

Gelatin-Oxidized Alginate and Chitosan-Coated Zein Nanoparticles Hydrogel Composite to Enhance Breast Cancer Cytotoxicity in Dual-Drug Delivery

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Supporting Information

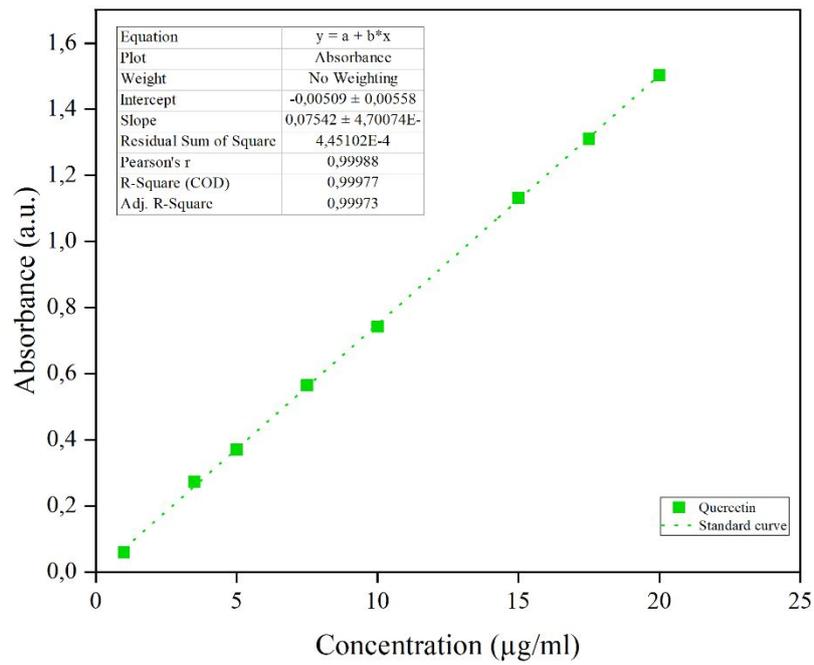
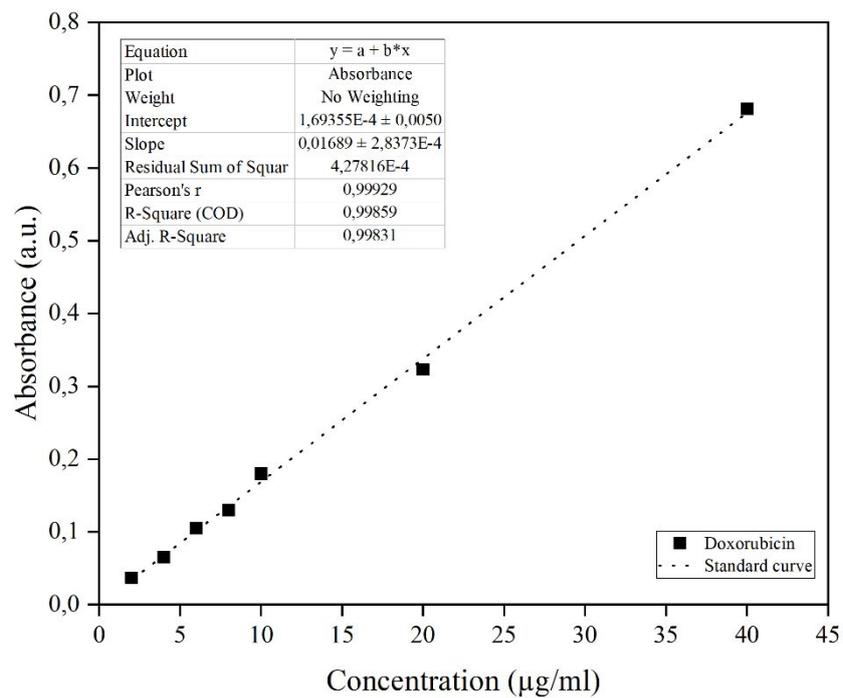


Figure S1. Quercetin calibration curve ($\lambda = 373$ nm) for loading capacity and efficiency



and release.

Figure S2. Doxorubicin calibration curve ($\lambda = 478$ nm) for drug release experiments.

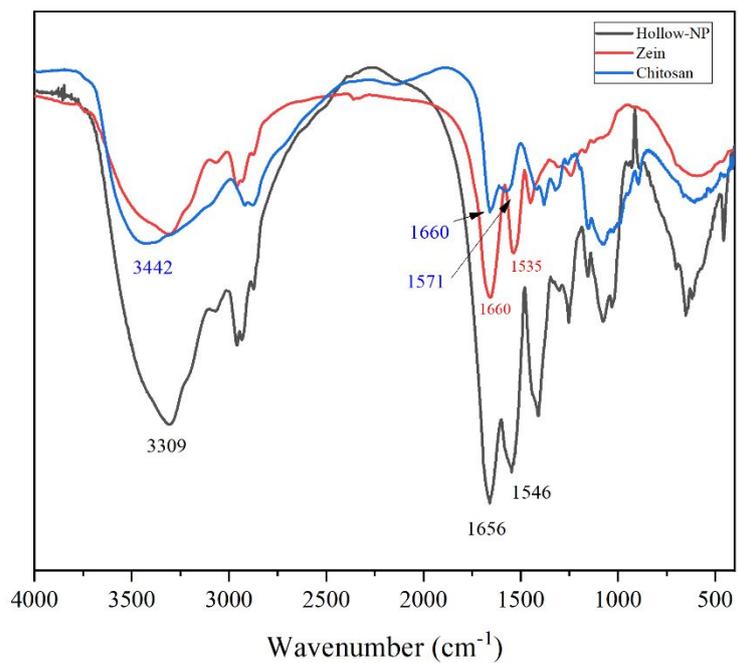


Figure S3. FTIR spectra of hollow chitosan-coated zein nanoparticles (NP) and its raw materials: Zein and chitosan.

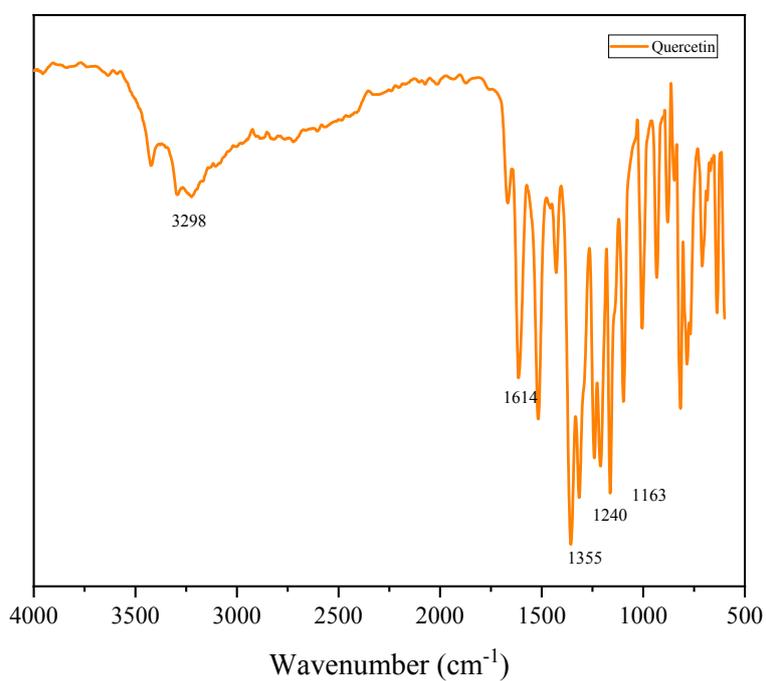


Figure S4. FTIR spectrum of quercetin.

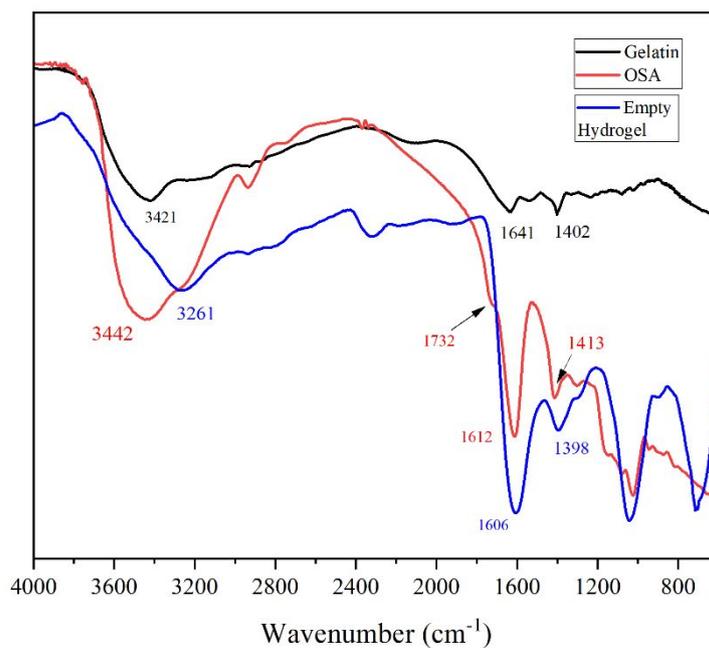


Figure S5. FTIR spectra of the empty Oxidized Alginate-Gelatin (OG) hydrogel and its raw materials: gelatin and oxidized alginate (OSA).

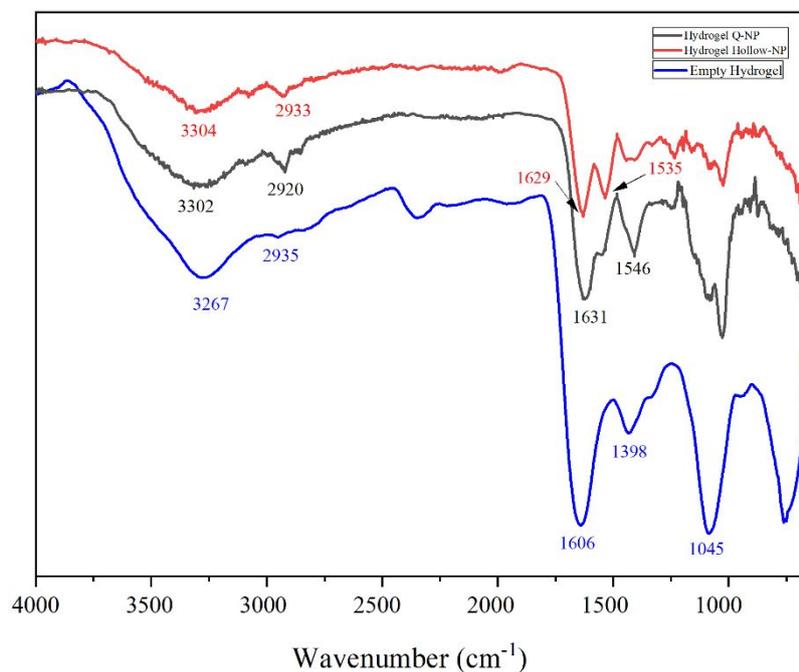


Figure S6. FTIR spectra of OG hydrogels: empty, loaded with hollow-nanoparticle (Hollow-NP), and loaded with quercetin-loaded nanoparticle (Q-NP).

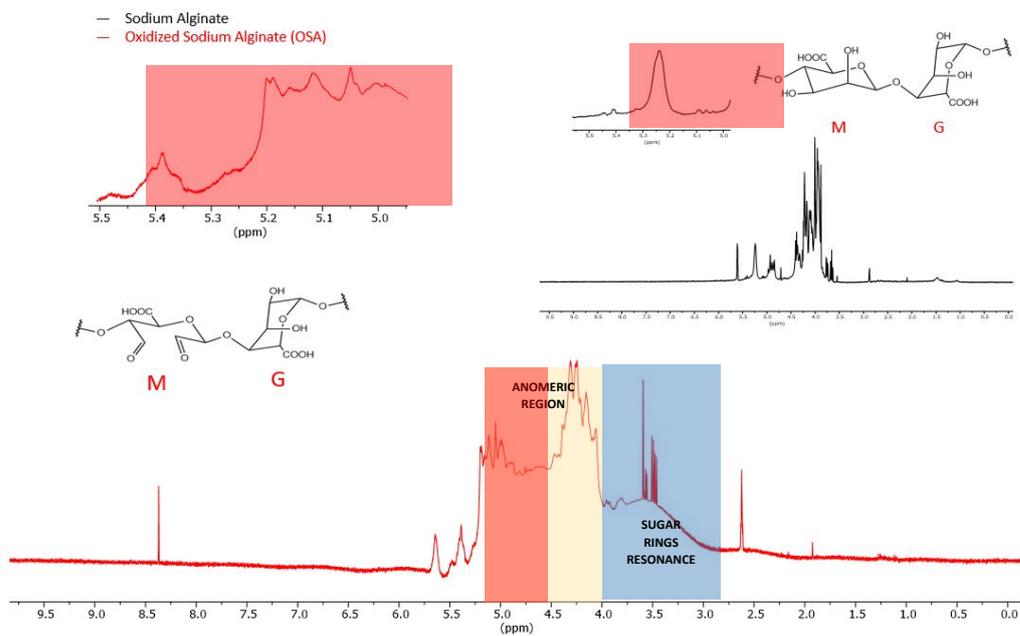


Figure S7. Sodium alginate and Oxidized Sodium Alginate ^1H -Nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H -NMR, D_2O) spectra.

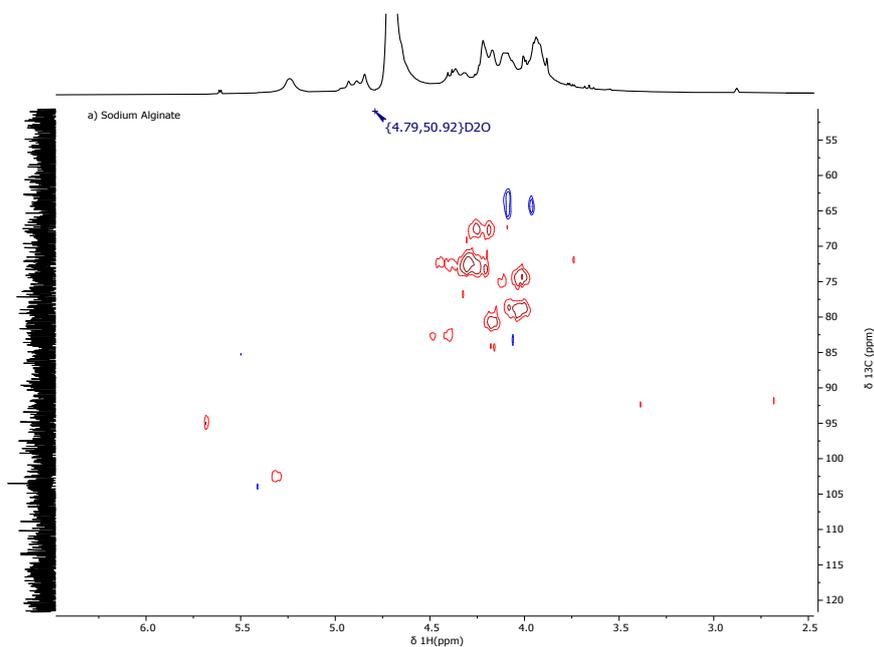


Figure S8. ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC spectra of sodium alginate (SA) (a) and oxidized sodium alginate (OSA) (b) in $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{DMSO-d}_6$ at RT (400 MHz NMR spectrometer).

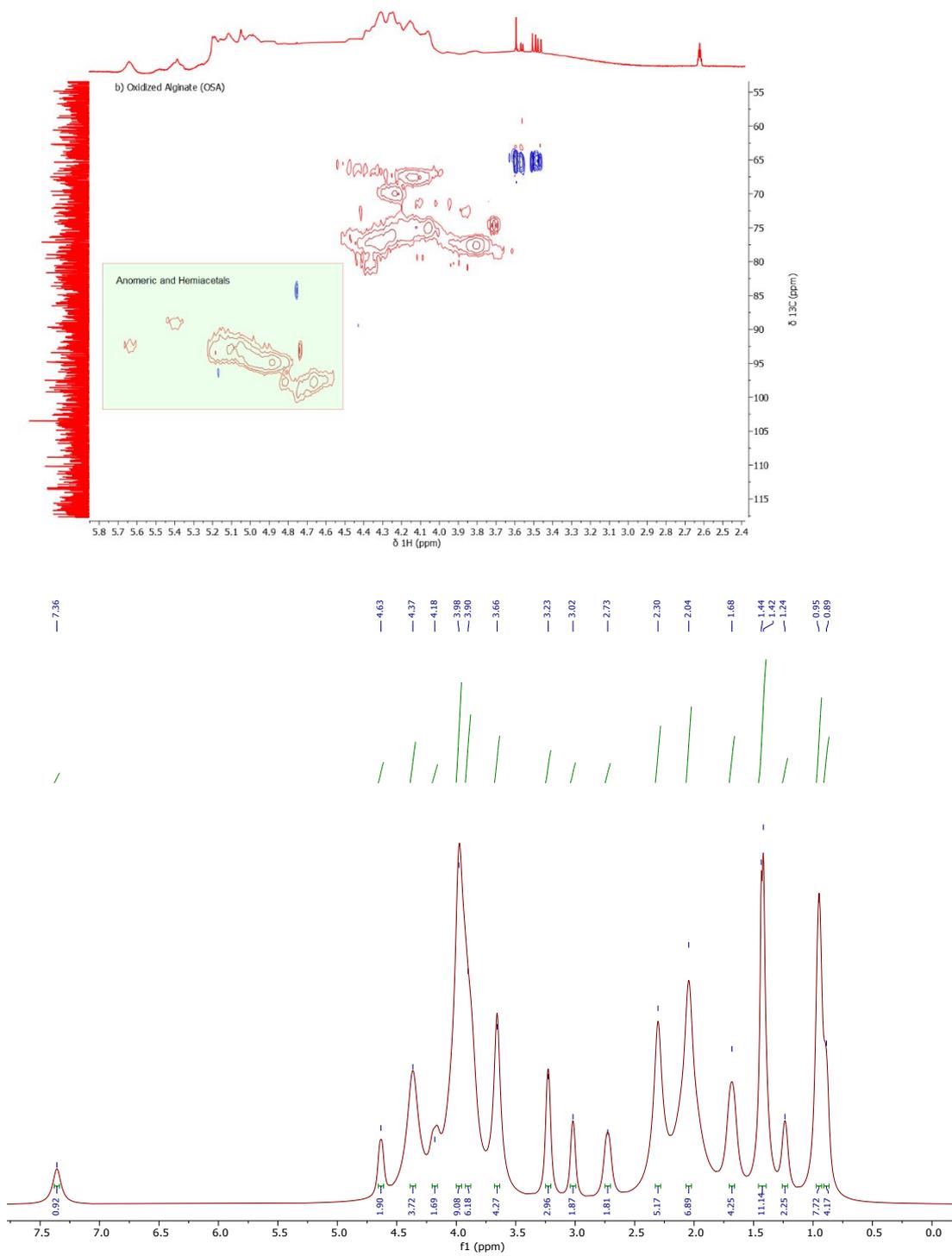


Figure S9. Gelatin ^1H -Nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H -NMR) spectrum in D_2O at RT in a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer.