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APPENDICES

Appendix A Experimental Data of Gel Fraction Studies

Table A1 Raw data of gel fraction of the blended hydrogels in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Gel fraction (%) | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|
| | 25 kGy | 35 kGy | 45 kGy |
| 0 | 89.02 | 92.86 | 91.91 |
| | 88.32 | 91.61 | 92.47 |
| | 89.69 | 92.63 | 92.63 |
| | 88.69 | 91.34 | 92.64 |
| | 89.55 | 92.14 | 92.57 |
| Avg. | 89.05 | 92.12 | 92.45 |
| SD | 0.58 | 0.648 | 0.30 |
| 5 | 86.71 | 92.39 | 92.02 |
| | 87.77 | 90.62 | 90.94 |
| | 88.57 | 92.74 | 92.13 |
| | 89.03 | 92.52 | 92.92 |
| | 89.49 | 103.27 | 94.02 |
| Avg. | 88.31 | 92.07 | 92.00 |
| SD | 1.10 | 0.97 | 0.81 |
| 10 | 85.11 | 86.81 | 90.63 |
| | 85.67 | 88.98 | 90.36 |
| | 86.59 | 86.90 | 91.24 |
| | 87.37 | 85.90 | 89.30 |
| | 87.29 | 83.90 | 90.42 |
| Avg. | 86.41 | 87.15 | 90.39 |
| SD | 1.00 | 1.30 | 0.70 |
| 15 | 81.67 | 82.08 | 89.14 |
| | 83.01 | 82.61 | 89.58 |
| | 84.81 | 86.09 | 89.84 |
| | 84.43 | 85.71 | 90.97 |
| | 84.46 | 84.17 | 89.43 |
| Avg. | 83.67 | 84.13 | 89.79 |
| SD | 1.32 | 1.79 | 0.71 |
| 20 | 80.00 | 81.91 | 89.44 |
| | 78.02 | 77.14 | 89.85 |
| | 79.51 | 79.46 | 89.78 |
| | 78.91 | 79.20 | 89.05 |
| | 80.73 | 83.33 | 89.97 |
| Avg. | 79.43 | 80.21 | 89.62 |
| SD | 1.03 | 2.43 | 0.37 |

Appendix B Experimental Data of Swelling Behavior Studies

Table B1 Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0 | 127.96 | 126.32 | 141.67 | 143.75 | 145.35 | 152.81 | 164.00 | 151.82 |
| | 136.14 | 121.54 | 132.94 | 142.00 | 145.83 | 141.82 | 153.61 | 167.67 |
| | 126.09 | 129.36 | 123.26 | 135.35 | 136.71 | 143.43 | 158.97 | 172.41 |
| | 106.32 | 120.62 | 133.69 | 117.98 | 147.37 | 140.59 | 140.66 | 140.00 |
| | 117.59 | 123.23 | 136.67 | 132.00 | 140.91 | 151.95 | 155.79 | 156.52 |
| Avg. | 122.82 | 124.21 | 133.64 | 134.22 | 143.23 | 146.12 | 154.61 | 157.69 |
| SD | 11.34 | 3.61 | 6.744 | 10.26 | 4.37 | 5.81 | 8.72 | 12.90 |
| 5 | 150.00 | 137.89 | 164.95 | 182.95 | 172.55 | 164.13 | 167.86 | 172.84 |
| | 157.47 | 145.92 | 161.86 | 158.24 | 150.59 | 173.56 | 169.07 | 175.82 |
| | 143.04 | 173.49 | 159.55 | 167.00 | 168.57 | 168.69 | 178.72 | 173.81 |
| | 142.86 | 151.58 | 165.63 | 162.11 | 173.96 | 177.88 | 163.54 | 172.04 |
| | 148.28 | 150.00 | 162.73 | 154.25 | 163.00 | 160.92 | 170.19 | 172.28 |
| Avg. | 148.33 | 151.78 | 162.94 | 164.91 | 165.73 | 169.04 | 169.88 | 173.36 |
| SD | 6.01 | 13.25 | 2.45 | 11.13 | 9.47 | 6.87 | 5.55 | 1.54 |
| 10 | 154.08 | 174.75 | 196.19 | 202.04 | 197.96 | 186.73 | 193.94 | 195.83 |
| | 167.50 | 177.23 | 184.61 | 176.85 | 184.11 | 193.26 | 187.91 | 188.79 |
| | 159.57 | 171.56 | 185.98 | 193.27 | 179.59 | 189.25 | 189.01 | 198.13 |
| | 158.44 | 178.07 | 188.66 | 178.85 | 185.42 | 189.89 | 191.30 | 185.42 |
| | 156.84 | 170.00 | 171.29 | 178.57 | 187.50 | 183.53 | 184.21 | 180.81 |
| Avg. | 159.29 | 174.32 | 185.35 | 185.92 | 186.92 | 188.53 | 189.28 | 189.80 |
| SD | 5.03 | 3.50 | 9.04 | 11.18 | 6.82 | 3.64 | 3.66 | 7.19 |

Table B1(continue) Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 15 | 223.44 | 227.91 | 232.81 | 232.56 | 239.39 | 255.10 | 272.73 | 297.33 |
| | 233.33 | 220.00 | 232.14 | 261.86 | 247.06 | 259.14 | 268.82 | 291.67 |
| | 210.09 | 230.00 | 227.20 | 239.56 | 239.60 | 269.23 | 275.44 | 283.70 |
| | 217.02 | 236.00 | 246.74 | 233.77 | 248.03 | 252.17 | 273.33 | 288.30 |
| | 216.67 | 232.98 | 238.54 | 232.58 | 240.86 | 259.05 | 270.25 | 288.30 |
| Avg. | 220.11 | 229.38 | 235.49 | 240.06 | 242.99 | 258.94 | 272.11 | 289.86 |
| SD | 8.77 | 6.07 | 7.47 | 12.52 | 4.21 | 6.45 | 2.61 | 5.05 |
| 20 | 220.00 | 237.25 | 240.50 | 264.76 | 284.68 | 282.17 | 298.82 | 301.90 |
| | 214.05 | 240.87 | 243.75 | 256.14 | 284.21 | 292.48 | 297.39 | 314.66 |
| | 224.17 | 241.49 | 247.75 | 262.18 | 281.74 | 297.17 | 297.32 | 298.32 |
| | 236.27 | 240.78 | 244.12 | 256.48 | 287.78 | 287.60 | 297.64 | 300.88 |
| | 228.45 | 248.15 | 235.23 | 269.83 | 282.46 | 301.72 | 298.23 | 308.74 |
| Avg. | 224.59 | 241.71 | 242.27 | 261.88 | 284.17 | 292.23 | 297.88 | 304.90 |
| SD | 8.42 | 3.97 | 4.70 | 5.78 | 2.35 | 7.70 | 0.64 | 6.68 |

Table B2 Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| 0 | 113.12 | 118.28 | 114.02 | 135.62 | 143.24 | 150.70 | 147.30 | 145.00 |
| | 121.43 | 124.36 | 121.43 | 120.78 | 143.75 | 140.24 | 142.35 | 153.95 |
| | 120.22 | 126.58 | 123.45 | 130.88 | 143.42 | 140.00 | 153.26 | 154.76 |
| | 118.56 | 123.46 | 133.33 | 128.57 | 136.99 | 146.51 | 144.74 | 144.71 |
| | 119.54 | 111.39 | 126.14 | 122.99 | 143.21 | 141.03 | 144.44 | 142.05 |
| Avg. | 117.26 | 120.81 | 123.67 | 127.77 | 142.12 | 143.70 | 146.42 | 148.09 |
| SD | 5.89 | 6.08 | 7.03 | 5.99 | 2.88 | 4.74 | 4.21 | 5.84 |
| 5 | 128.38 | 121.84 | 173.08 | 162.50 | 165.79 | 168.08 | 168.49 | 172.29 |
| | 133.66 | 139.76 | 162.67 | 166.32 | 156.25 | 165.59 | 164.00 | 167.03 |
| | 136.99 | 126.09 | 152.81 | 166.67 | 178.79 | 165.93 | 167.78 | 167.59 |
| | 132.97 | 119.39 | 166.67 | 164.89 | 170.21 | 167.39 | 165.98 | 171.28 |
| | 126.88 | 154.22 | 165.59 | 165.98 | 158.82 | 168.63 | 168.83 | 168.60 |
| Avg. | 131.77 | 132.26 | 164.16 | 165.27 | 165.97 | 167.13 | 167.016 | 169.36 |
| SD | 4.11 | 14.58 | 7.40 | 1.68 | 9.05 | 1.32 | 2.01 | 2.31 |
| 10 | 143.48 | 172.41 | 185.42 | 198.89 | 191.51 | 194.79 | 186.91 | 185.39 |
| | 170.71 | 155.29 | 177.89 | 171.58 | 170.93 | 177.32 | 188.42 | 185.10 |
| | 156.00 | 166.85 | 187.50 | 187.10 | 181.44 | 178.41 | 183.69 | 186.73 |
| | 148.24 | 159.76 | 182.02 | 180.46 | 180.00 | 178.72 | 185.22 | 193.55 |
| | 149.43 | 160.00 | 187.06 | 185.87 | 196.70 | 192.94 | 182.28 | 185.88 |
| Avg. | 153.57 | 162.86 | 183.98 | 184.78 | 184.12 | 184.44 | 185.31 | 187.33 |
| SD | 10.57 | 6.75 | 4.02 | 9.98 | 10.14 | 8.65 | 2.45 | 3.53 |

Table B2(continue) Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 15 | 176.14 | 212.22 | 213.75 | 237.78 | 251.11 | 231.03 | 268.08 | 278.57 |
| | 192.05 | 209.57 | 219.10 | 231.58 | 244.68 | 239.36 | 271.43 | 280.00 |
| | 171.58 | 205.83 | 211.70 | 231.18 | 243.88 | 250.00 | 267.78 | 277.42 |
| | 175.56 | 197.73 | 216.33 | 252.87 | 249.00 | 250.55 | 265.22 | 275.58 |
| | 176.47 | 207.37 | 211.76 | 263.04 | 250.56 | 254.74 | 264.44 | 276.67 |
| Avg. | 178.36 | 206.547 | 214.53 | 243.29 | 247.85 | 245.14 | 267.39 | 277.65 |
| SD | 7.90 | 5.487 | 3.18 | 14.11 | 3.36 | 6.55 | 2.75 | 1.71 |
| 20 | 204.54 | 233.667 | 242.42 | 244.23 | 261.11 | 273.20 | 273.08 | 294.74 |
| | 198.01 | 236.277 | 254.63 | 250.50 | 257.29 | 285.26 | 280.00 | 291.59 |
| | 200.00 | 240.22 | 226.09 | 248.35 | 275.96 | 267.33 | 273.68 | 296.81 |
| | 202.83 | 238.78 | 242.24 | 258.77 | 262.24 | 278.22 | 287.63 | 286.41 |
| | 189.91 | 237.378 | 246.94 | 254.35 | 275.47 | 268.75 | 266.35 | 295.29 |
| Avg. | 199.06 | 237.268 | 242.46 | 251.24 | 266.42 | 274.55 | 276.15 | 292.97 |
| SD | 5.70 | 2.50 | 10.44 | 5.58 | 8.69 | 7.35 | 8.03 | 4.13 |

Table B3 Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0 | 102.41 | 184.00 | 122.62 | 123.46 | 128.57 | 133.75 | 135.16 | 147.13 |
| | 109.52 | 174.44 | 114.81 | 124.71 | 129.07 | 140.70 | 142.70 | 144.44 |
| | 121.95 | 177.78 | 128.92 | 125.56 | 134.52 | 146.39 | 141.57 | 141.25 |
| | 112.50 | 172.04 | 112.09 | 123.71 | 135.96 | 141.57 | 146.24 | 142.05 |
| | 115.46 | 183.16 | 125.88 | 125.61 | 131.91 | 139.56 | 141.11 | 144.44 |
| Avg. | 112.37 | 178.28 | 120.86 | 124.61 | 132.01 | 140.39 | 141.36 | 143.86 |
| SD | 7.22 | 5.25 | 7.19 | 1.01 | 3.25 | 4.54 | 4.00 | 2.32 |
| 5 | 124.71 | 119.77 | 132.10 | 132.58 | 142.53 | 155.26 | 158.33 | 165.79 |
| | 128.95 | 117.81 | 135.71 | 135.48 | 144.00 | 153.57 | 163.38 | 165.22 |
| | 122.37 | 112.28 | 122.73 | 128.38 | 153.95 | 163.24 | 165.88 | 173.17 |
| | 127.84 | 115.48 | 131.52 | 128.16 | 143.62 | 160.00 | 168.67 | 171.25 |
| | 124.71 | 117.89 | 129.13 | 134.44 | 148.98 | 154.17 | 162.07 | 170.33 |
| Avg. | 125.71 | 116.65 | 130.24 | 131.81 | 146.61 | 157.25 | 163.67 | 169.15 |
| SD | 2.65 | 2.88 | 4.8153 | 3.40 | 4.79 | 4.19 | 3.91 | 3.49 |
| 10 | 137.50 | 130.49 | 140.00 | 156.34 | 183.08 | 175.36 | 178.57 | 179.35 |
| | 145.12 | 125.00 | 157.65 | 154.55 | 173.44 | 173.81 | 178.89 | 176.92 |
| | 143.53 | 126.58 | 156.36 | 152.05 | 176.19 | 181.18 | 176.09 | 191.36 |
| | 147.67 | 125.30 | 146.03 | 159.38 | 162.35 | 178.67 | 178.57 | 173.91 |
| | 149.32 | 129.35 | 147.44 | 158.24 | 170.79 | 162.82 | 175.27 | 172.92 |
| Avg. | 144.63 | 127.34 | 149.50 | 156.11 | 173.17 | 174.37 | 177.48 | 178.89 |
| SD | 4.57 | 2.46 | 7.42 | 2.92 | 7.58 | 7.06 | 1.6731 | 7.42 |

Table B3(continue) Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 15 | 160.94 | 146.43 | 167.50 | 173.33 | 200.00 | 209.88 | 214.74 | 227.06 |
| | 153.85 | 141.86 | 169.32 | 186.32 | 198.80 | 213.41 | 223.75 | 218.92 |
| | 151.43 | 158.33 | 167.11 | 181.71 | 201.27 | 207.84 | 225.00 | 224.44 |
| | 147.73 | 137.93 | 160.00 | 178.02 | 194.05 | 204.26 | 219.42 | 226.37 |
| | 158.82 | 156.16 | 161.33 | 183.10 | 203.26 | 225.00 | 231.25 | 231.52 |
| Avg. | 154.55 | 148.14 | 165.05 | 180.50 | 199.47 | 212.08 | 222.83 | 225.66 |
| SD | 5.38 | 8.87 | 4.12 | 4.99 | 3.4545 | 7.95 | 6.20 | 4.58 |
| 20 | 165.28 | 158.90 | 195.16 | 200.00 | 205.06 | 226.67 | 222.67 | 235.90 |
| | 172.86 | 160.56 | 190.91 | 201.72 | 203.64 | 218.03 | 225.71 | 238.03 |
| | 174.29 | 165.08 | 204.84 | 201.16 | 215.38 | 215.94 | 223.29 | 234.72 |
| | 173.33 | 159.21 | 203.70 | 197.30 | 213.33 | 214.67 | 237.31 | 232.84 |
| | 173.75 | 156.00 | 198.75 | 203.66 | 217.86 | 226.19 | 236.84 | 235.21 |
| Avg. | 171.90 | 159.95 | 198.67 | 200.77 | 211.05 | 220.3 | 229.16 | 235.34 |
| SD | 3.74 | 3.31 | 5.83 | 2.35 | 6.3471 | 5.72 | 7.31 | 1.88 |

Table B4 Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0 | 145.88 | 161.36 | 156.25 | 155.17 | 183.65 | 195.79 | 196.26 | 193.15 |
| | 147.69 | 143.75 | 143.59 | 164.84 | 187.63 | 190.48 | 197.78 | 216.50 |
| | 137.25 | 139.51 | 160.24 | 185.00 | 169.77 | 174.53 | 191.94 | 175.00 |
| | 136.71 | 158.54 | 158.57 | 147.25 | 193.75 | 192.00 | 196.91 | 212.00 |
| | 146.94 | 147.50 | 143.94 | 165.88 | 163.51 | 188.89 | 197.70 | 203.06 |
| Avg. | 142.90 | 150.13 | 152.52 | 163.63 | 179.66 | 188.34 | 196.12 | 199.94 |
| SD | 5.44 | 9.45 | 8.12 | 14.17 | 12.62 | 8.13 | 2.42 | 16.57 |
| 5 | 179.00 | 182.73 | 208.57 | 200.00 | 239.02 | 235.05 | 278.57 | 251.40 |
| | 184.93 | 191.09 | 201.08 | 195.65 | 237.50 | 234.15 | 233.71 | 267.01 |
| | 180.61 | 190.00 | 202.20 | 233.00 | 210.42 | 223.17 | 250.54 | 281.05 |
| | 187.91 | 193.55 | 203.49 | 220.69 | 218.89 | 240.46 | 244.79 | 252.27 |
| | 179.17 | 192.23 | 185.00 | 200.00 | 210.11 | 223.17 | 252.00 | 262.07 |
| Avg. | 182.32 | 189.92 | 200.07 | 209.87 | 223.19 | 231.2 | 251.92 | 262.76 |
| SD | 3.94 | 4.23 | 8.90 | 16.19 | 14.21 | 7.72 | 16.54 | 12.17 |
| 10 | 240.37 | 267.62 | 282.61 | 296.94 | 304.81 | 333.68 | 336.45 | 362.50 |
| | 238.14 | 279.05 | 285.56 | 304.17 | 304.94 | 312.87 | 337.25 | 343.97 |
| | 247.66 | 257.27 | 288.24 | 298.00 | 311.50 | 316.82 | 337.76 | 357.01 |
| | 239.02 | 286.54 | 281.40 | 276.19 | 312.04 | 311.11 | 322.34 | 346.88 |
| | 254.13 | 254.24 | 281.69 | 283.33 | 312.24 | 319.51 | 331.76 | 378.79 |
| Avg. | 243.86 | 268.94 | 283.9 | 291.73 | 309.11 | 318.8 | 333.11 | 357.83 |
| SD | 6.86 | 13.84 | 2.93 | 11.54 | 3.87 | 8.95 | 6.47 | 13.91 |

Table B4(continue) Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 15 | 386.11 | 420.62 | 422.99 | 436.78 | 477.61 | 504.50 | 508.41 | 553.85 |
| | 396.04 | 414.00 | 417.58 | 457.29 | 487.50 | 518.18 | 507.89 | 539.80 |
| | 396.88 | 430.85 | 423.75 | 436.19 | 472.04 | 508.79 | 508.45 | 546.48 |
| | 392.39 | 426.73 | 418.68 | 424.76 | 481.32 | 507.22 | 530.21 | 549.02 |
| | 389.01 | 422.92 | 438.82 | 456.88 | 486.02 | 502.35 | 501.02 | 566.23 |
| Avg. | 392.09 | 423.02 | 424.37 | 442.38 | 480.9 | 508.21 | 511.2 | 551.07 |
| SD | 4.58 | 6.37 | 8.51 | 14.25 | 6.31 | 6.10 | 11.08 | 9.87 |
| 20 | 528.42 | 571.15 | 583.65 | 595.31 | 580.81 | 602.78 | 595.80 | 614.71 |
| | 536.67 | 567.78 | 581.34 | 599.03 | 594.59 | 605.36 | 599.02 | 613.04 |
| | 538.00 | 578.95 | 575.31 | 571.15 | 595.70 | 601.77 | 606.19 | 600.88 |
| | 537.11 | 568.33 | 579.55 | 574.73 | 585.45 | 604.44 | 602.06 | 602.17 |
| | 547.14 | 595.79 | 581.82 | 578.57 | 589.74 | 600.00 | 613.95 | 600.86 |
| Avg. | 537.47 | 576.4 | 580.33 | 583.76 | 589.26 | 602.87 | 603.40 | 606.33 |
| SD | 6.64 | 11.72 | 3.17 | 12.59 | 6.25 | 2.13 | 7.03 | 6.93 |

Table B5 Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0 | 138.75 | 147.95 | 152.63 | 166.67 | 168.18 | 175.58 | 180.61 | 187.80 |
| | 140.30 | 115.38 | 154.17 | 161.45 | 176.83 | 181.43 | 191.57 | 187.06 |
| | 129.03 | 131.88 | 156.41 | 154.32 | 164.04 | 198.92 | 183.33 | 186.60 |
| | 129.21 | 147.73 | 166.67 | 154.00 | 188.46 | 179.52 | 188.10 | 187.50 |
| | 118.07 | 127.71 | 134.52 | 154.65 | 186.42 | 175.53 | 193.26 | 196.47 |
| Avg. | 131.07 | 134.13 | 152.88 | 158.22 | 176.79 | 182.2 | 187.37 | 189.09 |
| SD | 8.95 | 13.91 | 11.63 | 5.65 | 10.79 | 9.69 | 5.36 | 4.15 |
| 5 | 149.48 | 179.10 | 202.27 | 203.33 | 217.39 | 247.56 | 235.87 | 249.40 |
| | 165.85 | 198.94 | 204.94 | 212.36 | 246.43 | 224.72 | 236.05 | 249.47 |
| | 152.56 | 159.34 | 203.53 | 212.90 | 202.44 | 245.92 | 253.57 | 251.69 |
| | 153.41 | 157.47 | 204.60 | 216.05 | 226.14 | 223.81 | 248.98 | 235.35 |
| | 147.83 | 180.52 | 195.89 | 210.11 | 211.43 | 231.58 | 253.45 | 265.67 |
| Avg. | 153.83 | 174.07 | 202.25 | 210.95 | 220.76 | 234.72 | 245.58 | 250.32 |
| SD | 7.09 | 17.12 | 3.70 | 4.76 | 16.75 | 11.39 | 8.98 | 10.76 |
| 10 | 235.63 | 248.65 | 258.54 | 261.73 | 327.59 | 321.33 | 313.83 | 348.68 |
| | 232.14 | 225.00 | 260.49 | 279.27 | 307.95 | 300.00 | 322.89 | 350.57 |
| | 229.47 | 274.19 | 253.26 | 278.49 | 297.56 | 329.67 | 321.51 | 348.91 |
| | 219.57 | 263.95 | 233.71 | 282.42 | 304.90 | 311.58 | 325.27 | 347.92 |
| | 239.71 | 230.00 | 268.29 | 290.32 | 303.37 | 312.66 | 326.32 | 355.00 |
| Avg. | 232.42 | 248.36 | 254.86 | 278.45 | 308.27 | 315.05 | 321.96 | 350.22 |
| SD | 7.60 | 21.17 | 13.00 | 10.45 | 11.44 | 11.15 | 4.93 | 2.84 |

Table B5(continue) Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 15 | 339.33 | 406.74 | 424.47 | 420.69 | 477.42 | 483.33 | 506.25 | 554.26 |
| | 339.08 | 414.29 | 416.16 | 433.33 | 476.67 | 489.90 | 511.58 | 551.04 |
| | 356.04 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 437.50 | 458.43 | 487.74 | 500.00 | 548.48 |
| | 325.51 | 428.57 | 427.66 | 462.24 | 453.26 | 472.29 | 502.88 | 561.29 |
| | 363.16 | 407.61 | 425.58 | 421.05 | 469.32 | 475.00 | 522.11 | 541.18 |
| Avg. | 344.62 | 411.44 | 418.77 | 434.96 | 467.02 | 481.65 | 508.56 | 551.25 |
| SD | 14.98 | 10.83 | 11.37 | 16.96 | 10.84 | 7.74 | 8.71 | 7.40 |
| 20 | 529.41 | 565.35 | 576.83 | 540.86 | 583.96 | 610.89 | 602.02 | 607.22 |
| | 517.35 | 527.27 | 558.82 | 586.67 | 563.16 | 601.01 | 597.75 | 602.88 |
| | 493.88 | 536.46 | 543.01 | 560.36 | 584.11 | 576.77 | 600.00 | 605.45 |
| | 528.57 | 524.14 | 542.57 | 541.67 | 579.00 | 606.82 | 606.38 | 610.58 |
| | 531.52 | 561.80 | 535.71 | 578.35 | 571.29 | 587.76 | 608.57 | 594.29 |
| Avg. | 520.15 | 543.00 | 551.39 | 561.58 | 576.3 | 596.65 | 602.95 | 604.08 |
| SD | 15.69 | 19.36 | 16.55 | 20.84 | 9.01 | 14.14 | 4.47 | 6.15 |

Table B6 Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0 | 134.52 | 123.91 | 127.17 | 130.69 | 174.74 | 141.94 | 195.35 | 178.31 |
| | 123.53 | 129.41 | 127.59 | 127.06 | 150.57 | 182.80 | 171.28 | 177.66 |
| | 117.58 | 131.46 | 138.14 | 120.22 | 154.08 | 158.02 | 156.04 | 190.59 |
| | 122.58 | 124.72 | 124.24 | 150.00 | 157.45 | 185.71 | 168.67 | 173.08 |
| | 129.35 | 128.89 | 136.67 | 150.00 | 159.09 | 171.58 | 194.44 | 178.02 |
| Avg. | 125.51 | 127.68 | 130.76 | 135.6 | 159.19 | 168.01 | 177.16 | 179.53 |
| SD | 6.54 | 3.23 | 6.22 | 13.68 | 9.29 | 18.20 | 17.19 | 6.54 |
| 5 | 138.2 | 143.68 | 174.71 | 175.61 | 212.64 | 231.82 | 264.89 | 272.92 |
| | 124.21 | 120.83 | 149.02 | 173.68 | 219.32 | 213.00 | 270.24 | 283.87 |
| | 131.52 | 138.04 | 166.67 | 169.44 | 195.29 | 237.36 | 267.01 | 242.35 |
| | 133.68 | 157.84 | 174.51 | 177.01 | 212.64 | 252.44 | 237.35 | 264.89 |
| | 131.82 | 154.55 | 160.67 | 163.89 | 203.81 | 229.89 | 250.00 | 243.69 |
| Avg. | 131.89 | 142.99 | 165.12 | 171.93 | 208.74 | 232.90 | 257.9 | 261.54 |
| SD | 5.05 | 14.75 | 10.74 | 5.32 | 9.32 | 14.21 | 13.86 | 18.21 |
| 10 | 216.67 | 241.38 | 255.70 | 258.70 | 261.33 | 262.96 | 274.26 | 290.00 |
| | 223.29 | 228.72 | 280.46 | 252.63 | 261.29 | 275.68 | 281.11 | 256.16 |
| | 233.71 | 244.87 | 241.30 | 252.50 | 238.64 | 287.78 | 288.89 | 290.24 |
| | 242.86 | 241.57 | 226.14 | 255.42 | 268.00 | 285.23 | 286.67 | 283.33 |
| | 215.48 | 240.48 | 239.13 | 248.24 | 270.51 | 275.90 | 260.24 | 308.99 |
| Avg. | 226.4 | 239.4 | 248.55 | 253.5 | 259.95 | 277.51 | 278.23 | 285.75 |
| SD | 11.71 | 6.20 | 20.69 | 3.89 | 12.59 | 9.78 | 11.54 | 19.10 |

Table B6(continue) Raw data of swelling behavior of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 15 | 300.00 | 343.37 | 320.69 | 381.18 | 388.66 | 394.32 | 389.80 | 387.50 |
| | 324.39 | 297.92 | 340.20 | 320.00 | 363.53 | 372.41 | 398.80 | 420.75 |
| | 327.96 | 307.06 | 362.5 | 313.64 | 363.64 | 373.75 | 387.91 | 376.92 |
| | 278.26 | 296.59 | 312.75 | 360.81 | 342.72 | 394.32 | 365.43 | 378.31 |
| | 295.35 | 329.27 | 323.60 | 356.92 | 366.67 | 364.71 | 362.07 | 421.95 |
| Avg. | 305.19 | 314.84 | 331.95 | 346.51 | 365.04 | 379.9 | 380.80 | 397.09 |
| SD | 20.83 | 20.63 | 19.79 | 28.72 | 16.30 | 13.61 | 16.14 | 22.52 |
| 20 | 353.04 | 358.33 | 386.25 | 383.95 | 425.33 | 473.08 | 466.67 | 475 |
| | 356.34 | 365.48 | 388.46 | 381.69 | 472.73 | 450.91 | 468.83 | 497.85 |
| | 334.62 | 361.73 | 350.00 | 390.12 | 342.11 | 452.94 | 457.35 | 469.7 |
| | 381.16 | 358.11 | 436.92 | 397.89 | 442.35 | 468.83 | 489.71 | 498.41 |
| | 355.71 | 358.14 | 382.67 | 408.96 | 449.28 | 465.15 | 468.00 | 470.59 |
| Avg. | 356.17 | 360.36 | 388.86 | 392.52 | 426.36 | 462.18 | 470.11 | 482.31 |
| SD | 16.58 | 3.25 | 31.09 | 11.13 | 50.08 | 9.80 | 11.88 | 14.58 |

Appendix C Experimental Data of Weight Loss Studies

Table C1 Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0 | 1.08 | 2.63 | 2.78 | 2.50 | 2.33 | 3.37 | 4.00 | 3.64 |
| | 2.41 | 3.08 | 2.35 | 3.00 | 2.08 | 2.73 | 3.09 | 4.04 |
| | 2.17 | 2.75 | 2.33 | 2.02 | 3.8 | 3.03 | 3.85 | 4.60 |
| | 2.11 | 2.06 | 3.26 | 3.37 | 3.16 | 3.96 | 3.30 | 3.81 |
| | 2.78 | 2.02 | 3.33 | 4.00 | 3.41 | 3.9 | 4.21 | 4.35 |
| Avg. | 2.11 | 2.51 | 2.81 | 2.98 | 2.95 | 3.4 | 3.69 | 4.09 |
| SD | 0.63 | 0.46 | 0.48 | 0.77 | 0.73 | 0.54 | 0.48 | 0.39 |
| 5 | 3.66 | 3.16 | 3.09 | 3.41 | 3.92 | 4.35 | 4.76 | 3.7 |
| | 2.30 | 3.06 | 3.09 | 4.4 | 3.53 | 3.45 | 4.12 | 4.4 |
| | 2.53 | 3.61 | 3.37 | 3 | 3.81 | 4.04 | 3.19 | 4.76 |
| | 3.30 | 3.16 | 4.17 | 3.16 | 3.13 | 3.85 | 4.17 | 4.3 |
| | 3.45 | 3.19 | 3.64 | 3.19 | 4 | 3.45 | 3.85 | 4.95 |
| Avg. | 3.05 | 3.24 | 3.47 | 3.43 | 3.68 | 3.83 | 4.02 | 4.42 |
| SD | 0.56 | 0.22 | 0.45 | 0.56 | 0.36 | 0.39 | 0.57 | 0.48 |
| 10 | 3.06 | 4.04 | 4.76 | 4.08 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.06 | 4.17 |
| | 3.75 | 4.95 | 4.81 | 5.56 | 4.67 | 4.49 | 4.4 | 5.17 |
| | 4.26 | 4.59 | 4.67 | 3.85 | 4.08 | 5.38 | 4.4 | 6.54 |
| | 2.60 | 4.39 | 3.09 | 4.81 | 4.17 | 4.49 | 4.35 | 5.21 |
| | 4.21 | 3.33 | 4.95 | 4.46 | 4.81 | 4.71 | 5.26 | 5.05 |
| Avg. | 3.57 | 4.26 | 4.46 | 4.55 | 4.57 | 4.83 | 4.89 | 5.23 |
| SD | 0.73 | 0.61 | 0.77 | 0.67 | 0.43 | 0.39 | 0.76 | 0.85 |

Table C1(continue) Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 15 | 4.69 | 3.49 | 4.69 | 4.65 | 5.05 | 6.12 | 6.06 | 5.33 |
| | 4.44 | 4.44 | 4.76 | 5.15 | 5.88 | 6.45 | 6.45 | 6.25 |
| | 3.67 | 5.00 | 4.00 | 5.49 | 4.95 | 5.49 | 5.26 | 6.52 |
| | 4.26 | 4.00 | 4.35 | 5.19 | 4.72 | 5.43 | 6.67 | 5.32 |
| | 3.70 | 4.26 | 4.17 | 4.49 | 5.38 | 5.51 | 5.79 | 5.32 |
| | Avg. | 4.15 | 4.24 | 4.39 | 5.00 | 5.20 | 5.80 | 5.75 |
| SD | 0.45 | 0.56 | 0.33 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.46 | 0.55 | 0.59 |
| | 20 | 6.36 | 5.81 | 4.96 | 6.67 | 5.41 | 6.98 | 7.06 |
| | | 4.96 | 4.44 | 4.46 | 5.26 | 5.26 | 6.02 | 6.96 |
| | | 4.17 | 5.00 | 5.41 | 5.88 | 6.09 | 6.60 | 6.25 |
| | | 4.90 | 6.00 | 5.88 | 5.56 | 5.56 | 6.61 | 6.3 |
| | | 5.17 | 5.32 | 5.68 | 5.17 | 6.14 | 6.03 | 7.96 |
| Avg. | 5.11 | 5.32 | 5.28 | 5.71 | 5.69 | 6.45 | 6.73 | 7.22 |
| | SD | 0.80 | 0.63 | 0.57 | 0.60 | 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.82 |

Table C2 Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0 | 2.38 | 2.15 | 2.80 | 2.74 | 2.70 | 2.82 | 2.70 | 3.75 |
| | 1.19 | 2.56 | 2.38 | 2.60 | 3.13 | 3.66 | 3.53 | 2.63 |
| | 1.12 | 2.53 | 3.70 | 2.94 | 2.63 | 3.33 | 3.26 | 3.57 |
| | 1.03 | 2.47 | 2.08 | 2.60 | 2.74 | 2.33 | 2.63 | 3.53 |
| | 1.15 | 2.53 | 2.27 | 2.30 | 2.47 | 2.56 | 3.33 | 3.41 |
| Avg. | 1.79 | 2.45 | 2.65 | 2.63 | 2.73 | 2.94 | 3.09 | 3.38 |
| SD | 0.84 | 0.17 | 0.65 | 0.23 | 0.24 | 0.55 | 0.40 | 0.43 |
| 5 | 2.70 | 3.45 | 2.56 | 3.41 | 3.95 | 4.26 | 4.11 | 3.61 |
| | 3.96 | 2.41 | 4.00 | 3.16 | 4.17 | 3.23 | 3.00 | 3.30 |
| | 1.37 | 3.26 | 3.37 | 3.23 | 3.03 | 3.30 | 4.44 | 3.70 |
| | 3.30 | 4.08 | 3.23 | 3.19 | 3.19 | 3.26 | 3.09 | 3.19 |
| | 3.23 | 2.41 | 3.23 | 4.12 | 3.92 | 4.90 | 3.90 | 3.49 |
| Avg. | 2.91 | 3.12 | 3.28 | 3.42 | 3.65 | 3.79 | 3.71 | 3.46 |
| SD | 0.97 | 0.72 | 0.51 | 0.40 | 0.51 | 0.76 | 0.64 | 0.21 |
| 10 | 3.26 | 3.45 | 4.17 | 4.44 | 3.77 | 5.21 | 4.67 | 4.49 |
| | 3.03 | 3.53 | 4.21 | 4.21 | 3.49 | 3.09 | 5.26 | 5.32 |
| | 3.00 | 3.26 | 4.17 | 4.30 | 4.12 | 4.55 | 4.35 | 5.10 |
| | 2.35 | 3.66 | 4.49 | 3.45 | 4.44 | 4.26 | 4.55 | 4.30 |
| | 4.49 | 2.35 | 2.35 | 4.35 | 5.49 | 5.88 | 5.06 | 4.71 |
| Avg. | 3.23 | 3.25 | 3.88 | 4.15 | 4.26 | 4.60 | 4.71 | 4.78 |
| SD | 0.78 | 0.52 | 0.86 | 0.40 | 0.78 | 1.05 | 0.38 | 0.42 |

Table C2(continue) Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 15 | 3.41 | 3.33 | 5.00 | 4.44 | 5.56 | 4.60 | 5.32 | 5.10 |
| | 3.41 | 4.26 | 4.49 | 4.21 | 5.32 | 5.32 | 5.49 | 6.32 |
| | 4.21 | 4.85 | 4.26 | 4.30 | 4.08 | 6.82 | 5.56 | 5.38 |
| | 3.33 | 3.41 | 4.08 | 4.60 | 5.00 | 4.40 | 5.43 | 5.81 |
| | 3.53 | 3.16 | 3.53 | 4.35 | - | 5.26 | 5.56 | 5.56 |
| Avg. | 3.58 | 3.80 | 4.27 | 4.38 | 4.99 | 5.28 | 5.47 | 5.63 |
| SD | 0.36 | 0.72 | 0.54 | 0.15 | 0.65 | 0.95 | 0.10 | 0.46 |
| 20 | 4.55 | 4.95 | 5.05 | 5.77 | 6.48 | 6.19 | 5.77 | 6.32 |
| | 4.95 | 4.90 | 5.46 | 5.05 | 6.25 | 5.26 | 6.32 | 6.54 |
| | 4.12 | 5.43 | 5.43 | 5.49 | 5.77 | 3.96 | 6.14 | 6.38 |
| | 3.77 | 5.10 | 5.17 | 5.26 | 5.10 | 5.94 | 6.19 | 6.80 |
| | 4.59 | 5.05 | 5.10 | 5.43 | 5.66 | 8.04 | 7.48 | 7.06 |
| Avg. | 4.40 | 5.09 | 5.24 | 5.40 | 5.85 | 5.88 | 6.38 | 6.62 |
| SD | 0.45 | 0.21 | 0.19 | 0.27 | 0.54 | 1.48 | 0.65 | 0.31 |

Table C3 Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0 | 1.20 | 1.16 | 2.38 | 2.47 | 2.38 | 2.50 | 2.20 | 3.45 |
| | 1.19 | 2.74 | 1.48 | 2.35 | 2.33 | 2.33 | 3.37 | 2.47 |
| | 1.22 | 1.75 | 2.41 | 2.22 | 2.38 | 3.09 | 3.37 | 2.50 |
| | 2.08 | 2.38 | 2.20 | 2.06 | 3.37 | 2.25 | 3.23 | 3.41 |
| | 2.06 | 2.11 | 2.35 | 2.44 | 2.13 | 3.30 | 2.22 | 3.33 |
| Avg. | 1.55 | 2.03 | 2.16 | 2.31 | 2.52 | 2.69 | 2.88 | 3.03 |
| SD | 0.48 | 0.60 | 0.39 | 0.17 | 0.49 | 0.47 | 0.61 | 0.50 |
| 5 | 2.35 | 2.44 | 2.47 | 2.25 | 3.45 | 2.63 | 3.57 | 2.63 |
| | 2.63 | 1.67 | 2.86 | 3.23 | 2.67 | 2.38 | 2.82 | 3.26 |
| | 1.32 | 2.53 | 3.03 | 2.7 | 2.63 | 2.94 | 3.53 | 3.66 |
| | 2.06 | 2.41 | 2.17 | 2.91 | 3.19 | 4.00 | 2.41 | 2.50 |
| | 2.35 | 2.17 | 1.94 | 2.22 | 3.06 | 3.13 | 3.45 | 4.40 |
| Avg. | 2.14 | 2.24 | 2.49 | 2.66 | 3.00 | 3.02 | 3.16 | 3.29 |
| SD | 0.50 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.35 | 0.62 | 0.52 | 0.78 |
| 10 | 2.78 | 3.57 | 2.86 | 4.23 | 3.08 | 4.35 | 3.57 | 4.35 |
| | 2.44 | 3.49 | 3.53 | 3.41 | 4.69 | 3.57 | 4.44 | 2.56 |
| | 2.35 | 2.78 | 3.64 | 2.74 | 3.57 | 3.53 | 4.35 | 2.47 |
| | 2.33 | 2.30 | 3.17 | 3.13 | 4.71 | 4.00 | 4.29 | 4.35 |
| | 2.74 | 2.74 | 2.56 | 3.30 | 3.37 | 3.85 | 4.30 | 4.17 |
| Avg. | 2.53 | 2.98 | 3.15 | 3.36 | 3.88 | 3.93 | 4.19 | 3.58 |
| SD | 0.22 | 0.54 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.76 | 0.34 | 0.35 | 0.97 |

Table C3(continue) Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy in SBF

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 15 | 3.13 | 2.74 | 3.75 | 5.33 | 4.76 | 4.94 | 4.21 | 4.71 |
| | 2.56 | 2.82 | 4.55 | 4.21 | 3.61 | 4.88 | 5.00 | 5.41 |
| | 2.86 | 3.17 | 3.95 | 3.66 | 5.06 | 4.90 | 4.55 | 5.56 |
| | 3.41 | 3.95 | 4.71 | 3.30 | 3.57 | 4.26 | 4.85 | 5.49 |
| | 3.53 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.23 | 4.35 | 4.00 | 5.21 | 3.26 |
| Avg. | 3.10 | 3.34 | 4.19 | 4.14 | 4.27 | 4.59 | 4.76 | 4.88 |
| SD | 0.40 | 0.61 | 0.41 | 0.77 | 0.67 | 0.44 | 0.39 | 0.97 |
| 20 | 4.17 | 5.33 | 4.84 | 4.48 | 5.06 | 5.00 | 6.67 | 6.41 |
| | 4.29 | 4.44 | 4.55 | 3.45 | 5.45 | 4.92 | 4.29 | 5.63 |
| | 4.29 | 4.44 | 4.84 | 5.81 | 5.13 | 4.35 | 5.48 | 5.56 |
| | 3.33 | 4.30 | 4.94 | 5.41 | 5.33 | 6.67 | 5.97 | 5.97 |
| | 5.00 | 4.21 | 3.75 | 4.88 | 3.57 | 4.76 | 4.21 | 5.63 |
| Avg. | 4.21 | 4.55 | 4.58 | 4.80 | 4.91 | 5.14 | 5.32 | 5.84 |
| SD | 0.59 | 0.45 | 0.49 | 0.91 | 0.76 | 0.89 | 1.07 | 0.36 |

Table C4 Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0 | 2.35 | 3.41 | 3.75 | 5.94 | 5.77 | 5.26 | 8.41 | 9.59 |
| | 3.08 | 1.25 | 3.84 | 4.30 | 6.19 | 5.95 | 6.67 | 8.74 |
| | 2.94 | 3.70 | 3.61 | 5.88 | 5.81 | 8.49 | 8.06 | 7.29 |
| | 2.53 | 6.10 | 5.71 | 5.61 | 6.25 | 7.00 | 7.22 | 8.00 |
| | 2.04 | 5.00 | 4.55 | 4.76 | 6.76 | 6.17 | 6.90 | 8.16 |
| Avg. | 2.59 | 3.89 | 4.29 | 5.39 | 6.16 | 6.58 | 7.45 | 8.36 |
| SD | 0.42 | 1.83 | 0.87 | 0.73 | 0.34 | 1.24 | 0.75 | 0.86 |
| 5 | 6.00 | 8.18 | 6.67 | 8.14 | 8.54 | 9.28 | 10.20 | 9.35 |
| | 5.48 | 7.92 | 7.53 | 8.70 | 8.33 | 8.54 | 8.99 | 10.31 |
| | 6.12 | 8.00 | 8.79 | 8.00 | 9.37 | 9.76 | 10.75 | 9.47 |
| | 5.49 | 7.53 | 8.14 | 8.05 | 7.78 | 9.92 | 9.37 | 10.23 |
| | 6.25 | 6.80 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.99 | 8.54 | 9.00 | 10.34 |
| Avg. | 5.87 | 7.68 | 7.83 | 8.18 | 8.60 | 9.21 | 9.66 | 9.94 |
| SD | 0.36 | 0.55 | 0.79 | 0.30 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.78 | 0.49 |
| 10 | 7.34 | 9.52 | 10.87 | 11.22 | 10.58 | 10.53 | 13.08 | 14.58 |
| | 9.32 | 9.52 | 10.00 | 10.42 | 11.11 | 17.82 | 13.73 | 14.66 |
| | 7.48 | 10.00 | 9.41 | 9.00 | 15.93 | 13.08 | 13.27 | 14.95 |
| | 9.76 | 8.65 | 10.47 | 8.33 | 12.04 | 13.33 | 12.77 | 14.58 |
| | 8.26 | 9.32 | 9.86 | 11.90 | 14.29 | 10.98 | 12.94 | 14.14 |
| Avg. | 8.43 | 9.41 | 10.12 | 10.18 | 12.79 | 13.15 | 13.16 | 14.58 |
| SD | 1.08 | 0.49 | 0.56 | 1.49 | 2.26 | 2.89 | 0.37 | 0.29 |

Table C4(continue) Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 15 | 10.19 | 11.34 | 11.49 | 11.49 | 16.42 | 15.32 | 14.95 | 16.48 |
| | 13.86 | 9.00 | 12.09 | 13.54 | 12.50 | 15.15 | 18.42 | 17.35 |
| | 12.50 | 9.57 | 11.25 | 15.24 | 15.05 | 14.29 | 14.08 | 18.31 |
| | 8.70 | 10.89 | 9.89 | 17.14 | 13.19 | 14.43 | 13.54 | 15.69 |
| | 7.69 | 11.46 | 10.59 | 13.76 | 15.05 | 16.47 | 14.29 | 15.58 |
| Avg. | 10.59 | 10.45 | 11.06 | 14.24 | 14.44 | 15.13 | 15.06 | 16.68 |
| SD | 2.57 | 1.10 | 0.85 | 2.10 | 1.58 | 0.87 | 1.95 | 1.15 |
| 20 | 12.63 | 11.54 | 9.62 | 14.06 | 15.15 | 16.67 | 19.33 | 19.61 |
| | 5.833 | 12.22 | 11.19 | 11.65 | 15.32 | 20.54 | 17.65 | 18.48 |
| | 14.00 | 10.53 | 14.81 | 13.46 | 13.98 | 18.58 | 18.56 | 19.30 |
| | 13.40 | 11.67 | 14.77 | 17.58 | 14.55 | 15.56 | 18.56 | 17.39 |
| | 10.00 | 13.68 | 11.57 | 16.67 | 12.82 | 16.36 | 18.60 | 20.69 |
| Avg. | 11.17 | 11.93 | 12.39 | 14.68 | 14.36 | 17.54 | 18.54 | 19.09 |
| SD | 3.353 | 1.157 | 2.31 | 2.419 | 1.01 | 2.01 | 0.60 | 1.24 |

Table C5 Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0 | 2.50 | 2.82 | 3.95 | 4.17 | 4.55 | 5.81 | 5.10 | 6.10 |
| | 1.49 | 4.00 | 2.78 | 4.82 | 4.88 | 5.71 | 8.43 | 7.06 |
| | 2.15 | 2.99 | 3.85 | 4.94 | 6.74 | 6.45 | 7.29 | 7.22 |
| | 2.25 | 2.33 | 3.70 | 6.00 | 5.13 | 6.02 | 7.14 | 7.96 |
| | 2.41 | 3.75 | 3.57 | 3.49 | 4.94 | 7.45 | 6.74 | 7.06 |
| Avg. | 2.16 | 3.18 | 3.57 | 4.68 | 5.25 | 6.29 | 6.94 | 7.08 |
| SD | 0.40 | 0.69 | 0.46 | 0.94 | 0.86 | 0.71 | 1.21 | 0.66 |
| 5 | 5.16 | 5.97 | 5.68 | 6.67 | 8.70 | 8.54 | 7.61 | 7.23 |
| | 6.10 | 5.32 | 6.17 | 8.99 | 7.14 | 7.87 | 8.14 | 8.42 |
| | 5.13 | 5.49 | 7.06 | 6.45 | 8.54 | 8.16 | 8.33 | 8.99 |
| | 5.68 | 5.75 | 6.90 | 8.64 | 7.96 | 8.33 | 8.16 | 8.08 |
| | 3.26 | 6.49 | 5.48 | 6.74 | 7.62 | 7.90 | 8.62 | 8.96 |
| Avg. | 5.07 | 5.81 | 6.26 | 7.50 | 7.99 | 8.16 | 8.17 | 8.34 |
| SD | 1.09 | 0.46 | 0.71 | 1.21 | 0.64 | 0.28 | 0.37 | 0.73 |
| 10 | 6.90 | 8.12 | 8.54 | 8.64 | 10.13 | 12.00 | 10.64 | 10.53 |
| | 5.95 | 8.33 | 7.41 | 9.76 | 11.39 | 10.23 | 10.84 | 11.49 |
| | 6.32 | 7.53 | 9.78 | 9.68 | 10.81 | 10.99 | 12.90 | 11.96 |
| | 6.52 | 6.98 | 8.99 | 8.79 | 10.87 | 11.58 | 12.09 | 13.54 |
| | 7.35 | 8.33 | 10.98 | 9.68 | 11.25 | 11.39 | 10.53 | 11.25 |
| Avg. | 6.39 | 7.86 | 9.14 | 9.31 | 10.89 | 11.24 | 11.40 | 11.75 |
| SD | 0.54 | 0.59 | 1.34 | 0.54 | 0.49 | 0.67 | 1.05 | 1.13 |

Table C5(continue) Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 15 | 8.99 | 8.99 | 9.57 | 12.64 | 12.90 | 15.69 | 13.54 | 14.89 |
| | 6.90 | 9.52 | 10.10 | 10.75 | 10.00 | 13.13 | 13.68 | 14.58 |
| | 7.69 | 8.43 | 10.11 | 11.46 | 11.24 | 12.26 | 13.83 | 12.12 |
| | 9.18 | 8.79 | 9.57 | 10.20 | 14.13 | 12.05 | 13.46 | 13.98 |
| | 9.47 | 8.70 | 10.47 | 9.47 | 13.64 | 15.91 | 14.74 | 15.29 |
| Avg. | 8.45 | 8.89 | 9.97 | 10.91 | 12.38 | 13.81 | 13.85 | 14.17 |
| SD | 1.10 | 0.41 | 0.39 | 1.21 | 1.72 | 1.86 | 0.52 | 1.24 |
| 20 | 11.76 | 10.89 | 12.20 | 13.98 | 14.15 | 15.84 | 12.12 | 16.49 |
| | 10.20 | 12.12 | 12.75 | 15.24 | 14.91 | 14.14 | 15.73 | 17.31 |
| | 9.184 | 10.42 | 11.83 | 12.61 | 14.95 | 15.15 | 19.44 | 19.09 |
| | 10.71 | 10.34 | 11.88 | 12.50 | 13.00 | 15.91 | 14.89 | 18.27 |
| | 10.87 | 11.24 | 11.61 | 13.40 | 14.85 | 14.29 | 17.14 | 17.14 |
| Avg. | 10.55 | 11.00 | 12.05 | 13.55 | 14.37 | 15.07 | 15.87 | 17.66 |
| SD | 0.95 | 0.72 | 0.44 | 1.12 | 0.84 | 0.83 | 2.71 | 1.02 |

Table C6 Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0 | 2.38 | 3.26 | 3.26 | 3.96 | 3.16 | 5.38 | 4.65 | 6.02 |
| | 1.18 | 2.35 | 2.30 | 3.53 | 3.45 | 4.30 | 5.32 | 5.32 |
| | 2.20 | 3.37 | 3.09 | 3.37 | 5.10 | 6.17 | 5.49 | 5.88 |
| | 2.15 | 2.25 | 3.03 | 4.17 | 4.26 | 4.08 | 6.02 | 7.69 |
| | 2.17 | 2.22 | 3.33 | 3.33 | 4.55 | 4.21 | 5.56 | 4.40 |
| Avg. | 2.02 | 2.69 | 3.00 | 3.67 | 4.10 | 4.83 | 5.41 | 5.86 |
| SD | 0.48 | 0.57 | 0.41 | 0.37 | 0.80 | 0.91 | 0.50 | 1.21 |
| 5 | 3.37 | 3.45 | 3.45 | 4.88 | 5.75 | 6.82 | 6.38 | 5.21 |
| | 3.16 | 4.17 | 4.90 | 3.16 | 5.68 | 6.00 | 4.76 | 5.38 |
| | 5.44 | 4.35 | 3.13 | 4.17 | 5.88 | 6.59 | 6.19 | 7.06 |
| | 3.16 | 3.92 | 3.92 | 4.60 | 5.75 | 6.10 | 6.02 | 6.38 |
| | 3.41 | 3.03 | 4.49 | 4.63 | 3.81 | 3.45 | 6.25 | 5.83 |
| Avg. | 3.71 | 3.78 | 3.98 | 4.29 | 5.37 | 5.79 | 5.92 | 5.97 |
| SD | 0.97 | 0.54 | 0.73 | 0.68 | 0.88 | 1.35 | 0.66 | 0.76 |
| 10 | 5.95 | 4.60 | 5.06 | 5.43 | 5.63 | 7.41 | 8.91 | 8.75 |
| | 6.85 | 5.32 | 5.75 | 5.26 | 8.14 | 6.76 | 7.78 | 6.85 |
| | 5.62 | 5.13 | 6.52 | 6.25 | 6.02 | 7.78 | 6.17 | 7.32 |
| | 3.90 | 6.74 | 4.55 | 7.23 | 7.53 | 6.82 | 6.67 | 6.25 |
| | 3.57 | 4.76 | 7.25 | 7.06 | 5.41 | 7.23 | 6.02 | 7.87 |
| Avg. | 5.18 | 5.31 | 5.82 | 6.25 | 6.55 | 7.20 | 7.11 | 7.41 |
| SD | 1.30 | 0.85 | 1.09 | 0.90 | 1.22 | 0.42 | 1.22 | 0.96 |

Table C6(continue) Raw data of weight loss of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy in DW

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 2 h | 4 h | 6 h | 8 h | 10 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 15 | 6.02 | 6.02 | 8.96 | 7.06 | 8.25 | 6.82 | 6.52 | 6.73 |
| | 6.10 | 6.25 | 5.13 | 7.37 | 5.88 | 8.05 | 7.79 | 7.55 |
| | 6.45 | 5.88 | 5.95 | 6.82 | 7.79 | 7.50 | 7.06 | 7.69 |
| | 6.52 | 6.82 | 6.58 | 6.76 | 6.80 | 6.82 | 9.46 | 8.43 |
| | 4.65 | 6.10 | 5.41 | 6.15 | 7.41 | 8.24 | 7.41 | 8.54 |
| Avg. | 5.95 | 6.21 | 6.40 | 6.83 | 7.23 | 7.48 | 7.65 | 7.79 |
| SD | 0.76 | 0.36 | 1.53 | 0.45 | 0.92 | 0.66 | 1.12 | 0.74 |
| 20 | 6.96 | 6.94 | 6.25 | 7.41 | 9.33 | 8.33 | 8.70 | 8.33 |
| | 5.63 | 7.14 | 7.69 | 8.45 | 7.58 | 7.84 | 9.09 | 8.60 |
| | 5.77 | 6.17 | 7.95 | 7.41 | 8.42 | 7.94 | 7.35 | 7.58 |
| | 7.25 | 8.11 | 7.69 | 7.37 | 7.06 | 8.45 | 8.82 | 9.52 |
| | 7.14 | 6.98 | 8.00 | 7.46 | 7.25 | 8.20 | 8.00 | 8.82 |
| Avg. | 6.55 | 7.07 | 7.52 | 7.62 | 7.93 | 8.15 | 8.39 | 8.57 |
| SD | 0.78 | 0.69 | 0.72 | 0.47 | 0.94 | 0.26 | 0.71 | 0.71 |

Appendix D Experimental data of moisture retention capability studies

Table D1 Raw data of moisture retention capability of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 3 h | 6 h | 9 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h | 72 h |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0 | 76.21 | 55.39 | 38.04 | 23.02 | 11.53 | 10.60 | 10.41 |
| | 77.22 | 56.98 | 39.86 | 24.65 | 11.49 | 10.68 | 10.43 |
| | 79.08 | 60.82 | 44.26 | 28.94 | 12.16 | 10.67 | 10.52 |
| | 81.32 | 64.63 | 48.54 | 33.20 | 13.27 | 10.69 | 10.51 |
| | 82.00 | 65.41 | 49.42 | 33.82 | 13.01 | 10.69 | 10.54 |
| Avg. | 79.17 | 60.65 | 44.02 | 28.72 | 12.29 | 10.67 | 10.48 |
| SD | 2.51 | 4.47 | 5.07 | 4.88 | 0.82 | 0.04 | 0.05 |
| 5 | 75.42 | 53.39 | 35.63 | 20.65 | 11.40 | 10.75 | 10.75 |
| | 75.66 | 54.32 | 36.01 | 21.83 | 11.41 | 10.86 | 10.72 |
| | 76.27 | 55.54 | 37.92 | 23.42 | 11.60 | 10.87 | 10.76 |
| | 77.59 | 57.27 | 39.05 | 23.87 | 11.49 | 10.77 | 10.59 |
| | 80.07 | 61.89 | 45.48 | 29.90 | 12.49 | 11.10 | 10.88 |
| Avg. | 77.00 | 56.48 | 38.83 | 23.93 | 11.68 | 10.87 | 10.74 |
| SD | 1.91 | 3.35 | 3.98 | 3.57 | 0.46 | 0.14 | 0.11 |
| 10 | 75.95 | 53.80 | 36.29 | 21.92 | 11.82 | 11.21 | 11.08 |
| | 76.29 | 55.19 | 37.23 | 23.05 | 11.83 | 11.19 | 11.08 |
| | 78.16 | 58.18 | 41.01 | 25.95 | 12.02 | 11.28 | 11.14 |
| | 78.6 | 59.18 | 41.96 | 27.01 | 12.50 | 11.40 | 11.36 |
| | 81.01 | 63.62 | 47.46 | 32.12 | 12.85 | 11.39 | 11.28 |
| Avg. | 78.00 | 57.99 | 40.79 | 26.01 | 12.20 | 11.29 | 11.19 |
| SD | 2.04 | 3.83 | 4.43 | 3.99 | 0.46 | 0.10 | 0.13 |

Table D1(continue) Raw data of moisture retention capability of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 3 h | 6 h | 9 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h | 72 h |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 15 | 72.92 | 48.94 | 30.18 | 17.22 | 11.38 | 11.00 | 10.93 |
| | 73.18 | 50.67 | 32.00 | 18.59 | 11.54 | 11.10 | 11.15 |
| | 73.33 | 49.78 | 30.67 | 17.53 | 11.49 | 11.11 | 11.11 |
| | 75.69 | 53.95 | 36.82 | 22.84 | 11.88 | 11.29 | 11.16 |
| | 77.24 | 56.38 | 38.66 | 24.49 | 12.05 | 11.27 | 11.19 |
| Avg. | 74.47 | 51.94 | 33.66 | 20.13 | 11.67 | 11.29 | 11.11 |
| SD | 1.91 | 3.12 | 4.43 | 3.31 | 0.28 | 0.12 | 0.12 |
| 20 | 72.74 | 50.63 | 32.79 | 19.67 | 12.66 | 12.24 | 12.01 |
| | 77.28 | 57.33 | 39.76 | 24.88 | 12.80 | 12.03 | 11.87 |
| | 75.92 | 53.56 | 34.39 | 20.12 | 12.46 | 11.98 | 11.94 |
| | 78.59 | 58.83 | 38.98 | 23.60 | 12.48 | 11.94 | 11.91 |
| | 78.82 | 60.12 | 42.12 | 27.04 | 13.12 | 12.26 | 12.06 |
| Avg. | 76.67 | 56.10 | 37.61 | 23.06 | 12.70 | 12.09 | 11.96 |
| SD | 2.48 | 3.92 | 3.92 | 3.15 | 0.27 | 0.15 | 0.08 |

Table D2 Raw data of moisture retention capability of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 3 h | 6 h | 9 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h | 72 h |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0 | 81.03 | 64.97 | 49.04 | 33.05 | 12.26 | 10.55 | 10.44 |
| | 81.16 | 65.66 | 49.68 | 33.63 | 12.63 | 10.69 | 10.45 |
| | 82.05 | 67.33 | 52.42 | 36.85 | 13.03 | 10.60 | 10.46 |
| | 82.05 | 66.86 | 52.08 | 36.05 | 12.67 | 10.90 | 10.57 |
| | 82.57 | 68.29 | 53.67 | 37.88 | 13.66 | 10.65 | 10.44 |
| Avg. | 81.77 | 66.62 | 51.37 | 35.49 | 12.85 | 10.68 | 10.47 |
| SD | 0.66 | 1.32 | 1.94 | 2.08 | 0.53 | 0.13 | 0.06 |
| 5 | 83.86 | 69.57 | 54.81 | 39.42 | 15.76 | 11.21 | 10.92 |
| | 84.23 | 70.13 | 55.85 | 40.84 | 16.08 | 11.27 | 10.96 |
| | 84.88 | 71.52 | 57.85 | 43.01 | 16.35 | 11.16 | 10.88 |
| | 83.85 | 69.71 | 55.45 | 39.97 | 15.16 | 11.19 | 10.91 |
| | 82.92 | 68.21 | 53.82 | 38.24 | 14.13 | 11.10 | 10.88 |
| Avg. | 83.95 | 69.83 | 55.55 | 40.30 | 15.49 | 11.19 | 10.91 |
| SD | 0.71 | 1.19 | 1.49 | 1.78 | 0.89 | 0.07 | 0.03 |
| 10 | 80.91 | 63.74 | 47.002 | 31.15 | 12.72 | 11.44 | 11.25 |
| | 80.39 | 62.78 | 46.088 | 30.24 | 12.57 | 11.43 | 11.27 |
| | 81.45 | 64.88 | 48.825 | 32.84 | 12.82 | 11.53 | 11.34 |
| | 82.01 | 66.01 | 50.817 | 34.93 | 13.04 | 11.39 | 11.24 |
| | 75.69 | 60.71 | 47.081 | 32.23 | 12.15 | 10.60 | 10.51 |
| Avg. | 80.09 | 63.62 | 47.96 | 32.27 | 12.66 | 11.28 | 11.12 |
| SD | 2.54 | 2.03 | 1.88 | 1.79 | 0.33 | 0.38 | 0.34 |

Table D2(continue) Raw data of moisture retention capability of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 3 h | 6 h | 9 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h | 72 h |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 15 | 88.20 | 70.17 | 52.30 | 34.88 | 14.21 | 12.59 | 12.36 |
| | 65.25 | 52.28 | 39.66 | 27.48 | 10.92 | 9.28 | 9.138 |
| | 62.75 | 51.55 | 40.49 | 29.36 | 11.45 | 8.84 | 8.664 |
| | 87.91 | 72.45 | 57.50 | 41.34 | 15.33 | 12.26 | 12.02 |
| | 82.72 | 67.08 | 53.31 | 37.83 | 14.50 | 11.68 | 11.57 |
| Avg. | 86.28 | 69.90 | 50.33 | 46.56 | 14.68 | 12.18 | 11.98 |
| SD | 3.08 | 2.69 | 8.07 | 3.24 | 0.58 | 0.46 | 0.40 |
| 20 | 79.89 | 62.17 | 45.59 | 30.19 | 13.48 | 12.129 | 11.95 |
| | 81.26 | 64.18 | 47.87 | 32.32 | 13.61 | 12.27 | 12.11 |
| | 82.36 | 66.1 | 51.10 | 35.94 | 15.05 | 12.332 | 12.05 |
| | 83.74 | 68.7 | 54.88 | 40.04 | 16.14 | 12.251 | 11.99 |
| | 82.80 | 66.97 | 52.99 | 37.70 | 14.47 | 12.216 | 12.00 |
| Avg. | 82.01 | 65.62 | 50.49 | 35.24 | 14.55 | 12.24 | 12.02 |
| SD | 1.48 | 2.53 | 3.77 | 3.99 | 1.10 | 0.07 | 0.06 |

Table D3 Raw data of moisture retention capability of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 3 h | 6 h | 9 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h | 72 h |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0 | 81.26 | 65.62 | 50.11 | 36.37 | 13.94 | 10.58 | 10.34 |
| | 80.32 | 63.48 | 46.96 | 30.28 | 12.01 | 10.49 | 10.37 |
| | 79.39 | 61.95 | 45.41 | 28.70 | 11.83 | 10.41 | 10.3 |
| | 81.68 | 65.64 | 50.37 | 33.69 | 12.66 | 10.54 | 10.37 |
| | 80.51 | 64.02 | 49.32 | 32.55 | 12.13 | 10.47 | 10.32 |
| Avg. | 80.63 | 64.14 | 48.43 | 32.32 | 12.51 | 10.50 | 10.34 |
| SD | 0.89 | 1.56 | 2.16 | 2.98 | 0.85 | 0.06 | 0.03 |
| 5 | 81.93 | 66.21 | 50.03 | 33.11 | 13.02 | 10.68 | 10.47 |
| | 82.54 | 67.40 | 51.81 | 35.37 | 13.74 | 10.73 | 10.46 |
| | 81.84 | 65.56 | 49.57 | 32.69 | 12.79 | 10.69 | 10.48 |
| | 83.25 | 68.46 | 53.92 | 37.78 | 14.62 | 11.02 | 10.7 |
| | 83.00 | 68.07 | 54.81 | 38.84 | 14.43 | 10.87 | 10.58 |
| Avg. | 82.51 | 67.14 | 52.03 | 35.56 | 13.72 | 10.80 | 10.54 |
| SD | 0.63 | 1.23 | 1.23 | 2.74 | 0.82 | 0.14 | 0.10 |
| 10 | 83.07 | 67.86 | 52.21 | 35.44 | 13.89 | 10.92 | 10.74 |
| | 81.92 | 66.05 | 50.40 | 33.99 | 13.01 | 10.89 | 10.65 |
| | 80.21 | 63.81 | 46.80 | 29.63 | 12.06 | 10.76 | 10.59 |
| | 80.25 | 63.15 | 47.06 | 30.33 | 12.05 | 10.63 | 10.48 |
| | 80.01 | 62.67 | 48.11 | 31.22 | 11.97 | 10.81 | 10.64 |
| Avg. | 81.09 | 64.71 | 48.92 | 32.12 | 12.60 | 10.80 | 10.62 |
| SD | 1.35 | 2.19 | 2.33 | 2.49 | 0.84 | 0.11 | 0.09 |

TableD3(continue) Raw data of moisture retention capability of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | 3 h | 6 h | 9 h | 12 h | 24 h | 48 h | 72 h |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 15 | 79.08 | 61.08 | 42.67 | 25.21 | 11.66 | 10.92 | 10.79 |
| | 77.79 | 59.36 | 42.08 | 25.28 | 11.67 | 11.00 | 10.75 |
| | 79.62 | 61.86 | 45.57 | 28.95 | 12.44 | 11.02 | 10.87 |
| | 73.98 | 53.18 | 34.72 | 18.48 | 11.24 | 10.24 | 10.71 |
| | 82.63 | 66.78 | 52.99 | 36.36 | 13.85 | 11.10 | 10.79 |
| Avg. | 78.62 | 60.45 | 43.60 | 26.86 | 12.17 | 10.86 | 10.78 |
| SD | 3.14 | 4.91 | 6.60 | 6.52 | 1.03 | 0.35 | 0.06 |
| 20 | 84.91 | 71.65 | 54.49 | 37.24 | 14.07 | 11.02 | 10.81 |
| | 81.88 | 66.27 | 49.55 | 32.94 | 13.05 | 10.90 | 10.73 |
| | 80.54 | 64.48 | 49.10 | 32.33 | 12.98 | 11.05 | 10.85 |
| | 80.63 | 63.96 | 47.83 | 31.06 | 12.54 | 10.97 | 10.81 |
| | 78.69 | 60.57 | 45.03 | 27.93 | 11.92 | 10.82 | 10.78 |
| Avg. | 81.33 | 65.39 | 49.20 | 32.30 | 12.91 | 10.95 | 10.80 |
| SD | 2.30 | 4.07 | 3.44 | 3.37 | 0.79 | 0.09 | 0.04 |

Figure D1 Water losing rate of the blended hydrogels at 25 kGy.

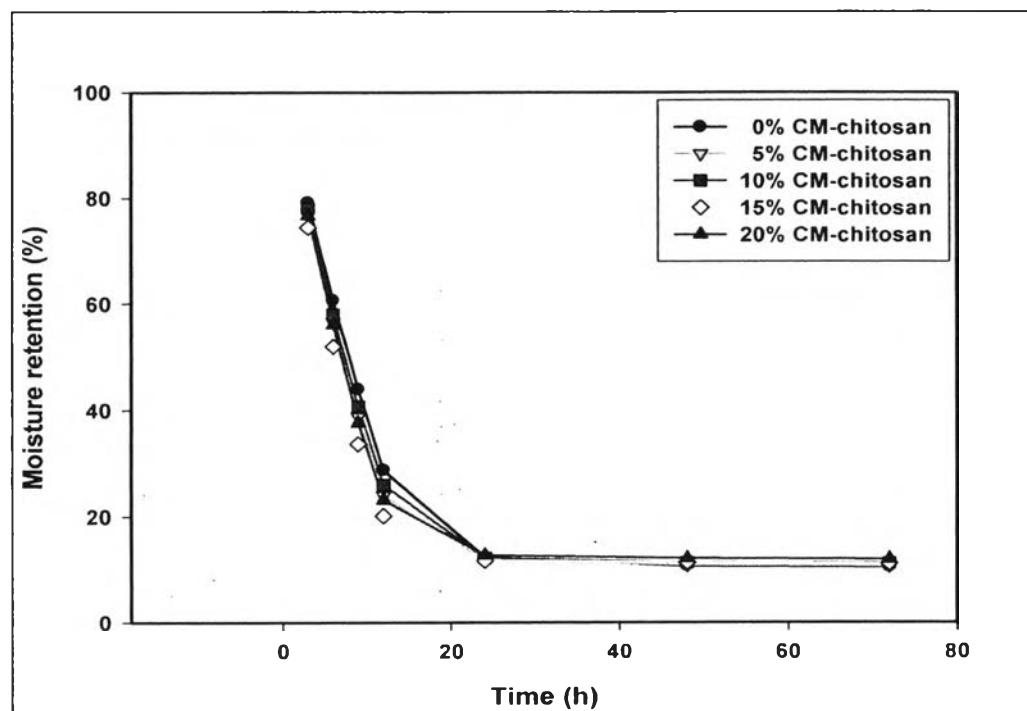


Figure D2 Water losing rate of the blended hydrogels at 35 kGy.

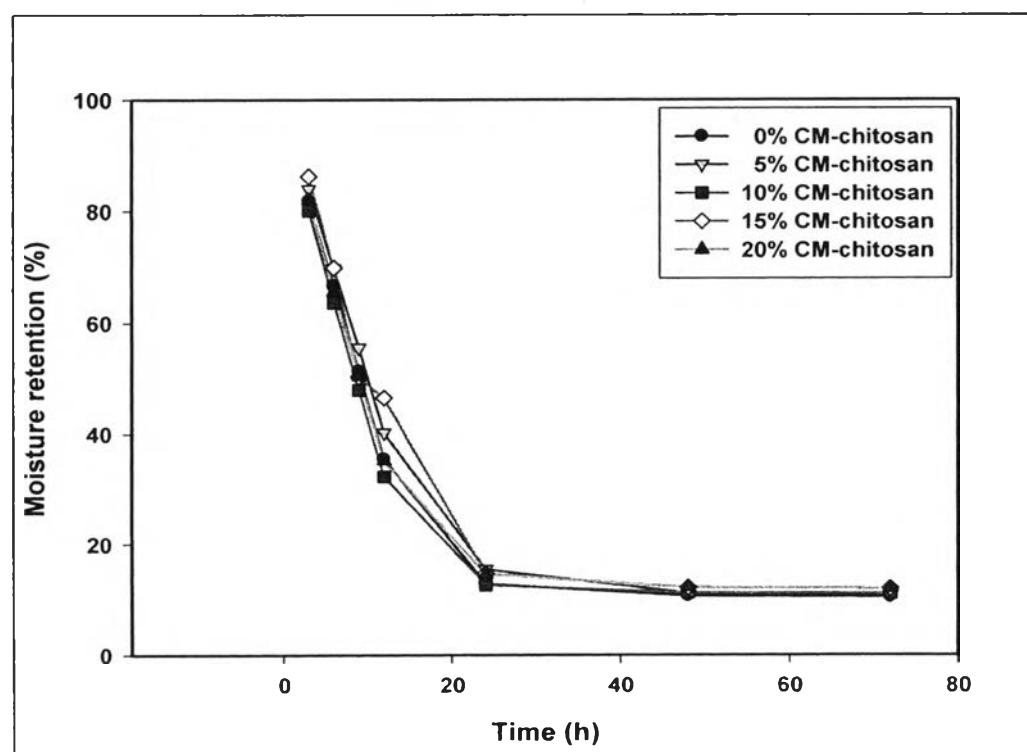
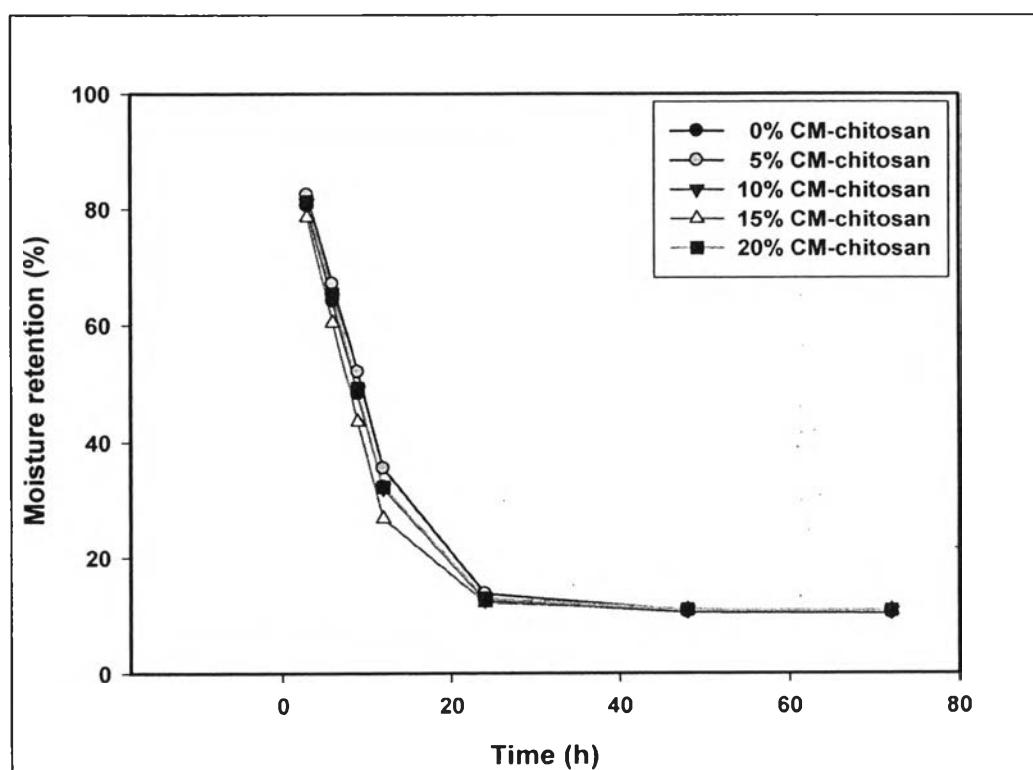


Figure D3 Water losing rate of the blended hydrogels at 45 kGy.



Appendix E Experimental Data of Water Absorption Studies

Table E1 Raw data of water absorption of the blended hydrogels

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Water Absorption (%) | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|
| | 25 kGy | 35 kGy | 45 kGy |
| 0 | 136.00 | 147.13 | 132.31 |
| | 135.64 | 137.11 | 137.00 |
| | 137.19 | 143.75 | 148.11 |
| | 139.82 | 134.86 | 140.56 |
| Avg. | 137.16 | 140.71 | 139.50 |
| SD | 1.89 | 5.70 | 6.67 |
| 5 | 171.52 | 141.77 | 156.88 |
| | 185.82 | 143.31 | 180.00 |
| | 191.04 | 144.23 | 152.98 |
| | 191.20 | 141.78 | 162.60 |
| Avg. | 184.90 | 142.77 | 163.12 |
| SD | 9.26 | 1.21 | 11.9 |
| 10 | 224.82 | 178.88 | 190.98 |
| | 169.60 | 178.51 | 179.59 |
| | 231.97 | 181.82 | 179.82 |
| | 210.19 | 187.85 | 186.59 |
| Avg. | 222.33 | 181.76 | 184.25 |
| SD | 27.90 | 3.39 | 5.54 |
| 15 | 306.28 | 268.59 | 191.87 |
| | 339.20 | 274.81 | 204.55 |
| | 289.14 | 260.65 | 200.00 |
| | - | 274.03 | 200.00 |
| Avg. | 311.54 | 269.52 | 199.10 |
| SD | 25.40 | 6.00 | 5.28 |
| 20 | 402.31 | 331.58 | 241.54 |
| | 392.43 | 340.44 | 243.57 |
| | 413.33 | 334.01 | 251.11 |
| | 396.30 | 348.65 | 235.20 |
| Avg. | 401.09 | 338.67 | 242.86 |
| SD | 9.12 | 7.97 | 7.15 |

Appendix F Experimental Data of Molecular Weight Between Crosslink of The Blended Hydrogels Studies

Table F1 Raw data of molecular weight between crosslink of the blended hydrogels

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | γ -irradiation doses (kGy) | v_s | d_p |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 0 | 25 | 0.402 | 0.111 |
| | 35 | 0.416 | |
| | 45 | 0.418 | |
| 5 | 25 | 0.351 | 0.112 |
| | 35 | 0.375 | |
| | 45 | 0.381 | |
| 10 | 25 | 0.326 | 0.112 |
| | 35 | 0.355 | |
| | 45 | 0.372 | |
| 15 | 25 | 0.244 | 0.113 |
| | 35 | 0.271 | |
| | 45 | 0.334 | |
| 20 | 25 | 0.200 | 0.114 |
| | 35 | 0.228 | |
| | 45 | 0.292 | |

Appendix G Experimental Data of Water Vapor Transmission Rate Studies

Table G1 Raw data of water vapor transmission rate of the blended hydrogels

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Water Vapor Transmission Rate (gm ² /h) | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------|--------|
| | 25 kGy | 35 kGy | 45 kGy |
| 0 | 326.37 | 238.67 | 147.20 |
| | 359.76 | 363.37 | 129.00 |
| | 374.73 | 287.15 | 145.63 |
| | 329.51 | 318.46 | 138.54 |
| | 359.57 | 367.89 | 141.33 |
| Avg. | 349.99 | 315.11 | 140.34 |
| SD | 21.07 | 45.57 | 7.21 |
| 5 | 414.64 | 274.31 | 192.01 |
| | 338.33 | 290.54 | 165.87 |
| | 359.98 | 252.69 | 172.77 |
| | 358.10 | 310.75 | 178.61 |
| | 338.64 | 306.38 | 144.09 |
| Avg. | 361.94 | 286.93 | 170.67 |
| SD | 31.21 | 23.93 | 17.69 |
| 10 | 398.92 | 388.94 | 201.73 |
| | 374.07 | 288.28 | 178.51 |
| | 400.90 | 326.31 | 167.12 |
| | 345.14 | 366.94 | 187.77 |
| | 405.42 | 341.28 | 194.83 |
| Avg. | 384.89 | 342.35 | 186.00 |
| SD | 25.57 | 38.59 | 13.61 |
| 15 | 429.58 | 306.04 | 183.13 |
| | 351.66 | 234.27 | 174.06 |
| | 376.83 | 289.82 | 172.18 |
| | 379.46 | 253.45 | 177.54 |
| | 384.39 | 287.93 | 169.32 |
| Avg. | 384.39 | 274.3 | 175.24 |
| SD | 28.26 | 29.46 | 5.323 |
| 20 | 385.14 | 259.16 | 169.54 |
| | 318.43 | 300.64 | 180.33 |
| | 329.95 | 292.33 | 186.27 |
| | 401.62 | 303.5 | 176.22 |
| | 326.65 | 307.2 | 206.66 |
| Avg. | 352.36 | 292.56 | 183.80 |
| SD | 38.13 | 19.46 | 14.16 |

Appendix H Experimental Data of Indirect Cytotoxicity Studies

Table H1 Raw data of indirect cytotoxicity of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan), determined the viability of cells by MTT assay method at 570 nm

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Absorbance at 570 nm | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|
| | 1 day | 2 day | 3 day |
| control | 0.179 | 0.192 | 0.197 |
| | 0.159 | 0.194 | 0.193 |
| | 0.193 | 0.226 | 0.213 |
| Avg. | 0.177 | 0.204 | 0.201 |
| % viability of cells | 100.000 | 115.254 | 113.559 |
| SD | 1.708 | 1.907 | 1.058 |
| 0 | 0.191 | 0.21 | 0.223 |
| | 0.200 | 0.189 | 0.237 |
| | 0.203 | 0.226 | 0.294 |
| Avg. | 0.198 | 0.208 | 0.251 |
| % viability of cells | 111.864 | 117.702 | 141.996 |
| SD | 0.624 | 1.855 | 3.761 |
| 5 | 0.208 | 0.236 | 0.251 |
| | 0.191 | 0.223 | 0.226 |
| | 0.234 | 0.259 | 0.245 |
| Avg. | 0.211 | 0.239 | 0.241 |
| % viability of cells | 119.209 | 135.217 | 135.970 |
| SD | 2.166 | 1.823 | 1.305 |
| 10 | 0.223 | 0.218 | 0.197 |
| | 0.213 | 0.221 | - |
| | 0.215 | 0.225 | 0.258 |
| Avg. | 0.217 | 0.221 | 0.228 |
| % viability of cells | 122.599 | 125.047 | 128.531 |
| SD | 0.529 | 0.351 | 9.646 |
| 15 | 0.248 | 0.238 | - |
| | 0.231 | 0.235 | 0.219 |
| | 0.230 | 0.211 | 0.213 |
| Avg. | 0.236 | 0.228 | 0.216 |
| % viability of cells | 133.522 | 128.813 | 122.034 |
| SD | 1.011 | 1.480 | 6.704 |
| 20 | 0.287 | 0.209 | 0.221 |
| | 0.243 | 0.230 | 0.256 |
| | 0.287 | 0.254 | 0.291 |
| Avg. | 0.272 | 0.231 | 0.256 |
| % viability of cells | 153.861 | 130.509 | 144.633 |
| SD | 2.540 | 2.252 | 3.500 |

Table H2 Raw data of indirect cytotoxicity of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC), determined the viability of cells by MTT assay method at 570 nm

| TMC content (%w/w of PVA) | Absorbance at 570 nm | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| | 1 day | 7 day |
| control | 0.302 | 0.385 |
| | 0.316 | 0.394 |
| | 0.317 | 0.392 |
| Avg. | 0.312 | 0.390 |
| % viability of cells | 100.000 | 125.241 |
| SD | 0.839 | 0.472 |
| 0 | 0.257 | 0.372 |
| | 0.331 | 0.369 |
| | 0.306 | 0.402 |
| Avg. | 0.319 | 0.381 |
| % viability of cells | 102.193 | 122.246 |
| SD | 1.768 | 0.473 |
| 5 | 0.300 | 0.321 |
| | 0.316 | 0.332 |
| | 0.291 | 0.354 |
| Avg. | 0.302 | 0.336 |
| % viability of cells | 97.005 | 107.701 |
| SD | 1.266 | 1.680 |
| 10 | 0.312 | 0.367 |
| | 0.299 | 0.367 |
| | 0.271 | - |
| Avg. | 0.294 | 0.367 |
| % viability of cells | 94.332 | 117.754 |
| SD | 2.095 | 0 |
| 15 | 0.289 | 0.337 |
| | 0.295 | 0.336 |
| | 0.257 | 0.284 |
| Avg. | 0.292 | 0.337 |
| % viability of cells | 93.690 | 107.968 |
| SD | 0.424 | 0.071 |

Appendix I Experimental Data of Minimum Inhibitory Concentration Studies

Table I1 Raw data of minimum inhibitory concentration of *N*-trimethyl Chitosan Chloride (TMC) aginst bacteria in skin infection

| Bacteria | Concentration of TMC (mg/ml) | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 10.0000 | 5.0000 | 2.5000 | 1.2500 | 0.6250 | 0.3125 |
| <i>Acinetobacter anitratius</i> DMST 4183 | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| <i>Acinetobacter calcoaceticus</i> ATCC 23055 | - | - | - | - | + | + |
| <i>Acinetobacter lwoffii</i> ATCC 15309 | - | - | - | - | + | + |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 | - | 0.5 | + | + | + | + |
| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginasa</i> ATCC 27853 | - | - | + | + | + | + |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923 | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> DMST 20654 (MRSA) | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> ATCC 12228 | - | - | - | - | + | + |
| <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> DMST 17020 | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> DMST 17303 | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Candida albican</i> ATCC 10231 | - | 0.9 | + | + | + | + |

Table I2 Raw data of minimum inhibitory concentration of carboxymethyl chitosan (CM-chitosan) against bacteria in skin infection

| Bacteria | Concentration of CM-chitosan (mg/ml) | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 10.0000 | 5.0000 | 2.5000 | 1.2500 | 0.6250 | 0.3125 |
| <i>Acinetobacter anitratus</i> DMST 4183 | - | - | + | + | + | + |
| <i>Acinetobacter calcoaceticus</i> ATCC 23055 | - | - | - | 0.4 | + | + |
| <i>Acinetobacter lwoffii</i> ATCC 15309 | - | - | - | - | + | + |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (DMST 4212) | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853 | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923 | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> DMST 20654 (MRSA) | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> ATCC 12228 | - | - | - | - | + | + |
| <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> DMST 17020 | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> DMST 17303 | - | - | - | + | + | + |
| <i>Candida albican</i> ATCC 10231 | - | - | + | + | + | + |

Appendix J Experimental data of colony count studies

Table J1 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan) against *Acinetobacter Iwoffii* ATCC 15309

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 0 | 9.00 x 10 ⁸ | 1.10 x 10 ⁹ | 1.00 x 10 ⁹ | 0.14 x 10 ⁹ |
| 5 | 1.40 x 10 ⁴ | 1.23 x 10 ⁴ | 1.32 x 10 ⁴ | 0.12 x 10 ⁴ |
| 10 | 5.00 x 10 ² | 5.30 x 10 ² | 5.15 x 10 ² | 0.21 x 10 ² |
| 15 | 3.70 x 10 ² | 3.70 x 10 ² | 3.70 x 10 ² | - |
| 20 | 1.00 x 10 ² | 1.00 x 10 ² | 1.00 x 10 ² | - |

Table J2 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan) against *Acinetobacter Iwoffii* ATCC 15309

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| 0 | 9.00 x 10 ⁷ | 1.10 x 10 ⁸ | 1.00 x 10 ⁸ | 0.14 x 10 ⁸ | - |
| 5 | 1.40 x 10 ³ | 1.23 x 10 ³ | 1.32 x 10 ³ | 0.12 x 10 ³ | 99.99 |
| 10 | 5.00 x 10 | 5.30 x 10 | 5.15 x 10 | 0.21 x 10 | 99.99 |
| 15 | 3.70 x 10 | - | 3.70 x 10 | - | 99.99 |
| 20 | 1.00 x 10 | - | 1.00 x 10 | - | 99.99 |

Table J3 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan) against *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0 | 3.00 x 10 ¹⁰ | 2.54 x 10 ¹⁰ | 2.77 x 10 ¹⁰ | 0.33 x 10 ¹⁰ |
| 5 | 2.50 x 10 ¹⁰ | 2.86 x 10 ¹⁰ | 2.68 x 10 ¹⁰ | 0.25 x 10 ¹⁰ |
| 10 | 1.70 x 10 ¹⁰ | 1.91 x 10 ¹⁰ | 1.81 x 10 ¹⁰ | 0.14 x 10 ¹⁰ |
| 15 | 1.20 x 10 ⁹ | 1.14 x 10 ⁹ | 1.17 x 10 ⁹ | 0.04 x 10 ⁹ |
| 20 | 2.40 x 10 ⁷ | 2.86 x 10 ⁷ | 2.63 x 10 ⁷ | 0.33 x 10 ⁷ |

Table J4 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan) against *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 0 | 3.00×10^9 | 2.54×10^9 | 2.77×10^9 | 3.25×10^9 | - |
| 5 | 2.50×10^9 | 2.86×10^9 | 2.68×10^9 | 2.54×10^9 | 3.25 |
| 10 | 1.70×10^9 | 1.91×10^9 | 1.81×10^9 | 1.48×10^9 | 34.38 |
| 15 | 1.20×10^9 | 1.14×10^9 | 1.17×10^9 | 0.42×10^9 | 57.76 |
| 20 | 2.40×10^7 | 2.86×10^7 | 2.63×10^7 | 0.32×10^7 | 99.05 |

Table J5 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan) against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml . 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | 3.40×10^{10} | 2.98×10^{10} | 3.19×10^{10} | 0.29×10^{10} |
| 5 | 1.60×10^{10} | 1.84×10^{10} | 1.72×10^{10} | 0.16×10^{10} |
| 10 | 1.20×10^{10} | 1.16×10^{10} | 1.18×10^{10} | 0.03×10^{10} |
| 15 | 6.00×10^9 | 7.00×10^9 | 6.50×10^9 | 0.71×10^9 |
| 20 | 5.00×10^3 | 4.80×10^3 | 4.90×10^3 | 0.14×10^3 |

Table J6 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan) against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 0 | 3.40×10^9 | 2.98×10^9 | 3.19×10^9 | 0.30×10^9 | - |
| 5 | 1.60×10^9 | 1.84×10^9 | 1.72×10^9 | 0.17×10^9 | 46.08 |
| 10 | 1.20×10^9 | 1.16×10^9 | 1.81×10^9 | 0.28×10^9 | 63.01 |
| 15 | 6.00×10^8 | 7.00×10^8 | 6.50×10^8 | 0.71×10^8 | 79.62 |
| 20 | 5.00×10^2 | 4.80×10^2 | 4.90×10^2 | 0.14×10^2 | 99.99 |

Table J7 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan) against *Staphylococcus aureus* DMST 20654 (MRSA)

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 0 | 1.20×10^9 | 6.60×10^8 | 9.30×10^8 | 3.81×10^8 |
| 5 | 9.00×10^8 | 9.20×10^8 | 9.10×10^8 | 0.14×10^8 |
| 10 | 3.00×10^8 | 2.80×10^8 | 2.90×10^8 | 0.14×10^8 |
| 15 | 6.60×10^7 | 1.20×10^7 | 9.30×10^7 | 3.82×10^7 |
| 20 | 3.80×10^5 | 3.70×10^5 | 3.75×10^5 | 0.07×10^5 |

Table J8 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan) against *Staphylococcus aureus* DMST 20654 (MRSA)

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 0 | 1.20×10^8 | 6.60×10^7 | 9.30×10^7 | 3.81×10^7 | - |
| 5 | 9.00×10^7 | 9.20×10^7 | 9.10×10^7 | 0.14×10^7 | 2.20 |
| 10 | 3.00×10^7 | 2.80×10^7 | 2.90×10^7 | 0.14×10^7 | 68.82 |
| 15 | 6.60×10^6 | 1.20×10^7 | 9.30×10^6 | 3.82×10^6 | 90.00 |
| 20 | 3.80×10^4 | 3.70×10^4 | 3.75×10^4 | 0.07×10^4 | 99.96 |

Table J9 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM- chitosan) against *Staphylococcus epidermidis* ATCC 12228

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | 1.10×10^{10} | 1.38×10^{10} | 1.24×10^{10} | 0.20×10^{10} |
| 5 | 8.76×10^6 | 8.40×10^6 | 8.58×10^6 | 0.25×10^6 |
| 10 | 2.00×10^2 | 1.30×10^2 | 1.65×10^2 | 0.49×10^2 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| 20 | 0 | 0 | - | - |

Table J10 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM- chitosan) against *Staphylococcus epidermidis* ATCC 12228

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 0 | 1.10×10^9 | 1.38×10^9 | 1.24×10^9 | 0.20×10^9 | - |
| 5 | 8.76×10^5 | 8.40×10^5 | 8.58×10^5 | 0.25×10^5 | 99.96 |
| 10 | 2.00×10 | 1.30×10 | 1.65×10 | 0.49×10 | 99.99 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 100.00 |
| 20 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 100.00 |

Table J11 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM- chitosan) against *Listeria monocytogenes* DMST 17303

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 0 | 2.00×10^9 | 1.80×10^9 | 1.75×10^9 | 0.28×10^9 |
| 5 | 2.00×10^5 | 1.95×10^5 | 1.98×10^5 | 0.03×10^5 |
| 10 | 6.00×10^4 | 8.60×10^4 | 7.30×10^4 | 1.84×10^4 |
| 15 | 3.70×10^4 | 3.68×10^4 | 3.96×10^4 | 0.01×10^4 |
| 20 | 5.00×10 | - | 5.00×10 | - |

Table J12 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM- chitosan) against *Listeria monocytogenes* DMST 17303

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 0 | 2.00×10^8 | 1.80×10^{98} | 1.75×10^8 | 0.28×10^8 | - |
| 5 | 2.00×10^4 | 1.95×10^4 | 1.98×10^4 | 0.03×10^4 | 99.98 |
| 10 | 6.00×10^3 | 8.60×10^3 | 7.30×10^3 | 1.84×10^3 | 99.99 |
| 15 | 3.70×10^3 | 3.68×10^3 | 3.96×10^3 | 0.01×10^3 | 99.99 |
| 20 | 5.00×10^0 | - | 5.00×10^0 | - | 99.99 |

Table J13 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Acinetobacter Iwoffii* ATCC 15309

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Control | 8.00 x 10 ⁸ | 9.80 x 10 ⁸ | 8.90 x 10 ⁸ | 1.27 x 10 ⁸ |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |

Table J14 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Acinetobacter Iwoffii* ATCC 15309

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|----|------------------------|
| Control | 8.00 x 10 ⁸ | 9.80 x 10 ⁸ | 8.90 x 10 ⁸ | | 1.27 x 10 ⁸ |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 100.00 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 100.00 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 100.00 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 100.00 |

Table J15 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Control | 1.30 x 10 ¹⁰ | 1.51 x 10 ¹⁰ | 1.41 x 10 ¹⁰ | 0.14 x 10 ¹⁰ |
| 0 | 1.20 x 10 ¹⁰ | 1.14 x 10 ¹⁰ | 1.17 x 10 ¹⁰ | 0.04 x 10 ¹⁰ |
| 5 | 7.00 x 10 ⁹ | 8.00 x 10 ⁹ | 7.50 x 10 ⁹ | 0.71 x 10 ⁹ |
| 10 | 2.00 x 10 ⁹ | 2.67 x 10 ⁹ | 2.34 x 10 ⁹ | 0.47 x 10 ⁹ |
| 15 | 6.40 x 10 ⁸ | 5.97 x 10 ⁸ | 6.19 x 10 ⁸ | 0.30 x 10 ⁸ |

Table J16 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Control | 1.30×10^9 | 1.51×10^9 | 1.41×10^9 | 0.14×10^9 | - |
| 0 | 1.20×10^9 | 1.14×10^9 | 1.17×10^9 | 0.04×10^9 | 16.73 |
| 5 | 7.00×10^8 | 8.00×10^8 | 7.50×10^8 | 0.71×10^8 | 46.62 |
| 10 | 2.00×10^8 | 2.67×10^8 | 2.34×10^8 | 0.47×10^8 | 83.38 |
| 15 | 6.40×10^8 | 5.97×10^8 | 6.19×10^8 | 0.30×10^8 | 95.60 |

Table J17 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Control | 8.40×10^{10} | - | 8.40×10^{10} | - |
| 0 | 6.00×10^9 | 7.00×10^9 | 6.50×10^9 | 0.71×10^9 |
| 5 | 3.00×10^9 | 4.00×10^9 | 3.50×10^9 | 0.71×10^9 |
| 10 | 5.00×10^8 | 4.60×10^8 | 2.34×10^8 | 0.28×10^8 |
| 15 | 2.00×10^8 | 2.00×10^8 | 2.00×10^8 | - |

Table J18 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Control | 8.40×10^9 | - | 8.40×10^9 | - | - |
| 0 | 6.00×10^8 | 7.00×10^8 | 6.50×10^8 | 0.71×10^8 | 92.26 |
| 5 | 3.00×10^8 | 4.00×10^8 | 3.50×10^8 | 0.71×10^8 | 95.83 |
| 10 | 5.00×10^7 | 4.60×10^8 | 2.34×10^7 | 0.28×10^7 | 99.43 |
| 15 | 2.00×10^7 | 2.00×10^7 | 2.00×10^7 | - | 99.76 |

Table J19 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Staphylococcus aureus* DMST 20654 (MRSA)

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Control | 2.80×10^{10} | 2.18×10^{10} | 2.49×10^{10} | 0.44×10^{10} |
| 0 | 1.20×10^9 | 6.60×10^8 | 9.30×10^8 | 3.82×10^8 |
| 5 | 3.00×10^8 | 2.80×10^8 | 2.90×10^8 | 0.14×10^8 |
| 10 | 2.00×10^7 | 4.00×10^7 | 3.00×10^7 | 1.41×10^7 |
| 15 | 1.00×10^7 | 1.40×10^7 | 1.20×10^7 | 0.28×10^7 |

Table J20 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Staphylococcus aureus* DMST 20654 (MRSA)

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Control | 2.80×10^9 | 2.18×10^9 | 2.49×10^9 | 0.44×10^9 | - |
| 0 | 1.20×10^8 | 6.60×10^7 | 9.30×10^7 | 3.82×10^7 | 96.27 |
| 5 | 3.00×10^7 | 2.80×10^7 | 2.90×10^7 | 0.14×10^7 | 98.84 |
| 10 | 2.00×10^6 | 4.00×10^6 | 3.00×10^6 | 1.41×10^6 | 99.88 |
| 15 | 1.00×10^6 | 1.40×10^6 | 1.20×10^6 | 0.28×10^6 | 99.95 |

Table J21 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Staphylococcus epidermidis* ATCC 12228

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----|
| Control | 7.00×10^{10} | - | 7.00×10^{10} | - |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |

Table J22 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Staphylococcus epidermidis* ATCC 12228

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----|--------|
| Control | 7.00×10^9 | - | 7.00×10^9 | - | - |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 100.00 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 100.00 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 100.00 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 100.00 |

Table J23 Raw data of colony forming unit (CFU/ml) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Listeria monocytogenes* DMST 17303

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | CFU/ml 1 st | CFU/ml 2 nd | Avg. | SD |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Control | 3.00×10^9 | 2.00×10^9 | 2.50×10^9 | 0.71×10^9 |
| 0 | 3.70×10^4 | 3.68×10^4 | 3.69×10^4 | 0.04×10^4 |
| 5 | 7.00×10^3 | 7.80×10^3 | 7.40×10^3 | 0.57×10^3 |
| 10 | 1.00×10^3 | 1.00×10^3 | 1.00×10^3 | - |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |

Table J24 Raw data of bacteria reduction rate (BRR) of the blended hydrogels (PVA/CM-chitosan/TMC) against *Listeria monocytogenes* DMST 17303

| CM-chitosan content (%w/w of PVA) | Bacteria (cells) 1 st | Bacteria (cells) 2 nd | Avg. | SD | BRR |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Control | 3.00×10^8 | 2.00×10^8 | 2.50×10^8 | 0.71×10^8 | - |
| 0 | 3.70×10^3 | 3.68×10^3 | 3.69×10^3 | 0.04×10^3 | 99.99 |
| 5 | 7.00×10^2 | 7.80×10^2 | 7.40×10^2 | 0.57×10^2 | 99.99 |
| 10 | 1.00×10^2 | 1.00×10^2 | 1.00×10^2 | - | 99.99 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 100.00 |

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