

Supplementary Materials

Fabrication and characterization of polysaccharide metallohydrogel obtained from succinoglycan and trivalent chromium

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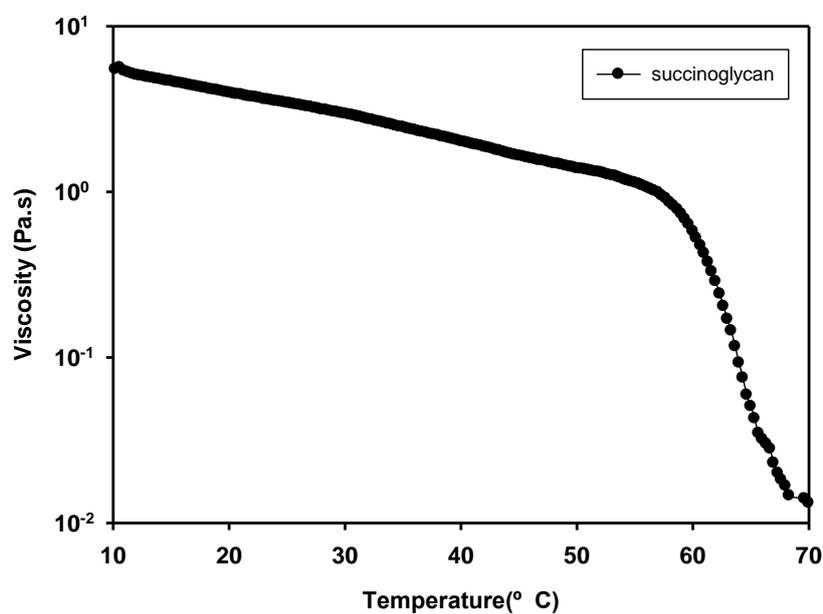
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32 **Table S1.** The molecular weight and GPC measurement of succinoglycan.

Sample name	Retention time (min)	% Area	% Height	Mn	Mw	Polydispersity
Succinoglycan	32.371	100.00	100.00	16924	180200	1.064715

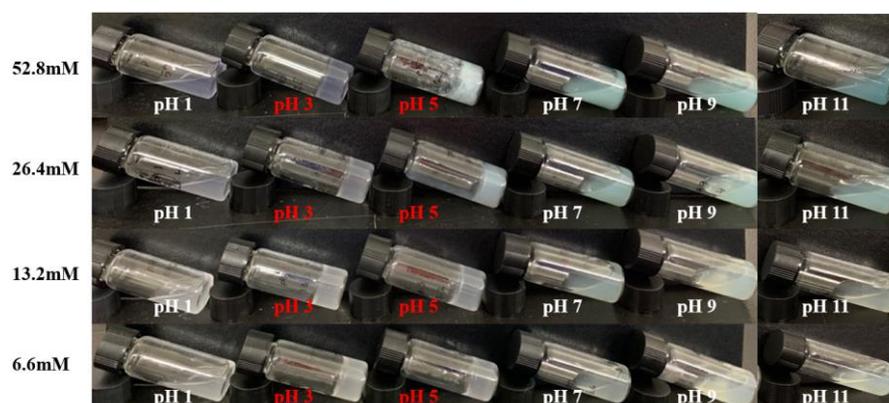
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36 **Figure S1.** Viscosity change during the first heating cycle of succinoglycan (aq, wt. 1%). Temperature ramp
 37 rheological studies were conducted in the range of 10-70 degrees at a constant frequency and strain.
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40 **Figure S2.** The pH-dependent gelling effect of an aqueous succinoglycan solution based on Cr^{3+} concentration
 41 change. The pH was adjusted by adding a small amount of 0.1 M HCl and 0.1 M NaOH aqueous solution.
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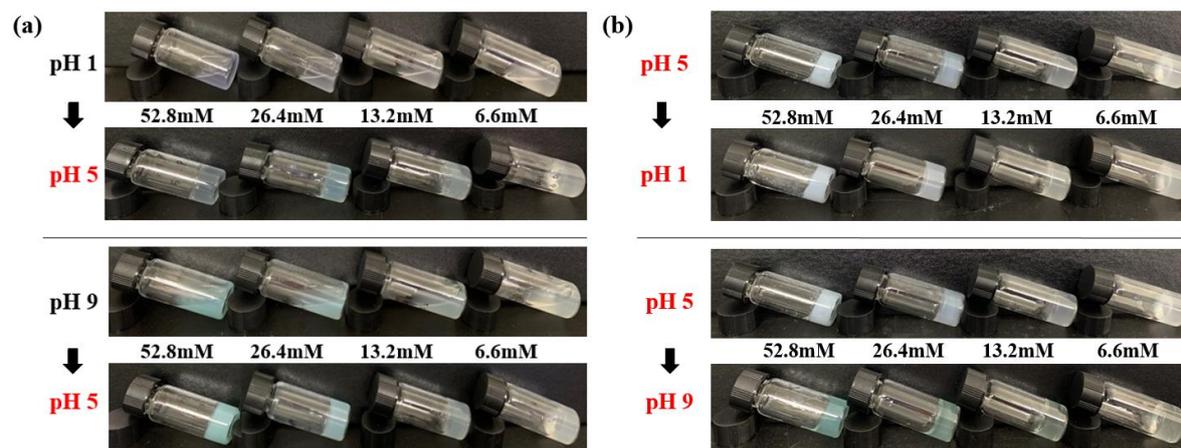


Figure S3. Reversible gel phase transition of SCx triggered by a pH change (a) from 1 to 5 and 9 to 5, (b) from 5 to 1 and 5 to 9.

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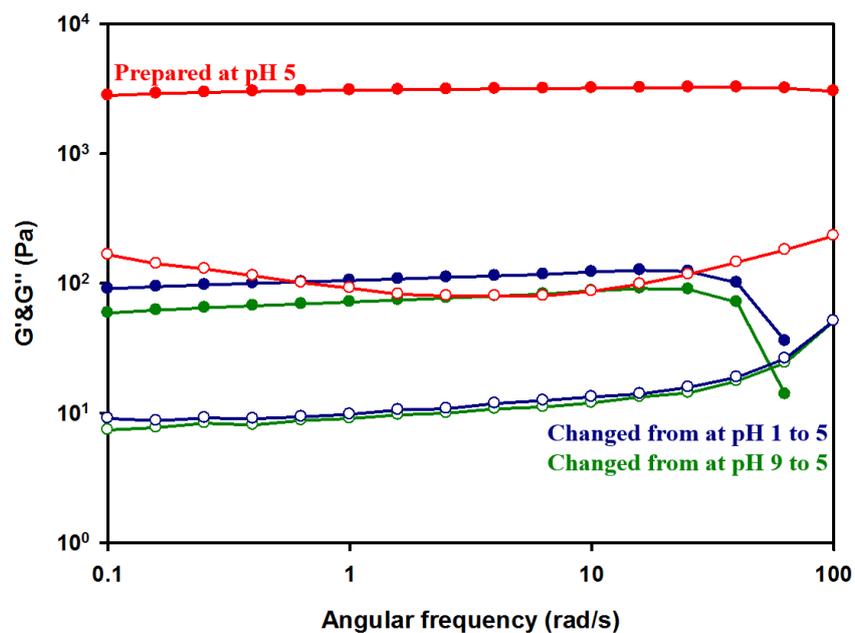
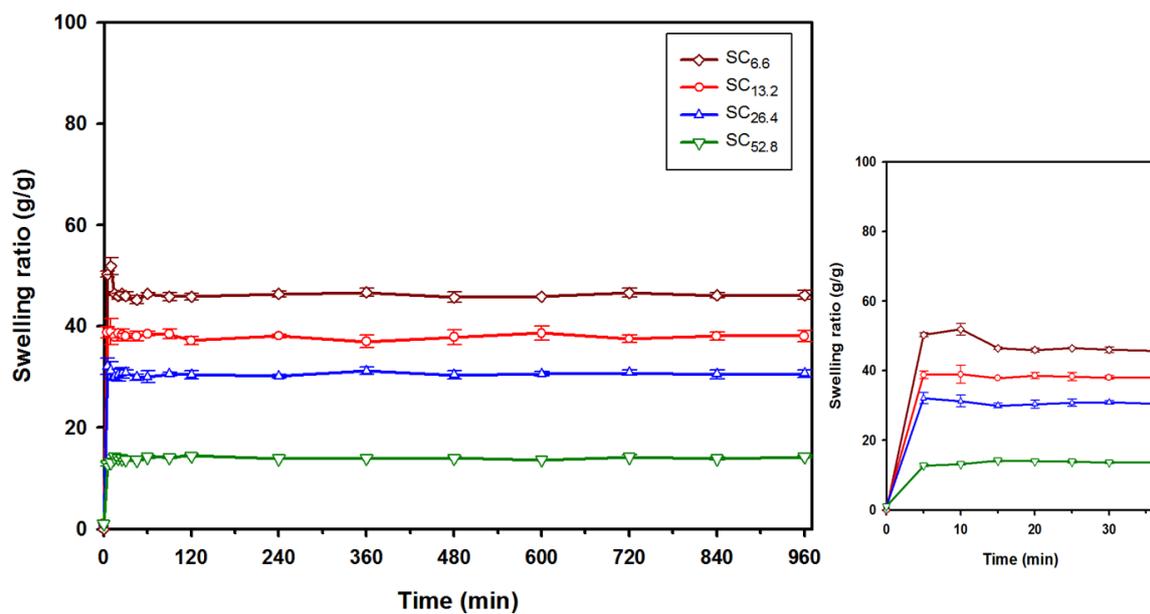


Figure S4. Comparison of mechanical properties of SC_{26.4} after the changes in pH of solutions initially prepared in strong acids (pH 1) and strong bases (pH 9). Storage modulus (G' , filled symbols) and loss modulus (G'' , empty symbols) of hydrogels.

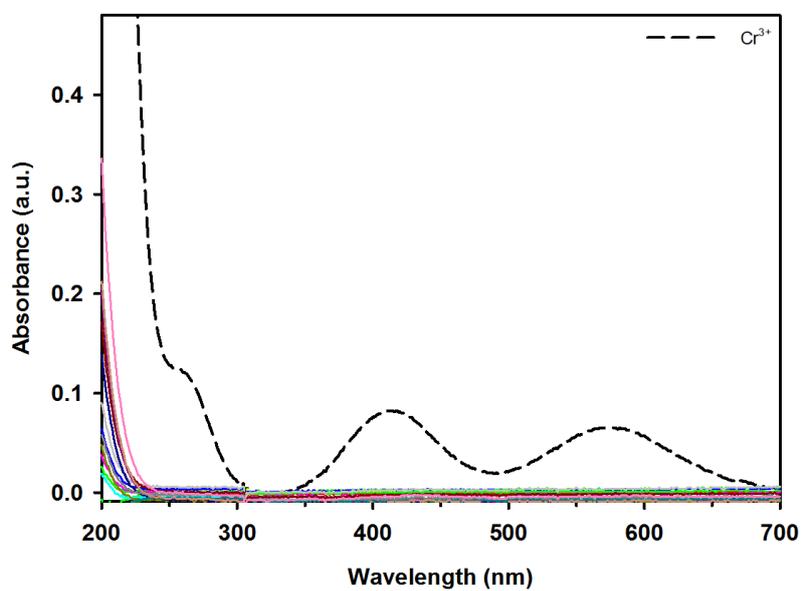
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Figure S5. Swelling ratio curves for SCx in distilled water at 25°C.



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Figure S6. UV-vis spectra of Cr³⁺ solution (5mM) and SCx immersed in D.W.