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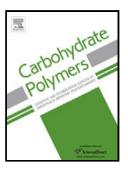
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16	ABSTRACT
17	Chitosan nanoparticles crosslinked with genipin were prepared by reverse
18	microemulsion that allowed to obtain highly monodisperse (3-20 nm by TEM)
19	nanogels. The incorporation of genipin into chitosan was confirmed and
20	quantitatively evaluated by UV-Vis and <sup>1</sup> H NMR. Loosely crosslinked chitosan
21	networks showed higher water solubility at neutral pHs than pure chitosan. The
22	hydrodynamic diameter of the genipin-chitosan nanogels ranged from 270 to
23	390 nm and no remarkable differences were found when the crosslinking degree
24	was varied. The hydrodynamic diameters of the nanoparticles increased slightly
25	at acidic pH and the protonation of ionizable amino groups with the pH was

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