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Software and code

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Data collection

The following software were used for data collection:

- (1) X-ray microscopy: Scout and Scan Control System (v12.0, Zeiss)
- (2) Stress vs. Strain curves: Bluehill 3 (v3.24, Instron)
- (3) Confocal laser scanning microscopy: LAS X (v1.4, Leica Microsystems)
- (4) Scanning electron microscopy: xT microscope control (v13.9.1, Thermo Fisher Scientific)
- (5) Spectrophotometry: Gen5 (v2.05, BioTek Instruments)
- (6) Shear stress during hot melt extrusion: MiniCTW (v1.01, Thermo Fisher Scientific)
- (7) Water contact angle: DROPimage Pro (v3.22, Ramé-hart Instrument co.)
- (8) Gel permeation chromatography: LabSolutions (v5.103, Shimadzu Corporation)
- (9) Attenuated total reflectance-Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy: OMNIC (v9.12, Thermo Fisher Scientific)
- (10) Respirometry: Echo Software (ECHO Instruments)
- (11) Elemental analysis: lyticOS® (Elementar)

Data analysis

The following software were used for data analysis:

- (1) RNA sequencing: Breseq (v0.35.4)
- (2) X-ray microscopy: XM3DViewer (v1.2.6, Zeiss) and XMReconstructor (v10.6, Zeiss)
- (3) Tensile properties: GraphPad Prism (v9.2.0, GraphPad)
- (4) Confocal laser scanning microscopy: ImageJ (v2.14)
- (5) Scanning electron microscopy: ImageJ (v2.14)
- (6) Gel permeation chromatography: ASTRA (v8.0.0, Wyatt Technology)
- (7) Statistical analysis: GraphPad Prism (v9.2.0, GraphPad)

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The raw resequencing data generated in this study have been deposited in the European Nucleotide Archive under accession code PRJNA981571 [<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena/browser/view/PRJNA421359>] and National Center for Biotechnology Information Sequence Read Archive under accession code PRJNA981571 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA981571/>]. The variant calling data is available in ALEdb v1.088 under project name BS6633_HSTALE [<https://aledb.org/ale/project/166/>]. Source data are provided with this paper.

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Population characteristics

N/A

Recruitment

N/A

Ethics oversight

N/A

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size

No sample size calculation was performed to predetermine sample size. Sample sizes ($n \geq 3$) were chosen to ensure significant and reliable interpretation of the results based on previous experience with similar experiment types or standard practice in the field.

Data exclusions

No data were excluded from analyses.

Replication

All the main experimental findings were reproduced with at least three independent experiments. All attempts at replication were successful.

Randomization

This study does not contain any controlled trial to be randomized.

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