



Water Filtration Membranes Based on Non-Woven Cellulose Fabrics: Effect of Nanopolysaccharide Coatings on Selective Particle Rejection, Antifouling, and Antibacterial Properties

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S1. Chitin nanocrystals preparation process.

Chitin nanocrystals (ChNC) were prepared via hydrochloric acid hydrolysis (AnalaR NORMAPUR, Wien, Austria) [1,2]. Briefly, deproteinized and bleached shrimp chitin flakes (Sigma-Aldrich, Taufkirchen, Germany) underwent an acid hydrolysis reaction with 3N hydrochloric acid at 90 °C for 90 min. When the reaction was completed, the resulting suspension was centrifuged to remove the excess of acid and subsequently to collect the turbid supernatant containing the chitin nanocrystals. This collected fraction, the chitin nanocrystal suspension, was dialyzed against distilled water to achieve a 5.6 pH suspension and finally homogenized and sonicated to ensure separation of the individual nanocrystals prior to storage.

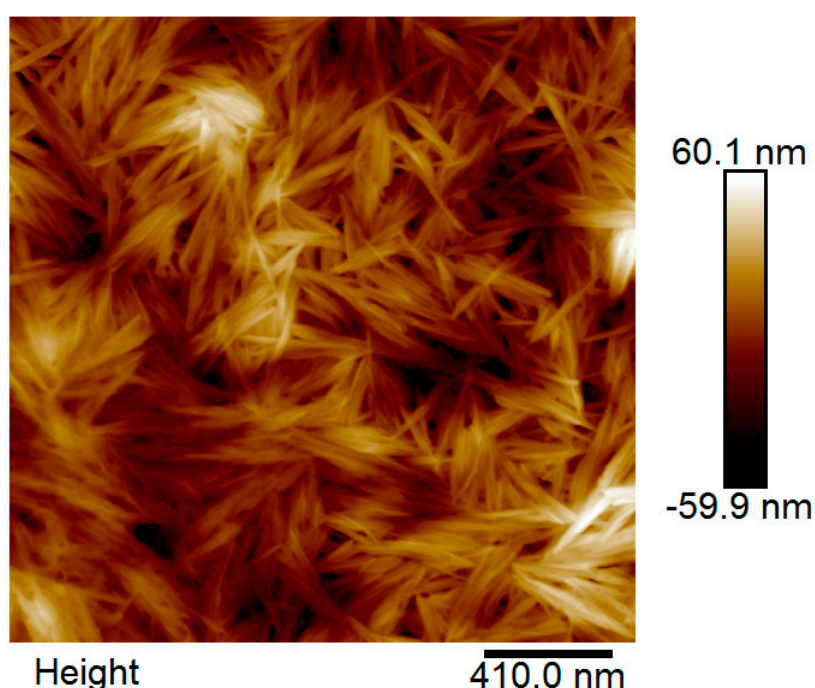


Figure S1. Atomic force microscope (AFM) 2D topography of ChNC.

S2. Optimization of the coating process.

The coating process parameters were optimized based on the optimal flux values and the stability of the coating. Variable studied were coating speed within a range of 1–50 mm/s, the gap distance of 50, 100 and 150 μm , and the different polysaccharide suspension concentration of 1 wt%, 3 wt% and 5 wt%. the best membrane performance was obtained when the parameters were of 1 wt% polysaccharide suspension, 40 mm/s coated speed, and 150 μm wet coating thickness, hence presented in this work.

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