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Rheological behavior of cryogels based on polyelectrolyte complexes of carbixmethylcellulose with poly-*N*,*N*-diallyl-*N*,*N*-dimethylammonium chloride

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Abstract

The article is devoted to the study of the rheological parameters of cryogels based on polyelectrolyte complexes of carbixmethylcellulose with poly-N,N-diallyl-N,Ndimethylammonium chloride with different initial concentrations of polyelectrolytes. Analysis of the viscosity curves of cryogels based on individual carbixmethylcellulose and complexes with different molar ratios showed that all gels exhibit non-Newtonian flow behavior, which is characteristic of pseudoplastic liquids with weak intermolecular interactions. The greatest effect of cryostructuring, which is expressed in a significant increase in viscosity, is observed for a gel with a concentration of initial components of 0.5% and a molar ratio of 0.2, upon freezing for 2 days. It was found that for a number of the studied polymer systems, the yield point is reached, which indicates the formation of a three-dimensional network of physical bonds of macromolecules. From the analysis of the frequency dependences of the rheological parameters of the complex viscosity $\dot{\eta}^*$, the storage modulus G' and the loss modulus G" for cryogels based on podielectrolyte complexes, it follows that the structure of the formed cryogels is a weakly crosslinked network of physical bonds, despite the fact that be a strong electrostatic interaction. For cryogels based on carbixmethylcellulose, the storage modulus becomes larger than the loss modulus, i.e. cryogels begin to behave like elastic-viscous bodies at an oscillation frequency of more than 1 Hz, and for cryogels based on complexes – at an oscillation frequency of less than 1 Hz. Mechanically stable cryogels were obtained on the basis of podielectrolyte complexes of carbixmethylcellulose with poly-N,N-diallyl-N,N-

dimethylammonium chloride at small molar ratios of the starting components, which can be recommended for biomedical applications.

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