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ABSTRACT

Heat curing was devised in temperature-controlled steam and water environments to synthesize reverse osmosis (RO) polyamide (PA) membrane. The effect of new curing media on the physicochemical properties and RO performance of the synthesized polyamides was fully investigated using X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), attenuated total reflection infrared (ATR-IR), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), atomic force microscopy (AFM), and water

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