



PGlu-Modified Nanocrystalline Cellulose Improves Mechanical Properties, Biocompatibility, and Mineralization of Polyester-Based Composites

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Crystallinity Evaluation

As expected, no diffraction reflexes were observed for PDLLA, indicating the amorphous nature of the polymer. The broad halo at 2θ equal to $10.0-25.0^{\circ}$ was detected. The addition of NCC led to the appearance of the characteristic peak near 23.8° against the background of an amorphous halo. In turn, PCL specimens were characterized with the presence of fairly pronounced diffraction peaks located at 21.4° , 22.1° , and 23.8° . The results are coincided with previously published data [1,2]. This indicates the semi-crystalline nature of the polymer and composite films. The contents of the crystalline and amorphous regions for pure PCL were found to be 35% and 65%, respectively. For PCL-based composite materials containing from 5% to 15% of NCC, these values varied in the range of 40-57% and 60-43%, respectively.

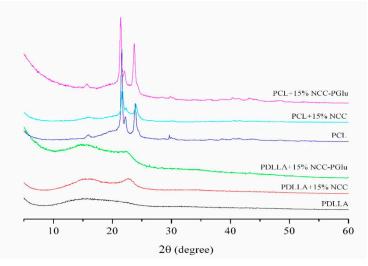


Figure S1. XRD patterns of pure PDLLA and PCL, and their composites with original and modified NCC.

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