

Supporting Information:

Effect of temperature and hydrophilic ratio on the structure of poly(N-vinylcaprolactam)-block-poly(dimethylsiloxane)-block-poly(N-vinylcaprolactam) polymersomes

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Table S1. Number-Average Molecular Weights (M_n), Polydispersity (\mathfrak{D}) of the Block Copolymers via GPC (Linear polystyrene samples were used as standards for GPC calibration)

Hydrophobic block	Hydrophilic block	M_n, Da	\mathfrak{D}
PDMS ₆₅	PMOXA ₁₄	5091	1.17
	PVCL ₁₀	5034	1.13
	PVCL ₁₅	5209	1.15
	PVCL ₂₁	6092	1.15
PDMS ₄₇	PVCL ₇	3967	1.10
PDMS ₃₀	PVCL ₅	3312	1.17

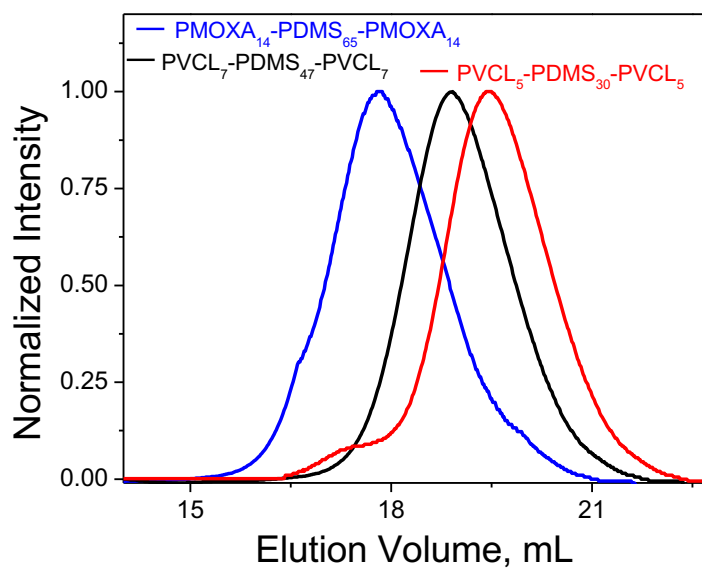


Figure S1. GPC traces of PMOXA₁₄-PDMS₆₅-PMOXA₁₄, PVCL₇-PDMS₄₇-PVCL₇, and PVCL₅-PDMS₃₀-PVCL₅ triblock copolymers.

Table S2. Fit Parameters Obtained from the Poly Core–Shell Model Deduced from SANS Curves.

Hydrophobic block	Hydrophilic block	Temperature	scale	avg core rad (Å)	shell thickness (Å)	polydisp (0,1)	SLD core (Å ⁻²)	SLD shell (Å ⁻²)	SLD solvent (Å ⁻²)
PDMS65	PMOXA14	25°C	6.01E-08	670.351	126.931	0.47573771	2.34E-06	1.90E-06	6.34E-06
		55°C	6.01E-08	663.234	130.539	0.61605592	2.34E-06	1.90E-06	6.34E-06
	PVCL10	25°C	2.45E-06	1619.478	141.523	0.2925268	2.84E-06	1.90E-06	6.34E-06
		55°C	2.45E-06	1293.459	117.239	0.30235111	2.84E-06	2.46E-06	6.34E-06
	PVCL15	25°C	2.46E-06	870.372	160.92	0.29346286	2.44E-06	1.90E-06	6.34E-06
		55°C	2.46E-06	760.231	130.169	0.47597947	2.44E-06	2.14E-06	6.34E-06
	PVCL21	25°C	2.18E-05	724.792	191.917	0.48731764	2.65E-06	1.82E-06	6.34E-06
		55°C	2.18E-05	704.539	136.212	0.65981751	2.65E-06	1.90E-06	6.34E-06
PDMS47	PVCL7	25°C	0.15147485	1496.145	103.427	0.37675478	4.80E-06	4.73E-06	4.17E-06
		55°C	0.15147485	1274.938	87.545	0.21274795	4.73E-06	4.19E-06	4.24E-06
PDMS30	PVCL5	25°C	0.02248607	1398.922	85.587	0.81811423	5.32E-06	2.09E-06	2.83E-06
		55°C	0.12868921	1099.901	80.099	0.70329481	4.73E-06	3.90E-06	4.24E-06

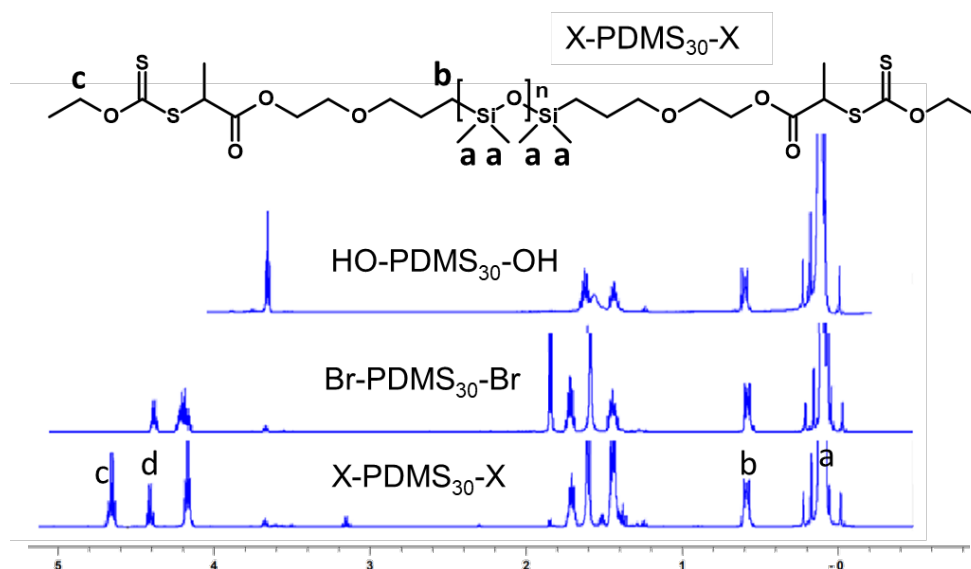


Figure S2. NMR spectra of bis(hydroxyethyl)-oxypropyl poly(dimethylsiloxane) (HO-PDMS₃₀-OH), the product of end group decoration (Br-PDMS₃₀-Br), and the final macro initiator (X-PDMS₃₀-X) and its chemical structure. According to the integration values, 97% of the hydroxy groups from PDMS₃₀-OH were modified to incorporate the CTA.

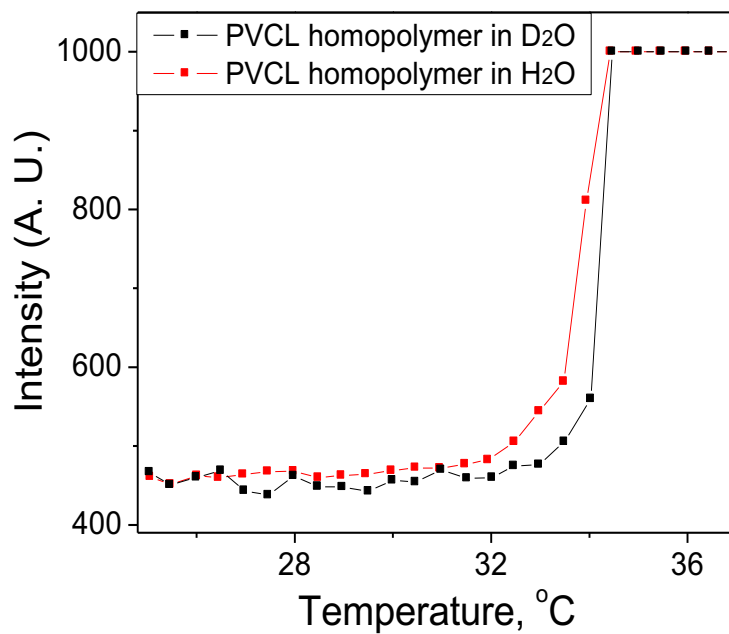


Figure S3. Temperature-dependent turbidity of PVCL homopolymer in H₂O and D₂O. Temperature-dependent scattering intensity of polymer solutions was determined with a fluorescence spectrophotometer (Varian, Cary Eclipse). The scattering intensity of 2 mL of PVCL homopolymer solutions with the concentration of 0.5 mg mL⁻¹ was measured at $\lambda=700$ nm from 24 °C to 40 °C at the rate of 0.2 °C per minute.

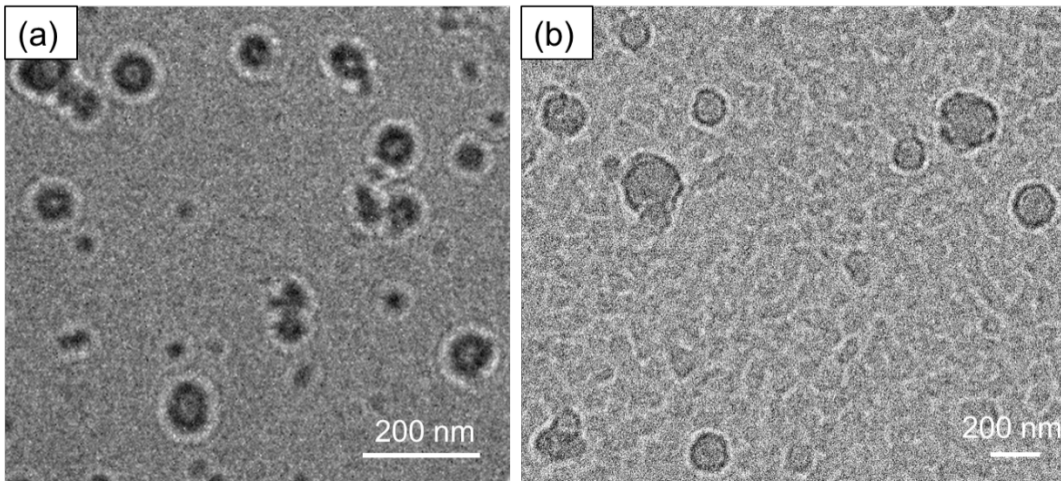


Figure S4. Cryo-TEM images of (a) PVCL₁₀-PDMS₆₅-PVCL₁₀ and (b) PVCL₅-PDMS₃₀-PVCL₅.

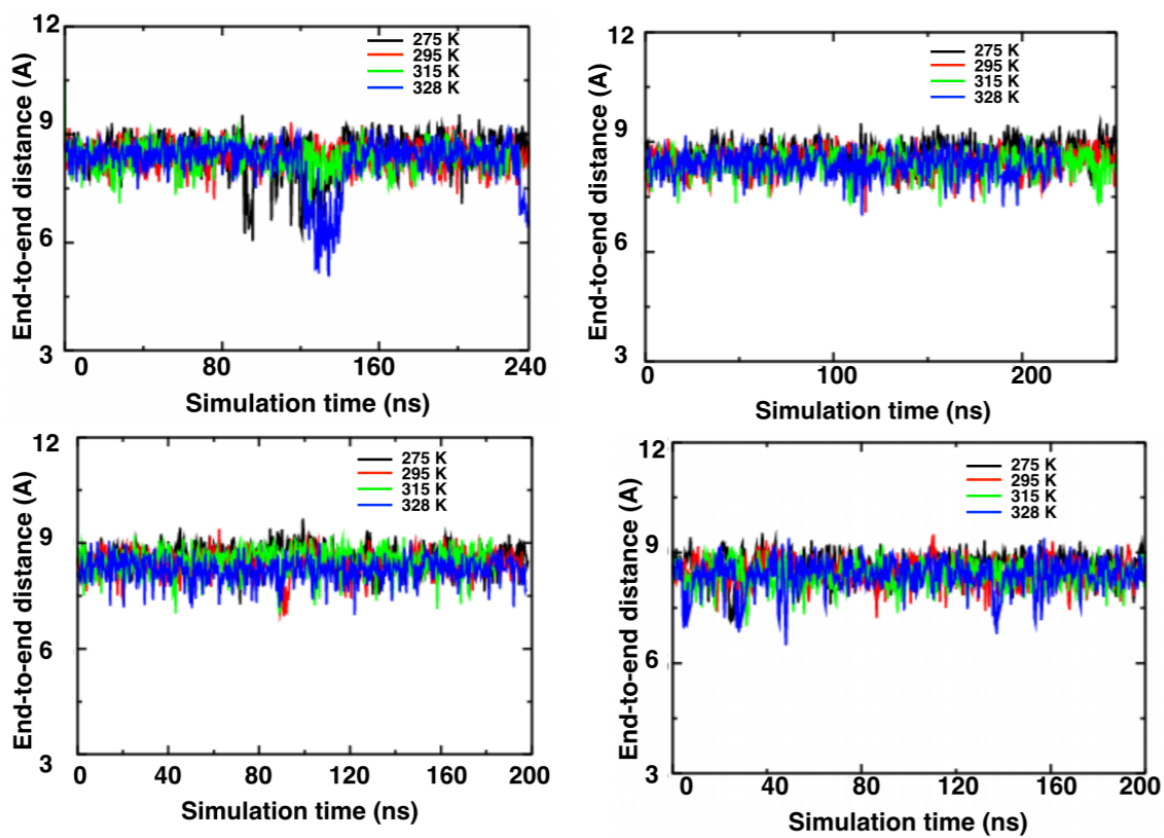


Figure S5. Simulated end-to-end distance of PVCL₅ at four temperature conditions. Each panel corresponds to an independent simulation replica.

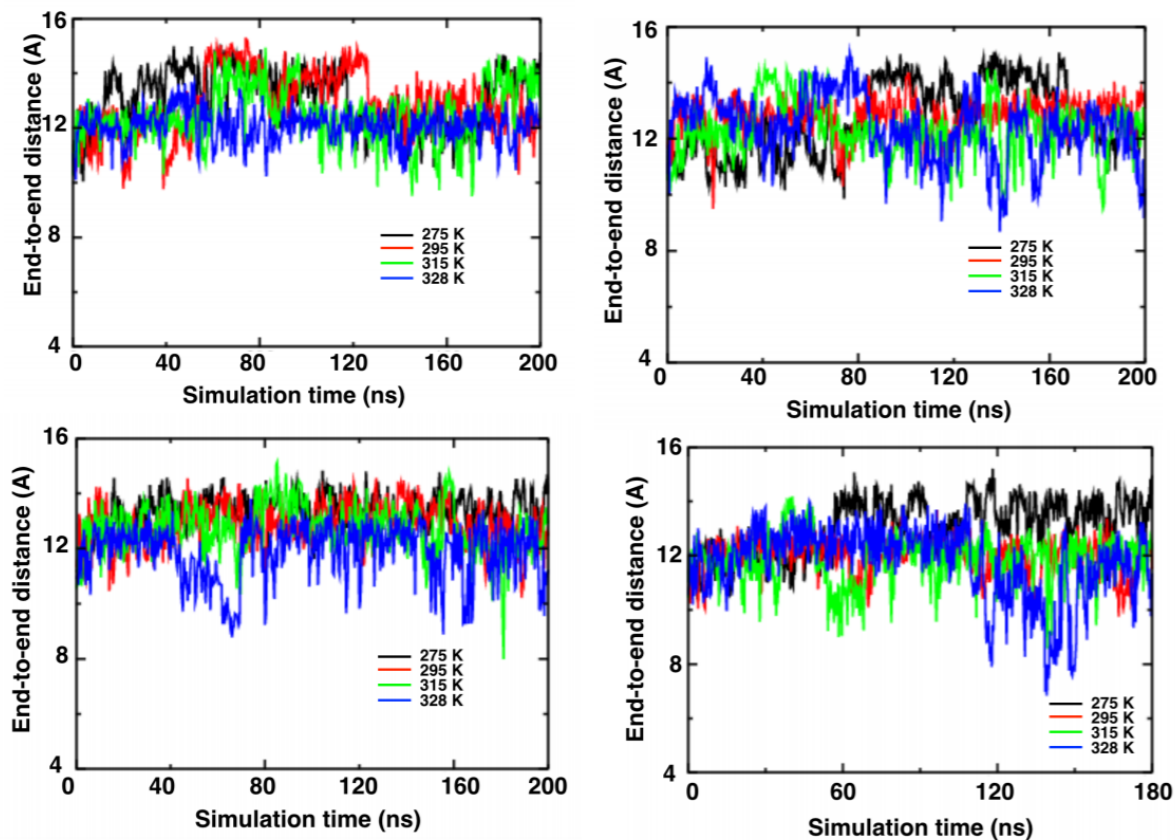


Figure S6. Simulated end-to-end distance of PVCL₇ at four temperature conditions. Each panel corresponds to an independent simulation replica.

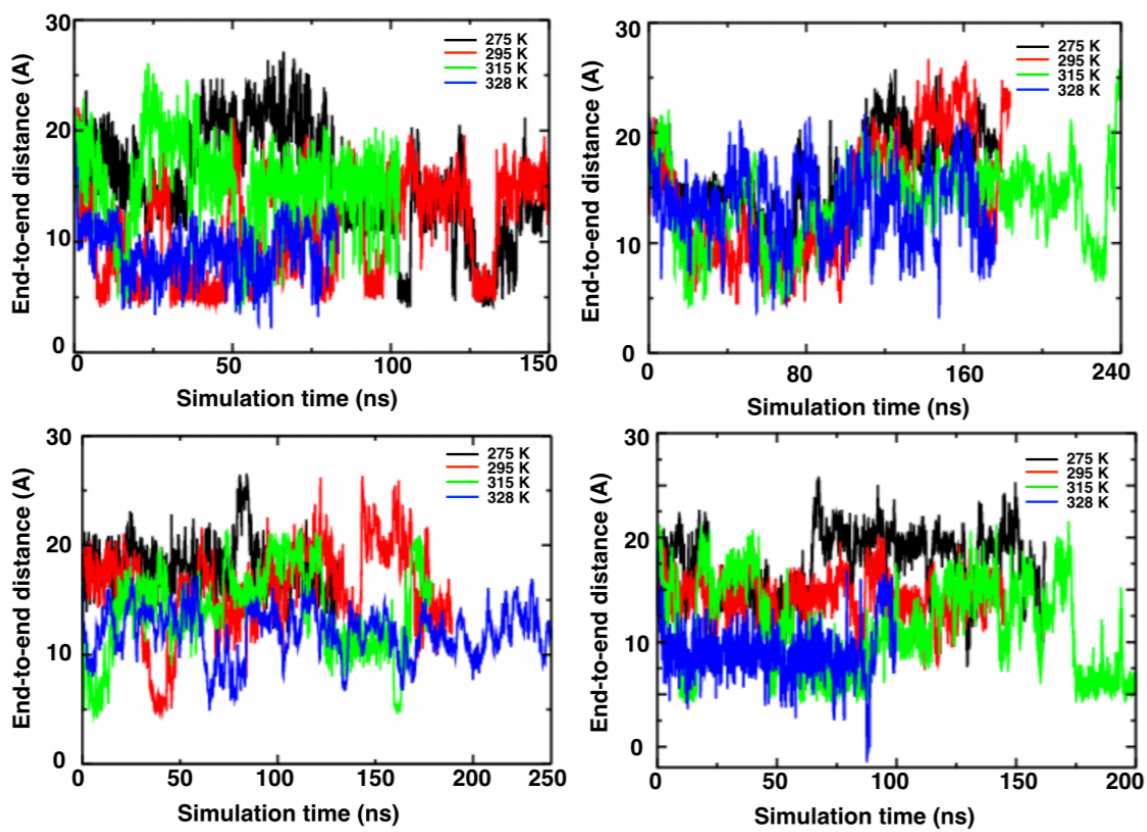
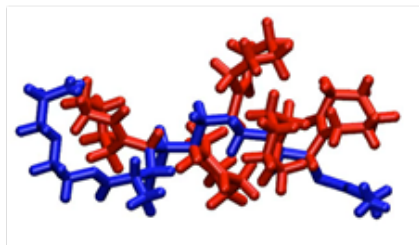
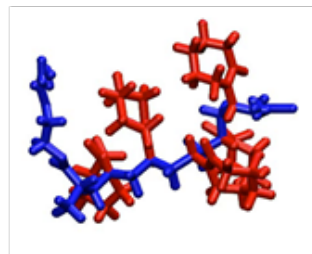


Figure S7. Simulated end-to-end distance of PVCL₁₀ at four temperature conditions. Each panel corresponds to an independent simulation replica.

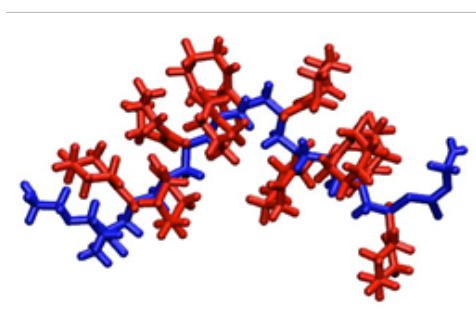
PVCL₅ at 275 K



PVCL₅ at 328 K



PVCL₁₀ at 275 K



PVCL₁₀ at 328 K



Figure S8. Snapshots of animations of MD trajectories illustrating the behavior of a PVCL₅ polymer at 275 K and at 238 K; and of a PVCL₁₀ polymer at 275 K and at 328 K. The backbone and side chains of each polymer are shown in blue and red, respectively, water and ions are not shown for clarity.