

## Supplementary Materials

**Preparation of Succinoglycan Hydrogel Coordinated With Fe<sup>3+</sup> Ions For Controlled Drug Delivery**Yiluo Hu <sup>1,†</sup>, Daham Jeong <sup>1,2,†</sup>, Yohan Kim <sup>1</sup>, Seonmok Kim <sup>1</sup> and Seunho Jung <sup>1,2,\*</sup>

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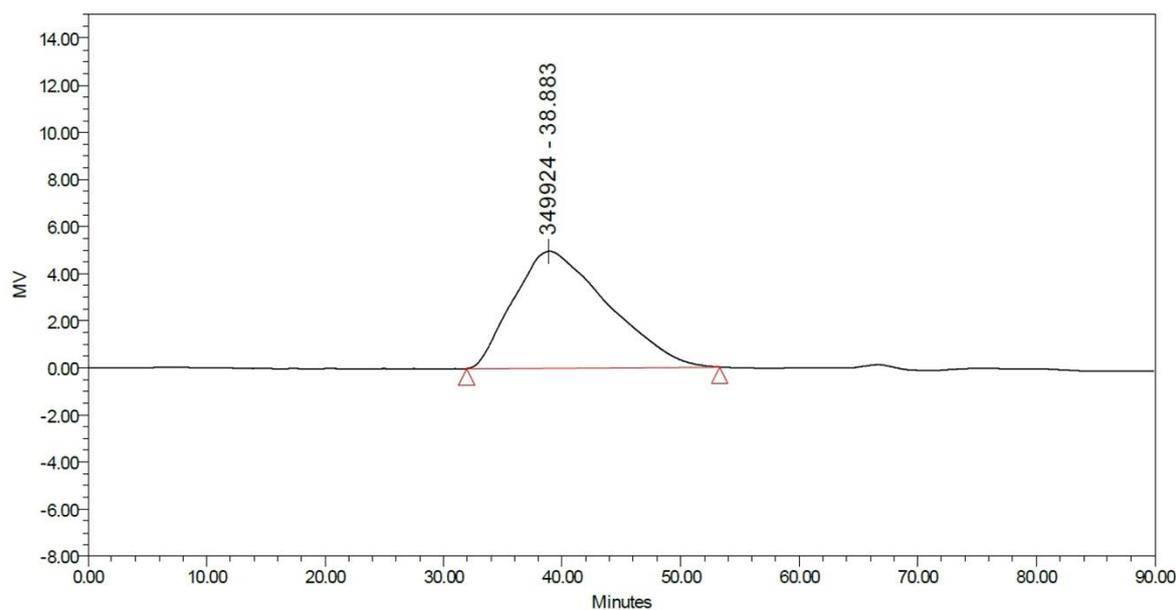
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**1. Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) analysis**

## Experimental section

The molecular weights of succinoglycan was carried out by gel permeation chromatography (GPC) with a separation module (Waters e2695). The column was equipped with 300 mm×7.8 mm Ultrahydrogel column with water at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. Polyethylene glycol with specific molecular weights (106, 202, 430, 1030, 4290, 5800, 12600, 26300, 44000, 222000, 450000 Da) were used as calibration standards.



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32 **Figure S1.** Determination of the molecular weight of succinoglycan via GPC.

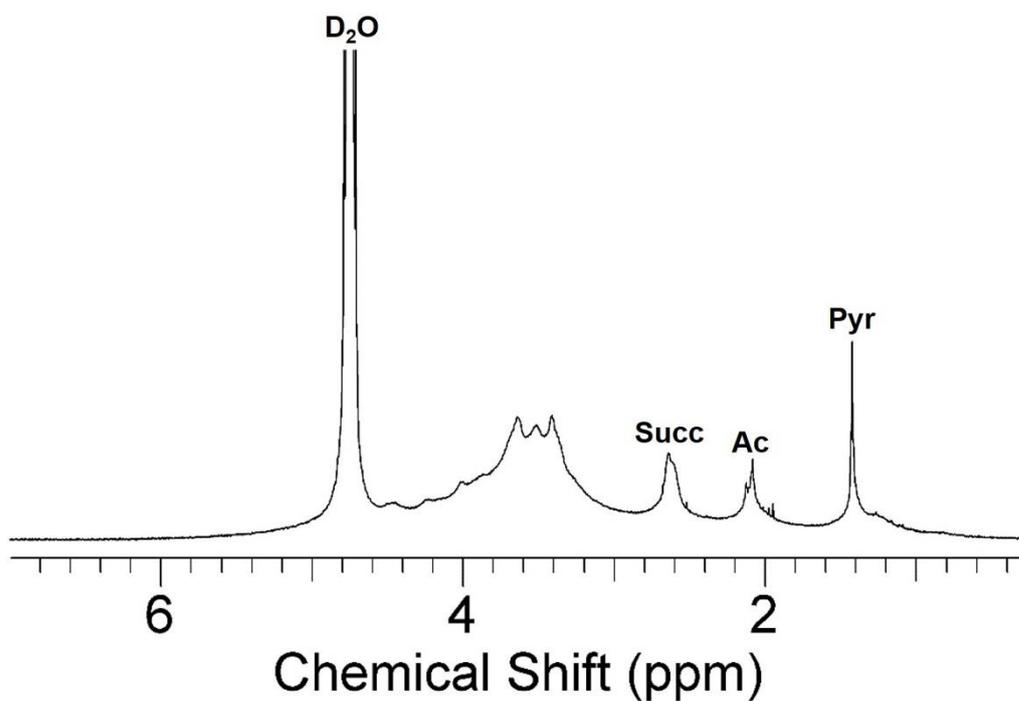
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34 **Table S1.** The molecular weight and GPC measurement of succinoglycan.

Sample Name	Mn	Mw	MP	Polydispersity	% Area
Succinoglycan	108571	354839	349924	3.268	100

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**2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the succinoglycan**



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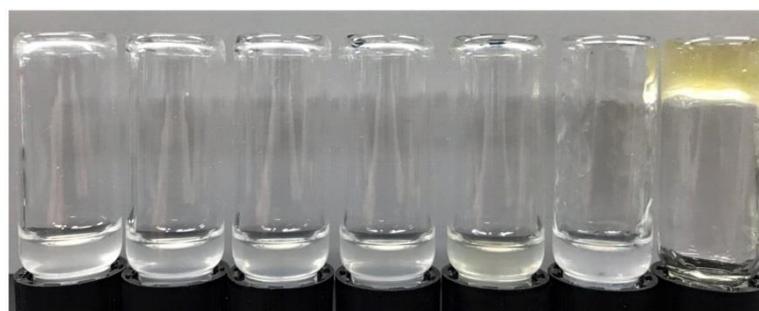
37 **Figure S2.** 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the succinoglycan isolated from *S. meliloti* Rm  
 38 1021. The chemical shift peak at 1.43 ppm represented methyl protons of the pyruvate (Pyr);

39 the peaks with shifts at 2.08 ppm represented methyl protons of acetyl groups (Ac); the broad  
40 peak at 2.64 ppm represented the methylene protons of the succinate groups (Succ).

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### 3. Photographs of gelation test



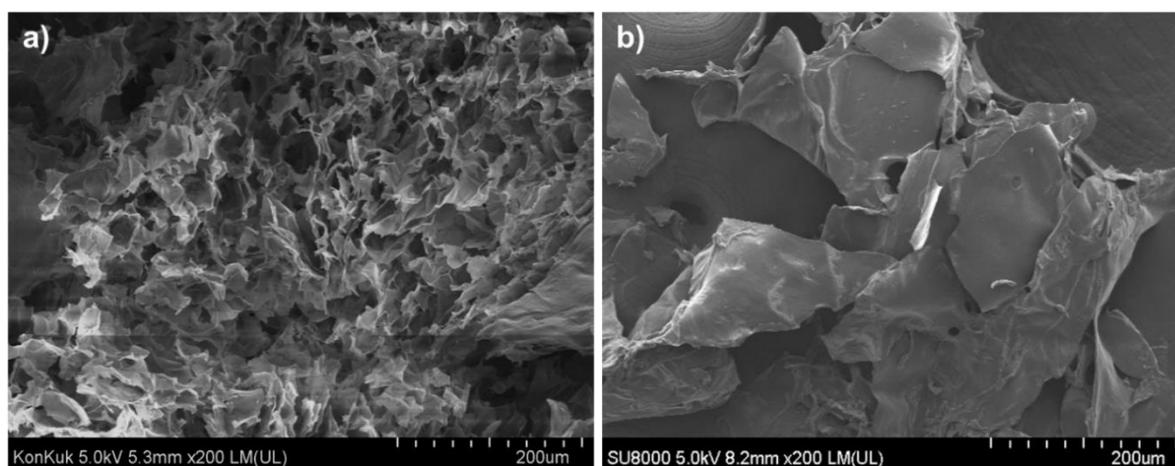
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44 **Figure S3.** Photographs of gelation test of metal solution treated succinoglycan and  
45 original succinoglycan.

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### 4. Fe-SEM analysis

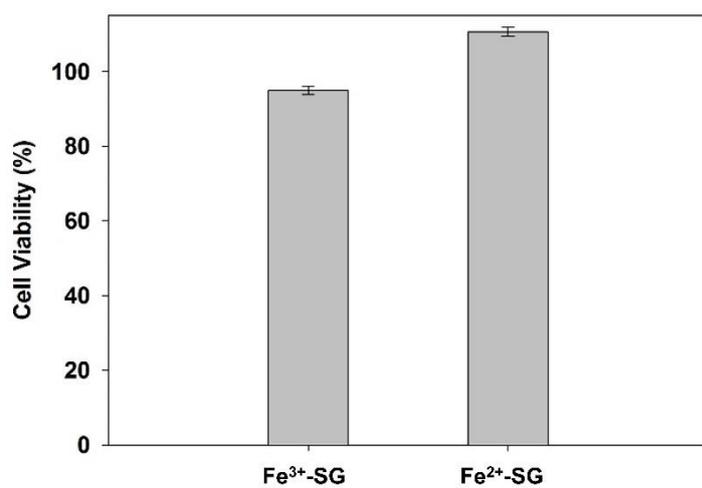


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49 **Figure S4.** SEM images of Fe<sup>3+</sup>-SG hydrogel beads surface view of before release (a), and  
50 after release (b) of Congo red.

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### 5. Cytotoxicity study



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53 **Figure S5.** Cell viability of HEK 293 cells after treatment with Fe<sup>3+</sup>-SG and Fe<sup>2+</sup>-SG.