DEGMA}_{113}\text{-}b\text{-MPC}_{243}\text{-}b\text{-DEGMA}_{113}$ after polymerization.

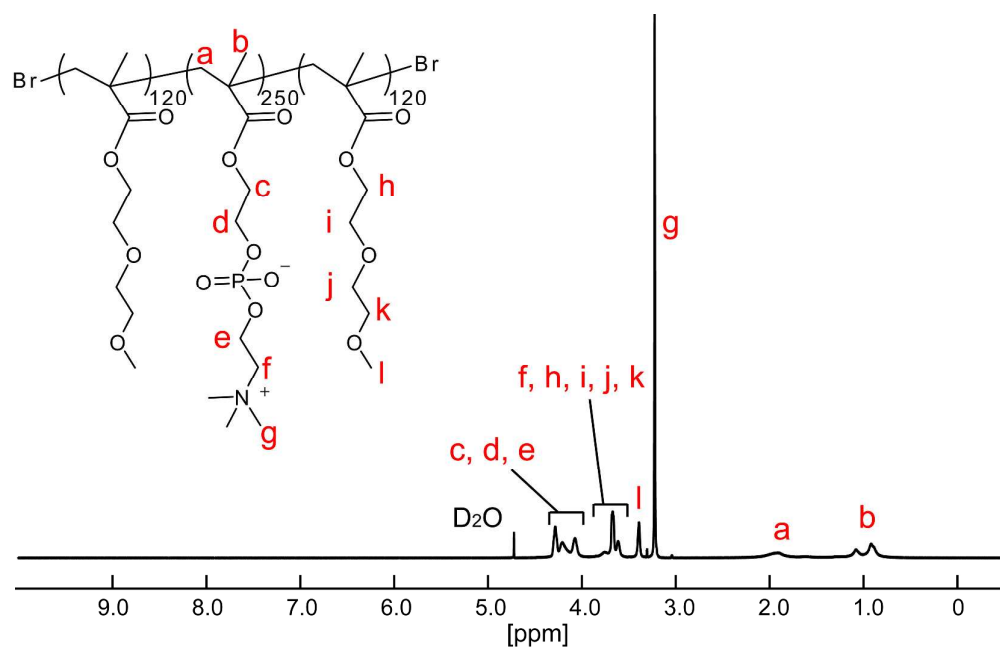


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{DEGMA}_{113}\text{-MPC}_{243}\text{-DEGMA}_{113}$ after purification.

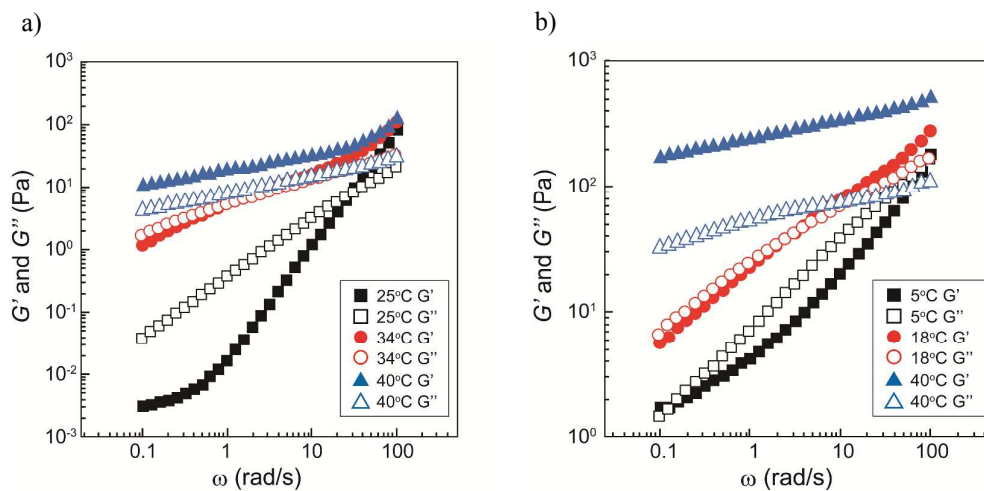


Figure S4. Frequency dependences of the dynamic shear moduli (G' and G'') for the a) 15 wt% and b) 25 wt% DEGMA₁₁₃–MPC₂₄₃–DEGMA₁₁₃ solution in PBS measured at strain of 1% and three indicated temperatures.

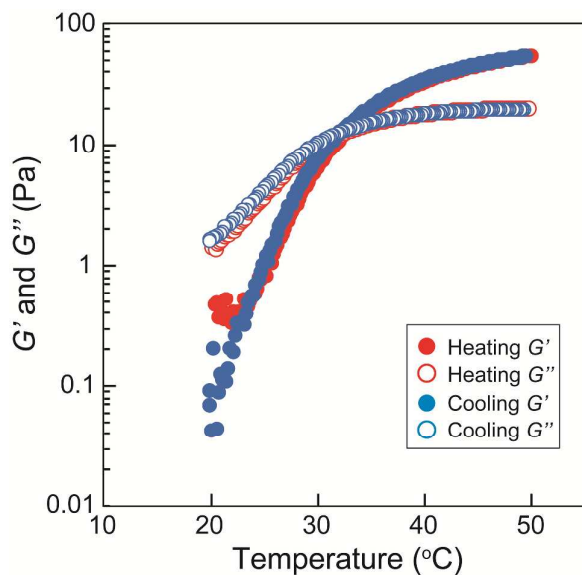


Figure S5. Temperature-dependent dynamic shear moduli (G' and G'') for the 15 wt% DEGMA₁₁₃–MPC₂₄₃–DEGMA₁₁₃ solution in PBS buffer measured at a heating rate of 2 °C/min, at strain of 1% and with angular frequency of 10 rad/s.

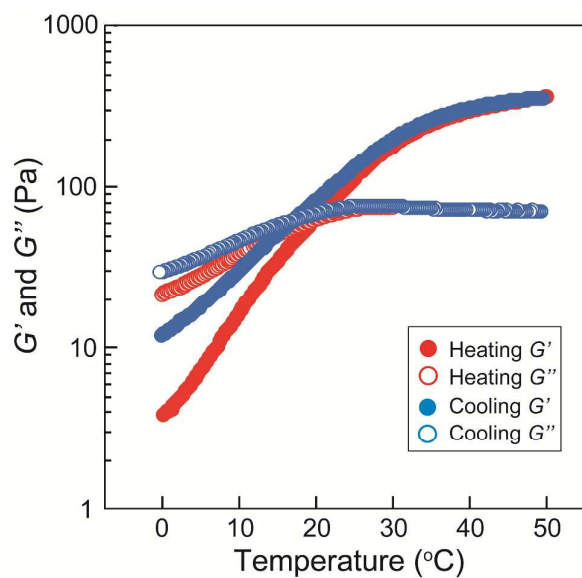


Figure S6. Temperature-dependent dynamic shear moduli (G' and G'') for the 25 wt% DEGMA₁₁₃–MPC₂₄₃–DEGMA₁₁₃ solution in PBS buffer measured at a heating rate of 2 °C/min, at strain of 1% and with angular frequency of 10 rad/s.

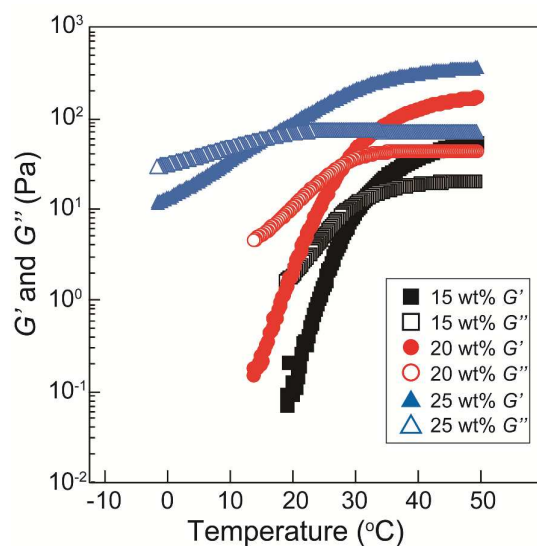


Figure S7. Temperature-dependent dynamic shear moduli (G' and G'') for the three DEGMA₁₁₃–MPC₂₄₃–DEGMA₁₁₃ gels with different polymer concentrations measured at a heating rate of 2 °C/min, at strain of 1% and with angular frequency of 10 rad/s (cooling).

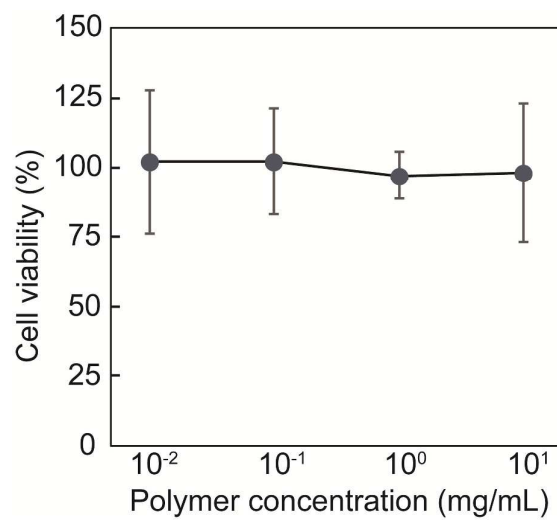


Figure S8. Viability of HeLa cells treated with PDEGMA₁₁₃-*b*-PMPC₂₄₃-*b*-PDEGMA₁₁₃ for 24 h.