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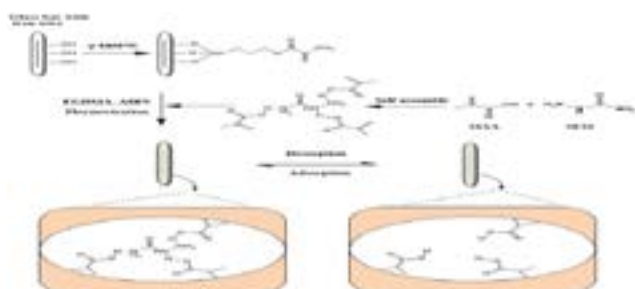
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# DETERMINATION OF SEMICARBAZIDE IN FISH BY MOLECULARLY IMPRINTED STIR BAR SORPTIVE EXTRACTION COUPLED WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

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A novel molecularly imprinted stir bar (MI-SB) for sorptive extraction of semicarbazide (SEM) was fabricated in present paper. The coating of the stir bar was characterized by scanning electron microscopy, Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy, dynamic adsorption and static adsorption tests. In order to optimize the MI-SB extraction operating conditions for the analysis of SEM, extraction and desorption solvents affecting the extraction performance of MI-SB, the extraction and desorption time of MI-SB for SEM were optimized. Under the optimized conditions, the saturated adsorption of MI-SB was about 4 times over that of non-imprinted stir bar (NI-SB). Urea, DMAC, cysteine and NFZ were used to verify the selectivity of MI-SB. The recoveries of the MI-SB for SEM kept almost no changed, and all above 95% when urea, DMAC, cysteine and NFZ were added into SEM solution. The result showed that these analogues of SEM did not affect the adsorption of MI-SB to SEM. The different batches of MI-SBs to adsorb SEM had no significance difference. Moreover, after three extractions for a single MI-SB, the recovery of SEM was 86% with RSD of 4.78% (n=3). The results of experiment revealed that the MI-SB was reproducible and could be used for three times at least. A method to determine SEM was established by coupling MI-SB sorptive extraction with HPLC-UV. The liner range was 1-100 ng/mL for SEM with a correlation coefficient of 0.9985. The limit of detection was about 0.59 ng/mL, which was below the minimum required performance limit of SEM in meat products regulated by European Union. The method was applied to the determination of SEM in fish sample with satisfactory results.

**Figure 1:** Scheme 1 Schematic representation of the preparation of MIP-SB.

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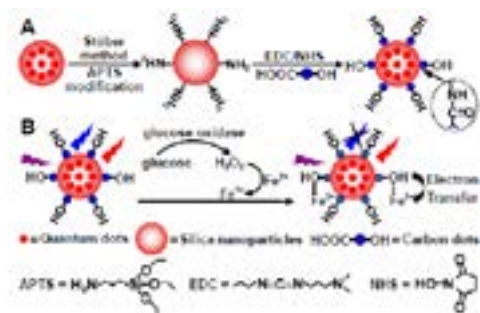
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# A SINGLE DUAL EMISSIVE NANOPROBE FOR QUANTIFICATION OF SPONTANEOUS GLUCOSE IN HUMAN SERUM

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In this work, we report a strategy of a single dual-emissive ratiometric fluorescent nanoprobe (QDs@SiO<sub>2</sub>-CDs) with the controllable ratio of emissive intensities to realize the consecutive color variations from blue to red for the quantification of blood glucose. The red quantum dots (rQDs) were embedded into silica nanoparticles (SiO<sub>2</sub> NPs) as an stable internal standard emission, and blue carbon dots (bCDs) were further covalently linked onto the surface of SiO<sub>2</sub> NPs, in which the ratiometric fluorescence intensity of blue to red is controlled at 5: 1 (from QDs@SiO<sub>2</sub>-CDs) was thus quenched by the electron transfer from CDs to Fe<sup>3+</sup>. Meanwhile, the fluorescent intensity (at 630 nm) of rQDs (from QDs@SiO<sub>2</sub>-CDs) keeps almost unchanged. It has been demonstrated that the fluorescence intensity ratio I<sub>445</sub>/I<sub>630</sub> is linearly related to the glucose concentration in the range of 0–75  $\mu$ M ( $R^2 = 0.989$ ). The calculated detection limit is about 3  $\mu$ M in terms of the 3 $\sigma$  rule. Consecutive color variations from blue to red with the dosage of glucose can be seen under a 365 nm UV lamp. That is to say, the ratiometric fluorescent probe can be used for the detection of glucose in human serum. The test result show that the spontaneous blood glucose determined by the probe was almost in accordance with that measured by a standard glucometer. The method reported here opens a window to the wide applications of the ratiometric fluorescent probe in biological assays.



Scheme 1. Schematic illustration of (A) the synthesis of the dual-emission ratiometric fluorescent probe QDs@SiO<sub>2</sub>-CDs nanoparticles and (B) the visual detection of glucose.

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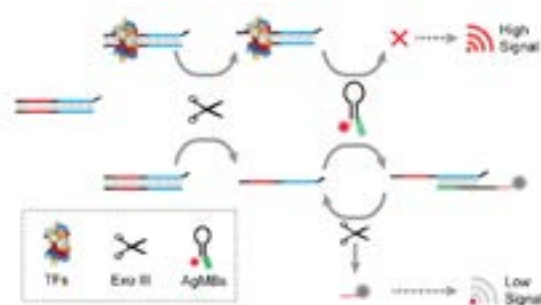
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# DNA-SILVER NANOCLOUDERS MOLECULAR BEACONS AS A NOVEL NANOPROBE FOR SENSITIVE AND LABEL-FREE FLUORESCENT DETECTION OF TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS

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**A**s a fluorescent bio-molecule functionalized nanomaterial, DNA-silver nanoclusters (DNA-AgNCs) has attracted substantial research interest. Whereas, the application of this material is still focused on detecting nucleic acids and developing aptamer-based sensors, where we believe that the application scope of DNA-AgNCs can be further expanded. Transcription factors (TFs) are key regulators in gene expression, and their dysregulation are involved in numerous diseases. Thus, they are therapeutic targets and potential diagnostic markers. However, present methods for TFs detection are either cumbersome or costly. Herein, we firstly applied DNA-silver nanoclusters molecular beacons (AgMBs) in TFs analysis and designed an assay based on the switchable fluorescence of AgMBs. In the absence of TFs, a single-stranded DNA functioned as a reporter is released from a double-stranded DNA probe (referred as dsTFs probe) under exonuclease III (Exo III) digestion. Then, the reporter triggers downstream Exo III-assisted signal amplification by continuously consuming the guanine-rich enhancer sequences in AgMBs, resulting in significant fluorescent decrease eventually. Conversely, the presence of TFs protects the dsTFs probe from digestion and blocks the downstream reaction to keep a highly fluorescent state. To testify this rationale, we utilized nuclear factor-kappa B p50 (NF- $\kappa$ B p50) as a model TFs. Owing to the amplification strategy, this method exhibited high sensitivity towards NF- $\kappa$ B p50 with a limit of detection of 10 pM, and a broad linear range from 30 pM to 1.5 nM. Furthermore, this method could detect multiple TFs in human colon cancer DLD-1 cells and reflect the variation in their cellular levels after stimulation. Finally, by conducting an inhibition assay we revealed the potential of this method for screening TFs-targeted drugs and calculating the IC<sub>50</sub> of corresponding inhibitors.

**Figure 1:** The sensing approach of AgMBs-based TFs assay.

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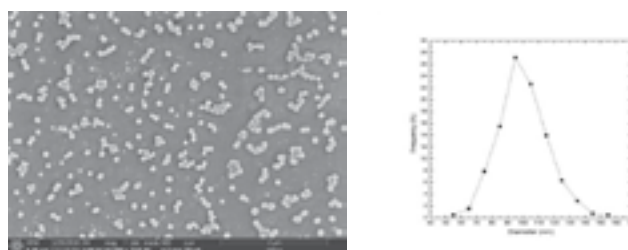
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# SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF POLYPYRROLE NANOPARTICLES

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Conducting polymers with extended  $\pi$ -conjugated structures have received great attention as multifunctional materials due to their wide range of potential applications in various technological and biological areas such as polymeric rechargeable batteries, corrosion protection, coating layers, electrochromic displays, chemical and biological sensors, functional membranes, drug delivery systems and contrast agents. Among conducting polymers/organic polymer based nanoparticles, polypyrrole (PPy)/polypyrrole nano- and microparticles (PPy-NPs) have attracted a great interest owing to their high conductivity, relatively high stability in different chemical conditions, inert character for biological systems, biocompatible behavior and simplicity of preparation. Development of methods for controlling the size and surface properties of PPy-NPs has been made. PPy-NPs were synthesized via water based redox nanoprecipitation polymerization initiated by an oxidant in the presence of surfactants or soluble polymer stabilizers. To ensure the required size of synthesizing particles and good stability of colloidal dispersion, the reaction mixtures were controlled by the various concentration of organic stabilizers (e.g. polyvinylpyrrolidone ( $M_w=40000$ ), poly(ethylene glycol) ( $M_n=4000$ ), sodium dodecyl sulfate, docusate sodium) and specific type of oxidizing agents (e.g.  $H_2O_2$ ,  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$ ,  $FeCl_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ ,  $MnO_2$ ). Morphological studies of prepared materials were investigated by using transmission and scanning electron microscope (TEM and SEM, Figure 1). Hydrodynamic properties, size distribution and zeta potential of the studied particles were measured and determined by dynamic light scattering on Zetasizer (Malvern device). Primary photoabsorption studies were done on UV-Vis spectrometer (Analytic Jena device) as well.



**Figure 1:** SEM image of PPy-NPs obtained in the presence of PVP ( $M_w=40000$ ) and  $FeCl_3 \cdot 6H_2O$  (left), size distribution of PPy nanoparticles (right).

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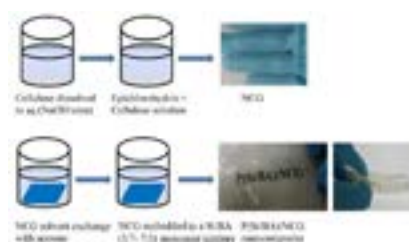
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## CHARACTERIZATION OF COMPOSITE FILMS PREPARED BY IN-SITU POLYMERIZATION OF STYRENE/BUTYL ACRYLATE IN NANOPOROUS CELLULOSE GELS

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**P**olymer/cellulose composites have attracted lots of interest because they can have high strength to weight ratios, low thermal expansion coefficients, cost competitiveness, and eco-friendliness. To prepare a high performance polymer/cellulose composite the chemical modification of cellulose would be essentially carried out via the hydroxyl groups of cellulose to make the hydrophilic cellulose more compatible to the generally hydrophobic polymer. However, manufacturing a high performance polymer/cellulose composite is still a challenge because of the poor dispersion and distribution of cellulose fillers in a hydrophobic polymer matrix and poor interfacial adhesion between cellulose and the polymer matrix. Most of the published studies on polymer/cellulose composites used natural cellulose fillers (fibers or particles) with native molecular structure. However, nanoporous cellulose gels (NCGs) with regenerated molecular structure can be prepared by dissolution and coagulation of native cellulose molecules and used as fillers to reinforce polymers. Therefore, in this study, film-shape NCGs were prepared first using microcrystalline cellulose powder via (1) dissolution of cellulose chains in an aqueous alkali hydroxide/urea solution and (2) crosslinking of cellulose chains by adding epichlorohydrin to (1). Then, poly(styrene-co-butyl acrylate)/NCG composite films were prepared by in-situ polymerization of each styrene/butyl acrylate (St/BA=3/7~7/3) monomer mixture with benzoyl peroxide 1% as an initiator in the NCGs. A monomer mixture was imbedded in the cavities of an NCG first then in-situ polymerized at 50°C for 12 h. The NCG contents in the composite films were controlled from 16 vol.% to 44 vol.% by controlling the dewatering level of the pristine nanoporous cellulose hydrogel using different compression forces. The composite film prepared with St/BA=3/7 monomer mixture was highly transparent (~82%) in the visible region and showed excellent tensile and dynamic mechanical properties.



**Figure 1:** Preparation of NCG and a poly(styrene-co-butyl acrylate)/NCG composite.

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# EFFECT OF INTERFACE INTERACTION ON THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF THE GRAPHENE REINFORCED NANOCOMPOSITES

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**M**olecular dynamic (MD) model involving a graphene platelet in polymer nanocomposite (GP) was developed in order to investigate the effect of the interface interaction on the mechanical properties of the nanocomposites when subjected to the uniaxial loading. All simulations were done using JOCTA software under COGNAC solver with full atomistic model. Nanocomposites are constructed by embedding graphene platelet into acrylate based polymer under the periodic boundary condition with different interface interaction. Nanocomposites systems underwent NPT (constant number of atoms, pressure and temperature) and NVT (constant number of atoms, volume and temperature) ensemble with applied uniform strain during the MD simulations. In terms of studying the effect of interfacial effect, the van der Waals interaction energy potential between the acrylate polymer and the graphene was changed and the tensile strength and the ultimate stress were investigated. It can be concluded that, increasing the interfacial interaction caused a significant enhancement in mechanical properties of the simulated nanocomposites as a result of the better load transfer between matrix and the filler. It's noteworthy to mention that tensile strength and the ultimate stress also followed similar tendencies. The simulation results demonstrated that the graphene platelet caused an increase in the stiffness relative to the polymer which implied the reinforcement effect of the filler.

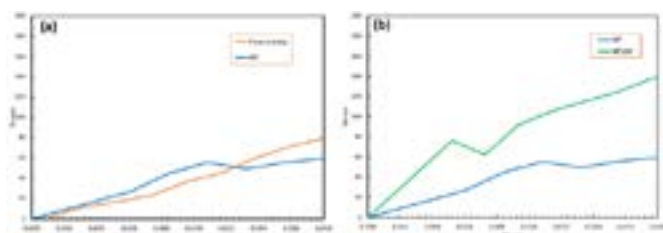
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**Figure 1:** Stress-strain curves comparison of (a) pure matrix and GP, (b) GP and GP100.



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## PREPARATION OF BIO-COMPATIBLE AND UV-CURABLE ELASTIC MATERIALS WITH HEMA AS A DILUENT

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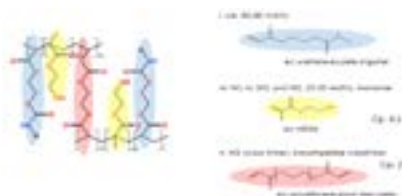
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The biocompatible photo-curable elastic materials were synthesized with urethane acrylate oligomer, 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate (HEMA), and polyethylene glycol diacrylate (PEGDA) using 2-Hydroxy-4'-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-2-methylpropiophenone (Irgacure 2959) as an initiator. We could obtain elastic materials with different properties such as softness, tensile strength, and elasticity by changing the input molar ratio of HEMA, urethane acrylate with PEGDA. Generally, urethane oligomer with a higher PEGDA ratio has higher elasticity and higher viscosity properties. On the other hand, as the content ratio of HEMA increases in urethane oligomer, the viscosity and physical properties decrease. We studied various properties such as tensile properties, hardness, biocompatible properties, and viscosity to find the critical point of higher elasticity and lower viscosity according to HEMA/PEGDA ratio. Also, the chemical structures of the synthesized polymers were characterized using Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR) and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR).



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## THE PROPERTIES OF SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS SYNTHESIZED WITH ACRYLATE BASED CROSSLINKING AGENTS

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Super absorbent polymer (SAP) is a cross-linked hydrophilic polymer. It can absorb, swell, and retain aqueous solutions up to hundred times of its own dry weight. We synthesized copolymers consisting of carboxylated vinyl monomer and vinyl sulfonic acid using various crosslinking agent. Crosslinking agent is needed to synthesize SAP and it has a direct effect on the crosslinking density of the SAPs. As the amount of added crosslinking agent increases, the cross-linking density of the SAPs increases. This is related to absorbency. We synthesized the SAPs using four types of acrylate based crosslinking agents to compare absorption properties. As a result, only two of them succeeded in synthesis and the rest did not proceed. Each monomer was neutralized with sodium hydroxide to prepare carboxylate ions. Polymerization was initiated by ammonium persulfate added after the crosslinking agent addition. The structures of the prepared polymers were confirmed by FT-IR (Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy). We have measured SAP's properties such as centrifuge retention capacity (CRC) and absorbency under load (AUL) in 0.9 wt.% saline solution depending on the reaction time, reaction temperature or the amount of the crosslinking agent. We studied the effect of each crosslinking agent on the SAP absorption properties.

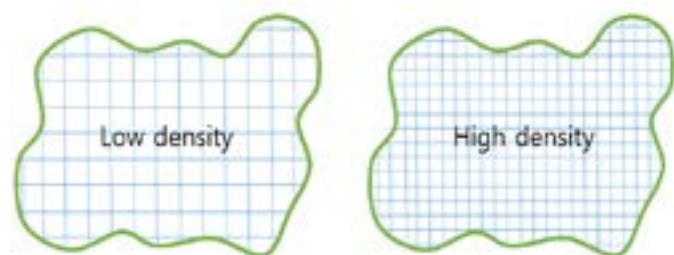


Figure 1. Crosslink density of SAP depending on cross-linking agent

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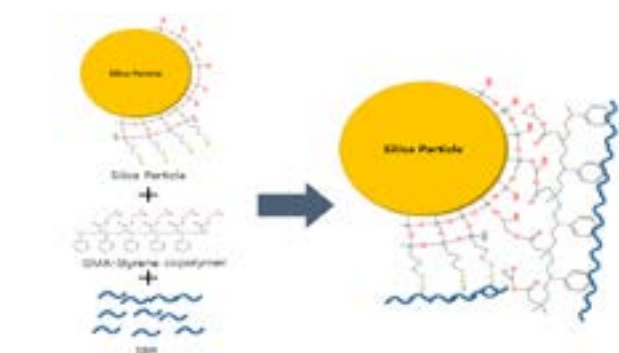
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POLY(GLYCIDYL METHACRYLATE-CO-STYRENE) AS A REACTIVE  
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To disperse silica in SBR matrix, a need for adequate dispersant is long-standing. Proper interactions between SBR and silica are important for improving silica dispersibility between SBR and silica in medium. We prepared poly(glycidyl methacrylate-co-styrene) copolymer as a reactive dispersant by emulsion copolymerization using the sodium persulfate/iron sulfate redox system. The structure of poly (GMA-co-styrene) is an amphipathic copolymer composed of phenyl group and epoxy group. The glycidyl group of GMA and silanol one of Si formed a covalent bond resulting in improving the dispersion of silica in Si-SBR composites. We suggested a possible reaction mechanism for our system. We confirmed the structure of poly(GMA-co-styrene) copolymer using FT-IR spectroscopy. Also, we investigated dispersion effects in Si-SBR composites according to the input molar ratio of monomer in copolymer and content of initiator.



«Figure 1» A schematic diagram of poly (GMA-co-styrene) copolymer dispersant in silica-SBR composite

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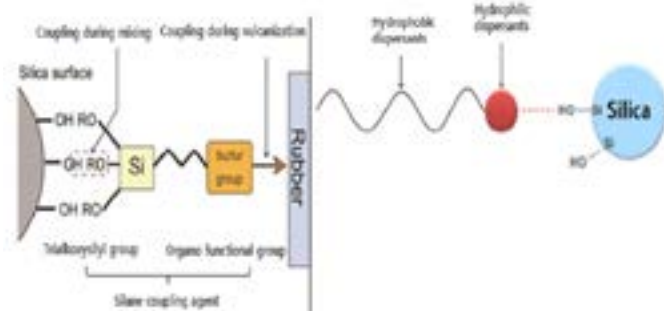
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## A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE DISPERSION EFFECTS OF VARIOUS DISPERSANTS IN MODIFIED SI-SBR COMPOSITES

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The agglomeration of silica-silica in Si-SBR composites deteriorate the many properties of the tire tread rubber. We prepared various dispersants to improve the dispersibility of silica in Si-SBR composites: poly (itaconic acid-co-acrylamide), poly(styrene-co-allyl alcohol), poly(styrene-co-methyl methacrylate), and poly(glycidyl methacrylate-co-styrene). We confirmed the structure and molecular weight of the dispersants using FT-IR and GPC, respectively. The silica loading content in SBR/silica composites was determined using thermal gravimetric analysis. We also investigated curing characteristics, morphology, Payne effect of the Si-SBR composites according to the types of dispersant. As a result, we were able to compare the effect of silica dispersion in the composites.



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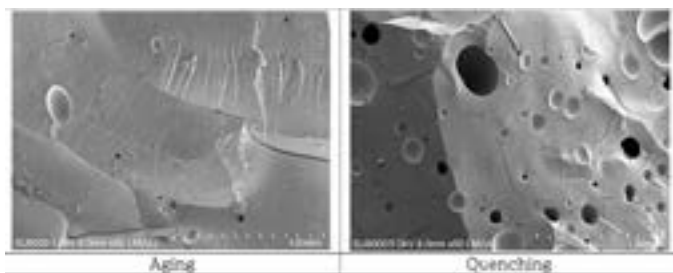
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## POST-TREATMENT PROCESS TO ENHANCE THE PERFORMANCES OF SUPER ABSORBENT POLYMERS

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As the use of absorbent disposable items such as sanitary napkins and diapers have increased, environmental problems related to waste disposal have been concerned. To resolve this problem, we can use eco-friendly superabsorbent polymer (SAP) with bio-based monomer replacing petroleum based SAP. However, bio-based SAPs have low water absorption properties. In this study, we studied the effects of post-treatment processes to enhance the performances of SAPs. The SAPs were prepared using itaconic acid, vinyl sulfonic acid, tetraethylene glycol diacrylate and ammonium persulfate initiator. Various post-treatment processes (Quenching, Aging, and Annealing) are investigated. After post-treatment processes, we measured free water absorbency, centrifuge retention capacity, and absorption under load of the SAPs. The structure of SAPs was confirmed by FT-IR. The amount of monomer residues of SAP was confirmed by HPLC.



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# IMPROVED PERMEABILITY AND ABSORPTION OF SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS BY USING ETHYLENE GLYCOL DIGLYCIDYL ETHER AS A SURFACE CROSS-LINKING AGENT

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**S**uperabsorbent polymers (SAPs) are special polymeric materials that can absorb large amounts of water, saline solutions or physiological fluids as high as 10-1000 times their own weight due to a considerable number of hydrophilic groups in their structure. Recently, a major research trends of SAPs are the relaxation of the gel-blocking phenomenon. Surface cross-linking reduces gel-blocking and improves absorbency under load (AUL). In this study, surface cross-linking was achieved through thermal ring-opening reaction with ethylene glycol diglycidyl ether (EGDGE) as a cross-linking agent. We prepared carboxylated vinyl monomer based SAPs with comonomer. However, the SAPs have low absorption capacity under load (AUL) and low permeability. When EGDGE is used for surface cross-linking agent, the SAPs formed core-shell structure with different cross-linking densities between the exterior and interior. As a result, AUL and permeability of surface cross-linked SAPs were improved. We measured the absorption properties of the surface cross-linked SAPs according to the EGDGE input content, ratio of co-medium, reaction temperature and reaction time



Figure 1: Formation of Core Shell by Surface Crosslinking

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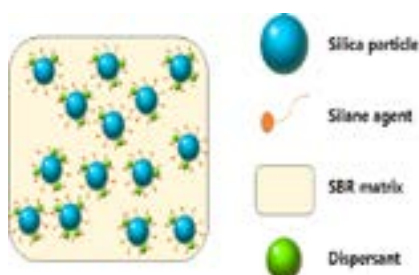
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# THE SILICA DISPERSING EFFECTS OF SILICA-SBR COMPOSITES WITH DISPERSING AGENT: POLY(STYRENE-ALLYL ALCOHOL) AND POLY(STYRENE-METHYL METHACRYLATE)

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The higher silica content in the tire-tread rubber can maximize the efficiency of the vehicle. However, silica does not mix well with other mixtures, including the tire-tread rubber. This phenomenon deteriorates the various properties of the tire-tread rubber. Therefore, we have tried to improve the dispersity of silica in tire-tread rubber by using dispersant. The dispersion of silica in tire-tread styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR) is one of important factors in the mechanical properties of it. We prepared dispersants to enhance silica content and dispersity in SBR using wet master batch (WMB) system. The dispersants were prepared by copolymerization of styrene with allyl alcohol or methyl methacrylate. The synthetic conditions of dispersants were changed to improve the silica loading content and dispersity in WMB system for the preparation of silica-SBR composites. The WMB system was consisted of the steps involving dispersants synthesis, silica modification, dispersion of modified silica in SBR emulsion latex, and coagulation of silica-SBR composites. We confirmed the structure of the dispersants using FT-IR. The content of silica in the composites was measured by thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) according to the types of dispersants. We also studied the payne effect with rubber process analyzer (RPA) instrument and dynamic viscoelasticity with Dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA) instrument. We measured the mechanical properties of them such as tensile strength and modulus of M300. We found the optimal types and content of dispersants for silica-SBR composites.



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# INVESTIGATION ON THE MECHANICAL, BARRIER AND DEGRADATION PROPERTIES OF POLYGLYCOLIC ACID SYNTHESIZED VIA RING-OPENING POLYMERIZATION

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**P**olyglycolic acid (PGA) is a biodegradable thermoplastic that has been widely used in biomedical application since 1964. The polymer chain is the simplest aliphatic polyester, giving rise to high stereo-regularity and hence results in high crystallinity for PGA. Because of this molecular structure, PGA possesses superior properties in both mechanical and gas barrier performances. The tensile strength of high molecular weight PGA is much higher than that of polylactic acid (PLA) and polyethylene terephthalate PET. O<sub>2</sub> barrier property of PGA was extremely better than that PLA, PET and other commercialized packaging polymers. As a biodegradable polymer, PGA can be fully degraded into water and CO<sub>2</sub> via hydrolytic decomposition. The degradation rate of PGA can be within 20-50 days depending on the environment, such as pH, humidity, and temperature. In the present study, the high molecular weight PGA sample was synthesized from ring-opening polymerization of glycolide with SnCl<sub>2</sub> catalyst. The weight average molecular weight of the sample was measured to be 187150 and the crystallinity was 481%. Mechanical property of the PGA sample was tested and compared with PLA, poly(butylene adipate-co-terephthalate) (PBAT) and PET. O<sub>2</sub> permeability of the PGA sample was measured from compression moulding sheets (thickness 0.61mm). The O<sub>2</sub> permeability of the PGA sheets was found 100 times lower than that of PLA. The degradation of PGA in water at different temperatures was measured and the effects of pH and temperature on the rate of degradation were investigated.



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In recent study we established hydrogel bilayers with non-responsive and functional dual responsive thin films. Here, we will discuss a new strategy of hydrogel bilayers thin films depending on thermo- responsive and functional Thermo-pH dual responsive layers. Vanillin acrylate (VA) monomer has been synthesized and evaluated in one step reaction. Environmental functional photo-cross-linker polymers were synthesized by the copolymerization of N-isopropylacrylamide, (5, 10 and 15 mole %) (VA) and (2, 5 and 10 mole %) photo-cross-linkers. Otherwise, three different mole ratios (2, 5 and 10 mol %) of thermo- responsive photo-cross-linkers polymers were prepared by copolymerization of (NIPAAm) and (DIMAAM). Polymers were characterized by <sup>1</sup>HNMR, FTIR, UV, gel permeation chromatography (GPC) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). Lower critical solution temperatures (T<sub>c</sub>) were determined by UV-vis Spectroscopy and micro-DSC. Hydrogel bilayer was formed by spin coating of polymer solution of poly (N-isopropylacrylamide-Co-malimide) layer A over gold with adhesion promoter, and then cross-linked by UV- irradiation. The next layer was formed by spin coating of polymer solution poly (N-isopropylacrylamide-Co-malimide-Co-VA) layer B over layer A, and then cross-linked by UV-irradiation. The swelling properties and T<sub>c</sub> were determined by SPR/OW. The study aims to establish biosensor hydrogel thin films through the active aldehyde group used for immobilization of biological molecules with amino group e.g. amino acids, proteins, DNA and RNA. The responsive-responsive bilayer have a highly sensitivity than one sensitive layer the gel vessel can easily release the target molecule by changing the surrounding environment.

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## PREDOMINANT INTERACTIONS BETWEEN DISPERSED CARBON NANOTUBES AND HYDROPHOBIC ALLY FUNCTIONALIZED POLYSACCHARIDE IN WATER

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**A**chieving stable suspensions of carbon nanotubes (CNTs) is still a challenge; pristine CNTs have limited solubility in either organic solvents or water due to their hydrophobicity and strong inter tube van der Waals forces. Thus, a lot of efforts have been devoted over the years to prepare stable dispersion. Therefore, a non-covalent approach has the advantage of no disruption of the structure and the properties of the native tubes, which is realized by adding surfactants as it allows keeping intact the intrinsic properties of the CNTs. However, for different applications, the potential toxicity of the surfactant is an important issue. Polysaccharides are among the best candidates and chemical modification can improve their intrinsic features. Therefore, bioengineering technology has likewise become increasingly sophisticated with the result using numerous chemical derivatives of

commercial polysaccharides and many of the untreated polymers themselves, showing remarkable and sometimes unique properties as thickening, stabilizing, gelling, and emulsifying agents. Hence, among the family of water-soluble polysaccharide the xanthan gum, the physical properties of this polysaccharide are correspondingly subject to less than normal variations and certain bacterial polysaccharides, chemical modification can change the character of the polysaccharide yielding therefore, to a new properties. The dispersion and the stability against sedimentation of double walled carbon nanotubes (DWCNTs) have been investigated (rheological properties, Zeta potential) as a function of pH and Xan concentration. Our results show that stable suspension of DWCNTs with functionalized xanthan gum could be obtained.

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## SENSING HUMAN PULSE-RATE USING IONIC POLYMER METAL COMPOSITE (IPMC)

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The interest in Bio-Inspired Engineering is triggered by innovations “inspired by nature”, but imaginative by necessity. In pursuance of such activities several new kind of materials have evolved, which are having several functions in itself as a sensor and actuator. Moreover, their capabilities and applications are further augmented by bio-inspired technologies, which is expected to bring about completely different ways people and machines interact with the physical world. In this context use of Ionic Polymer-Metal Composites (IPMCs) appears to be attractive for its: facile fabrication, high mechanical flexibility, light weight, customizable electromechanical coupling properties and tailorable geometries. An IPMC consists of a polyelectrolyte membrane containing ions with a solvent and metal electrodes plated on both surfaces of the membrane. Development of smart material using ionic polymer-metal composites (IPMCs)

is of abiding importance. The IPMCs are now recognized to have potential applications in developing bio-mimetic sensors, actuators, transducers, and artificial muscles. We have been engaged in developing IPMC based actuators and sensors. Recently we have reported results of the actuation and sensing studies of a five-fingered miniaturized robotic hand fabricated by using IPMC. Very recently, we have explored the possibility of using Nafion based IPMC as a soft wearable sensor for human pulse-rate extraction. In this talk the concept of a novel pulse rate sensing device is introduced exhibiting the proof-of-principle of the mechano-electrical functions of the device, namely IPMC film prepared by surface platinization of the ionic-polymer film. Such work stimulates further research towards development technologies that have far reaching application consequences in biomedical engineering.

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## INTEGRATION OF INDUSTRIAL BY-PRODUCTS INTO BIO-SOURCED RESINS AND COMPOSITES

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**T**he RECYSITE project aims to develop bio-sourced composite materials based on vegetal fibers and resins based on humins and epoxidized linseed oil (ELO). In turn these materials will be used as parts in the transportation and constructions sectors. Humins are a by-product of bio-refineries in the production of furan-based monomers. As a by-product, they can represent as much as 30% w/w in the industrial process. From a chemical standpoint they are complex mixtures of furan derivatives, in various degrees of polymerization. This aspect offers perspectives towards higher value applications such as polymers. ELO is an epoxidized vegetable oil containing 5.5 oxirane moieties per molecule. It is regarded as a bio-sourced, renewable alternative to classical, synthetic epoxides. Resins were produced from humins, ELO and Capcure 3-800 and characterized through ATR (Attenuated total reflection) FT-IR (Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy). Based on

formulation, a wide array of materials was obtained with shore hardness varying from 56A to 66D. The thermal behavior of the resins was evaluated through differential scanning calorimetry and thermogravimetric analysis. Composites, employing as reinforcement, five types of vegetal fibers were obtained. The adherence of the resin to the reinforcement was evaluated through scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and was found to be optimal. Figure 1 displays the results of the project. The obtained composites present a bio-based content up to 85%. The mechanical properties of the materials can be adjusted by adapting the formulation. The good compatibility between the resin and the reinforcement proposes the materials as candidates to replace classical materials in applications. At this moment, the materials are tested as parts for the transportation and constructions sectors.

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## **SPIROCYCLIC N-ALKOXYAMINES WITH-HYDROGEN AS INITIATORS IN NITROXIDE MEDIATED POLYMERIZATION (NMP) OF STYRENE**

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In this work, new spirocyclic N-alkoxyamines 1 leading to initiators for controlled polymerization were synthesized. These compounds constituted by an indene system connected through a carbon atom to a pyrrolidine nucleus, and containing an alpha H to the N atom, are able to generate the corresponding nitroxides 2. The cleavage temperatures were determined by ESR spectroscopy. In order to evaluate the effectiveness

of the initiators, styrene 3 polymerizations were carried out. In general, it was observed that at higher temperatures the conversion percentage increased, and both the dispersity index and polymer molecular weight decreased, suggesting that the reaction mechanism proceeds similar to that expected for a nitroxide-mediated polymerization (NMP).

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## COMPOSITE ION EXCHANGE MATERIALS FOR WATER PROCESSING

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Insoluble resins offer several advantages in preparation processes, the chemical, photochemical and thermal mechanical properties of composites are largely affected by matrix properties. The known ion exchange composites are natural or synthetic mineral "zeolites", others are organic "ion exchange resins". The scientific study of the latter has undergone a colossal development; but remain to be promoted for their applications in the field of water treatment. The goal of the work is gaining access to a unique multifunctional process for fine and hyperfine separations. The composite

material prepared from an inert support on which oligomers with a polystyrene sulfonated ion exchange capacity (PSS) are adsorbed and incorporated into its structure. In this way, the suspensions and salts dissolved in the water will be filtered and separated. To characterize these composites, some tests were made like crystallinity rate, IR, thermal analysis, morphological structure and absorbent properties. The proposed new composites were of high capacity, wide applicability, wide versatility and low cost.

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## PLURONIC F-127 AND CHITOSAN HYDROGEL DELIVERING NITRIC OXIDE WITH ANTIBACTERIAL EFFECT AND CYTOCOMPATIBILITY

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Nitric oxide (NO) is a small molecule involved in a wide range of physiological and pathophysiological processes, including vasodilatation, control of inflammatory pain, wound healing, and antibacterial activities. As NO is a free radical, the design of drugs that generates therapeutic amounts of NO in controlled spatial and time manners is still a challenge. In this study, the NO donor S-nitrosoglutathione (GSNO) was incorporated into the thermoresponsive pluronic F-127 (PL) - chitosan (CS) hydrogel, in an easy and economically feasible methodology. CS is a polysaccharide with known antimicrobial and biocompatibility properties. Scanning electron microscopy, rheology and differential scanning calorimetry techniques were used for hydrogel characterization. The results demonstrated that the hydrogel has a smooth surface, thermoresponsive behavior, and good mechanical stability. The kinetics of

NO release and GSNO diffusion from GSNO-containing PL/CS hydrogel demonstrated a sustained NO/GSNO release, in concentrations suitable for biomedical applications, at physiological and skin temperatures. The GSNO-PL/CS hydrogel demonstrated a concentration-dependent toxicity to Vero cells and antimicrobial activity to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (minimum inhibitory concentration and minimum bactericidal concentration values of 0.5 µg·mL<sup>-1</sup> of hydrogel, which corresponds to 1 mmol·L<sup>-1</sup> of GSNO). Interestingly, the concentration range in which the NO-releasing hydrogel demonstrated antibacterial effect was not found toxic to Vero mammalian cell. Thus, GSNO-PL/CS hydrogel is suitable biomaterial for topical NO delivery applications.

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## NEW DRUG-LOADED PHOSPHORUS DENDRIMERS: SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION

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**D**endrimers are monodisperse nanosized polymeric molecules composed of a large number of perfectly branched monomers. The versatile chemical composition of dendrimers strongly offers a variety of applications in different areas such as for instance: chemistry, catalysis, and medicine. Currently, the potential of using dendrimers as nano-carriers for drug delivery is revolutionizing medicine by improving the efficiency and reducing the toxicity of various treatments. Dendrimers can form either covalent or non-covalent (encapsulation) bonds with bioactive molecules. In the case of covalent bond, drug can be directly attached to dendrimer or via a linker –

cleavable or not - and the resulting drug-loaded dendrimer can act as a nano-vehicle for drug transport and controlled release. We will present the synthesis and characterization of original functionalized phosphorus dendrimers (generations G1 to G3) containing various functional groups on their peripheries such as arene-copper (II) and ethacrynic acid moieties. Also, we will report the studies of the very interesting cytotoxicity activities against different solid and liquid cancer cell lines of these new dendrimers.

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## BIO-BASED POLY (BUTYLENE SUCCINATE) FOAMING BY MICROCELLULAR INJECTION-MOLDING: EFFECT OF N<sub>2</sub> SOLUBILITY ON CELL MORPHOLOGY

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**P**olymer foams, especially those based on biodegradable polymers, are in high demand because they remain the best solution to durably reduce the environmental footprint. During the foaming process of polymers, the gas dissolution is one of the key physicochemical parameter that determines the foam quality. In this work, the effect of nitrogen dissolution in a bio-based polybutylene succinate (PBS) foamed by microcellular injection molding has been investigated. Low molecular weight PBS (LM-PBS) was melt-blended as additives to linear PBS (L-PBS) and branched PBS (B-PBS). LM-PBS was first produced by a hydrolysis reaction of a commercial PBS at 80°C (with kinetic monitoring of the molecular weight) prior melt-blending by twin-screw extrusion into commercial PBS. Foam morphologies were subsequently characterized by scanning electron microscopy coupled to image analysis

and the effect of the LM-PBS on rheological properties has been also identified in order to establish correlations between cell morphology (size and density) and shear/elongational viscosities. Interestingly, our results showed smaller cell size and higher cell density for the blends containing the LM-PBS. Lower viscosities are observed and our trends are in apparent contradiction with classical results in field of polymer foaming. In conclusion, better cell structure can be achieved despite lower viscosities. The impact of N<sub>2</sub> solubility on cell nucleation is finally discussed based on various experiments. The as-developed approach consequently represents an elegant way to tune and optimize foam morphologies by microcellular injection molding.

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## AN UNEXPLORED REMARKABLE POLY(N-ISOPROPYLACRYLAMIDE)- OSMOLYTE INTERACTION STUDY

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**W**e investigate the aggregation and hydrophobic collapse of water soluble amphiphilic polymer, poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) (PNIPAM), in aqueous solution containing various additives such as trehalose, sucrose, sorbitol, urea, TMAO (Trimethylamine N-oxide) and their mixtures in varying ratios. The effect of these osmolytes on the coil to globular transition of the PNIPAM is studied by the use of comprehensive biophysical techniques like UV-visible and fluorescence spectroscopy, dynamic light scattering (DLS) and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR). The polarization induced by these additives makes the collapse of PNIPAM much faster as compared to PNIPAM in aqueous solution. The decrease in lower critical solution temperature

(LCST) of the polymer with increase in the concentration of osmolyte is due to the significant changes in the interactions among polymer, osmolyte and water. The driving force for concomitant sharp configurational transition has been attributed to rupture of hydrogen bonds between water and polymer and to hydrophobic association of polymer. The results of the present study can be used in the bioresponsive smart PNIPAM-based devices. This tuning of LCST may help in various scientific areas to explore target specific applications of intelligent PNIPAM. The modified collapsed state in PNIPAM may provide sites for efficient drug encapsulation and their controlled release.

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## A STUDY OF THE FLOW BEHAVIOUR OF NATURAL RUBBER LATEX/ SINGLEWALLED CARBON NANOTUBES BLENDS USING ROTATIONAL VISCOMETRY AND POWER LAW MODEL

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The physiochemical modification of natural rubber latex (NRL) is achieved via the addition of finely dispersed reinforcing fillers (RFs) and chemical ingredients. In recent times, single walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNT) have shown great prospect as a suitable RF for NRL even at very low loadings; compared to conventional RFs such as carbon black and fine particle clays. Although SWCNT are generally insoluble in water, optimized dispersions are often prepared via various physiochemical treatments which promotes the exfoliation of the otherwise entangled SWCNT. Chemical modification (covalent methods) involves the introduction of functional groups on the surfaces of SWCNT. Whereas, physical treatment (non-covalent methods) often utilise surfactant systems with a relatively high Hydrophilic-lipophilic balance (HLB). It is thus pertinent to elucidate how the incorporation of dispersed SWCNT affects the flow behaviour of NRL. This is because, the flow behaviour of NRL plays a huge role during storage, handling and processing. In this work, the flow behaviour of

NRL/SWCNT blends prepared via the latex stage mix method have been investigated. Flow behaviour was studied according to the principles of rotational viscometry on a Modular Compact Rheometer (MCR) fitted with a concentric cylinder geometric measuring system. The experimental conditions involved the exposure of blends to varying shear rates (0.1 –100 s<sup>-1</sup>) at three isothermal temperatures (25, 30 and 35°C); this was based on the probable conditions during storage, handling and processing of rubber lattices. Results obtained revealed high apparent viscosity at low shear rates for samples with higher loadings of SWCNTs. For Instance, viscosity at 25°C and 1 s<sup>-1</sup> of blends with 0.08% SWCNT was 2.5 Pa.s whilst that with 0.02% loading 0.49 Pa.s. Again, characteristic shear thinning behaviour was observed, which was confirmed by the power law model fits.

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## CURIOUS ASSOCIATIVE/DYNAMIC PROPERTIES OF PERFLUOROCARBON MODIFIED VINYL POLYMERS IN SOLUTIONS, BLENDS AND IN THE SOLID STATE

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**P**erfluorocarbon (RF) groups attached as pendent groups to aqueous polymers (polyacrylamide and similar polymers) via spacer groups of various lengths have shown extraordinary hydrophobicity compared with hydrocarbon groups of similar lengths as shown by NMR, and rheology studies. Large RF mediated increases in polymer association especially for longer spacer groups were observed for a wide range of these polymers. In addition, blends of well-defined  $C_4F_9$ ,  $C_7F_{15}$ ,  $C_{10}F_{21}$  and  $C_{13}F_{27}$  end-functionalized polystyrene (RF-PS) and poly(n-butylmethacrylate) prepared by ATRP using RF-tagged initiators. Blends of these polymers have been studied by DSC, AFM, TEM and optical transmittance. The AFM micrographs show crater, necklace and other RF mediated morphologies indicating the presence of submicron RF micelles that mediate

blending. More recently RF-PS polystyrenes end-functionalized with longer perfluoroalkyl ( $RF=C_7F_{15}$ ,  $C_{10}F_{21}$ ,  $C_{13}F_{27}$ ) groups were studied using DSC, nano-indentation and other properties. These showed pronounced increases in storage and especially loss moduli compared with polystyrene polymers having the same molecular weights hence indicating an important role especially of the  $C_{13}F_{27}$  groups in both increasing both storage and mechanical loss moduli. The RF groups appear to be present as micelles. Interestingly, compared with the matching PS, the glass transition temperatures of the  $C_{13}F_{27}$ -PS polymers were found to decrease by as much as 15°C being seen for longer RF groups consistent with rapid dynamics in the  $C_{13}F_{27}$  micelles below 100°C.

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# A NEW CLASS OF CAFFEIC ACID-DERIVED BIOPOLYETHER FROM MEDICINAL PLANTS ITS SYNTHETIC BASIC MONOMERIC MOIETY AND THEIR ANTICANCER EFFICACY

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**W**ithin the field of pharmacologically active biopolymers the area of stable polyethers seems rather attractive. The high-molecular fractions from the several species of two genera *Symphytum* and *Anchusa* were isolated by ultrafiltration of water-soluble crude polysaccharides on the membrane filter with cut-off value of 1000 kDa. According to IR, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 1D NOE, 2D heteronuclear <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>13</sup>C HSQC and 2D DOSY experiments the main structural element of these preparations was found to be a new regular polymeric molecule. The polyoxyethylene chain is the backbone of this biopolymer. 3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl and carboxyl groups are regular substituents at two carbon atoms in the chain. The repeating unit of this regular caffeic acid-derived polyether, is 3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)glyceric acid residue. Thus, the structure of natural polymer under study was found to be poly[oxy-1-carboxy-2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)ethylene] or poly[3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)glyceric acid] (PDPGA). Such caffeic acid-derived biopolymer to our knowledge has not been known and has been identified for the first time. This compound represents a new class of natural polyethers. Then the racemic

monomer and its pure enantiomers (+)-(2R,3S)-2,3-dihydroxy-3-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-propionic acid [(2R,3S)-DDPPA] and (-)-(2S,3R)-2,3-dihydroxy-3-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl) propionic acid [(2S,3R)-DDPPA] were synthesized for the first time via sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation of trans-caffeic acid derivatives using an osmium catalyst and (DHQD)2-PHAL and (DHQD)2-PHAL as chiral auxiliaries. PDPGA is endowed with intriguing pharmacological activities as anticomplementary, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, burn and wound healing and anticancer properties. PDPGA and its synthetic monomer exerted anticancer activity in vitro and in vivo against androgen-dependent and -independent human prostate cancer (PCA) cells via targeting androgen receptor, cell cycle arrest and apoptosis without any toxicity, together with a strong decrease in prostate specific antigen level in plasma. However, our results showed that anticancer efficacy of PDPGA is more effective compared to its synthetic monomer. Overall, this study identifies PDPGA as a potent agent against PCA without any toxicity and supports its clinical application.

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## TANNIC ACID REDUCED GO AND ELECTROCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF PANI/TA-RGO COMPOSITE

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Supercapacitor, which can be divided into electrochemical double layer supercapacitor (EDLC) and pseudocapacitor, is an attractive environment-friendly energy supplier. And composition is a promising way to combine the high power density of carbon-based EDLC and high energy density of pseudocapacitors based on conductive polymers or transition metal oxidant. Among the composites for the use of supercapacitor electrode, reduced graphite oxide-based polyaniline composite (PANI/rGO) is cost-efficient, easy to synthesize and suitable for large-scale manufacture. However, there are two main obstacles for the development of PANI/rGO composite. Firstly, commonly used reducers, such as hydrazine hydrate (HH) and sodium borohydride, are toxic. Secondly, rGO tend to restack after reduction, resulting in a non-uniform dispersion inside the PANI. In this study, we used an environment friendly tannic acid (TA) as reducer, and the electrochemical properties of PANI/TA-rGO composites were

investigated. Additionally, TA is expected to interact with rGO and develop the dispersion of rGO, therefore additionally surface modification or addition of dispersant can be avoided. X-ray diffraction and Raman spectra indicate that, the reducing efficiency of TA could be enhanced by extending the reduction time. Compared with HH, TA presents a less reducing efficiency, but the rGO-TA shows better dispersion in the water than the rGO-HH. Therefore, the PANI/rGO-TA composites own much higher specific surface area and higher rate capability than the PANI/rGO-HH composite. The specific capacitance of PANI/rGO composite relies not only on the specific surface area, but also on the conductivity. PANI/rGO-TA-24h, in which the rGO was prepared by using TA as reduced for 24 h, shows the highest specific capacitance in this study. Moreover, the morphology of PANI could be influenced by the surface functionality of rGO.

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