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**ABSTRACT** 

In the present paper, a new series of biodegradable poly(azomethine) gels were prepared to

investigate the usability as biomaterials. The structures of the hydrogels were characterized by

using FT-IR and SEM analyses. Contact angle measurements were also performed to

investigate hydrophobicity of the hydrogels. Thermal behavior of melamine-based

poly(azomethine)s and hydrogels was performed using TG-DTA and DSC techniques.

Mechanical properties of poly(azomethine) hydrogels were investigated using a tensile testing

method. Biodegradability, drug loading or release performance, protein absorption, water

uptake and antibacterial properties were also studied due to investigate usability of melamine-

based hydrogels as biomaterials.

**Keywords:** Melamine; Hydrogel; Drug-release; Biodegradability; 5-Fluoro uracil

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