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APPENDICES

Appendix A Calculation of Molecular Weight (M_w)

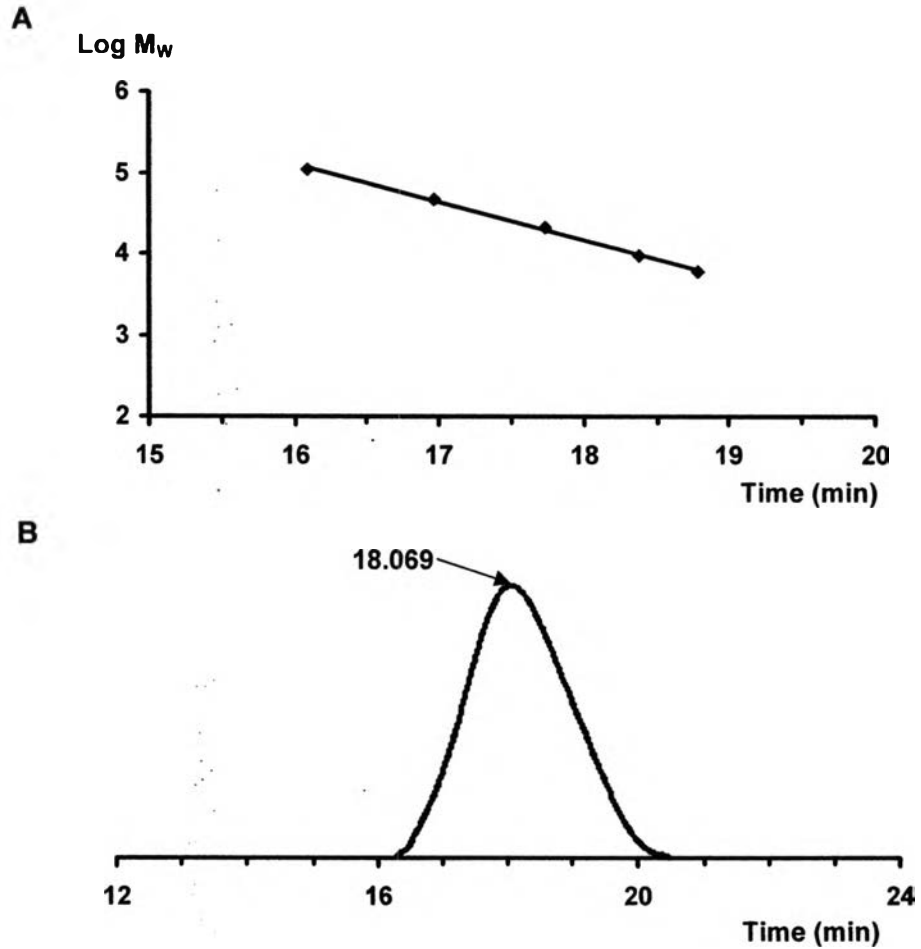


Figure A. (A) Pullulan standard curve by GPC technique (column: TSK GMPW_{XL} 7.8 mm × 30.0 cm combined with TSK GMPW_{XL} 7.8 mm × 30.0 cm, Eluent: 0.5MCH₃COOH/0.5MCH₃COONa, Temperature column: 30°C) $\text{Log } M_w = -0.4696x + 12.618$, $R^2 = 0.996$; and (B) retention time of low molecular weight chitosan (LCS) by GPC technique.

From Figure A:

M_w of LCS ~ 13000 Da.

From GPC Software for CLASS-VP:

M_w of LCS ~ 15000 Da.

M_n of LCS ~ 8000 Da.

PDI ~ 1.9

Appendix B Calculation of Degree of Substitution (DS)

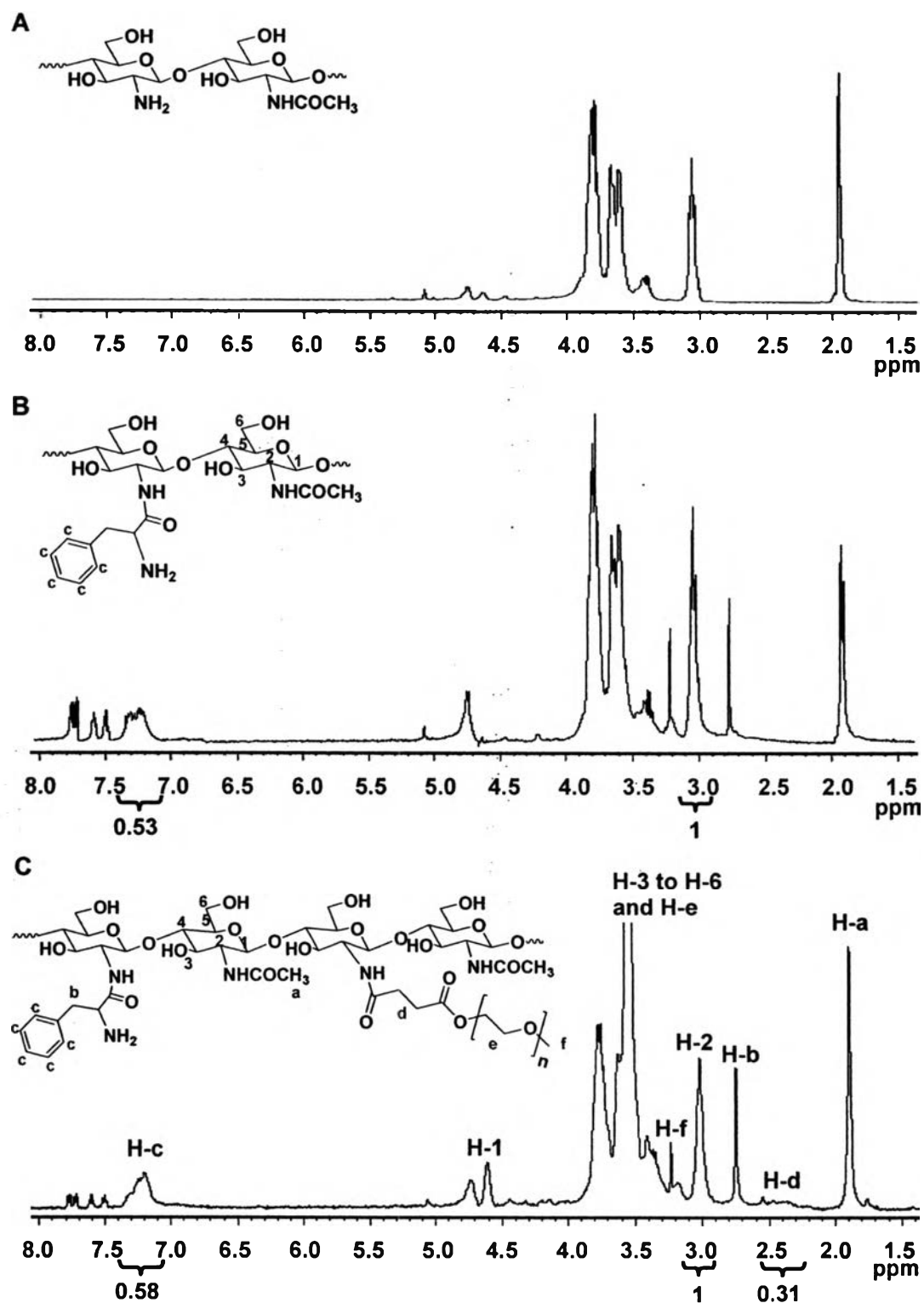


Figure B. ^1H NMR spectra of (A) LCS; (B) LCS-Phe; and (C) LCS-Phe-mPEG in 2% $\text{CD}_3\text{COOD}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{From Figure B (B): } \% \text{ DS of Phe} &= \frac{\int(\text{H-c})/5}{\int(\text{H-2})} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{0.53/5}{1} \times 100 \\ &= 10.6\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{From Figure B (C): } \% \text{ DS of Phe} &= \frac{\int(\text{H-c})/5}{\int(\text{H-2})} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{0.58/5}{1} \times 100 \\ &= 11.6\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\% \text{ DS of mPEG-COOH} &= \frac{\int(\text{H-d})/4}{\int(\text{H-2})} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{0.31/4}{1} \times 100 \\ &= 7.5\end{aligned}$$

Appendix C Size and Morphology

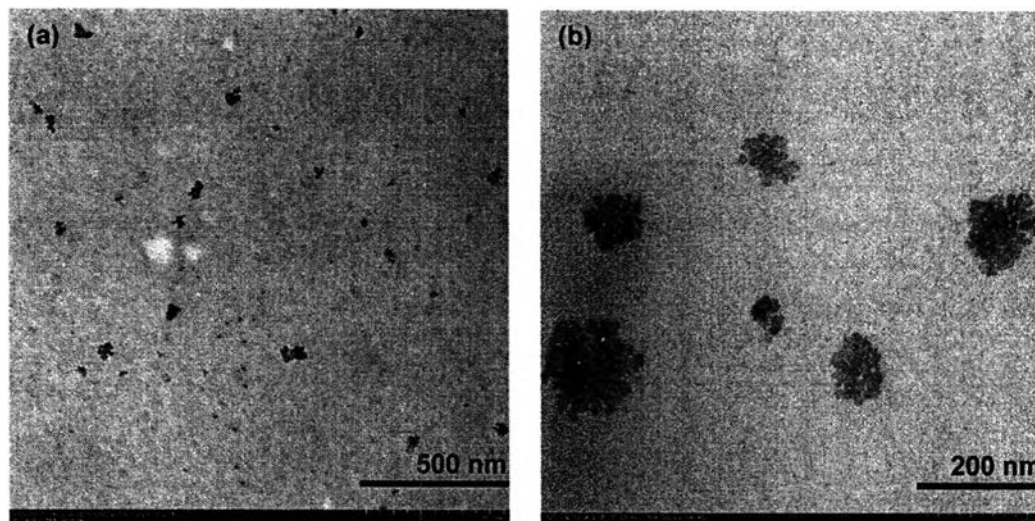


Figure C1. TEM micrographs of **2** at (a) 10,000 \times magnification, and (b) 20,000 \times magnification.

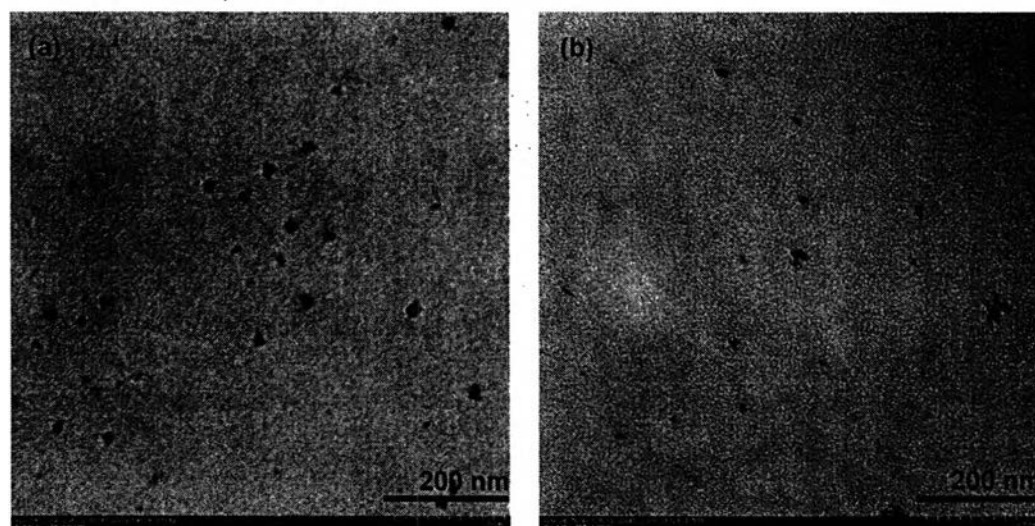


Figure C2. TEM micrographs of **LCS-Phe-mPEG** having molar ratio of **LCS:Phe:mPEG** (a) 1:0.5:0.1, and (b) 1:1.5:0.1 (20,000 \times magnification).

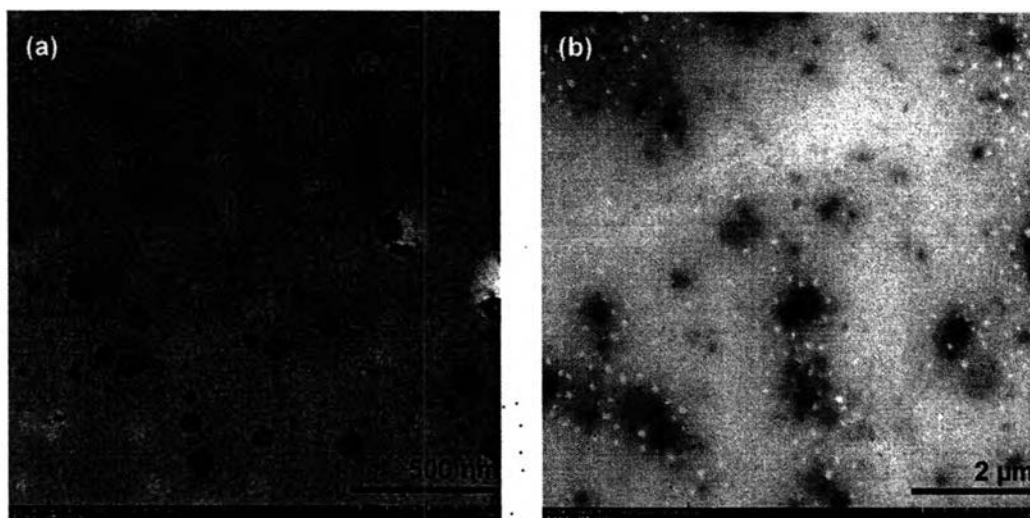


Figure C3. TEM micrographs of **LCS-Phe-mPEG** having molar ratio of LCS:Phe:mPEG (a) 1:2.0:0.1 (10,000 \times magnification), and (b) 1:2.5:0.1 (2,000 \times magnification).

Appendix D pH and Nanosphere Size

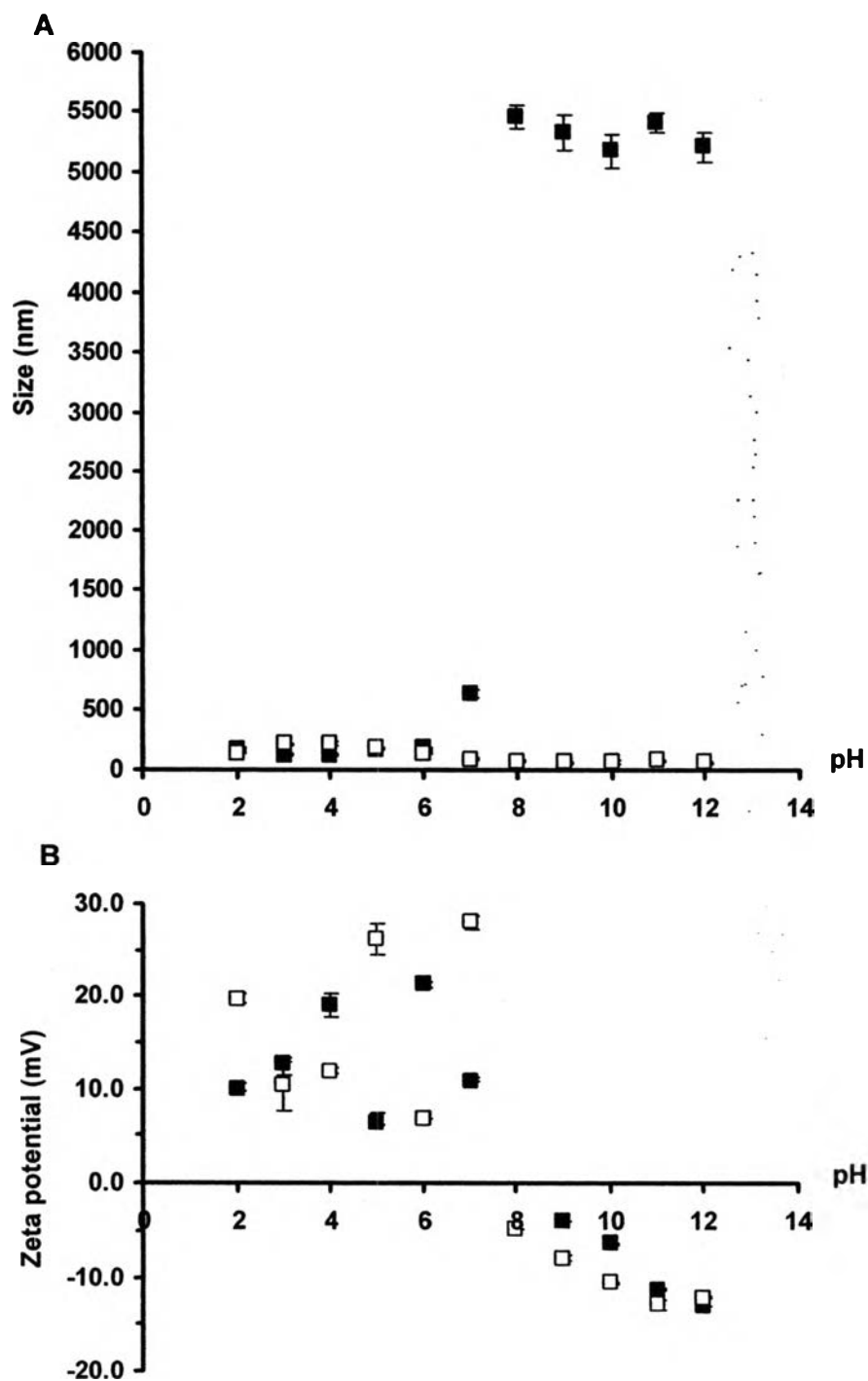


Figure D. (A) Size; and (B) zeta potential of LCS (■), and 2 (□) dispersed in 2-12 pH solution (1.5 mg/ml). Results are means \pm SD (n=3).

