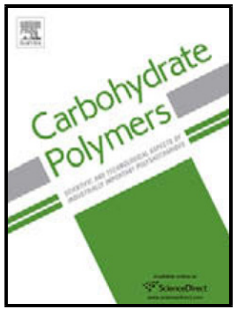

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- Tomato peel cellulose was isolated by acidified $NaClO_2$/KOH or Cl-free $NaOH/H_2O_2$.
- Cellulose nanocrystals (CNCs) were 41:2:1 length:width:thickness ratio.
- CNCs self-assembled into highly crystalline (80.8%) fibrous mass.
- Uniformly nanofibers (42 nm width) were assembled from 1:1 *tert*-butanol/water.