

Supporting information

Peelable Nanocomposite Coatings: “Eco-Friendly” Tools for the Safe Removal of Radiopharmaceutical Spills or Accidental Contamination of Surfaces in General-Purpose Radioisotope Laboratories

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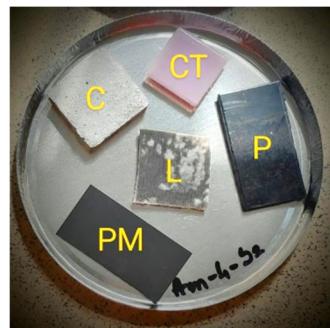


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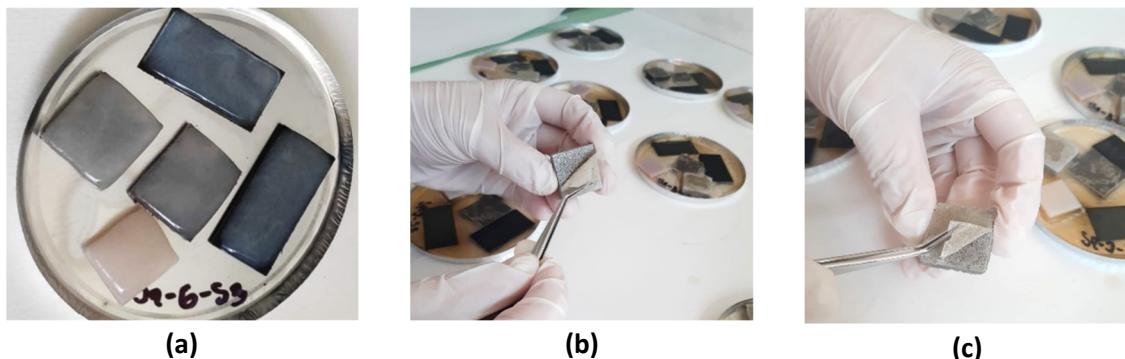


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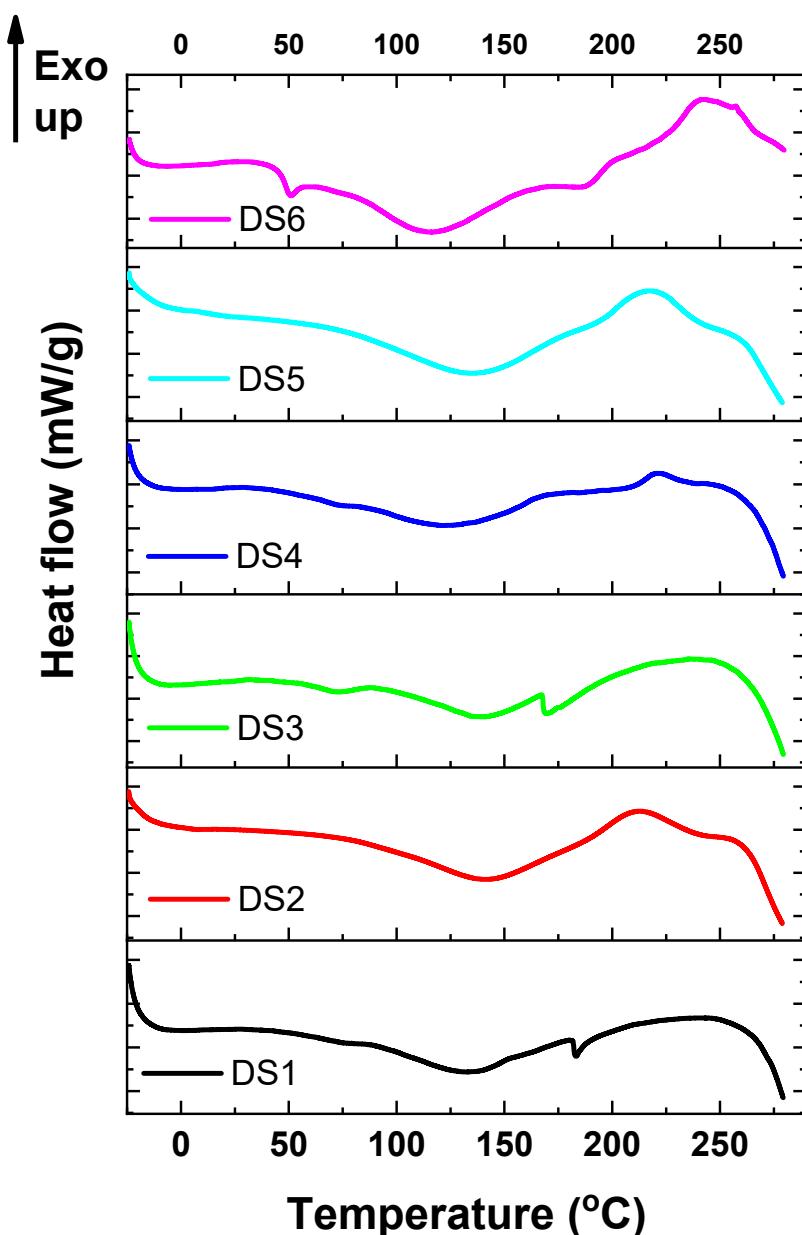


Figure S5. DSC curves obtained for the nanocomposite films.

Table S1. Decontamination efficacies obtained for Americium-241.

Table S2. Decontamination efficacies obtained for Strontium-90.

Decontamination solution				DS-1												
Surfaces		PM			L			CT			C			P		
		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		
		Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE
Decontamination efficacy		5480	245	95.53	2290	480	79.04	5430	219	95.97	5420	2730	49.63	5222	403	92.28
Standard deviation		5530	366	93.38	3390	597	82.39	5730	228	96.02	4770	2830	40.67	4740	256	94.60
Decontamination efficacy		5689	379	93.34	3750	734	80.43	5682	302	94.68	4900	2670	45.51	5170	460	91.10
		94.08			80.62			95.56			45.27			92.66		
		1.02			1.37			0.62			3.66			1.45		
Decontamination solutions				DS-2												
Surfaces		PM			L			CT			C			P		
		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		
		Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE
Decontamination efficacy		6130	327	94.67	6120	360	94.12	6610	221	96.66	6370	3220	49.45	5320	222	95.83
Standard deviation		6670	241	96.39	5070	383	92.45	6000	206	96.57	4550	2730	40.00	5800	203	96.50
Decontamination efficacy		6880	257	96.26	6590	430	93.47	6250	255	95.92	5860	3410	41.81	5540	460	91.70
		95.77			93.35			96.38			43.75			94.67		
		0.78			0.69			0.33			4.10			2.12		
Decontamination solutions				DS-3												
Surfaces		PM			L			CT			C			P		
		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		
		Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE
Decontamination efficacy		6510	799	87.73	6150	476	92.26	6840	245	96.42	4950	2040	58.79	5680	317	94.42
Standard deviation		6410	445	93.06	5980	480	91.97	7220	219	96.97	4790	2260	52.82	5810	403	93.06
Decontamination efficacy		6700	680	89.85	5860	502	91.43	6580	258	96.08	4560	1970	56.80	5760	520	90.97
		90.21			91.89			96.49			56.13			92.82		
		2.19			0.34			0.37			2.48			1.42		
Decontamination solutions				DS-5												
Surfaces		PM			L			CT			C			P		
		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		Activity		
		Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE	Before	After	DE
Decontamination efficacy		6880	250	96.37	5940	220	96.30	6260	202	96.77	4800	2060	57.08	6220	305	95.10
Standard deviation		6930	282	95.93	5600	320	94.29	5745	202	96.48	4780	2550	46.65	6630	240	96.38
Decontamination efficacy		5990	208	96.53	6350	280	95.59	5790	245	95.77	4390	2360	46.24	5620	330	94.13
		96.27			95.39			96.34			49.99			95.20		
		0.25			0.83			0.42			5.02			0.92		

Activity – [counts/second]; Decontamination efficacy – [%]

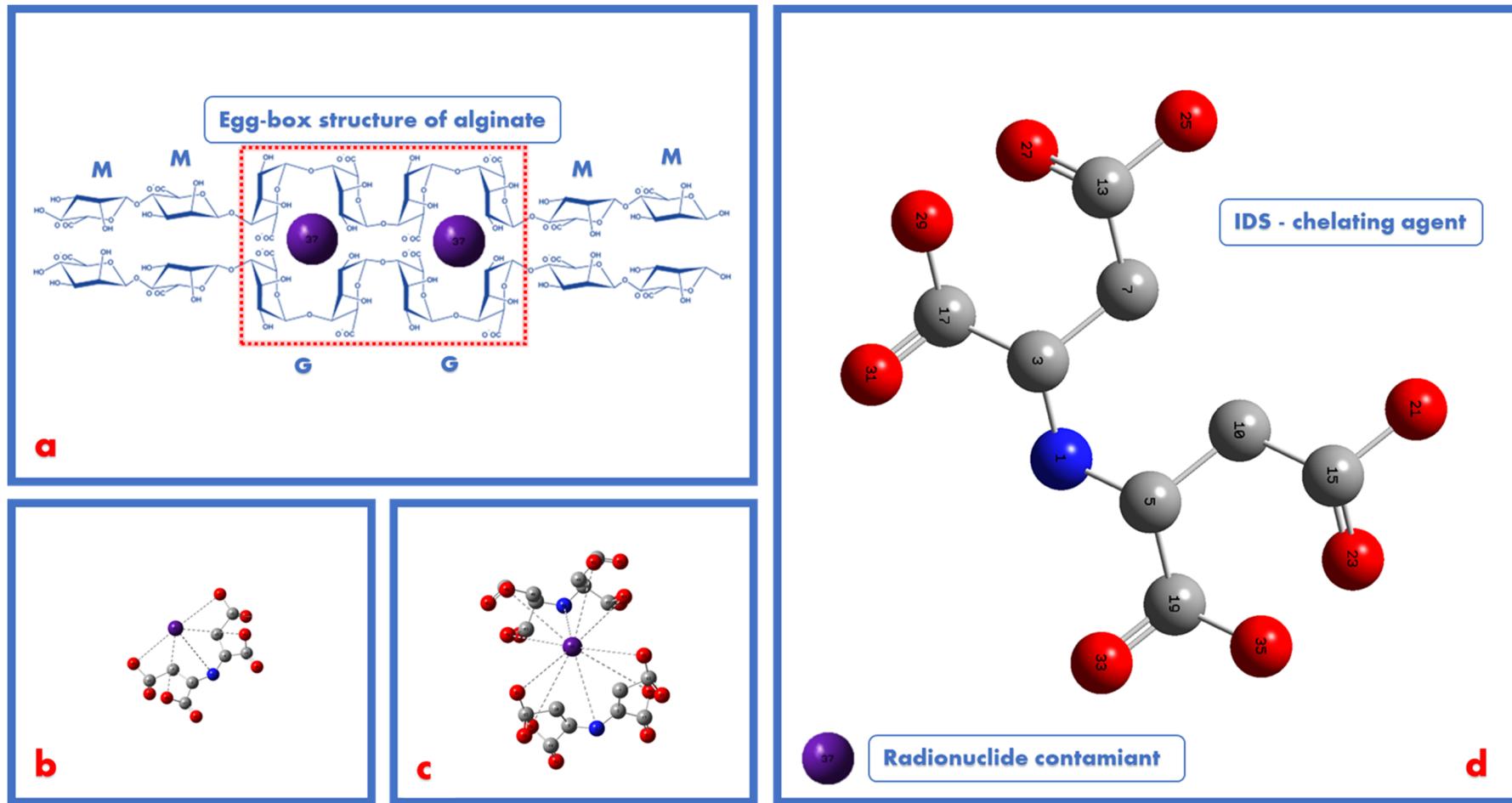


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