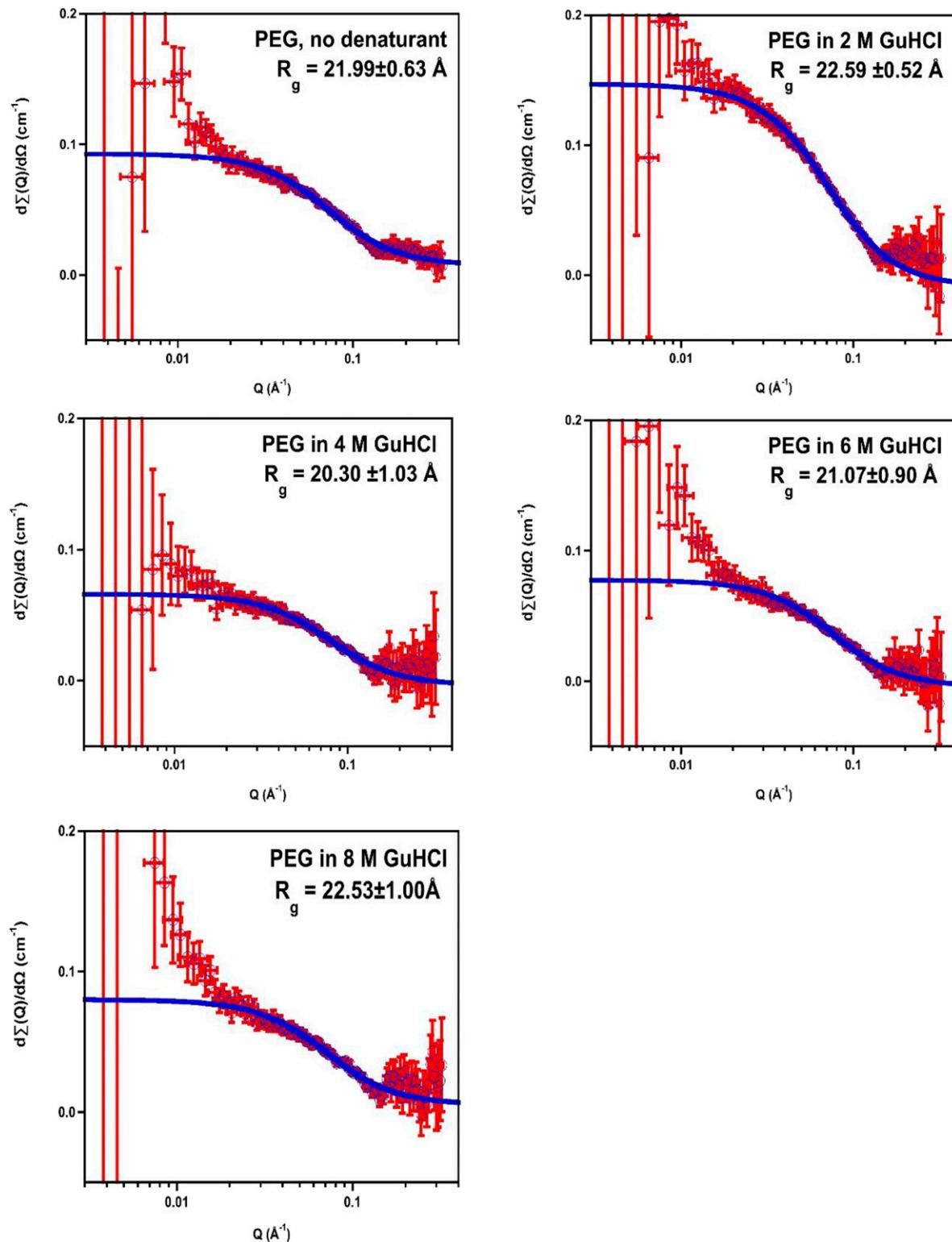


# Supporting Information

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**Fig. S1.** Debye fit (Eq. 1) of scattering data collected on 3 kDa PEG at various GuHCl concentrations. All  $R^2$  values for these fits are  $>0.94$ . The error bars shown here and below are estimated 95% confidence intervals.

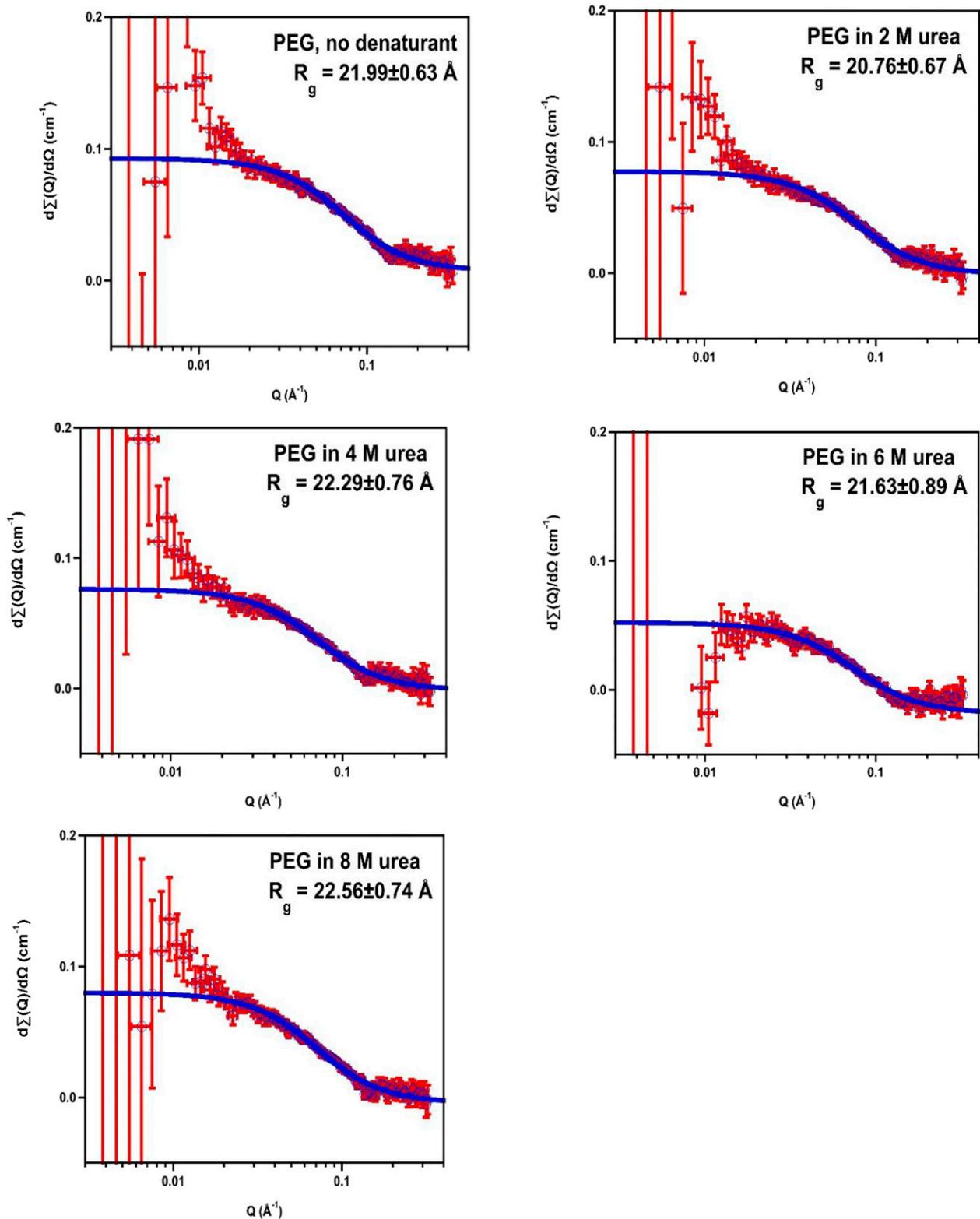
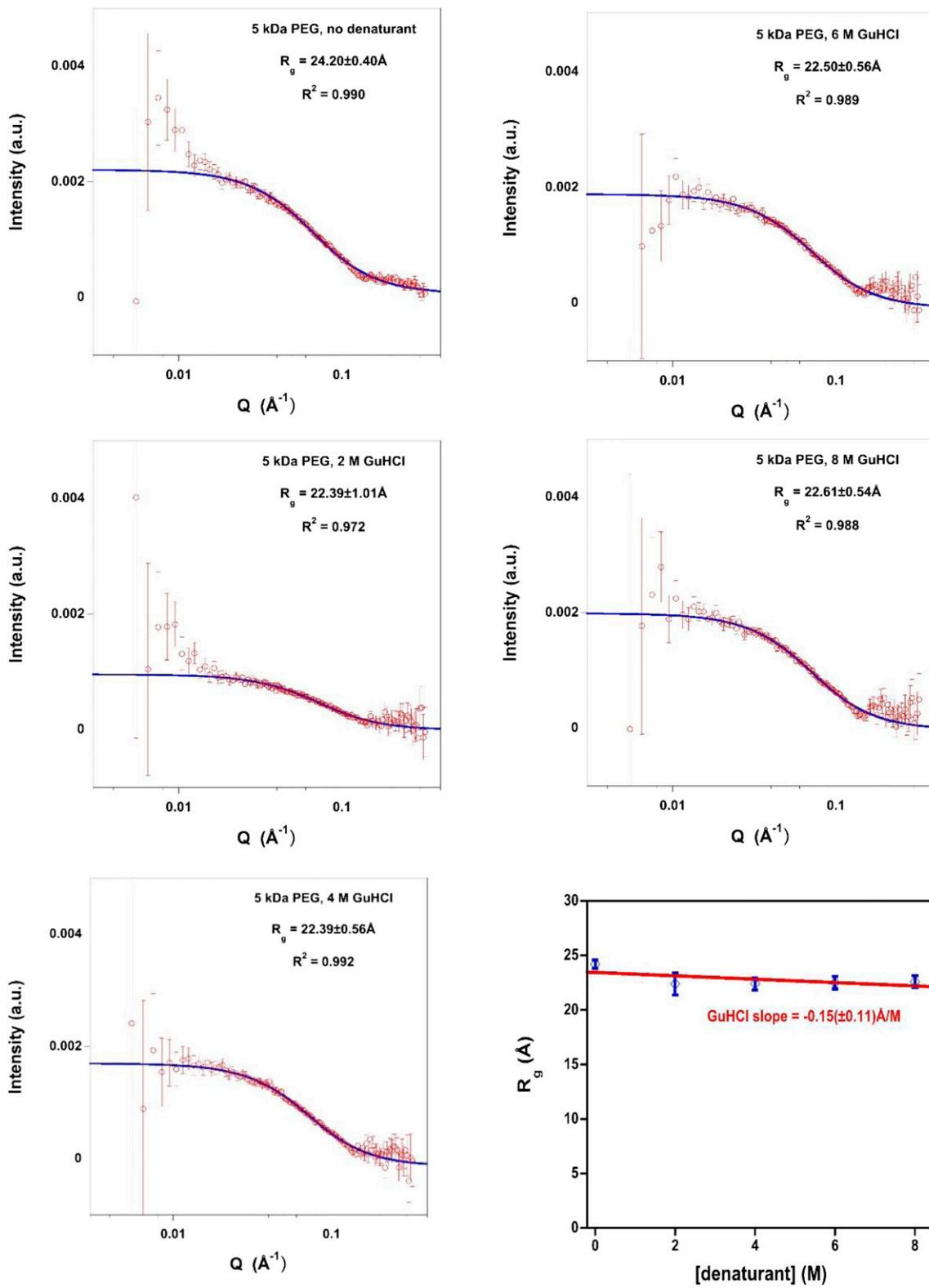
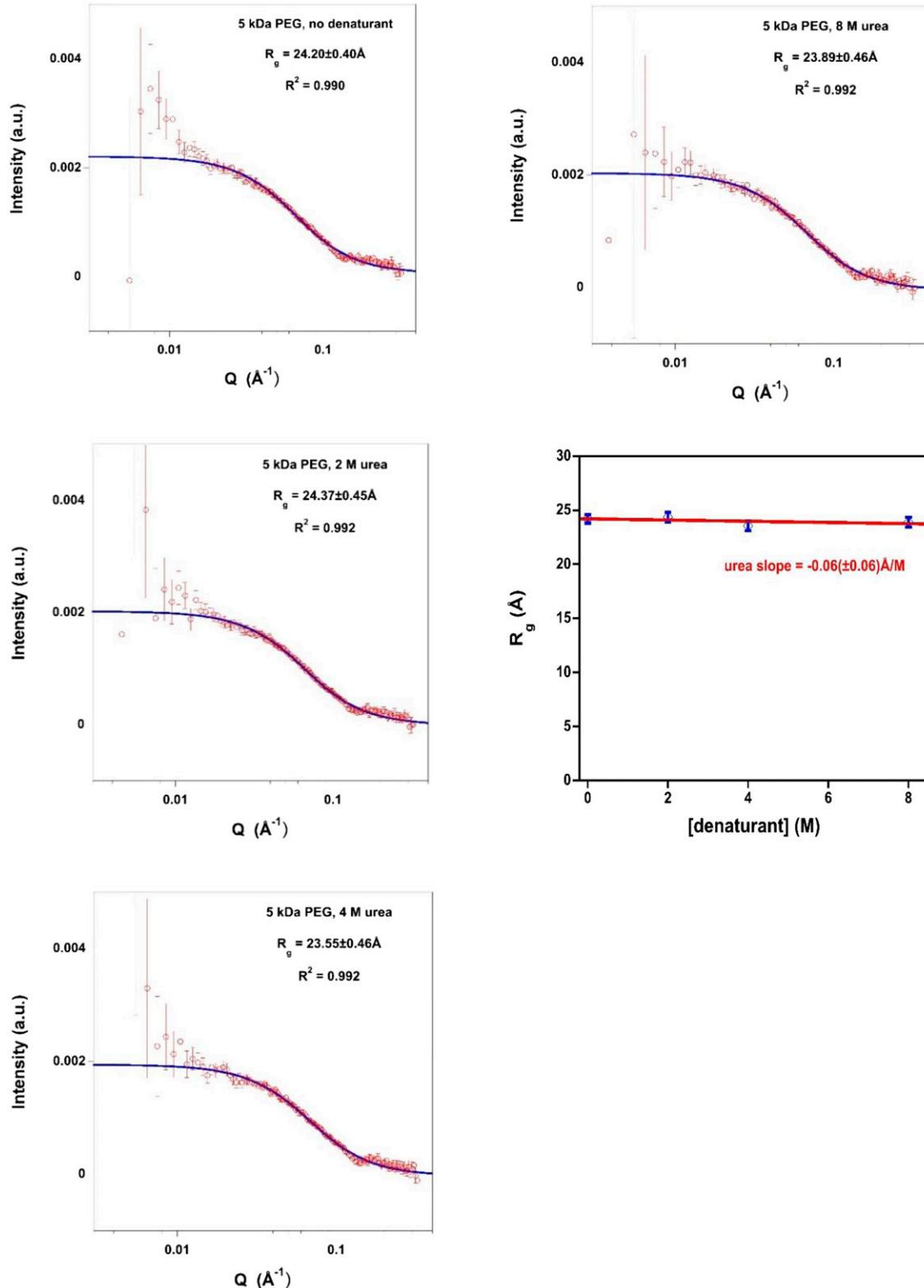


Fig. S2. Debye fit (Eq. 1) of scattering data collected on 3 kDa PEG at various urea concentrations. All  $R^2$  values for these fits are  $>0.93$ .



**Fig. S3.** Debye fits of 5 kDa PEG; as is true for 3 kDa PEG (Fig. 3 and Figs. S1 and S2), we observe no statistically significant change in the dimensions as a function of GuHCl concentration.



**Fig. S4.** Debye fits of 5 kDa PEG; as is true for 3 kDa PEG (Fig. 3 and Figs. S1 and S2), we observe no statistically significant change in the dimensions of 5 kDa PEG as a function of urea concentration.

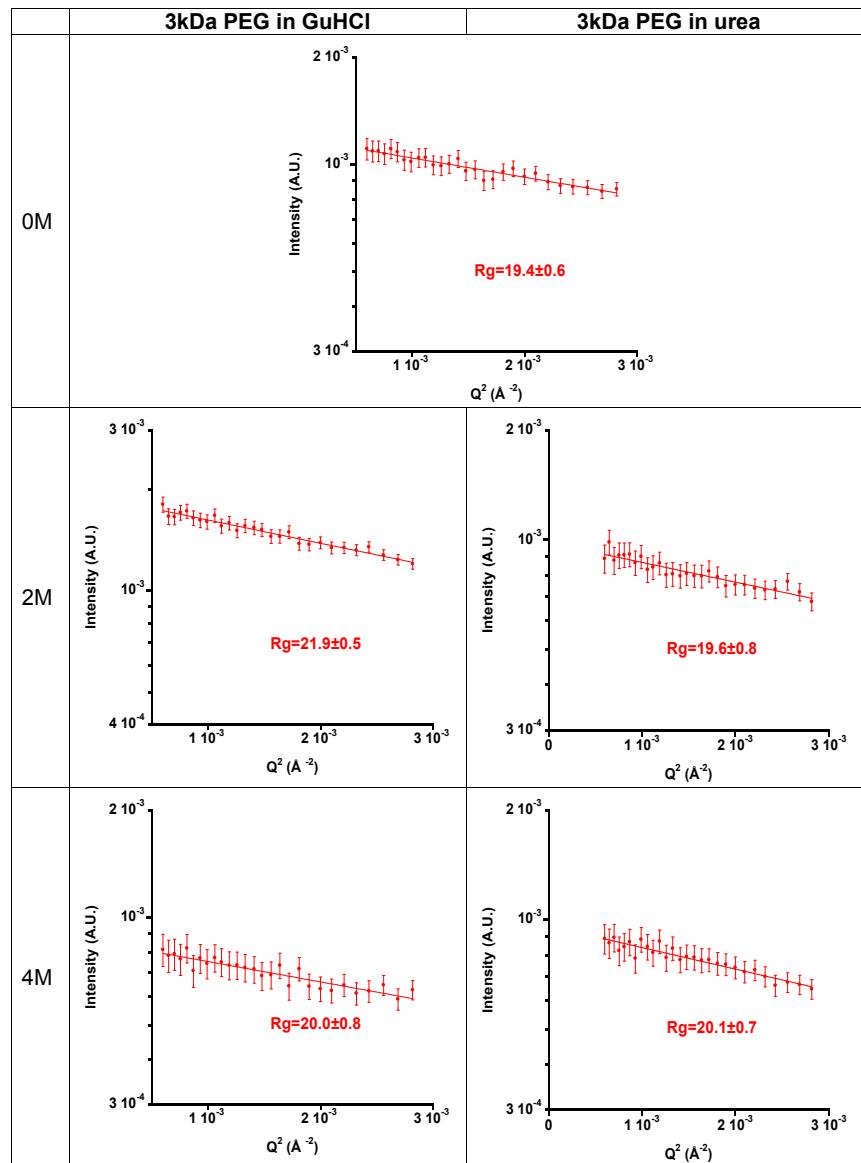


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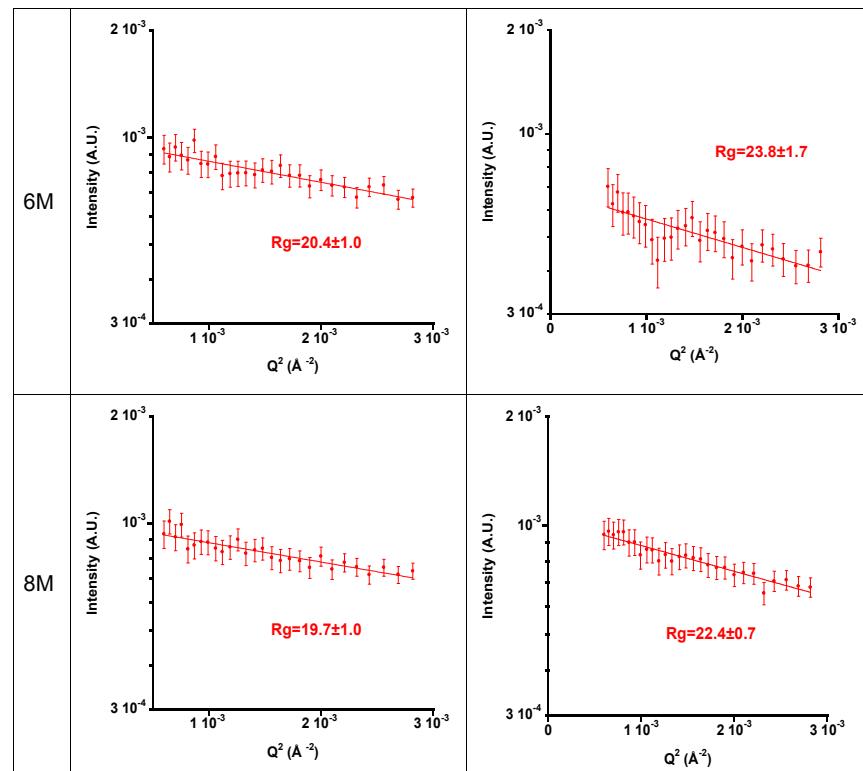


Fig. S5. Guinier fits to the SANS data for 3 kDa PEG.

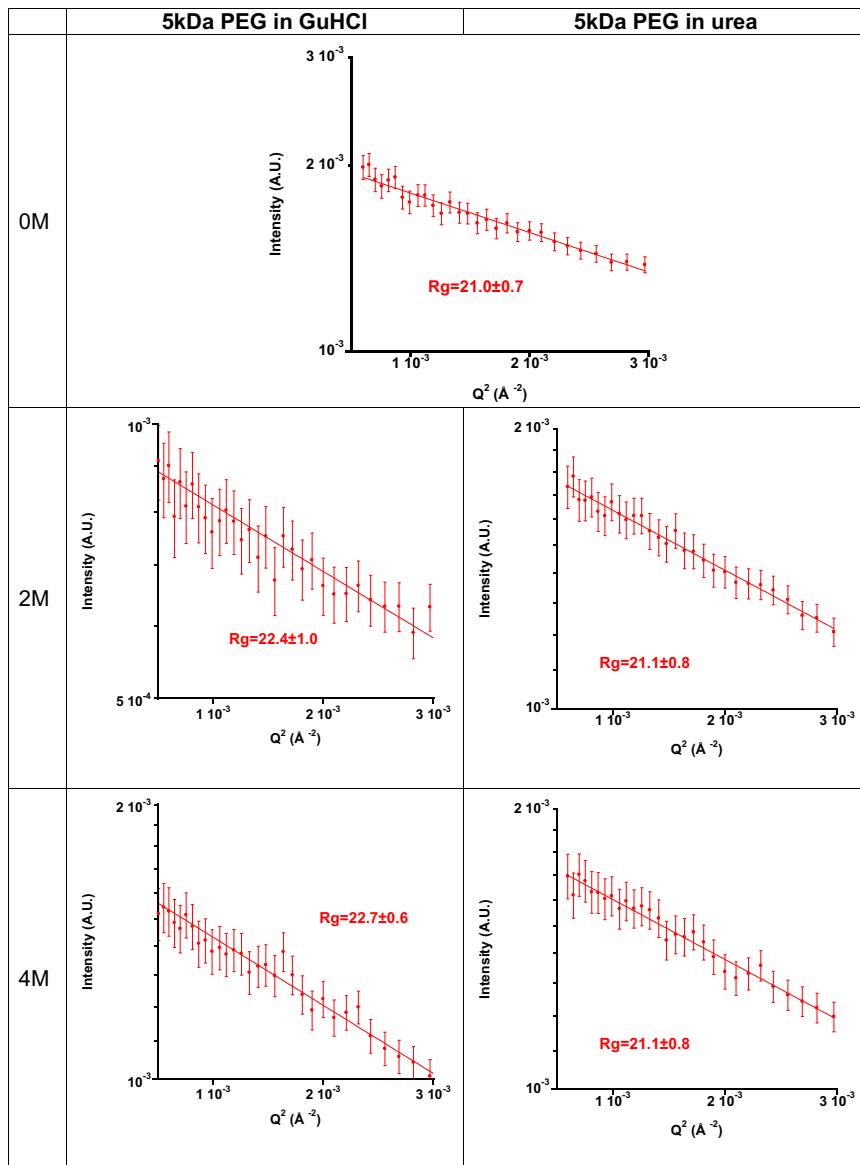


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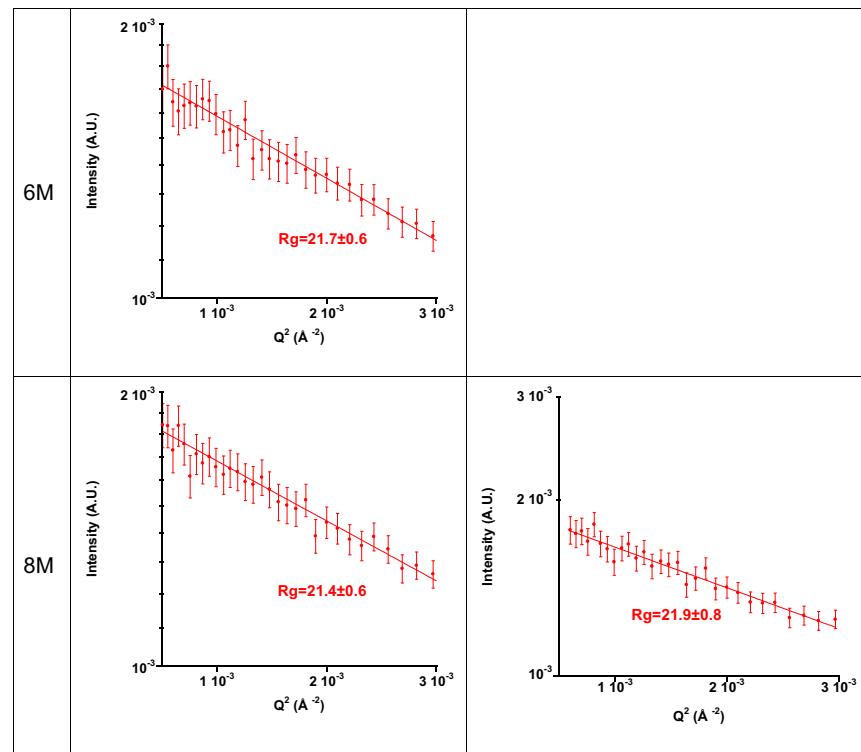


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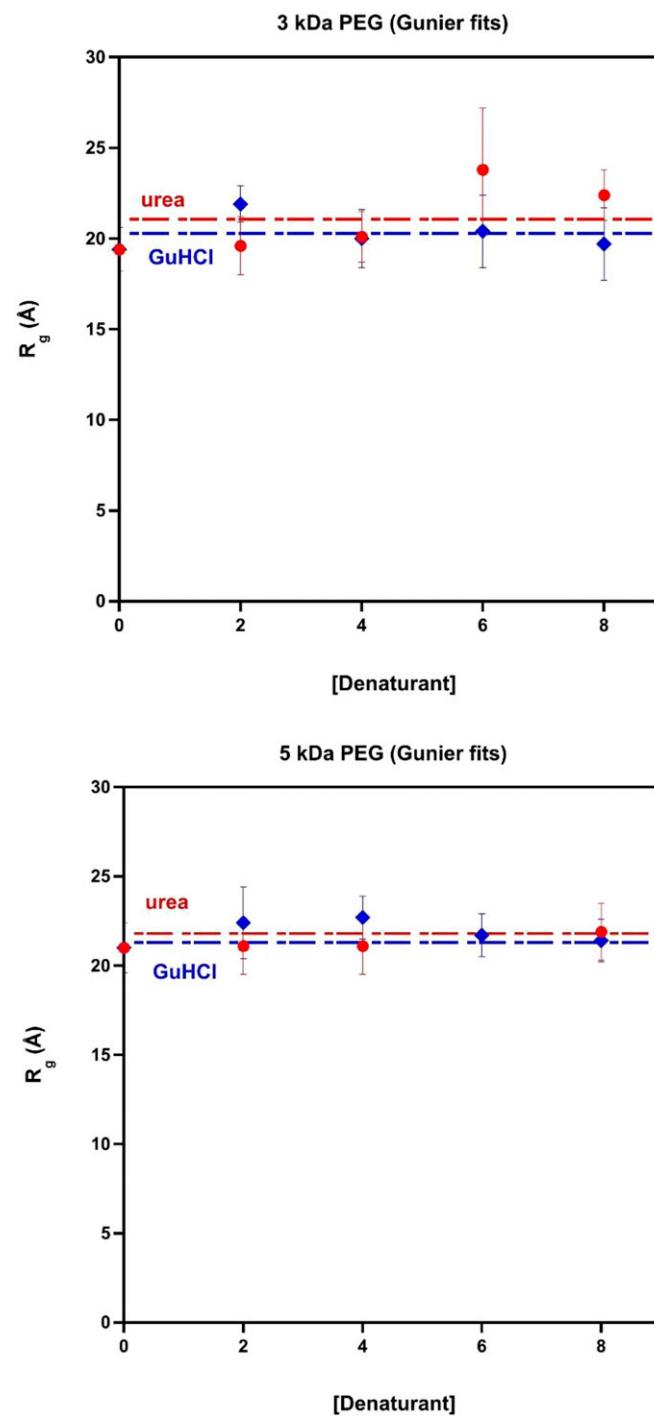
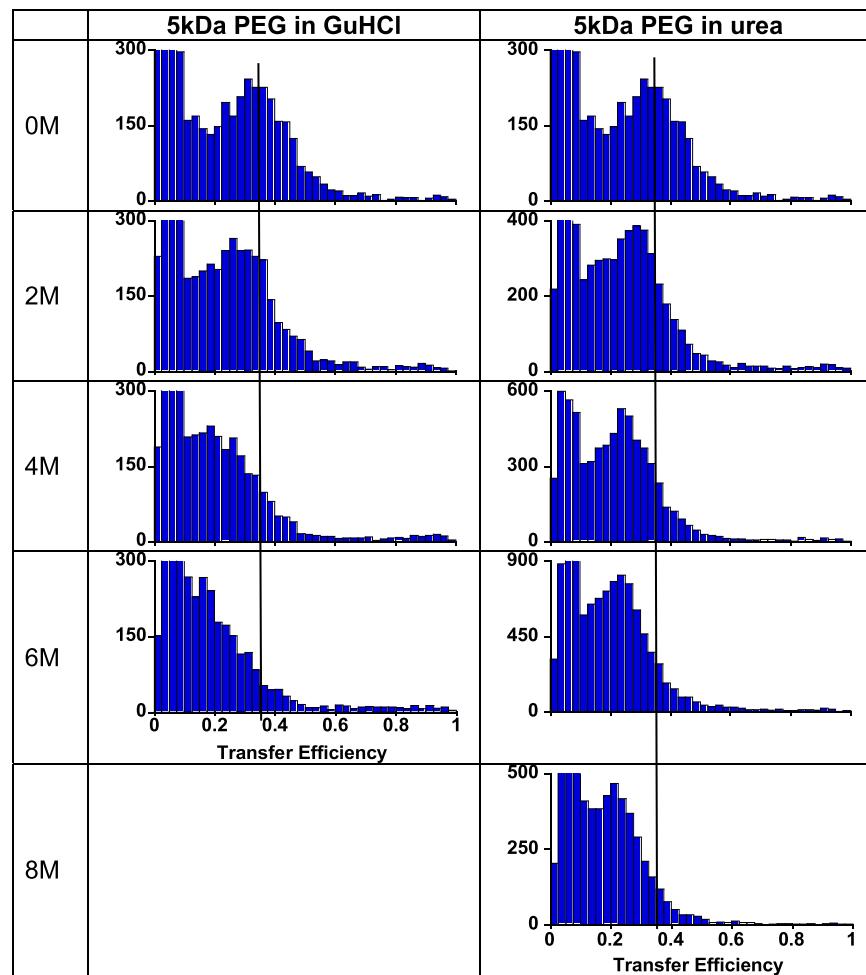


Fig. S7. Guinier-derived  $R_g$  values are within 95% confidence intervals of the average value (dashed lines) observed in each denaturant.



**Fig. S8.** The denaturant dependence of the transfer efficiency observed for dye-modified 5 kDa PEG is quite similar to that observed for dye-modified 3 kDa PEG (Fig. 4).