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This study evaluates and characterizes the use of porcine and fish gelatin hydrogels as the matrix in a controlled drug delivery system. The drug-loaded gelatin hydrogels were prepared by solution-casting using salicylic acid and 5-sulfosalicylic acid as the model drugs and glutaraldehyde as the crosslinking agent. The average molecular weight between crosslink, the crosslinking density, and the mesh size of the gelatin hydrogels were determined using the equilibrium swelling theory, as well as by scanning electron microscopy. The release mechanisms and the diffusion coefficients of the hydrogels were determined by using a modified Franz-Diffusion cell in an acetate buffer (at pH 5.5 and at a temperature of 37 °C for 48 hours) in order to investigate the effect of the crosslinking ratio. The diffusion coefficient of the drug was determined through the Higuchi equation at various crosslink ratios and different drug size. The diffusion coefficients of drug in the gelatin hydrogels decrease with increasing crosslink ratio due to the smaller mesh sizes of gelatin hydrogels. The diffusion coefficient of a smaller drug size is higher than that of a larger drug size. The diffusion coefficients obey the power law of the drug size over the mesh size ratio with the scaling exponent m equal to 0.45.

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### **ABBREVIATIONS**

DDS Drug Delivery System

TDDS Transdermal Drug Delivery System

PorGel Porcine gelatin

FishGel Fish gelatin

GTA Glutaraldehyde

SA Salicylic acid

SSA 5-Sulfosalicylic acid

FT-IR Fourier Transform Infrared Spectromerter

TG-DTA Thermal Gravimetric/Differential Thermal Analyzer

SEM Scanning Electron Microscope

UV-Vis UV-VIS spectrophotometer

SD Standard deviation

## LIST OF SYMBOLS

intrinsic viscosity
viscosity of the polymer solution
viscosity of the polymer solvent
specific viscosity
relative viscosity
concentration of polymer in grams per deciliter (g/dL)
reduced viscosity
inherent viscosity
Huggins constant
Kramer constant
weight of the sample after submersed in the buffer solution (g)
weight of sample after submersed in the buffer solution as dry state
(g)
initial weight of the sample without submersed in the buffer
solution as dry state (g)
weight of the dry polymer in air (g)
weight of the dry polymer in heptanes (g)
weight of the relaxed polymer in air (g)
weight of the relaxed polymer in heptanes (g)
weights of the swollen polymer in air (g)
weights of the swollen polymer in heptanes (g)
density of heptanes
volume of the polymer sample in the dry states
volume of the polymer sample in the relaxed states
volume of the polymer sample in the swollen states
polymer volume fraction in the relaxed state
polymer volume fraction in the swollen state
number averaged molecular weight of the polymer before cross

linking (g/mol)

$\bar{\upsilon}$	specific volume of polymer (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
$ar{V}_1$	molar volume of water (mol/cm <sup>3</sup> )
χ	Flory interaction parameter of polymer
ξ	(Mesh size) linear distance between consecutive crosslinks (Å)
$C_n$	Flory characteristic ratio
$\overline{M}_c$	molecular weight between crosslinks (g/mol)
$\overline{M}_r$	average molecular weight of repeating unit (g/mol)
l	carbon-carbon bond length (Å)
$\rho_x$	crosslinking density of the hydrogel (mol/cm <sup>3</sup> )
$M_{\rm t}$	amounts of drug release at time (mg)
$M_{\infty}$	amounts of drug release at time infinity (mg)
$M_{\rm t}/M$	fractional of drug release
$k_1$	kinetic constant (T <sup>-n</sup> )
$k_H$	Higuchi kinetic constant (h <sup>-n</sup> )
n	diffusional exponent
Q	amount of material flowing through a unit cross-section of barrier
	$(g/cm^2)$
$C_0$	initial drug concentration in the hydrogel (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )

diffusion coefficient of a drug (cm<sup>2</sup>/s)

scaling exponent

diffusion coefficient of a very small drug size (cm<sup>2</sup>/s)

D

 $D_0$ 

M