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Polysaccharide (chitosan) Crosslinked Tripolyphosphate Polyelectrolyte Membrane Impregnated with Zinc Oxide (ZnO) Nanoparticles

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ABSTRACT

A polysaccharide as chitosan cross-linked sodium tripolyphosphate (CTPP) membrane which are impregnated with zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticles, to improve the antifouling performance in membrane surface. In synthesis of CTPP membrane, the concentration of tripoly phosphate (TPP) may varied , (0.5%, 1.0% &1.5%) at pH 5.0, where the chitosan to zinc oxide nanoparticle ratio is 8:1,4:1 and 2:1, with specific wider pore radius of CTPP-ZnO membrane. When by adding of ZnO nanoparticles which led to affect in hydrophilicity of membrane with high performance as reverse transport in osmosis during performance test by using methylene blue dye with a 4 pm concentrate is passed through the membrane.

Keywords: Polysaccharide, chitosan, tripolyphosphate, zinc oxide nanoparticle.

1. INTRODUCTION

Indeed, the several kinds of protein (gelatin) and conjugated polysaccharides such as cellulose or chitosan, dextran, heparin and chondroitin sulphate etc. have been potential importancy in hydrogel mediated biomedical- engineering application due to their practicle performance such as delivery of bioactive-selective components, regeneration of tissue cell as well as encapsulation of nanoparticles[1,2]. Knowing, a membrane is a thin living materials which can selectively transport the mass of a component as a result of thurst force and the physico-chemical properties between the membrane and permeated compound. Membrane are often used for purification, in process such as haemodialysis[3] and biodiesel[4]/waste water purification[5], which on comparing with other waste- water treatment methods such as adsorption and coagulation, a membrane is effective because it saves time is continuous and to conserves energy, but some of antifouling in membrane based filtration process including bioreactor-membranes to micro-organism's degraded contaminants aspect with minimize fouling in the filtration process as well as improving the efficiency of the membranes used[5].

Recent studies has been carried out the effort in to membrane synthesis from natural polymers, for example, the membranes made from polysaccharide such as cellulose[6] but ought chitosan based[7,8]. Chitosan is a one of the natural polymers which are prepared through deacetylation of chitin, usually sourced from shrimp or crab skin[9],and is often use to creat chitosan membranes cross-linked with tripolyphosphates to remove humic acid from water, resulting polyelectrolyte complex PEC-CTP membrane which can serve as a good adsorvent of metal compounds[10] and dye[11].

In this present paper, we have been reported the chitosan cross-linked with tripolyphosphate as a complex polyelectrolyte membrane[12] made of CTP combined with zinc oxide nanoparticles, where a rapid developed ZnO/eco-friendly inorganic nanoparticle, which are more reactive than at normal sized to potential for degrading pollutant by oxidezing-redusing based[13] modified complex polyelectrolyte membrane with nanoparticles to reduced fouling effects in the membrane. The impregnation of nanoparticles into a membrane is expected to degrade pollutants trapped on the membrane surface with improved antifouling performance[14]. The pollutant use to test membrane performance in this study is methylene blue dye pigment[15]. It has high solubility in water, and so, in the fixation process a large amount of dye is lost with waste water. Another, one of the weakness of chitosan membrane is its instability in acid pH. To improve the stability of chitosan membrane, one possible method is to be cross-linking of chitosan with tripolyphosphates as a complex polyelectrolyte membranes for best performance (in figure- 1).

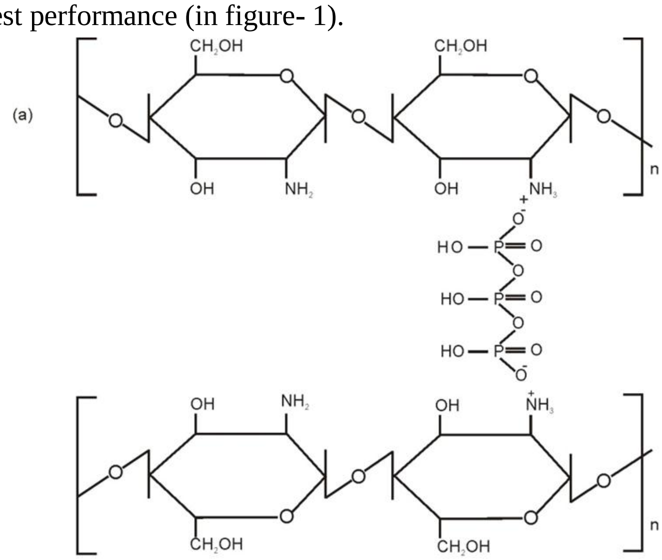

Fig. 1 (a) Chemical structure of cross-linking between chitosan and TPP and CTPP

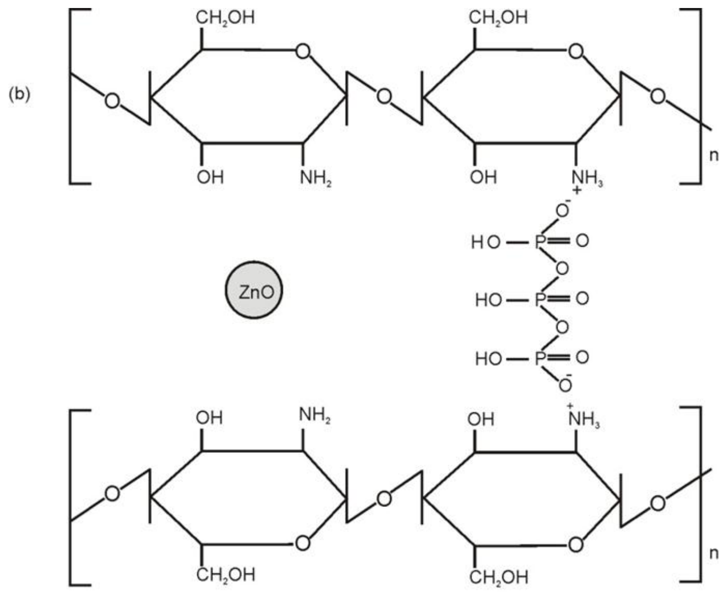

Fig. 1 (b) Prediction of structure of CTPP- Zinc oxide Molecules

2. EXPERIMENTAL

In experimental procedure, which are adopted from the work described by Febriasari et al[16]. Firstly, chitosan (polysaccharide) is dissolved in about 2% CH_3COOH(acetic acid) with a ratio of 1:50,then stirred and heated at 60℃. After the chitosan solution is homogeneous, it is mixed with zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticles. The ratio of chitosan by weight to zinc oxide nanoparticles by weight are 2:1, 4:1 & 8:1, respectively, and solution is stirred at 1300rpm for 30 minutes. Once it is homogeneous, then sodium tripolyphosphate solution is added at 0.5%,1%&1.5% concentration variation (each at pH 4.5) until a clear suspension is formed. Then 50ml of the resulting solution have taken to be moulded in teflon moulds and oven-dried at 60℃, until a CTP-ZnO membrane film is formed.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The preparation of carbohydratic chitosan-TPP membrane is performed by the mixing and evaporation method. The dominant polymer solution which is chitosan in acetic acid is added with sodium tripolyphosphate (TPP) with 0.5,1.0 & 1.5% conc. variation at pH 5.0. In acedic pH, chitosan has in cation form, so it had an NH_3^+ group which could bind with anion TPP[17]. The figure.1 is an illustration of the bond between chitosan and TPP[18]. The chitosan membrane is cross-linked to TPP which impregnated with zinc oxide nanoparticles. The mixing of chitosan-TPP with zinc oxide is performed at 1300 rpm until homogeneous. It is dried at 60℃ until a CTP-zinc oxide (ZnO) membrane film is formed.

Notable, the physco-chemical analysis measurement determines the comparison with wider average pore radius/volume and surface area of CTPP membrane impregnated with zinc oxide nanoparticles (Table- 1), based on membrane adsorption of nitrogen at 77.35K, where zinc oxide addition influence the pore radius (8:1,4:1 and 2:1) of CTPP membranes. The water contact angle measurement is to evaluate the hydrophilicity of the membrane and performed by surface membrane during addition of tripolyphosphate and zinc oxide nanoparticles. The intermolecular bonding between membrane and water is conducted by van der Waal's forces. The presence of TPP and ZnO nanoparticles may inhibit the adsorption of water since they could obstruct the-OH (hydroxyl) and amine functional group of membrane.

Table-1 Physico-Chemical Data of Chitosan-Tripolyphosphate and Chitosan-Tripolyphosphate Membrane Impregnated with Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles

S.N.	Membranes	Average pore radius (10Å)	Total pore volume (10^{-2} cc/g)	BET surface area (m^2/g)	Water contact angle(°)
1.	Chitosan	4.128	2.341	11.340	46
2.	CTPP 0.5%	3.568	2.717	15.225	48
3.	CTPP 1%	4.259	2.163	10.159	50
4.	CTPP 1.5%	4.436	2.221	10.014	54
5.	CTPP-ZnO (8:1)	4.671	1.956	08.375	64
6.	CTPP-ZnO (4:1)	5.039	2.037	08.085	65
7.	CTPP-ZnO (2:1)	4.683	2.347	10.021	66

The membrane performance is demonstrated that, by using of methylene blue dye, where the methylene blue solution with a 4ppm concentration is passed through the membrane using membrane performance test equipments and transport membrane take place in reverse osmosis. The feed solution are pumped through the membrane under controlled pressure by valve in 10 bar. The filtration is varied by measurement time. The water of methylene blue solution are diffused through the membrane since the CTP membranes are hydrophilic and methylene blue molecules are trapped in the membrane surface. The time measured (1 to 5h) variable is choosen in order to evaluate the stability of flux permeate of the membrane transport. The flux decrease since the first minute of transport, this indicated that the fouling of methylene blue has appeared in the surface of membrane. The determination of antifouling performance test by calculating of flux recovery ratio (FRR) value[19], with before and after back washing using distilled water. The zinc oxide nanoparticles may predicted to have capavility degrading compound as methylene blue dye in membrane surface, where interaction of methylene blue and zinc oxide nanoparticle manly cosiderded as the ionic bonding between positively charged of ZnO ($Zn(OH)^+$) and negatively charged of methylene blue ($-SO_3^-$).

4. CONCLUSION

In the present article, we have been reported as, the cross-linking between the membrane with TPP can influence the membrane surface where the pore radius increased by the addition of TPP. The zinc oxide nanoparticles impregnation can affect membrane morphology, making the surface rougher, as well as it affect the hydrofilicity of the membrane surface, the more zinc oxide nanoparticles have the performance test using dye (methylene blue) which showed that the addition of zinc oxide nanoparticles in CTP membrane is proven to improve antifouling performance in the membrane.

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