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Gelatin is a protein produced by the partial hydrolysis of a collagen extracted from bones, connective tissues, organs, and some intestines of animals. Gelatin has been widely used in the pharmaceutical and medical fields as sealants for vascular, a carrier for drug delivery, wound dressings, and an artificial muscle. In our work, gelatin films were prepared by the film casting method using water as the solvent. The electromechanical properties, thermal properties, and the degree of swelling were measured as the function of gelatin crosslinking ratio or the gel strength, temperature, frequency, and electric field strength. The high, medium, low, and the 3% crosslinked high gel strength gelatin films possess the storage modulus sensitivity values of 2.30, 2.16, 1.26 and 0.49 respectively.

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เจลลาตินเป็นโปรตินที่ถูกผลิตจากการสกัดคอลลาเจนด้วยการทำปฏิกริยากับน้ำที่มาจาก กระดูก, เนื้อเยื้อ, อวัยวะ,และบางส่วนของลำไส้สัตว์ เจลลาดินถูกนำไปใช้ประโยชน์ในทางเภสัช กรรมและการแพทย์เช่น วัสดุอุดกันรั่วของสายน้ำเลือด, แคปซูลบรรจุยา, แผ่นปิดแผล,และ กล้ามเนื้อเทียม ในงานนี้เราสนใจศึกษาเจลลาดินเพื่อประยุกต์เป็นวัสดุตอบสนองทางไฟฟ้า หรือ กล้ามเนื้อเทียม เจลลาดินถูกเตรียมวัสดุด้วยการทำเป็นแผ่นฟิล์มโดยใช้น้ำเป็นตัวทำละลาย กุณสมบัติเชิงกลที่ตอบสนองทางไฟฟ้า, กุณสมบัติทางกวามร้อน,และ ระดับของการบวมน้ำจะถูก ศึกษาจากปัจจัยต่างๆเช่น ปรีมาณการเชื่อมต่อของสายโซ่, ระดับความแข็งทางธรรมชาติของเจลลา ดิน, อุณหภูมิ, กวามถิ่,และ กวามเข้มของสนามไฟฟ้า ซึ่งวัสดุเจลลาดินจะแสดงก่าของความแข็งที่ เพิ่มขึ้นเป็น 2.30, 2.16, 1.26,และ0.49 เท่าตามลำดับของแต่ละชนิดเจลลาดินจะแสดงก่าของกวาม แข็งแรงในธรรมชาติระดับสูง, กวามแข็งแรงในธรรมชาติระดับกลาง, กวามแข็งแรงในธรรมชาดิ ระดับต่ำ,และ กวามแข็งแรงในธรรมชาติระดับสูงที่มีการเชื่อมต่อสายโช่3%

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