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# **Electronic Supplementary Information**

### A versatile carbohydrate based gelator for the oil water separation, nanoparticles synthesis and dye removal

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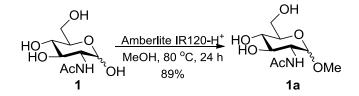
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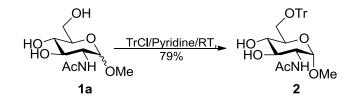
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#### 1. Synthesis schemes

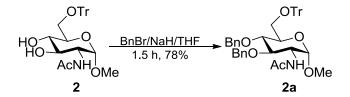
#### 1.1. Scheme-S1 (Synthesis of Methyl 2-acetamido-2-deoxy- D-glucopyranoside)<sup>1</sup>



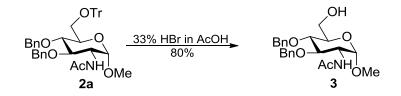
1.2. Scheme-S2 (Synthesis of Methyl 6-*O*-triphenylmethyl-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside)<sup>2</sup>



1.3 Scheme-S3 (Synthesis of Methyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-triphenylmethyl-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-α-D-gluco pyranoside)<sup>3</sup>



1.4. Scheme-S4 (Synthesis of Methyl 3,4 -di-*O*-benzyl-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside)<sup>4</sup>



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Table S1: Gelation abilities of gelator in various liquids

Solvent	Concentration in wt%	CGC in wt%	Time required for completion of gelation				
			At room temperature	Ice bath cooling	Waterbathsonication	Probe sonication	Appearance
Benzene	0.5	0.41	9 min 54 sec	4 min 58 sec	25 sec	6 sec (0.55 wt %)	TG
Toluene	0.55	0.35	3 min 54 sec	52 sec	20 sec	2 sec	TG
m-Xylene	0.55	0.42	1 min 11 sec	10 sec	41 sec	2 sec	TG
p-Xylene	0.55	0.41	1 min 10 sec	15 sec	45 sec	4 sec	TG
o-Xylene	0.55	0.38	2 min 56 sec	40 sec	1 min 6 sec	2 sec	TG
Mesitylene	0.55	0.41	45 sec	32 sec	34 sec	3 sec	TG
Chlorobenzene	0.62	0.5	16 min 15 sec	4 min 15 sec		4 sec (1wt%)	TG
Bromobenzene	1	0.85	1 min 19 sec	45 sec			TG
Iodo benzene	0.63	0.63	9 min 30 sec	2 min 07 sec			TG

1,2 dichlorobenzene	0.62	0.46	14 min 20 sec	1min 30 sec	 	TG
EtOH:H <sub>2</sub> O (1:2)	1.6		15 min	1 min 36 sec	 	OG
DMSO:H <sub>2</sub> O (1:2)	1		65 min		 	TG
DMSO: H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1)	1			1 min 50 sec	 	TG
Diesel	2	2	3 min	54 sec	 	OG
Petrol	0.5	0.38	1 min 3 sec	54 sec	 	TG
Aniline	0.55		S	S	 	S
Nitro benzene	0.55		S	S	 	S
THF	0.55		S	S	 	S
n-hexanol	0.55		S	S	 	S
Ethylene glycol	0.55		S	S	 	S

TG - Transparent gel, OG - Opaque gel and S-Soluble \*All CGC were calculated at room temperature

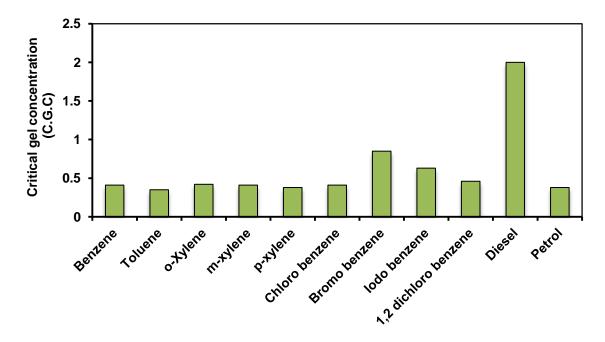


Figure S1 Bar graph C.G.C values of gelator for some of the organic solvents and oils

#### 2. Determination of gel-sol transition temperatures $(T_{gel})$

Gel prepared using toluene and gelator was taken in a glass vial. A glass bead was placed on the top of gel sample and the vial was sealed. Afterward vial was heated in a thermo-stated oil bath and the temperature of the bath was increased at a rate of 0.1 °C /min using temperature controller. The temperature at which ball penetrates the gel and reaches to the bottom of the gel is regarded as the  $T_{gel}$  of the system.

The  $T_{gel}$  of the toluene gel was measured to be 68°C.

#### 3. Characterization of the gelator

#### 3.1 FTIR analysis of the gelator

IR spectrum of the gelator consists of following bands:

3294 cm<sup>-1</sup> (O-H stretching overlapping the N-H stretching), 3030 (ArC-H stretching),2919 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C-H stretching), 1644 cm<sup>-1</sup> (amide II band, C-O stretching of the acetyl group), 1551 cm<sup>-1</sup> (amide II band, N-H bending) 1485–1380 cm<sup>-1</sup> (asymmetrical C-H bending of the CH<sub>2</sub> group), 1373 and 1359 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C-H plane bending), 1070 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C-O-C stretching), 1055 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C-O-C stretching), 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C-O stretching).

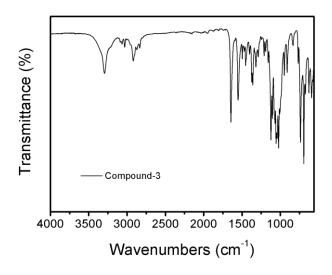


Figure S2 FTIR spectrum of the gelator (Compound-3)

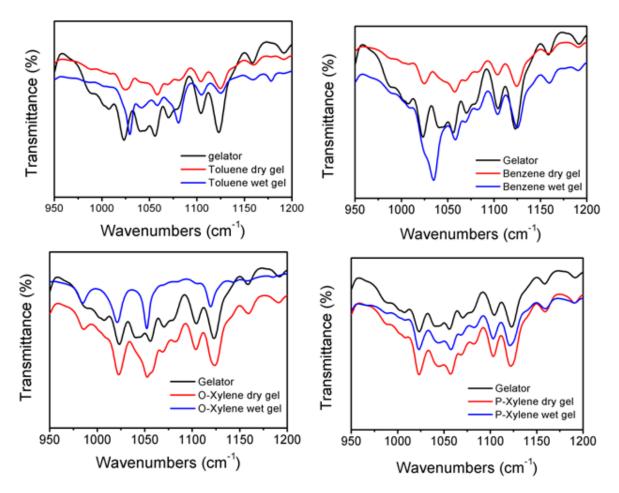


Figure S3 FTIR spectra of the organogel having different organic solvents

### 3.2 UV-vis analysis of the gelator

The UV-vis spectrum of the gelator consists of peaks positioned at 210 and 257 nm which might be attributed to the  $\pi$ -  $\pi$ \* transitions.

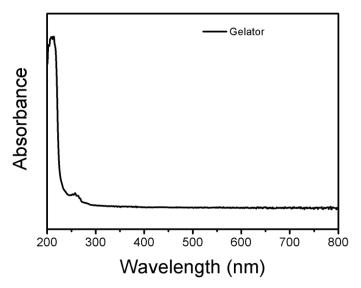


Figure S4 UV-vis spectrum of the gelator

#### 4. Phase selective gelation of nonpolar solvents in presence of water

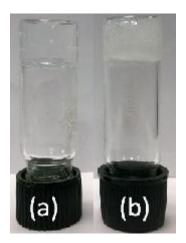
5 mg gelator and fixed volume of liquid were taken in a glass vial and sonicated, heated slowly to dissolve the gelator completely. Thereafter water (1 mL) was slowly added into the glass vial and resulting mixture was allowed to cool down to room temperature. Finally the vial was turned upside down and system was considered as gel if it doesn't fell down.



**Figure S5** Organogels holding water from left to right toluene, benzene, o-xylene, m-xylene, p-xylene and mesitylene

#### 5. Gel formation in polar solvents

Gelator **3** and DMSO:  $H_2O$  in 1:2 ratio was taken in a glass vial and sonicated at room temperature (1 min), resulting mixture was kept at room temperature for a specified time (Table S1) to form gel and finally the vial was inverted (Figure S6). A system was considered as gel if it doesn't fell down on keeping vial upside down. Similarly procedure was applied for gel formation in EtOH:  $H_2O$  (1: 2) co-solvent (Figure S6).



**Figure S6** Gels prepared by dissolving gelators in DMSO, EtOH and H<sub>2</sub>O in different ratio (a) DMSO:H<sub>2</sub>O (1:2) at 0.5 mg/ 0.5 ml (b) EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>O (1:2) at 0.8 mg/0.5 ml

## 6. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of all compounds

