

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

# Characterization of Tuna Gelatin-Based Hydrogels as a Matrix for Drug Delivery

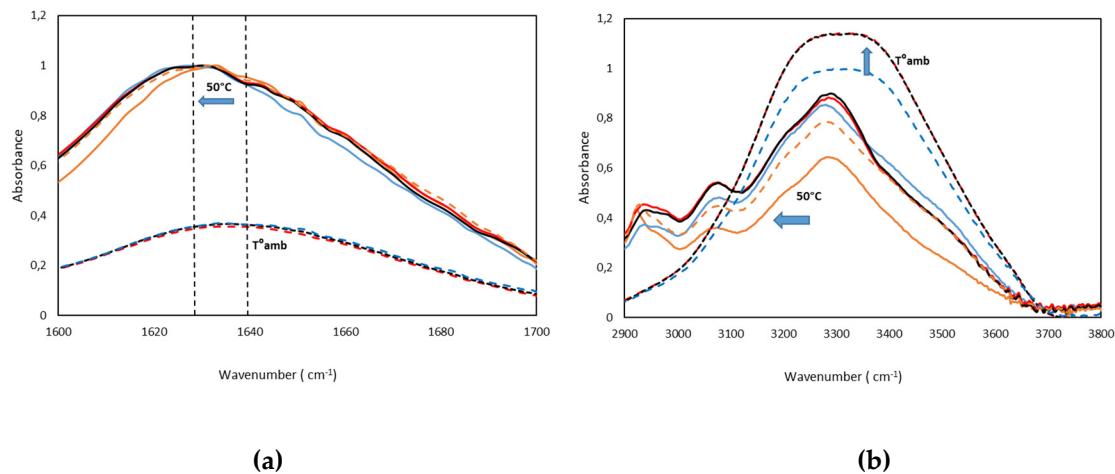
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**Table S1.** The compilation of the major band assignments for Dry GE, 25GE, 25GE/Dox, and 25GE/Crocin at 25°C.

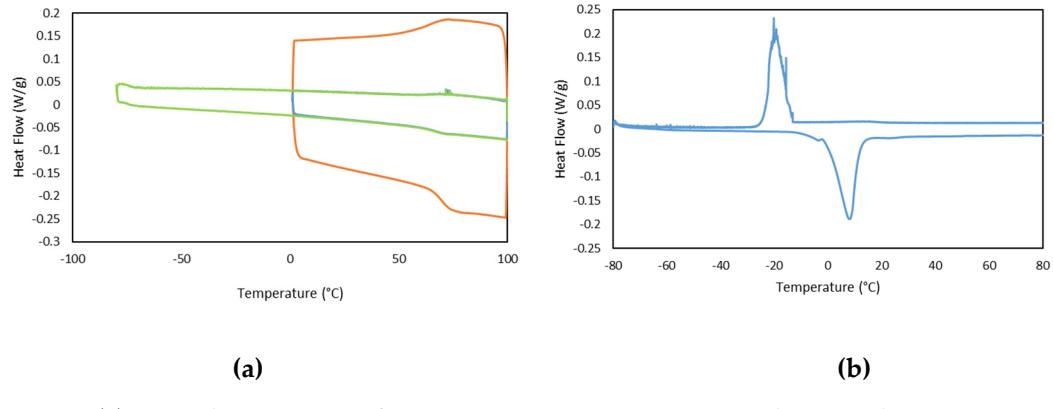
| Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) |                     |                         |                       | Assignment                   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Dry GE                         | 25 GE               | 25 GE/Dox               | 25 GE/Crocin          |                              |
| 3284                           | 3330                | 3297                    | 3297                  | N-H/O-H                      |
| 2850-3000                      | 2850-3000           | -                       | -                     | Aliphatic bond stretching CH |
| 1333, 1444                     | 1338, 1462          | -                       | -                     | Aliphatic bending CH         |
| 1631,1528,1238<br>975          | 1634,1557,1244<br>- | 1637, 1555, 1247<br>973 | 1635, 1558, 1248<br>- | Amide I,II,III<br>CNC        |
| 528,612,700                    | 532,607,704         | -                       | -                     | Amide IV,V,VI                |
| 1164-1080                      | 1165,1082,1032      | 1200-1011               | 1200-1028             | Bond stretching C-O, C-O-C   |
| 600                            | 600                 | 652                     | 654                   | Water                        |
| -                              | -                   | 621                     | -                     | N-C=O                        |

**Table S2.** Major band assignments for Dry GE, 25GE, 25GE/Dox, and 25GE/Crocin at 50°C.

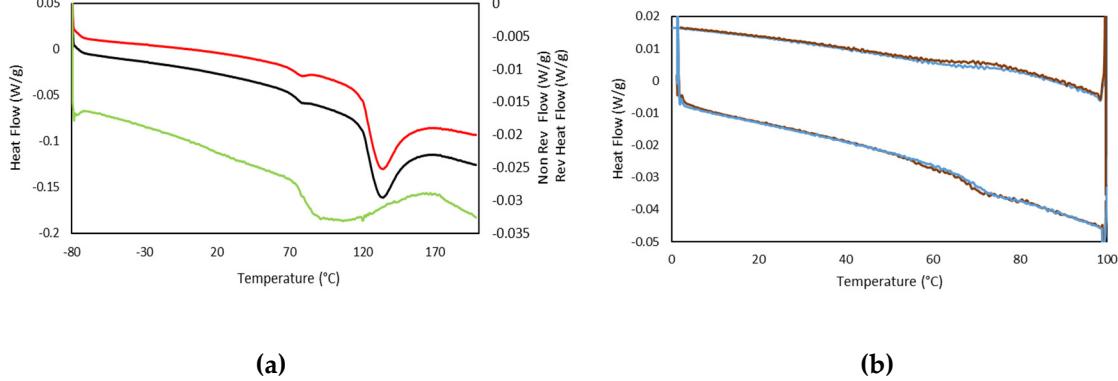
| Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) |                       |                         |                         | Assignment                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Dry GE                         | 25 GE                 | 25 GE/Dox               | 25 GE/Crocin            |                              |
| 3284                           | 3280                  | 3285                    | 3285                    | N-H/O-H                      |
| 2850-3000                      | 2850 - 3000           | 2890 - 3000             | 2890 - 3000             | Aliphatic bond stretching CH |
| 1334, 1447                     | 1334, 1447            | 1300-1447               | 1335-1447               | Aliphatic bending CH         |
| 1633, 1519, 1236<br>920        | 1627, 1530, 1239<br>- | 1630, 1529, 1237<br>973 | 1630, 1529, 1237<br>973 | Amide I,II,III<br>CNC        |
| 561, 660, 703                  | 556, 657, 704         | -                       | -                       | Amide IV,V,VI                |
| 1163, 1080, 1031               | 1164, 1080, 1032      | 1200-1031               | -                       | Bond stretching C-O, C-O-C   |
| 600                            | 600                   | 652                     | -                       | Water                        |
| -                              | -                     | 621                     | -                       | N-C=O                        |
| -                              | -                     | 1730                    | -                       | C=O from Dox                 |

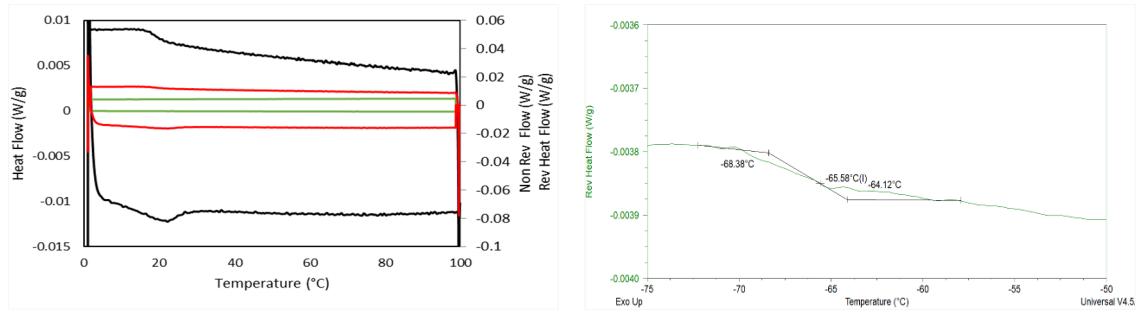


**Figure S1.** (a) Comparison of FTIR spectra at room temperature (dashed lines) and FTIR spectra at 50°C (solid lines) in the 1600-1700 cm<sup>-1</sup> region, (b) Comparison of FTIR spectra at room temperature (dashed lines) and FTIR spectra at 50°C (solid lines) in the 2900-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> region, of (-) Dry GE , (-) 25GE, (-) 25GE/DOX and (-) 25GE/Crocin.



**Figure S2.** (a) DSC thermogram of Dry GE at 5°C·min<sup>-1</sup> (orange colour) and 1°C·min<sup>-1</sup> (green colour), (b) DSC thermogram of 25GE at 1°C·min<sup>-1</sup>.





**Figure S3.** MDSC of **(a)** Dry GE in the Rev Heat Flow (green colour), Non Rev. Heat Flow (Black colour) and Heat Flow (red colour), **(b)** Dry GE at 1K/min (Two reps), **(c)** 25GE in the Rev Heat Flow (green colour), Non Rev. Heat Flow (Black colour) and Heat Flow (red colour), **(d)** MDSC of 25GE in the Reversing Heat Flow.