

Supporting Information

Integration of Poly(ethylene glycol) in N-Fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl-L-tryptophan Hydrogel Influencing Mechanical, Thixotropic and Release Properties

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Table S1. Variation of rheological properties of the **FT** gel with **PEG** concentration

Samples	Storage (G') modulus (Pa)	% increase in G'	Loss modulus (G'') (Pa)	% increase in G''	Complex modulus G*(Pa)	% increase in G*
FT	17.7		1.8		17.8	
FTP0.5	160.9	810%	17.3	872%	161.8	810 %
FTP1	265.7	1402%	27.7	1457%	267.1	1403%
FTP1.5	357.9	1923%	33.5	1782%	359.5	1922%
FTP2	437.5	2373%	46.5	2515%	440	2375%
FTP2.5	515.7	2815%	42.9	2316%	517.5	2811%
FTP3	234.6	1226%	20.9	1076%	235.5	1225%
FTP3.5	221.6	1153%	16	798%	222.2	1150%
FTP4	124.8	606%	9.4	430%	125.2	604%



Figure S1. Digital images of **FT-DOX**, **FTP1-DOX** and **FTP2-DOX** hydrogels.

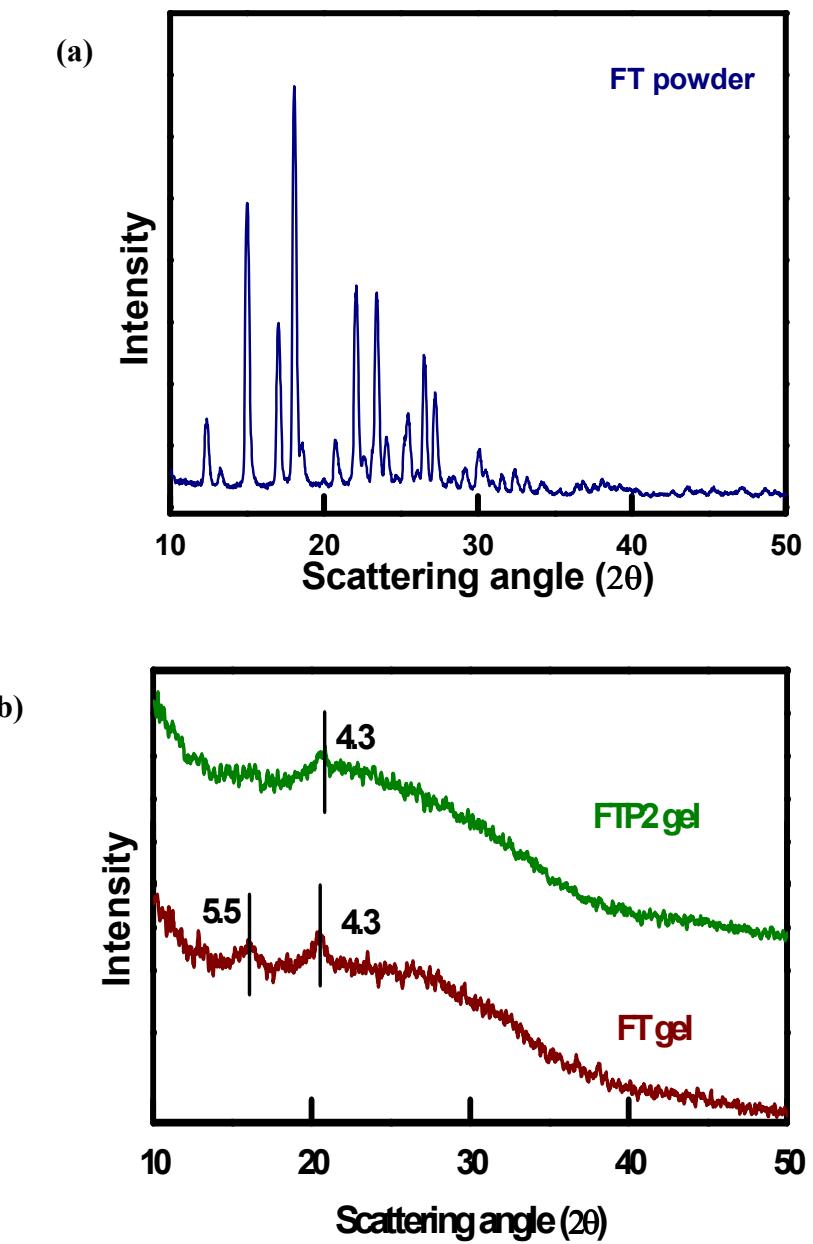


Figure S2. WAXS patterns of (a) FT powder and (b) FT and FTP2

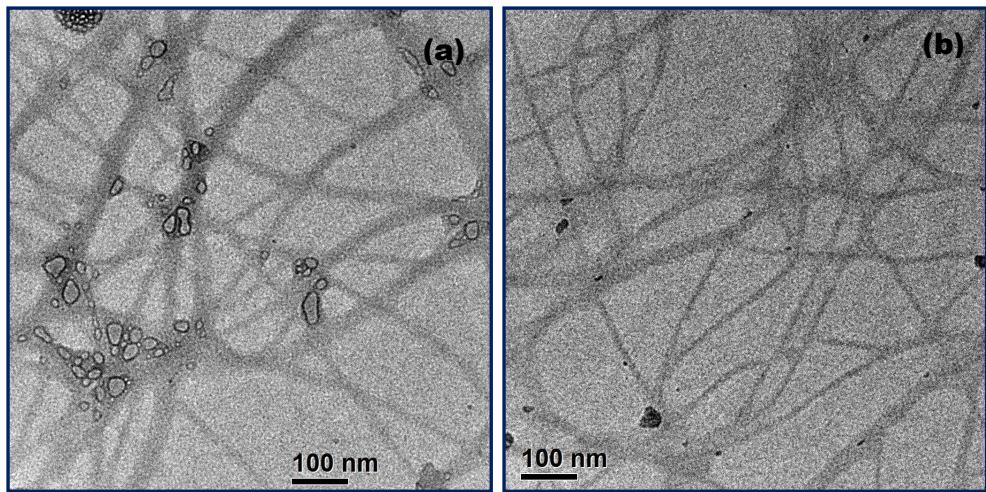


Figure S3. TEM images of (a) **FT** and (b) **FTP1** xerogels.

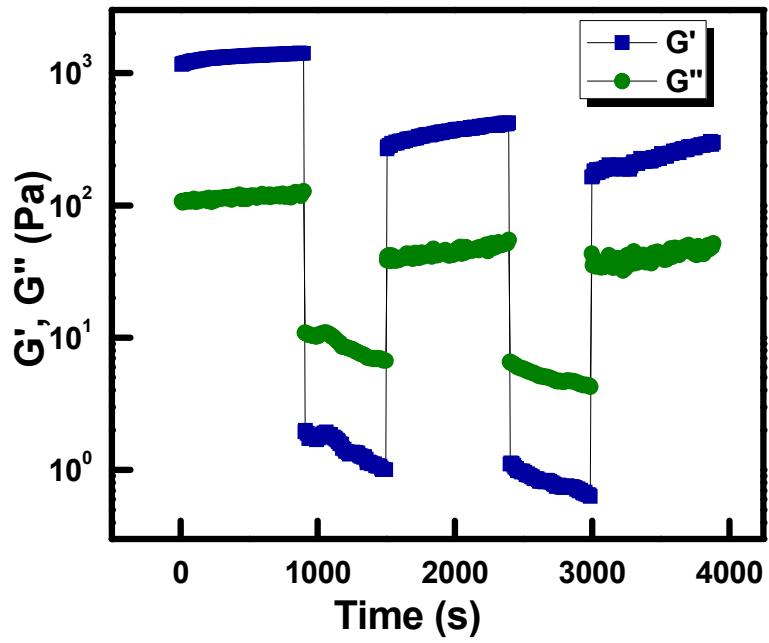


Figure S4. Continuous step strain measurement at alternate 0.1% and 100% strain with time scale for **FTP1** gel

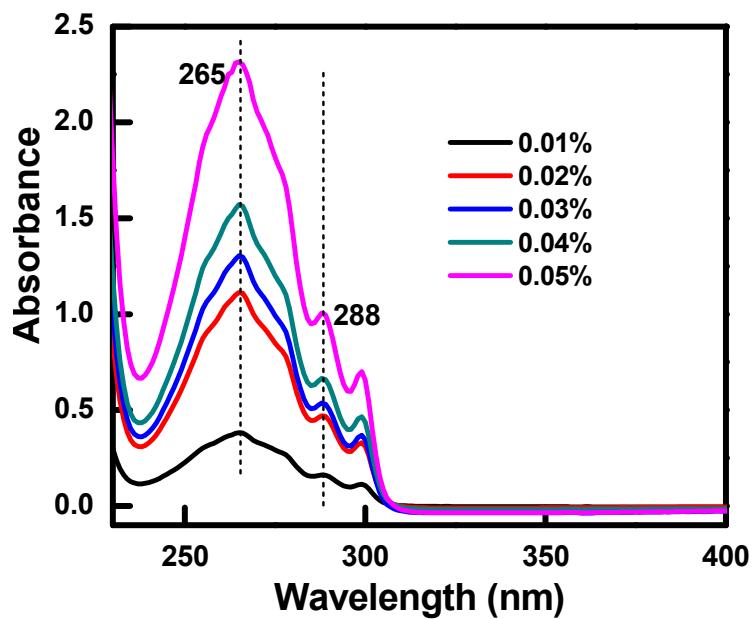


Figure S5. Concentration dependent UV-vis spectra of **FT** solutions in pH 7 buffer.

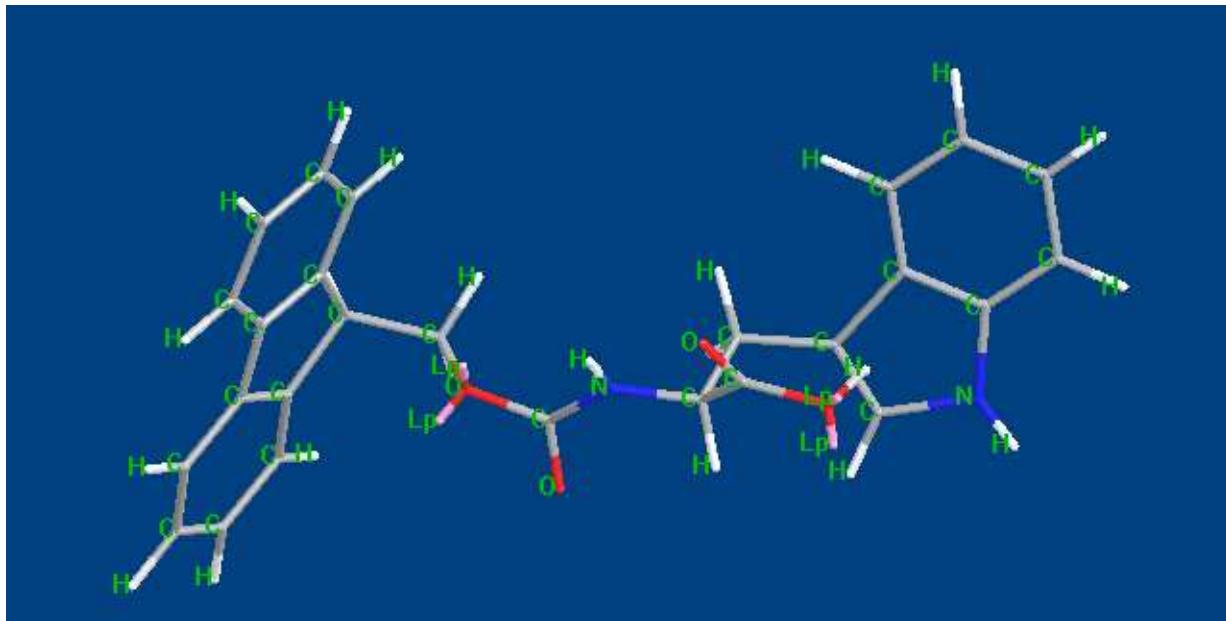


Figure S6. Energy minimized structure of FT obtained from Chem3D MM2 level molecular modeling.

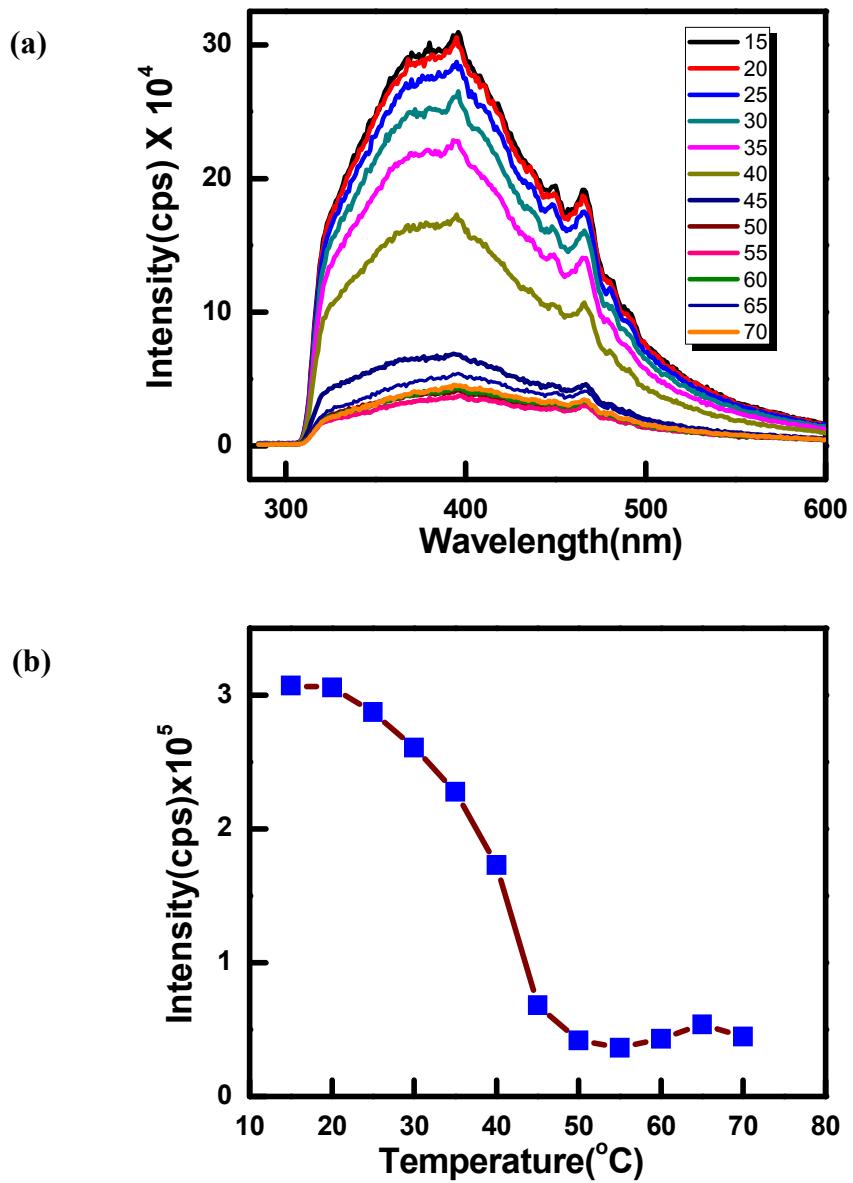


Figure S7(a) Temperature dependent fluorescence spectra of FT gel excited at 265 nm. (b) Plot of intensity vs. temperature of the FT gel.

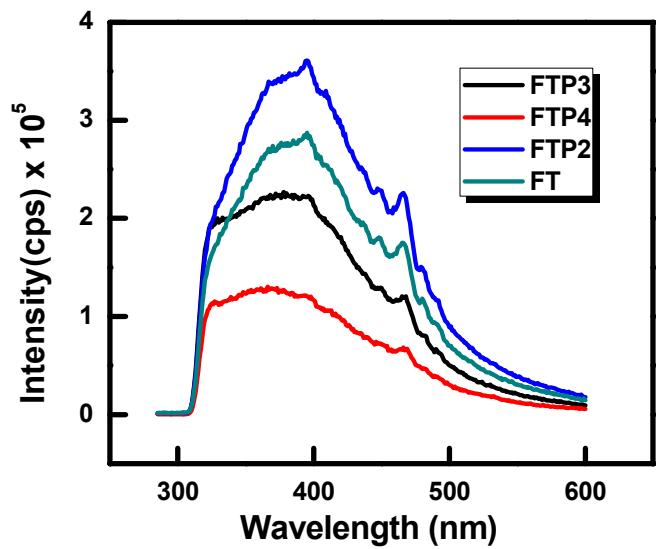


Figure S8. Fluorescence spectra of **FT**, **FTP2**, **FTP3** and **FTP4** gels excited at 265 nm.