

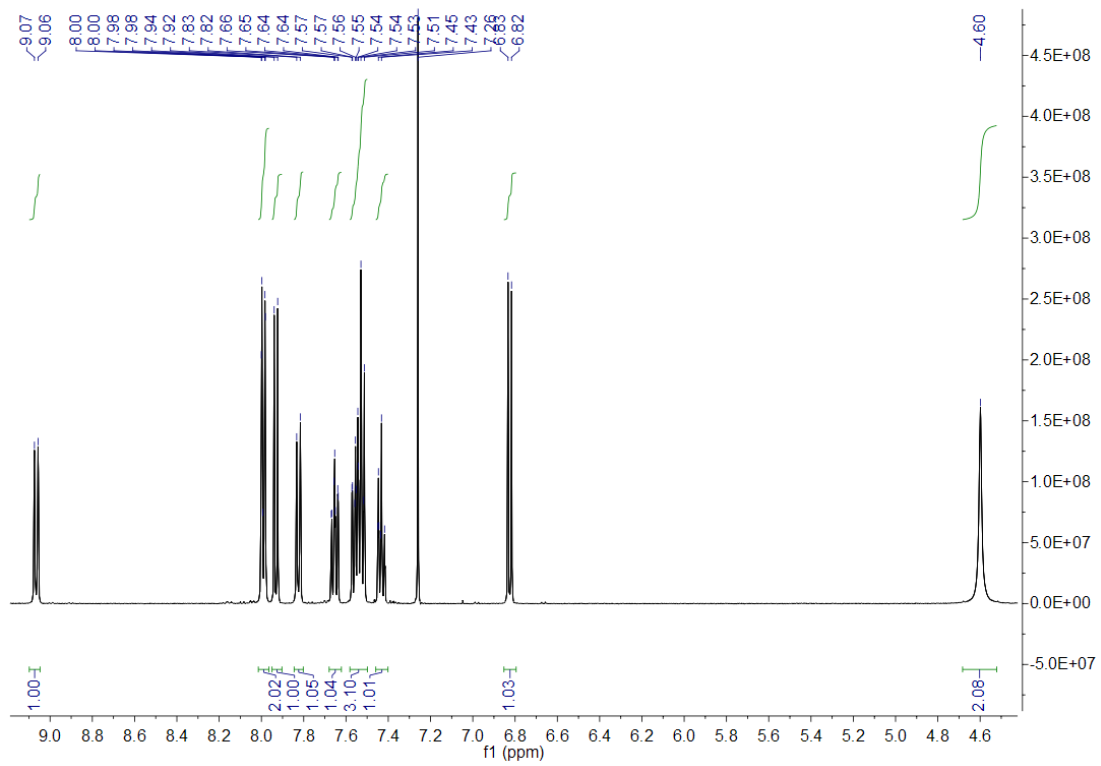
**Supporting information for  
Self-assembly of Azobenzene-based Two-component Gels**

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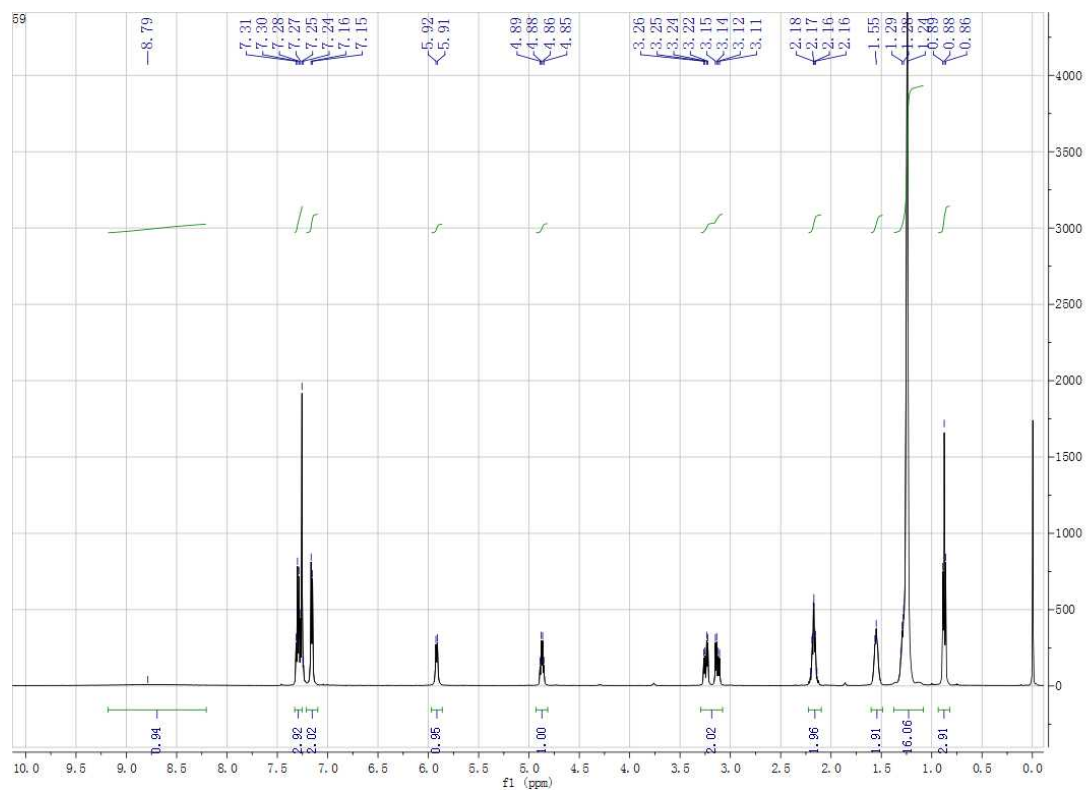
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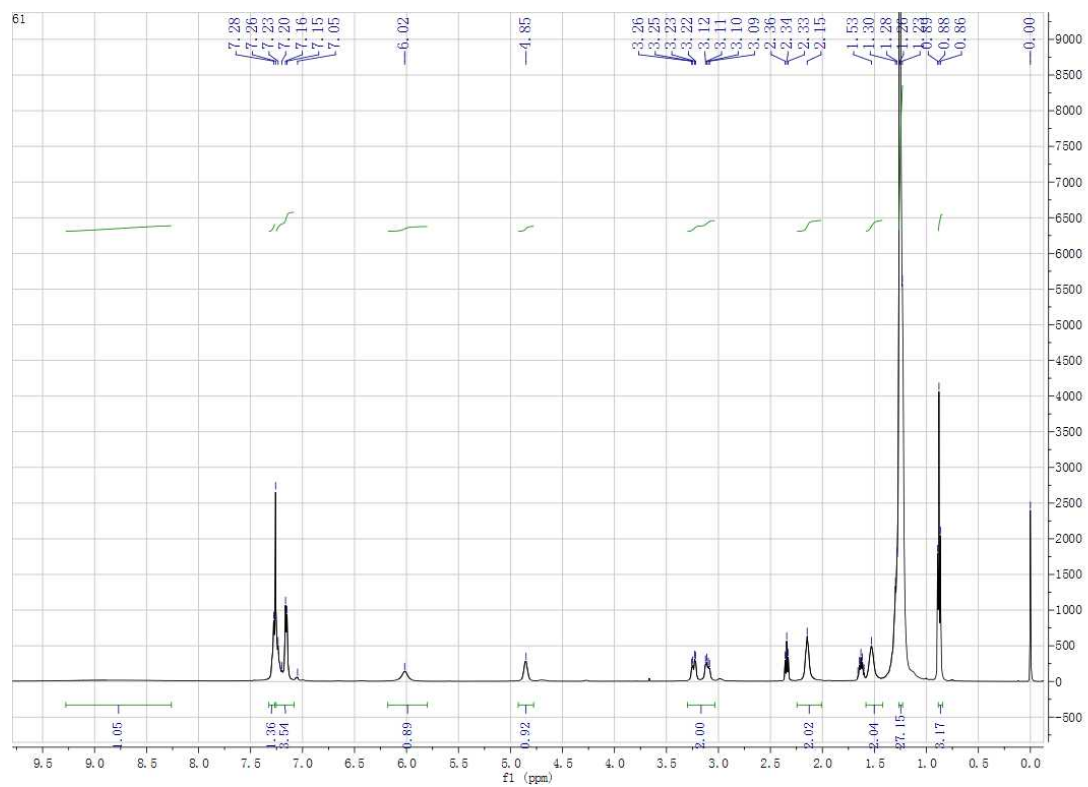
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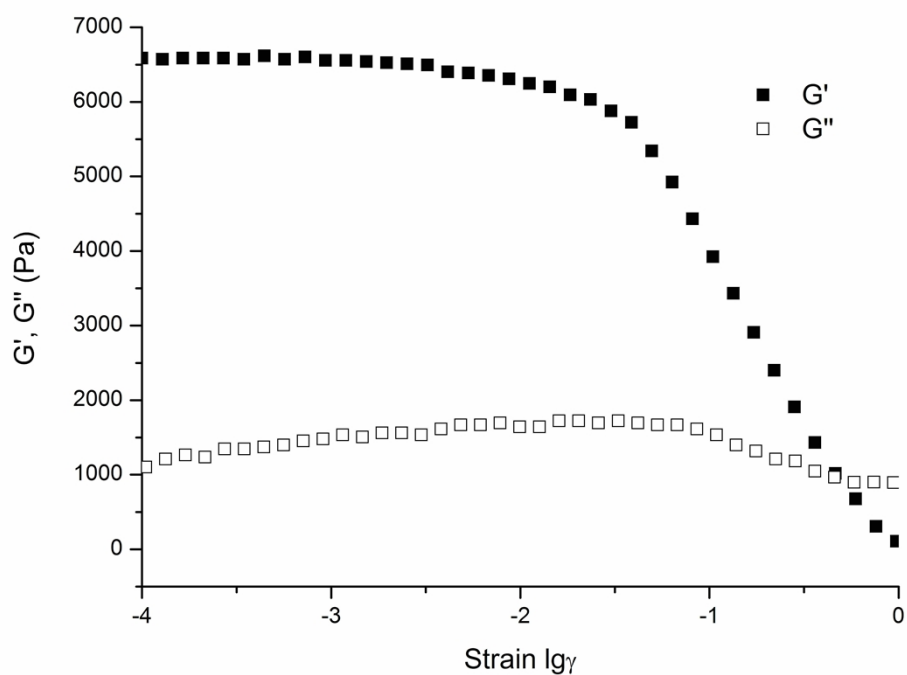
**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of PDNA in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



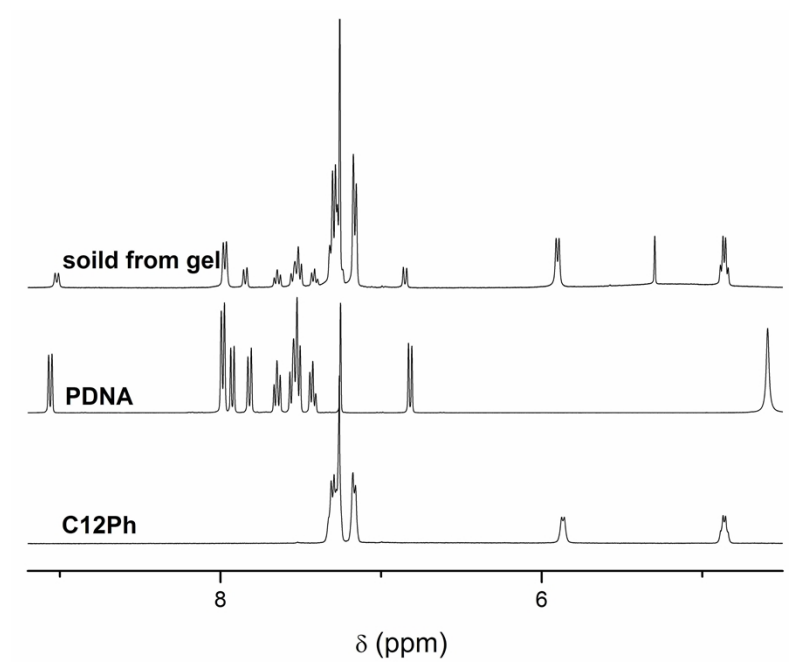
**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of C12Ph in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



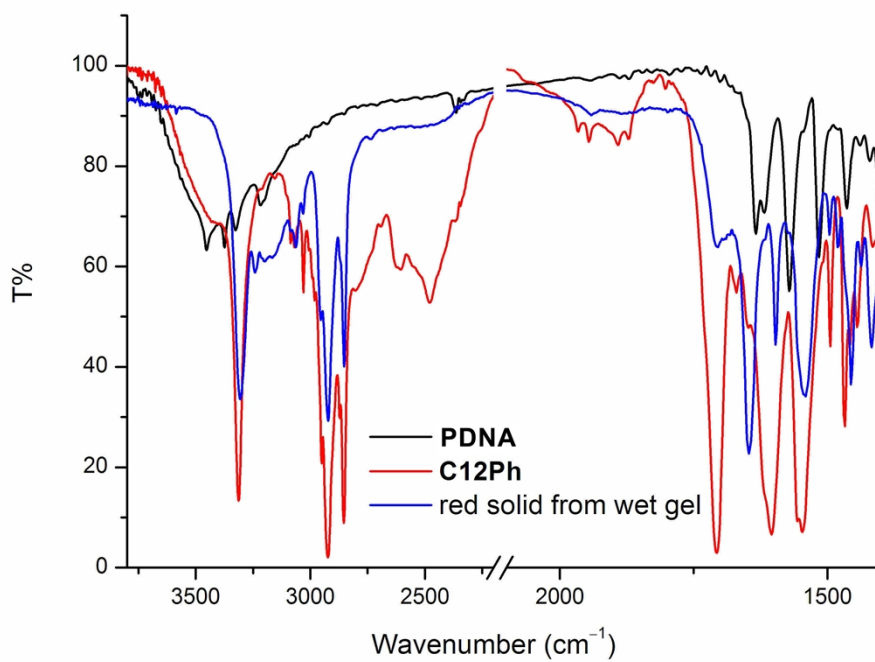
**Fig. S3**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of C18Ph in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



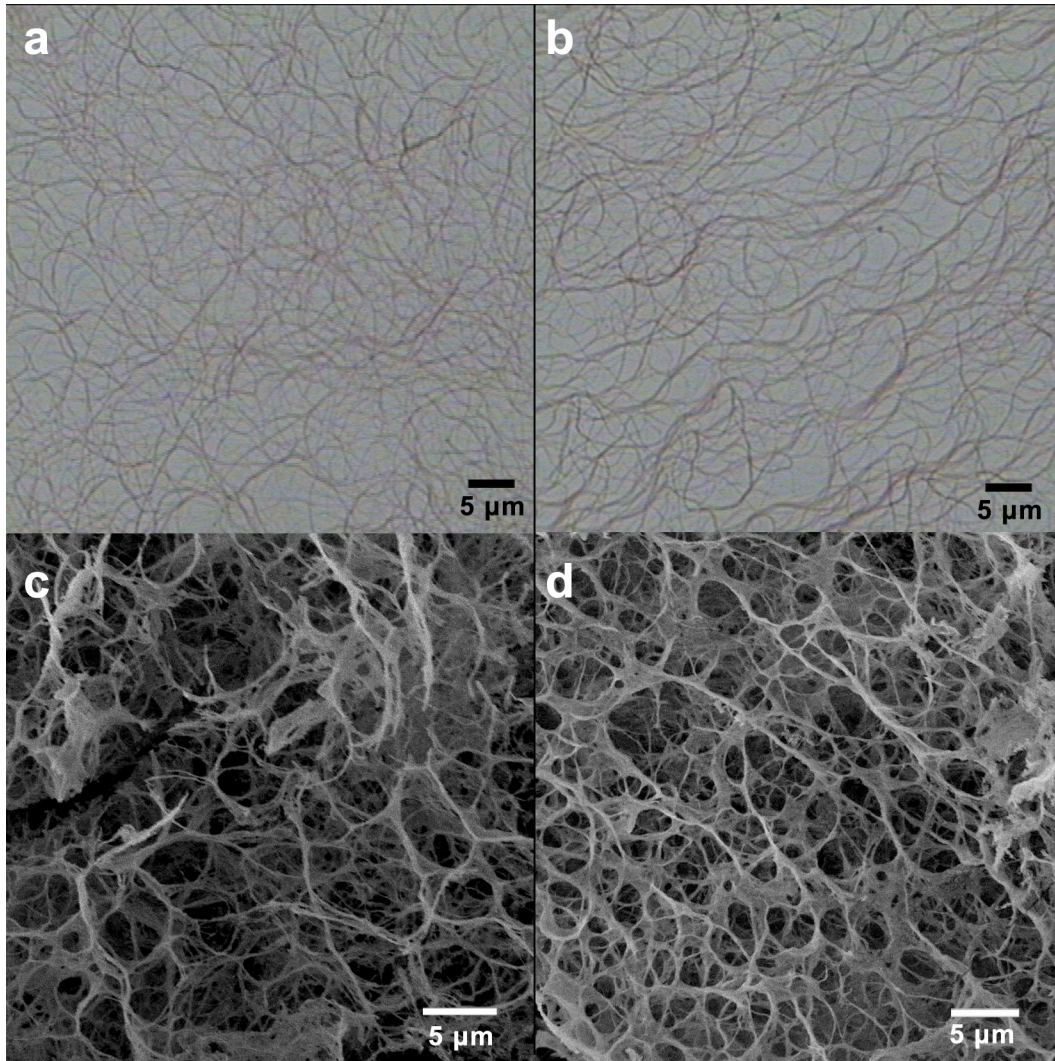
**Fig. S4** Amplitude sweep rheometry data (storage modulus  $G'$  and loss modulus  $G''$  vs shear strain  $\lg\gamma$ ) for the gel (1 :1, 1.0 mg/mL) at 20 °C (angular frequency: 6.28 rad/s).



**Fig. S5** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **C12Ph**, **PDNA**, and the red solid obtained from gel by centrifugation in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

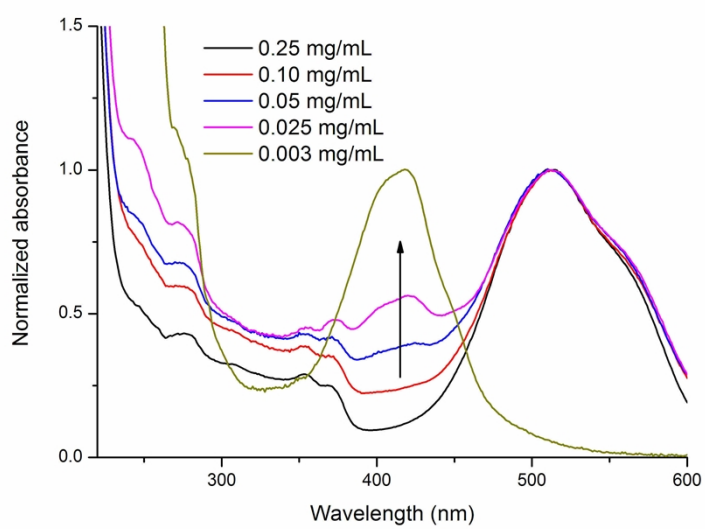


**Fig. S6** IR spectra of **C12Ph** and **PDNA** in solid state, and red solid from wet gel.



**Fig. S7** Optical microscope (a and b) and SEM (c and d) images of cyclohexane gels for complexes of 3 :1 and 4 :1, respectively.





**Fig. S8** Absorption spectra of the complex (**C12Ph/PDNA** = 4/1) in cyclohexane at different concentrations at room temperature.