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Highlights

- Formation of Dextran hydrogels through different chemical cross-linker agents.
- Influence of the size of the cross-linker molecules on the gelation characteristics.
- The size of the cross-linker molecules clearly affects the gelation properties.
- The swelling features of the gel are altered by the chain length of the cross-linker.

ABSTRACT

Rheological characteristics during chemical gelation of semidilute solutions of dextran in the presence of cross-linking agents of different chain length are reported. Effects of cross-linker chain length on the gel point, structure of the gel network, and

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