

# **Incorporation of Anionic Monomer to Tune the Reversible Catechol-Boronate Complex for pH-Responsive, Reversible Adhesion**

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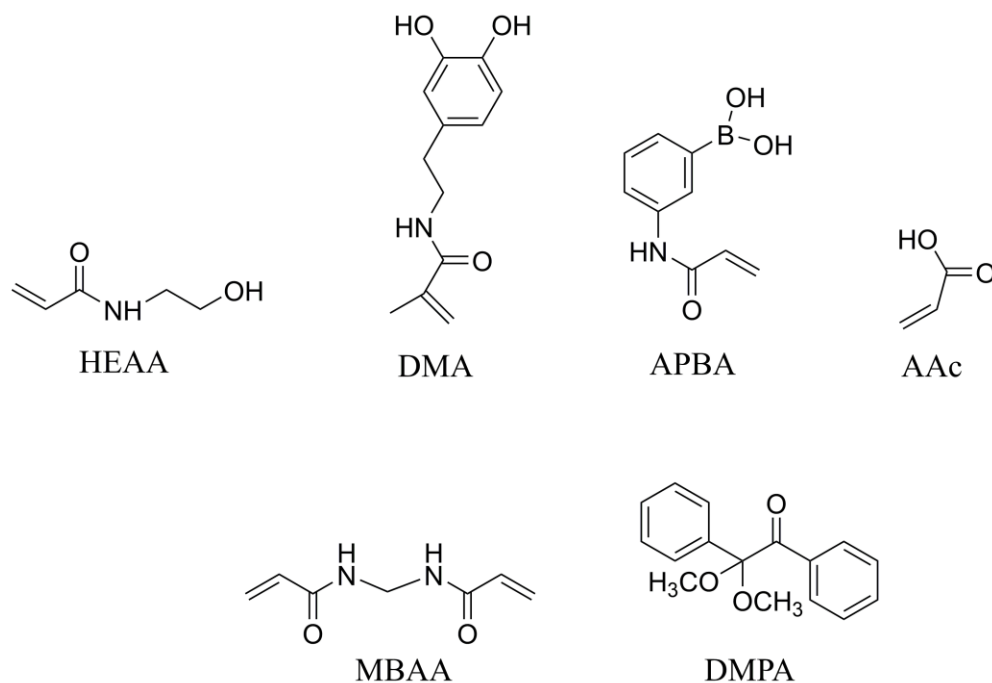
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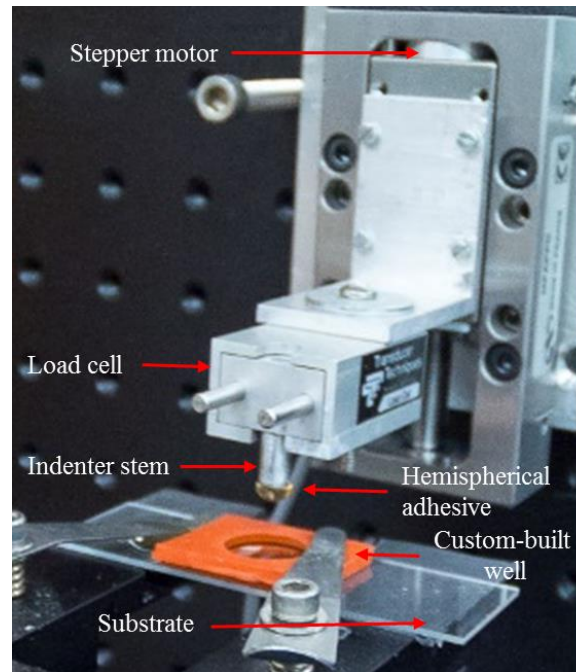
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**Scheme S1.** Chemical structures of *N*-hydroxyethyl acrylamide (HEAA), dopamine methacrylamide (DMA), 3-acrylamido phenylboronic acid (APBA), acrylic acid (AAc), methylene bis-acrylamide (MBAA) and 2,2-dimethoxy-2-phenylacetophenone (DMPA).

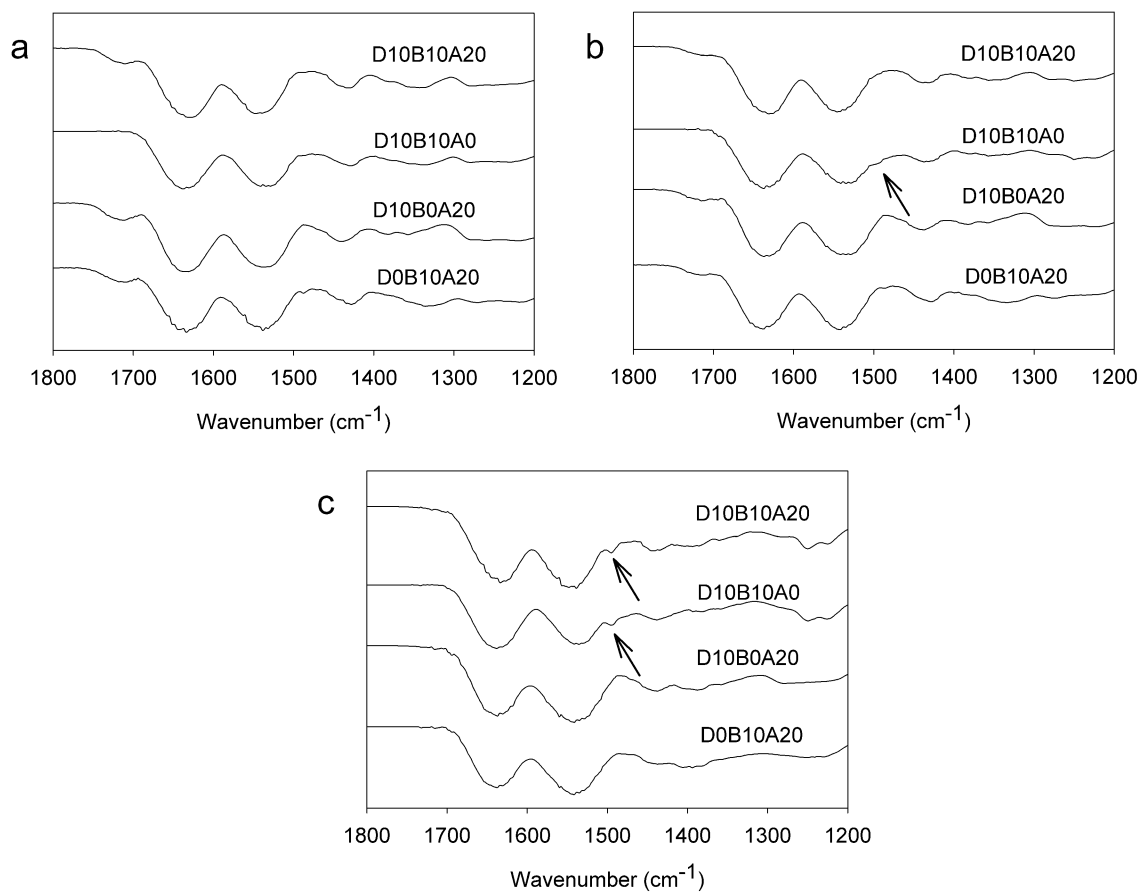


**Table S1.** Statistical analysis for equilibrium swelling ratio of adhesive equilibrated at pH 3.0, 7.5, 8.5 or 9.0 for 24 h. Compositions not connected by the same letter at a given pH are significantly different.

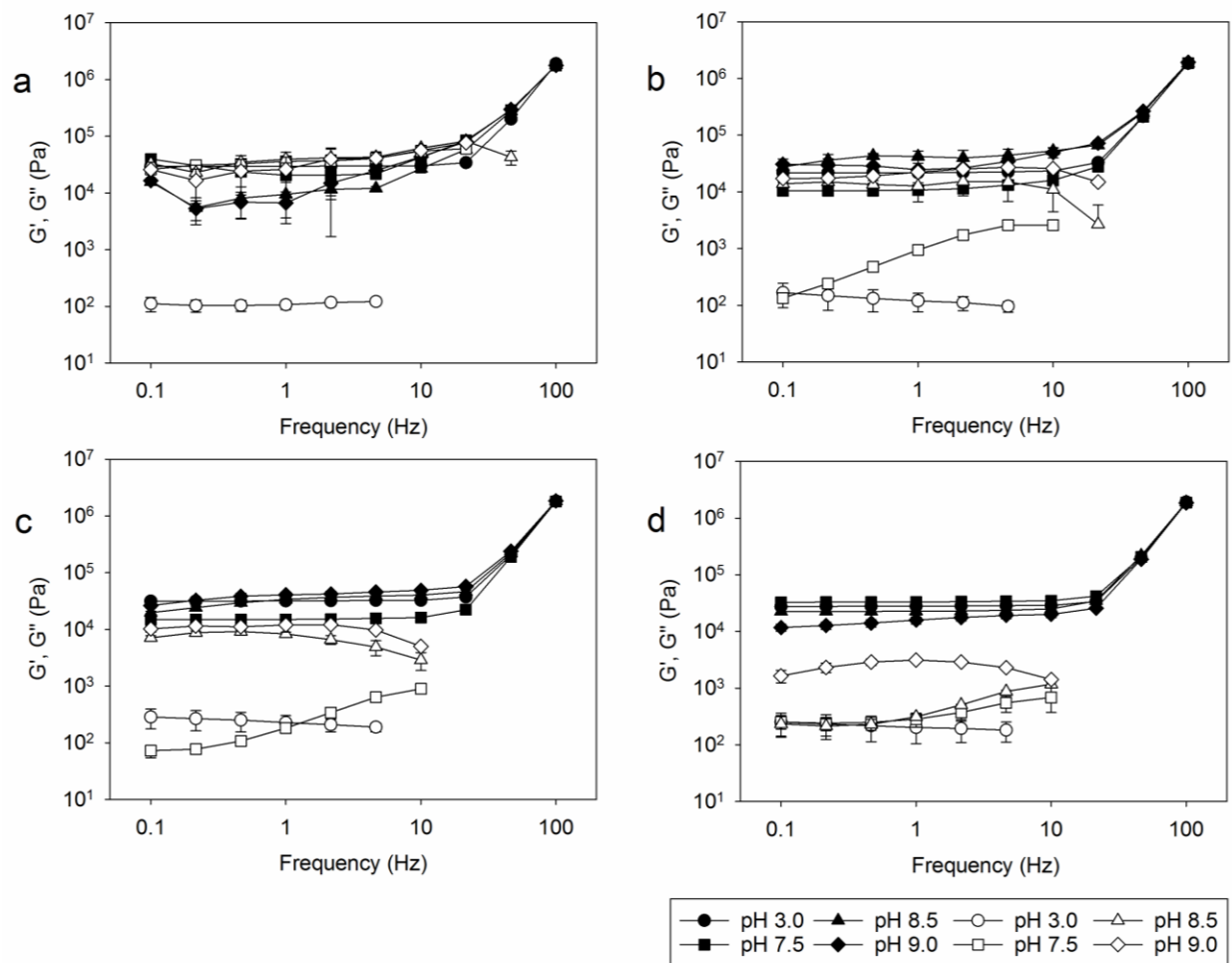
	pH 3.0	pH 7.5	pH 8.5	pH 9.0
D10B10A0	A	A	A	A
D10B10A10	A B	B	B	B
D10B10A20	A B	C	C	C
D10B10A30	B	B	D	C



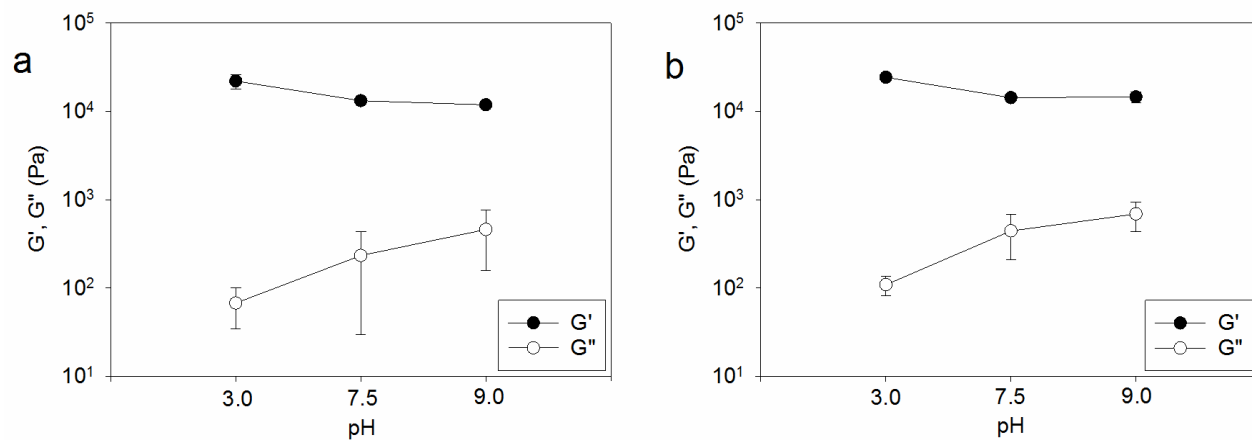
**Figure S1.** Photograph of the contact mechanics setup used for the adhesion experiments.



**Figure S2.** FTIR spectra of adhesives equilibrated at pH 3.0 (a), pH 7.5 (b) or pH 9.0 (c). The arrows indicate peaks corresponding to formation of the catechol-boronate complex at  $1490\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .



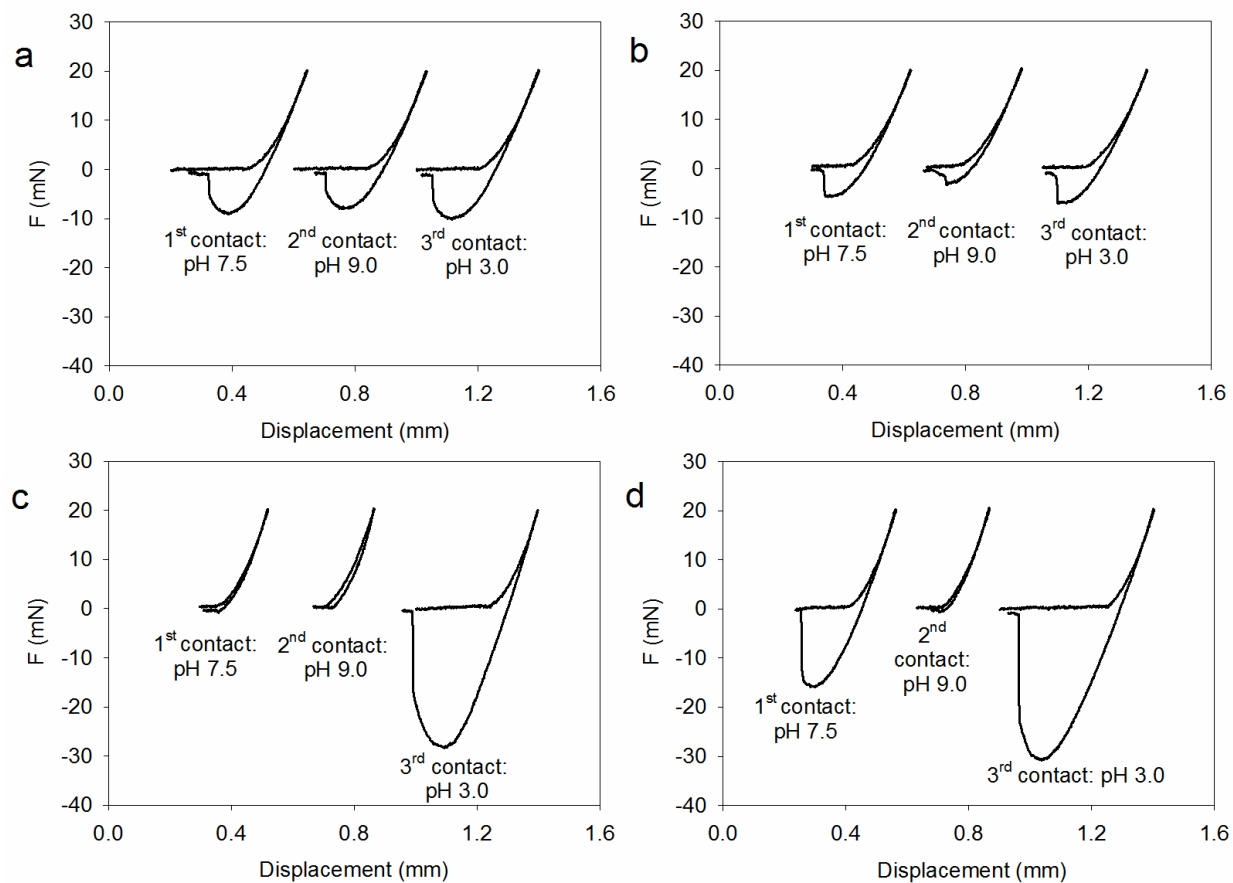
**Figure S3.** Storage ( $G'$ , filled symbols) and loss ( $G''$ , empty symbols) moduli for D10B10A0 (a), D10B10A10 (b), D10B10A20 (c) and D10B10A30 (d) equilibrated at pHs 3.0, 7.5, 8.5 or 9.0 and tested in the frequency range of 0.1-100 Hz and 8 % strain ( $n = 3$ ).



**Figure S4.** Storage ( $G'$ , filled symbols) and loss ( $G''$ , empty symbols) moduli for D0B10A20 (a), and D10B0A20 (b) equilibrated at pHs 3.0, 7.5 or 9.0 tested at a frequency of 1 Hz and 8 % strain ( $n = 3$ ).

**Table S2.** Statistical analysis for work of adhesion ( $W_{adh}$ ) and adhesion strength ( $S_{adh}$ ) of adhesives tested against a wetted quartz substrate. Compositions not connected by the same letter at a given pH are significantly different.

	$W_{adh}$				$S_{adh}$			
Composition	pH 3.0	pH 7.5	pH 8.5	pH 9.0	pH 3.0	pH 7.5	pH 8.5	pH 9.0
D10B10A0	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
D10B10A10	C	A	A B	A B	C	A B	B	A
D10B10A20	A B	B	B	B	A B	B	B	A
D10B10A30	B	B	B	B	B C	B	B	A



**Figure S5.** Three successive contact curves for D0B10A20 (a), D10B0A20 (b), D10B10A0 (c) and D10B10A20 (d) tested at pH 7.5, pH 9.0, and then pH 3.0 using a quartz substrate.