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APPENDICES

Appendix A Bicinchoninic Acid Protein Assay (BCA Analysis)

Table A1 Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA) standards and their net absorbance

| Standard No. | Standard BSA Concentration ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) | Average Net Absorbance |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 100 | 0.3076 |
| 2 | 50 | 0.1566 |
| 3 | 25 | 0.0783 |
| 4 | 10 | 0.0326 |
| 5 | 5 | 0.0083 |
| 6 | 2.5 | 0.0094 |
| 7 | 1 | 0.0084 |
| 8 | 0.5 | 0.0006 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 |

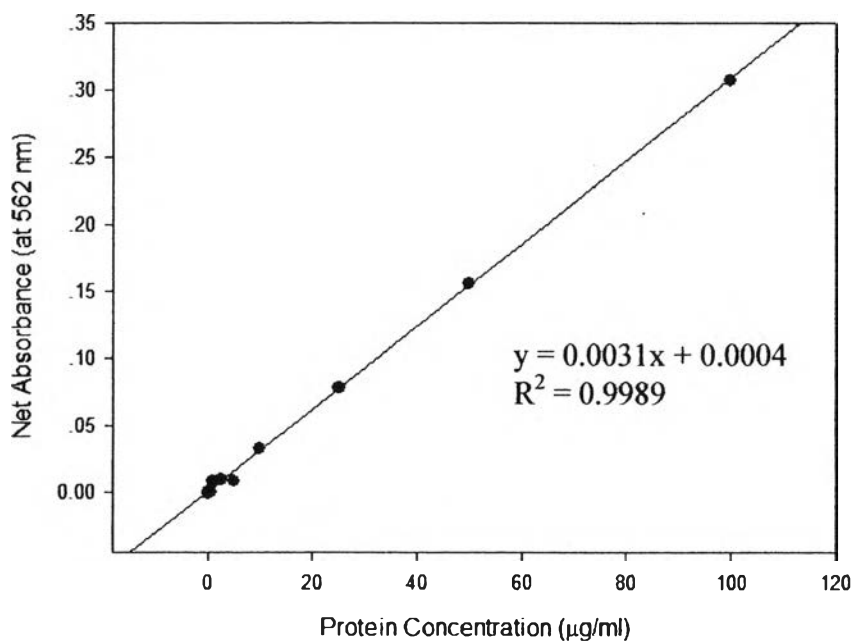


Figure A1 The calibration curve for BSA using the standards.

Table A2 The amount of protein adsorbed on the surface of PCL film (diameter = 1.5 cm) at various annealing time

| Annealing Time (h) | Amount of Protein Adsorbed ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 0 | 0.03122 ± 0.00287 |
| 1 | 0.03241 ± 0.00148 |
| 2 | 0.03293 ± 0.00291 |
| 3 | 0.03320 ± 0.00082 |
| 4 | 0.03556 ± 0.00132 |
| 5 | 0.03403 ± 0.00301 |
| 6 | 0.03451 ± 0.00279 |
| 12 | 0.03269 ± 0.00204 |
| 24 | 0.03323 ± 0.00404 |

Table A3 The adsorption isotherm of the adsorbed bovine serum albumin on the neat PCL films (diameter = 1.5 cm) casted from different solvent systems at various initial protein concentration

| Initial Protein Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) | Amount of Protein Adsorbed ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Chloroform | Acetone |
| 200 | 0.03232 ± 0.00011 | 0.03225 ± 0.00015 |
| 400 | 0.03282 ± 0.00004 | 0.03237 ± 0.00030 |
| 600 | 0.03382 ± 0.00010 | 0.03278 ± 0.00006 |
| 800 | 0.03371 ± 0.00008 | 0.03288 ± 0.00009 |
| 1000 | 0.03387 ± 0.00014 | 0.03295 ± 0.00014 |
| 1400 | 0.03416 ± 0.00009 | 0.03365 ± 0.00050 |
| 2000 | 0.03416 ± 0.00006 | 0.03467 ± 0.00008 |
| 3000 | 0.03446 ± 0.00011 | 0.03495 ± 0.00032 |

| Initial Protein Concentration ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) | Amount of Protein Adsorbed ($\mu\text{g/cm}^2$) | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | THF | 20:80 (v/v) EtOH:THF |
| 200 | 0.03221 \pm 0.00012 | 0.03305 \pm 0.00024 |
| 400 | 0.03290 \pm 0.00004 | 0.03326 \pm 0.00010 |
| 600 | 0.03336 \pm 0.00013 | 0.03321 \pm 0.00004 |
| 800 | 0.03375 \pm 0.00008 | 0.03336 \pm 0.00002 |
| 1000 | 0.03399 \pm 0.00006 | 0.03372 \pm 0.00001 |
| 1400 | 0.03405 \pm 0.00019 | 0.03392 \pm 0.00007 |
| 2000 | 0.03422 \pm 0.00022 | 0.03511 \pm 0.00008 |
| 3000 | 0.03432 \pm 0.00011 | 0.03511 \pm 0.00003 |
| Initial Protein Concentration ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) | Amount of Protein Adsorbed ($\mu\text{g/cm}^2$) | |
| | 30:70 (v/v) EtOH:THF | 40:60 (v/v) EtOH:THF |
| 200 | 0.03319 \pm 0.00009 | 0.03320 \pm 0.00011 |
| 400 | 0.03337 \pm 0.00009 | 0.03314 \pm 0.00006 |
| 600 | 0.03362 \pm 0.00015 | 0.03340 \pm 0.00011 |
| 800 | 0.03363 \pm 0.00011 | 0.03357 \pm 0.00006 |
| 1000 | 0.03393 \pm 0.00008 | 0.03473 \pm 0.00037 |
| 1400 | 0.03458 \pm 0.00009 | 0.03749 \pm 0.00033 |
| 2000 | 0.03521 \pm 0.00008 | 0.03755 \pm 0.00013 |
| 3000 | 0.03530 \pm 0.00007 | 0.03852 \pm 0.00013 |
| Initial Protein Concentration ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) | Amount of Protein Adsorbed ($\mu\text{g/cm}^2$) | |
| | 1 M NaOH | 5 M NaOH |
| 200 | 0.03233 \pm 0.00006 | 0.03270 \pm 0.00005 |
| 400 | 0.03279 \pm 0.00006 | 0.03296 \pm 0.00012 |
| 600 | 0.03355 \pm 0.00021 | 0.03322 \pm 0.00008 |
| 800 | 0.03409 \pm 0.00008 | 0.03415 \pm 0.00011 |
| 1000 | 0.03411 \pm 0.00008 | 0.03483 \pm 0.00008 |
| 1400 | 0.03419 \pm 0.00006 | 0.03480 \pm 0.00010 |
| 2000 | 0.03411 \pm 0.00006 | 0.03519 \pm 0.00006 |
| 3000 | 0.03426 \pm 0.00005 | 0.03545 \pm 0.00006 |

Table A4 The adsorption isotherm of the adsorbed bovine serum albumin on the neat and modified PCL films (diameter = 1.5 cm) casted from 40:60 EtOH:THF

| Initial Protein Concentration ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) | Amount of Protein Adsorbed ($\mu\text{g/cm}^2$) | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Neat PCL | Aminolyzed PCL | Activated PCL |
| 200 | 0.03320 ± 0.00011 | 0.03189 ± 0.00015 | 0.03322 ± 0.00012 |
| 400 | 0.03314 ± 0.00006 | 0.03197 ± 0.00012 | 0.03350 ± 0.00010 |
| 600 | 0.03340 ± 0.00011 | 0.03231 ± 0.00017 | 0.03360 ± 0.00015 |
| 800 | 0.03357 ± 0.00006 | 0.03247 ± 0.00007 | 0.03438 ± 0.00016 |
| 1000 | 0.03473 ± 0.00037 | 0.03246 ± 0.00007 | 0.03531 ± 0.00016 |
| 1400 | 0.03749 ± 0.00033 | 0.03277 ± 0.00009 | 0.04080 ± 0.00018 |
| 2000 | 0.03755 ± 0.00013 | 0.03305 ± 0.00012 | 0.04360 ± 0.00018 |
| 3000 | 0.03852 ± 0.00013 | 0.03309 ± 0.00016 | 0.04401 ± 0.00029 |

Appendix B Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)

Table B1 The variation of roughness parameters (R_a , R_q , and R_z) of the films casted from different solvents

| Roughness Solvent | Arithmetic Average Roughness (R_a, μm) | Root Mean Square Roughness (R_q, μm) | Absolute Height (R_z, μm) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TCPS | 0.00436 ± 0.00074 | 0.00494 ± 0.00078 | 0.01671 ± 0.00138 |
| Chloroform | 0.01564 ± 0.00093 | 0.01992 ± 0.00157 | 0.09610 ± 0.00546 |
| THF | 0.22100 ± 0.00608 | 0.28900 ± 0.01682 | 1.35633 ± 0.12208 |
| 1 M NaOH | 0.32400 ± 0.01200 | 0.41433 ± 0.02350 | 1.07933 ± 0.11625 |
| 5 M NaOH | 0.37833 ± 0.00945 | 0.48033 ± 0.01721 | 1.15700 ± 0.10392 |
| Acetone | 0.40667 ± 0.03803 | 0.49233 ± 0.03573 | 1.42867 ± 0.07463 |
| 20:80 EtOH:THF | 0.53667 ± 0.01168 | 0.66300 ± 0.05231 | 1.62500 ± 0.29091 |
| 30:70 EtOH:THF | 0.59200 ± 0.00400 | 0.68400 ± 0.00361 | 1.93633 ± 0.08105 |
| 40:60 EtOH:THF | 0.97367 ± 0.07849 | 1.19933 ± 0.01531 | 2.48967 ± 0.87032 |

Appendix C Biological Characterization

Table C1 Indirect cytotoxicity evaluation of protein adsorbed films shown by the percent viability of cells by MTT assay

| Materials | % viability of MC3T3-E1 cells (relative to TCPS) | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 1 d | 3 d | 7 d |
| TCPS (control) | 100.00 ± 2.87 | 100.00 ± 6.47 | 100.00 ± 1.75 |
| Chloroform | 89.73 ± 4.75 | 95.74 ± 9.03 | 111.50 ± 7.34 |
| Acetone | 97.34 ± 7.60 | 88.76 ± 8.57 | 94.77 ± 15.52 |
| THF | 87.45 ± 2.63 | 88.37 ± 10.03 | 83.62 ± 5.53 |
| 20:80 EtOH:THF | 105.32 ± 7.42 | 93.41 ± 5.97 | 94.77 ± 6.12 |
| 30:70 EtOH:THF | 103.42 ± 5.85 | 102.33 ± 6.47 | 106.97 ± 13.60 |
| 40:60 EtOH:THF | 89.35 ± 6.59 | 92.64 ± 5.97 | 85.71 ± 6.27 |
| 1 M NaOH | 93.16 ± 2.37 | 85.66 ± 6.40 | 84.67 ± 8.16 |
| 5 M NaOH | 114.45 ± 2.37 | 95.74 ± 3.55 | 100.70 ± 8.89 |

Table C2 Indirect cytotoxicity evaluation of surface-modified films shown by the percent viability of cells by MTT assay

| Materials | % viability of MC3T3-E1 cells (relative to TCPS) | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1 d | 3 d | 7 d |
| TCPS (control) | 100.00 ± 2.87 | 100.00 ± 6.47 | 100.00 ± 1.75 |
| Neat Chloroform | 92.78 ± 0.66 | 98.84 ± 8.14 | 85.02 ± 1.60 |
| Aminolyzed Chloroform | 126.62 ± 10.28 | 93.80 ± 2.93 | 103.48 ± 6.96 |
| Activated Chloroform | 112.55 ± 8.86 | 90.31 ± 9.47 | 96.52 ± 11.47 |
| Adsorbed Chloroform | 128.14 ± 7.03 | 105.43 ± 3.48 | 112.20 ± 4.94 |
| Neat 40:60 EtOH:THF | 115.59 ± 5.85 | 102.33 ± 3.49 | 97.91 ± 4.35 |
| Aminolyzed40:60EtOH:THF | 116.73 ± 11.87 | 103.49 ± 10.34 | 114.63 ± 10.15 |
| Activated 40:60 EtOH:THF | 116.35 ± 10.14 | 103.88 ± 9.03 | 101.05 ± 3.67 |
| Adsorbed 40:60 EtOH:THF | 133.61 ± 12.82 | 123.26 ± 7.26 | 119.86 ± 6.39 |

Table C3 Cell attachment on protein adsorbed films shown by the percent viability of cells by MTT assay

| Materials | % viability of MC3T3-E1 cells (relative to TCPS at 24 h) | | |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 4 h | 16 h | 24 h |
| TCPS (control) | 63.21 ± 1.63 | 80.66 ± 1.42 | 100.00 ± 6.38 |
| Chloroform | 58.49 ± 7.79 | 74.06 ± 1.63 | 93.40 ± 6.17 |
| THF | 66.04 ± 6.38 | 89.15 ± 5.66 | 89.62 ± 2.16 |
| Acetone | 52.83 ± 4.97 | 78.30 ± 6.69 | 97.17 ± 7.12 |
| 1 M NaOH | 59.43 ± 12.58 | 88.68 ± 4.09 | 109.91 ± 5.36 |
| 5 M NaOH | 82.55 ± 7.26 | 94.81 ± 5.66 | 110.38 ± 6.48 |
| 20:80 EtOH:THF | 71.70 ± 8.99 | 90.57 ± 3.74 | 113.21 ± 3.74 |
| 30:70 EtOH:THF | 83.96 ± 7.26 | 93.87 ± 1.63 | 108.49 ± 7.79 |
| 40:60 EtOH:THF | 85.85 ± 0.82 | 102.83 ± 1.63 | 125.47 ± 8.17 |

Table C4 Cell proliferation on protein adsorbed films shown by the percent viability of cells by MTT assay

| Materials | % viability of MC3T3-E1 cells (relative to TCPS at 1 d) | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1 d | 2 d | 3 d |
| TCPS (control) | 100.00 ± 6.38 | 129.39 ± 6.13 | 192.45 ± 3.74 |
| Chloroform | 93.40 ± 6.17 | 99.53 ± 11.35 | 136.32 ± 5.89 |
| THF | 89.62 ± 2.16 | 114.62 ± 6.17 | 143.40 ± 12.04 |
| Acetone | 97.17 ± 7.12 | 119.34 ± 7.26 | 161.79 ± 15.59 |
| 1 M NaOH | 109.91 ± 5.36 | 117.45 ± 11.23 | 155.19 ± 9.21 |
| 5 M NaOH | 110.38 ± 6.48 | 140.09 ± 5.10 | 183.49 ± 10.99 |
| 20:80 EtOH:THF | 113.21 ± 3.74 | 121.23 ± 5.72 | 158.49 ± 16.32 |
| 30:70 EtOH:THF | 108.49 ± 7.79 | 135.38 ± 12.76 | 198.58 ± 16.40 |
| 40:60 EtOH:THF | 125.47 ± 8.17 | 158.96 ± 6.98 | 212.26 ± 13.65 |

Table C5 Cell attachment on surface-modified films casted from chloroform and 40:60 (v/v) EtOH:THF shown by the percent viability of cells by MTT assay

| Materials | %viability of MC3T3-E1(relative to TCPS at 24h) | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 4 h | 16 h | 24 h |
| TCPS (control) | 63.21 ± 1.63 | 80.66 ± 1.42 | 100.00 ± 6.38 |
| Neat Chloroform | 50.00 ± 4.09 | 61.79 ± 2.95 | 88.21 ± 2.16 |
| Aminolyzed Chloroform | 62.26 ± 4.90 | 83.49 ± 2.38 | 104.01 ± 3.74 |
| Activated Chloroform | 55.19 ± 2.31 | 84.20 ± 3.65 | 102.59 ± 5.28 |
| Adsorbed Chloroform | 62.74 ± 4.97 | 87.74 ± 2.45 | 106.13 ± 2.45 |
| Neat 40:60 EtOH:THF | 68.87 ± 8.65 | 83.02 ± 10.81 | 96.23 ± 5.10 |
| Aminolyzed40:60EtOH:THF | 80.66 ± 2.65 | 99.06 ± 3.75 | 104.72 ± 8.01 |
| Activated 40:60 EtOH:THF | 76.89 ± 6.38 | 97.64 ± 3.74 | 112.74 ± 6.54 |
| Adsorbed 40:60 EtOH:THF | 82.08 ± 4.25 | 106.13 ± 7.35 | 148.11 ± 5.36 |

Table C6 Cell proliferation on surface-modified films casted from chloroform and 40:60 (v/v) EtOH:THF shown by the percent viability of cells by MTT assay

| Materials | %viability of MC3T3-E1 (relative to TCPS at 1 d) | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 1 d | 2 d | 3 d |
| TCPS (control) | 100.00 ± 6.38 | 129.39 ± 6.13 | 192.45 ± 3.74 |
| Neat Chloroform | 88.21 ± 2.16 | 99.06 ± 3.74 | 125.00 ± 3.27 |
| Aminolyzed Chloroform | 104.01 ± 3.23 | 109.67 ± 7.60 | 121.70 ± 4.15 |
| Activated Chloroform | 102.59 ± 5.94 | 112.50 ± 7.34 | 135.14 ± 3.34 |
| Adsorbed Chloroform | 106.13 ± 2.45 | 126.89 ± 9.21 | 166.98 ± 3.74 |
| Neat 40:60 EtOH:THF | 96.23 ± 5.10 | 109.91 ± 4.09 | 131.60 ± 3.74 |
| Aminolyzed40:60EtOH:THF | 104.72 ± 8.01 | 114.62 ± 6.83 | 148.58 ± 1.23 |
| Activated 40:60 EtOH:THF | 112.74 ± 6.54 | 141.98 ± 7.12 | 157.08 ± 14.91 |
| Adsorbed 40:60 EtOH:THF | 148.11 ± 5.36 | 167.92 ± 4.55 | 243.87 ± 7.79 |

Table C7 The average absorbance of Alizarin Red-S staining on day 21 by mineralization analysis

| Materials | Average absorbance at 570 nm | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Neat PCL film | Protein-adsorbed PCL film |
| TCPS (control) | 0.13067 ± 0.00907 | 0.13067 ± 0.00907 |
| Chloroform | 0.14867 ± 0.00681 | 0.19067 ± 0.01201 |
| THF | 0.16367 ± 0.00681 | 0.19800 ± 0.00917 |
| Acetone | 0.19200 ± 0.00361 | 0.20867 ± 0.00252 |
| 1 M NaOH | 0.21067 ± 0.00651 | 0.21433 ± 0.00451 |
| 5 M NaOH | 0.21000 ± 0.00954 | 0.21933 ± 0.00153 |
| 20:80 EtOH:THF | 0.22767 ± 0.00651 | 0.24900 ± 0.00265 |
| 30:70 EtOH:THF | 0.25533 ± 0.01301 | 0.28233 ± 0.01365 |
| 40:60 EtOH:THF | 0.30900 ± 0.00721 | 0.43967 ± 0.00603 |

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