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## Preparation and physical properties of nano-cerium ion doped carboxymethyl cellulose/alginate composite films

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Carboxymethyl cellulose and alginate are non-toxic, biocompatible, and biodegradable biopolymers and are easily obtained from natural sources. In our previous study, we reported that alginate films crosslinked with cerium ions gained antimicrobial properties [1]. In addition to the antibacterial properties of cerium ions, it was reported that cerium doped composites enhanced the osteoblastic cell response [2] and cerium (III) ions increased fibroblast proliferation [3]. Cerium (III) nitrate has been successfully used in clinics for burn treatment [4]. The addition of nanoparticles to polysaccharide films increase their mechanical strength and add them different qualities. In the present study, novel cerium nanoparticles doped and cerium ion crosslinked carboxymethyl cellulose/alginate composite films were prepared as potential wound dressing materials and their physical properties were revealed by Fourier Transformed Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), tensile testing, swelling and light transparency experiments, and thermogravimetric analysis (TGA).

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