

**Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

**Saline-Enabled Self-Healing of Biocompatible Polyelectrolyte Multilayer Films**

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**Table S1.** The effect of the outmost layer on the self-healing abilities of assembled multilayer films characterized by the dispersion experiment (n=3)

Time	Diffusion diameters / mm		P value <sup>[a]</sup>
	Original film	Normal saline healed film	
PDPA(CMC/PU) <sub>20</sub>	5 s	2.83±0.13	7.32×10 <sup>-1</sup>
	30 s	2.88±0.11	3.52×10 <sup>-1</sup>
	2 min	2.93±0.03	2.99×10 <sup>-2</sup>
	5 min	2.96±0.02	3.82×10 <sup>-3</sup>
PDPA(CMC/PU) <sub>20.5</sub>	5 s	3.05±0.01	1.28×10 <sup>-4</sup>
	30 s	3.09±0.01	3.52×10 <sup>-5</sup>
	2 min	3.13±0.02	5.72×10 <sup>-5</sup>
	5 min	3.16±0.03	3.48×10 <sup>-4</sup>

[a] calculated by independent-sample *t*-Test (two-tailed) algorithm

**Fig. S1** The healing properties of water with different pHs on a) PDDA(CMC/PU)<sub>20</sub> and b) PDDA(CMC/PU)<sub>20.5</sub> films.

