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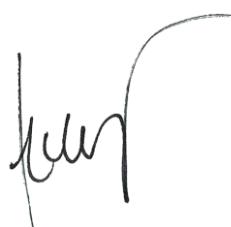
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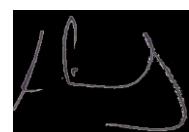
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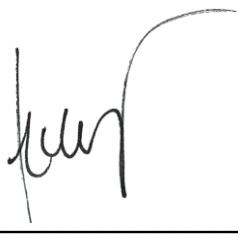
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1           ***Desenvolvimento de um pó hemostático à base de polissacarídeos e***  
2           ***aminoácidos para controle de hemorragias***

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16          **Resumo:** Esse estudo desenvolveu um material hemostático na forma de pó associando os  
17          polissacarídeos *iota*-carragenana (*ıC*) e xiloglucana (XIL), o aminoácido L-serina (SER) e o  
18          fármaco ácido tranexâmico (ATX). O material foi produzido por liofilização seguida de  
19          maceração dinâmica e os materiais obtidos caracterizados por espectroscopia no infravermelho  
20          com transformada de Fourier (FT-IR), microscopia eletrônica de varredura (MEV) e análise de  
21          intumescimento. A atividade hemolítica e tempo de coagulação do pó hemostático preparado  
22          nesse estudo também foi investigada *in vitro*. A compatibilidade química entre os  
23          polissacarídeos, aminoácido e ATX foi confirmada nas análises de FT-IR. As imagens obtidas  
24          por MEV mostraram que o pó produzido apresenta uma superfície rugosa. A eficácia do pó  
25          hemostático foi determinada através da atividade hemolítica e tempo de coagulação *in vitro*,

26 demonstrando boa compatibilidade sanguínea e reduzindo pela metade o tempo de coagulação  
27 de um indivíduo saudável, indicando promissora capacidade no manejo do quadro hemorrágico,  
28 podendo contribuir para redução de mortes de pacientes.

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30 **Palavras-chave:** ácido tranexâmico, *iota*-carragenana, xiloglucana, serina, pó hemostático.

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## 32 1. Introdução

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35 O quadro hemorrágico não controlado é uma das principais causas de morte  
36 potencialmente evitável entre pacientes, chegando a ser responsável por até 40% das mortes  
37 decorrentes de trauma, uma vez que um terço desses pacientes acabam não resistindo ao trajeto  
38 do local do acidente até o hospital (Altintop et al., 2020; Curry et al., 2011). Hemorragias podem  
39 ser igualmente agravadas pelo uso de certos tipos de medicamentos e alguns tipos de condições  
40 congênitas (Hickman et al., 2018).

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42 O manejo da hemorragia em ambiente hospitalar envolve principalmente o uso de  
43 suturas e eletro-cauterização (Barba et al., 2018). Em contrapartida, o controle hemorrágico em  
44 pacientes que não estão em ambiente hospitalar faz-se comumente pela compressão do local  
45 lesionado. No entanto, a eficiência da compressão na contenção hemorrágica é bastante limitada  
46 em lesões em locais de junção como virilha, pélvis, axilas, entre outros (Barba et al., 2018; Shen  
47 et al., 2020).

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49 Com isso, como alternativa as modalidades de controle hemorrágicos tradicionais,  
50 diversos materiais hemostáticos para uso tópico têm sido propostos (Carvalho & Marchi, 2013).  
Um material hemostático ideal deve preencher algumas características que incluem, porém não  
se limitam à, promover rápida coagulação, possuir mínima reatividade tecidual, ter baixo custo  
e ser biocompatível (Kaur et al., 2013). Esponjas como o Hemospon®, microesferas como o

51 Arista<sup>TM</sup> AH e Celox<sup>TM</sup> e hidrogéis como Gel-Stop<sup>TM</sup> são alguns dos diversos tipos de materiais  
52 hemostáticos comercializados atualmente com indicação de uso tópico (Pereira et al., 2018; Su  
53 et al., 2019).

54 O mecanismo de ação de materiais hemostáticos tópicos envolve basicamente a  
55 concentração de fatores de coagulação por meio da absorção de fluidos, a selagem do sangue  
56 por mucoadesão e a atuação como pró-coagulante com participação direta na cascata da  
57 coagulação (Carvalho & Marchi, 2013). Deste modo, é comum que os materiais hemostáticos  
58 recentemente desenvolvidos combinem dois ou mais mecanismos de hemostasia visando  
59 melhorar sua performance (Shen et al., 2020).

60 Cientes disso, esse estudo desenvolveu um material hemostático na forma de pó  
61 associando materiais com mecanismos distintos de hemostasia. Logo, os polissacarídeos *iota*-  
62 carragenana e xiloglucana, o aminoácido L-serina e o ingrediente ativo farmacêutico ácido  
63 tranexâmico foram selecionados para esse estudo. Embora isoladamente alguns desses  
64 materiais já tenham sido investigados como agentes hemostáticos, no melhor do conhecimento  
65 dos autores não há estudos que reportem o uso combinado da *tC*, XIL, SER e ATX na  
66 preparação de um material hemostático na forma de pó.

67 Ao que concerne a escolha dos polissacarídeos, estudos apontam que a grande  
68 capacidade de absorver água, ou seja, de intumescer, facilita a absorção da porção líquida do  
69 sangue acelerando dessa forma a ativação dos mecanismos endógenos de coagulação (Carvalho  
70 & Marchi, 2013; Xi et al., 2018). Sabendo que a inibição da fibrinólise é crucial no controle  
71 hemorrágico duradouro, a escolha de agentes antifibrinolíticos como o ATX faz-se essencial  
72 para impedir a dissolução da matriz de fibrina evitando que a lesão volte a sangrar (Altintop et  
73 al., 2020). O uso tópico do ATX tem se mostrado eficiente na redução de sangramentos pós-  
74 operatórios e na diminuição da necessidade de transfusão de sangue sem causar complicações  
75 aos pacientes, tais avanços acabaram tornando-o reconhecido como fármaco essencial pela

76 Organização Mundial da Saúde (Chang et al., 2014; Hosseini et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2019).  
77 Finalmente, a SER foi selecionada visando acelerar o processo de proliferação celular  
78 necessário para que ocorra a cicatrização da lesão (De Koning et al., 2003).

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80 **2. Metodologia**

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82 **2.1 Materiais**

83 O ácido tranexâmico (ATX) utilizado nesse estudo foi adquirido na Blau Farmacêutica  
84 (São Paulo, Brasil). A serina (SER) e o cloreto de cálcio foram adquiridos na LabSynth (São  
85 Paulo, Brasil). A *iota*-carragenana (*ıC*) foi cedida pela Extractos Naturales Gelymar S.A.  
86 (Santiago, Chile) e a xiloglucana (XIL) foi doada pelo Centre de recherches sur les  
87 macromolécules végétales (CERMAV, França).

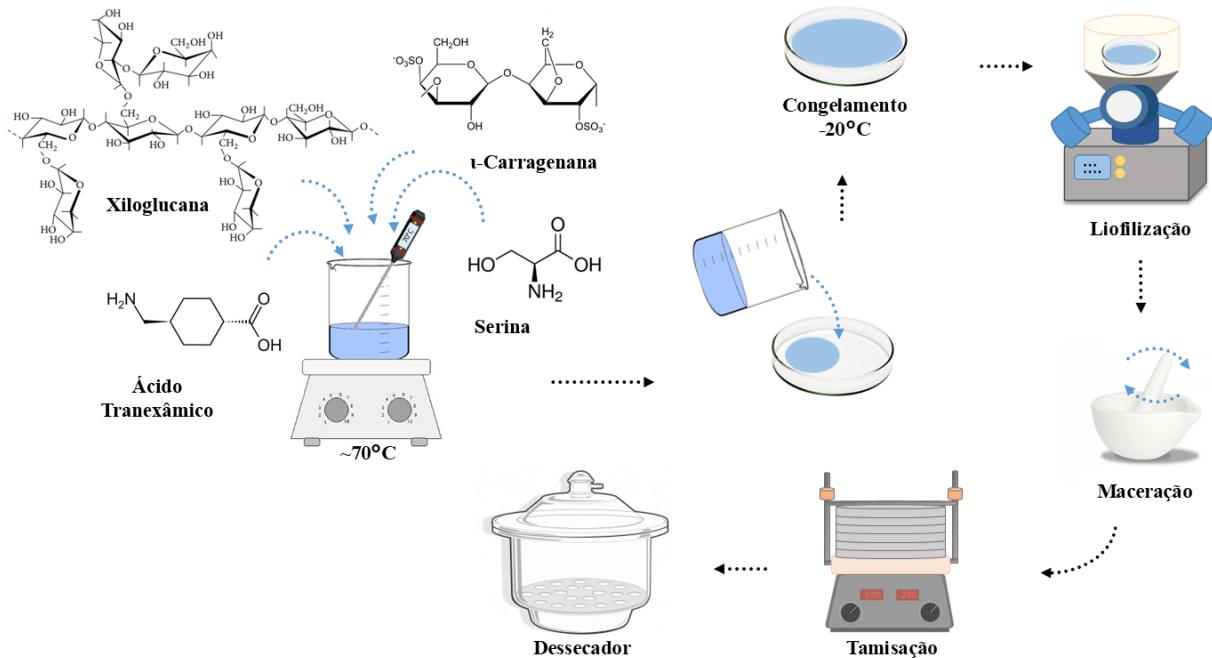
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89 **2.2 Métodos**

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91 **2.2.1 Preparação do pó liofilizado**

92 Para a preparação do pó liofilizado, 0,5% de *ıC* (<sup>m/v</sup>), 0,5% de XIL (<sup>m/v</sup>) e 0,5% de SER  
93 (<sup>m/v</sup>) foram pesados e dissolvidos em água purificada e em seguida adicionado 1% (<sup>m/v</sup>)  
94 (amostra codificada como *ıC:XIL:SER:ATX-1%*) ou 2% (<sup>m/v</sup>) (amostra codificada  
95 *ıC:XIL:SER:ATX-2%*) de ATX. As soluções foram aquecidas até ~70°C em agitação constante  
96 por cerca de 30 min. Após a completa homogeneização, as soluções foram acondicionadas em  
97 placas de Petri e congeladas a -20°C durante 24 horas para posterior liofilização (liofilizador  
98 Terroni, Brasil). As amostras obtidas foram moídas via maceração dinâmica, em seguida  
99 submetidas ao processo de tamisação e armazenadas em dessecador (Fig. 1).



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101 **Fig. 1** Esquema detalhando o método de produção do pó liofilizado

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103 2.3 Caracterização do pó liofilizado de  $\text{lC:XIL:SER}$ ,  $\text{lC:XIL:SER:ATX-1\%}$  e  
104  $\text{lC:XIL:SER:ATX-2\%}$ 

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106 2.3.1 Morfologia da superfície

107 A caracterização morfológica do pó liofilizado foi feita via microscopia eletrônica de  
108 varredura usando o microscópio JEOL JSM-6510 com uma voltagem de aceleração de 10 kV.  
109 O pó liofilizado de  $\text{lC:XIL:SER}$ ,  $\text{lC:XIL:SER:ATX-1\%}$  e  $\text{lC:XIL:SER:ATX-2\%}$  foi depositado  
110 sobre uma fita adesiva de carbono e então revestido com uma fina camada de ouro usando um  
111 *sputtering* à vácuo.

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113 2.3.2 Espectroscopia no infravermelho com transformada de Fourier (FTIR)

114 A ocorrência de interações químicas entre os componentes foi avaliada no  
115 espectrofotômetro de absorção no infravermelho com transformada de Fourier IR PRESTIGE-  
116 2 (PerkinElmer, EUA), equipado com acessório de reflectância total. Os espectros de FT-IR de

117 XIL,  $\iota$ C, SER e ATX assim como do pó liofilizado de  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER,  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e  
118  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2% foram obtidas na faixa de 4000 a 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  com resolução de 4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

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120 2.3.3 Intumescimento

121 A capacidade de intumescimento ( $S_w$ ) do pó liofilizado foi realizada gravimetricamente  
122 (em solução tampão fosfato pH 7,4). Após determinada quantidade da amostra seca do pó  
123 liofilizado ( $w_0$ ) foi colocada em um funil recoberto com papel filtro previamente umedecido  
124 com solução tampão fosfato. Em seguida, a solução de tampão foi lentamente gotejada sobre o  
125 pó liofilizado até a primeira gota escorrer do funil. A amostras saturadas foram então pesadas  
126 ( $w_s$ ) para determinação da capacidade de intumescimento ( $S_w = [(w_s - w_0)/ w_0] \times 100$ ). Para  
127 determinação da perda de massa ( $w_l$ ), as amostras submetidas a análise de intumescimento  
128 foram mantidas em estufa a 60°C até peso constante e pesadas ( $w_d$ ). A perda de massa foi então  
129 determinada ( $w_l = [(w_o - w_d)/ w_d] \times 100$ ).  
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131 2.3.4 Coagulação *in vitro*

132 O efeito da quantidade do pó liofilizado de  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER,  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e  
133  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2% sobre a coagulação do sangue foi investigado usando sangue venoso  
134 coletado de doadores saudáveis em tubos contendo citrato de sódio 3,2%, seguindo as normas  
135 estabelecidas e aprovadas pelo Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa (CEP) da Universidade do Sul de  
136 Santa Catarina (parecer: 4.226.402). Amostras com 10, 20 ou 30 mg de pó liofilizado foram  
137 colocados em microtubos e então foi adicionado 500  $\mu\text{L}$  de sangue e 25  $\mu\text{L}$  de cloreto de cálcio  
138 (0,2 mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$ ). Em tempos pré-determinados os microtubos foram homogeneizados até que o  
139 sangue perdesse a fluidez e ocorresse a formação de coágulos. Como controle negativo foi  
140 usado sangue recalcificado sem tratamento adicional (XI *et al.*, 2018; BARBA *et al.*, 2018).  
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142        2.3.5 Hemólise *in vitro*

143            O teste de hemólise foi realizado visando determinar a compatibilidade sanguínea do pó  
144        liofilizado de  $\alpha$ C:XIL:SER,  $\alpha$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e  $\alpha$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2%. Amostras de 5 mL  
145        de sangue venoso coletado em tubo contendo citrato de sódio 3,2% foram inicialmente diluídas  
146        em 10 mL de solução salina 0,9%. Em seguida, 1,5 mL dessa solução foi adicionada em tubos  
147        de ensaio contendo 30 mg do pó liofilizado de  $\alpha$ C:XIL:SER,  $\alpha$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e  
148         $\alpha$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2% e mantidos em banho termostatizado (temperatura  $37 \pm 0,5^\circ\text{C}$ ) por 60  
149        min. Após esse tempo, os tubos de ensaio foram centrifugados (1500 rpm) por 5 min sendo o  
150        sobrenadante coletado e analisado em espectrofotômetro UV-vis (LGS 53, Bel Photonics,  
151        Brazil) no comprimento de onda de 540 nm (Pan et al., 2017; Su et al., 2019). Água purificada  
152        e solução salina 0,9% foram usadas como controle positivo e negativo, respectivamente, e a  
153        taxa de hemólise foi então calculada pela equação abaixo:

154            Taxa de hemólise (%) =  $\frac{(\text{absorbância}_{\text{amostra}} - \text{absorbância}_{\text{salina}})}{(\text{absorbância}_{\text{água}} - \text{absorbância}_{\text{salina}})} \times 100$

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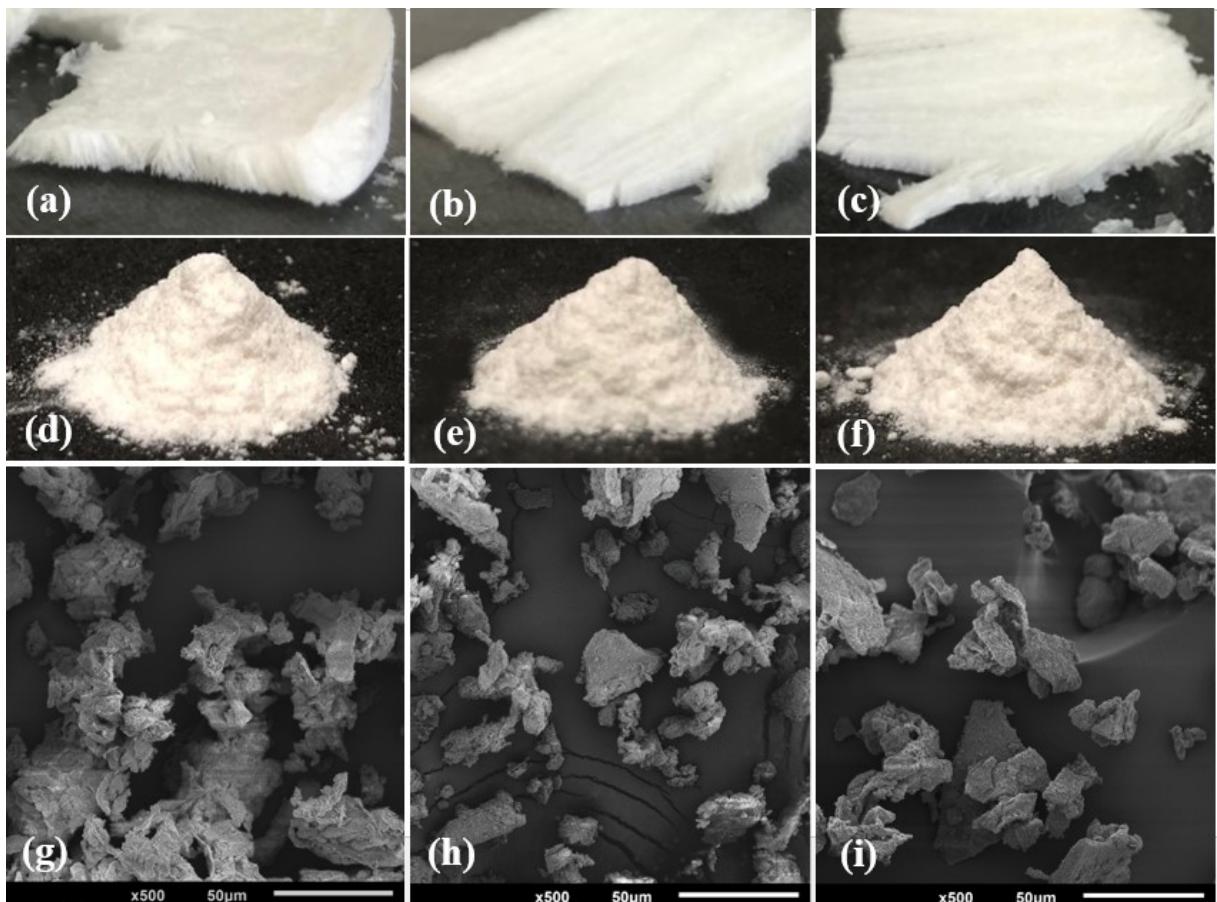
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157        **3. Resultados e discussão**

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159            O uso de polissacarídeos isoladamente ou em combinação com outros agentes  
160        hemostáticos têm se apresentado como uma efetiva alternativa substitutiva para os materiais ou  
161        métodos hemostáticos tradicionalmente usados no controle hemorrágico (Barba et al., 2018;  
162        Biranje et al., 2020; Fathi et al., 2018; Punyanitya et al., 2019). Portanto, esse estudo  
163        desenvolveu um material na forma de pó e à base polímeros naturais  $\alpha$ C e XIL aminoácido SER  
164        e ATX sendo o ingrediente farmacêutico ativo destinado ao controle de hemorragias, visando  
165        aplicação como agente hemostático de uso tópico. Na Fig. 2 pode ser verificada a aparência das  
166        amostras liofilizadas, do pó obtido a partir da maceração dinâmica das amostras liofilizadas e

167 as micrografias obtidas por MEV do pó de  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER,  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e  
168  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2%.



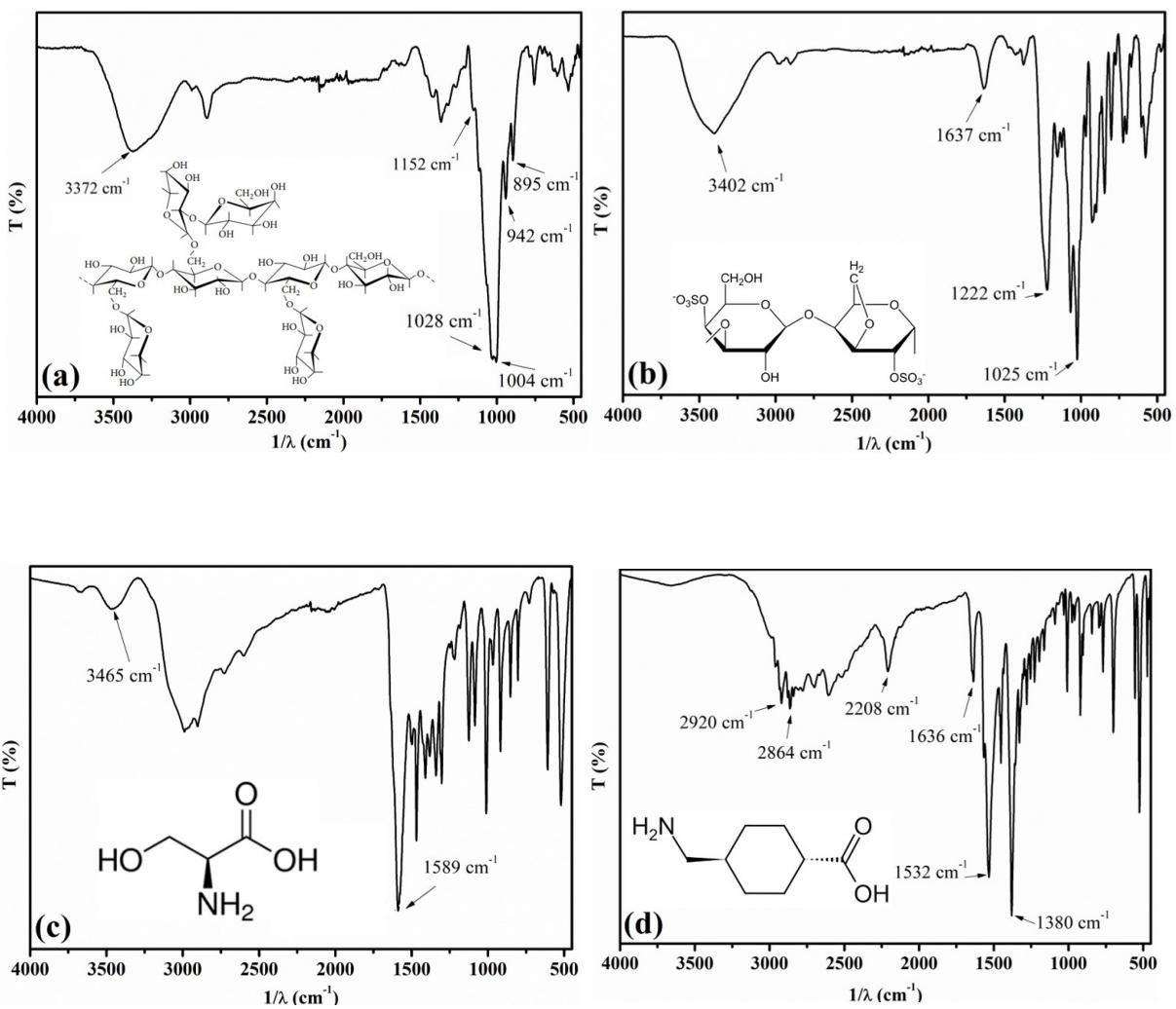
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170 **Fig. 2.** Aparência da amostra liofilizada de  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER (a),  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% (b) e  
171  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2% (c). Aparência do pó obtido a partir da maceração dinâmica da amostra  
172 liofilizada de  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER (d),  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% (e) e  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2% (f).  
173 Micrografias obtidas por MEV do pó de  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER (g),  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% (h) e  
174  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2% (i).

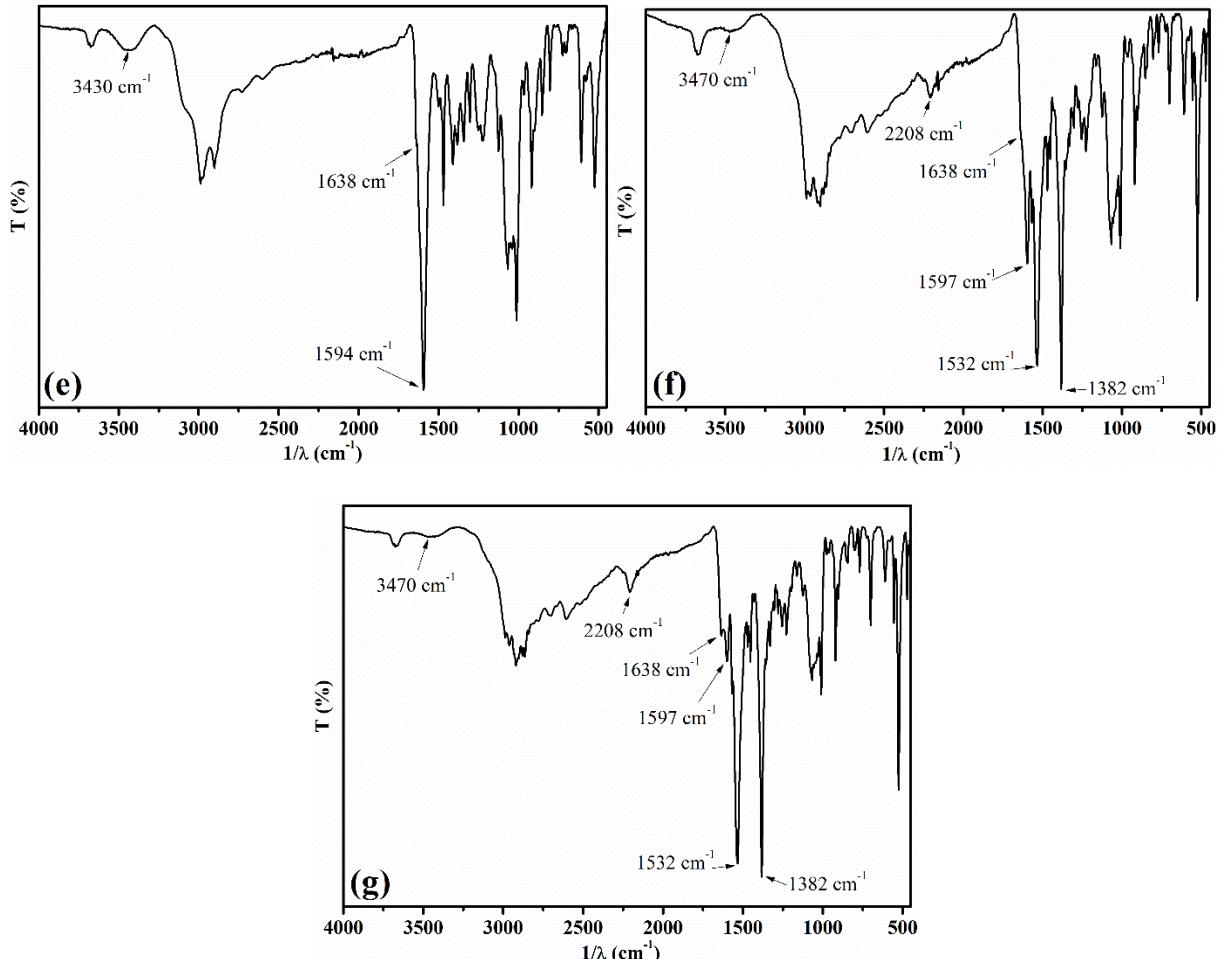
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176 O processo de liofilização das amostras  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER,  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e  
177  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2% resultou na formação de um material com aparência esponjosa,  
178 homogêneo e de cor branca ([Fig. 2a-c](#)). A maceração dinâmica desses materiais levou a  
179 obtenção de um pó branco homogêneo com tamanho de partícula entre 250–100 μm ([Fig. 2d-](#)  
180 [f](#)).

181 Como observado nas micrografias de MEV (Fig. 2g-i), para as amostras de  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER,  
 182  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2%, o pó liofilizado apresentou uma superfície  
 183 rugosa e com formato de partícula irregular. Notavelmente, partículas com formato irregular  
 184 tendem a possuir uma maior área de superfície o que, para um material hemostático, é vantajoso  
 185 considerando que essa característica acaba por favorecer a interação entre o material e o sangue,  
 186 levando ao seu rápido intumescimento com subsequente formação do coágulo (Altintop et al.,  
 187 2020; Su et al., 2019).

188 Para uma melhor compreensão das possíveis interações entre os materiais que compõem  
 189 o pó hemostático desenvolvido, na Fig. 3 tem-se os espectros de FT-IR de XIL,  $\iota$ C, SER e ATX  
 190 isolados e das amostras do pó liofilizado de  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER,  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e  
 191  $\iota$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2%.





**Fig. 3.** Espectros obtidos por FT-IR para xiloglucana (a), *iota*-carragenana (b), serina (c), ácido tranexâmico (d), iC:XIL:SER (e), iC:XIL:SER:ATX-1% (f) e iC:XIL:SER:ATX-2% (g).

O espectro de absorção da XIL (Fig. 3a) exibiu banda forte, larga (3600 e 3000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), resultante da associação polimérica em decorrência das hidroxilas, com pico máximo de absorção em 3272  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , associada à deformação axial dos grupos  $\nu(\text{OH})$  (SANTOS et al., 2019). O espectro também revela diversas bandas de absorção entre 1200 e 850  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  que surgem dos diferentes modos de vibração dos anéis de açúcares, no caso, glicose, xilose e galactose (Szymanska-Charget & Zdunek, 2013). Destacando-se as deformações axiais e angulares C-O de diferentes éteres alifáticos em 1152, 1028 e 1004  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . O espectro da iC (Fig. 3b) mostra uma ampla banda de absorção centrada em 3402  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  atribuída a deformação axial dos grupos  $\nu(\text{OH})$ , bandas de absorção em 1222 e 1025  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  associadas à deformação dos grupos

v(O=S=O) e dos grupos v(C–O–C) que compõem a estrutura das unidades de galactose presentes na  $\text{tC}$  (Ghani et al., 2019). A banda de absorção em  $1637 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  surge da deformação angular dos grupos  $\delta(\text{OH})$  de moléculas residuais de água presentes no polissacarídeo (Croitoru et al., 2020). Para o espectro da SER ([Fig. 3b](#)), uma banda de absorção atribuída à deformação axial dos grupos v(NH<sub>2</sub>) pode ser observada em  $3465 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , banda larga em  $2.960 - 2.850 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  vibrações de deformação axial nos átomos de hidrogênio ligados a carbono, sobreposta a banda da ligação de hidrogênio intramolecular de OH com C=O. O espectro também revelou a presença de uma banda de absorção em  $1589 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  associada à deformação axial assimétrica dos grupos v(COO<sup>-</sup>) presentes na estrutura química da SER (Lambie et al., 2004). O espectro do ATX ([Fig. 3d](#)) exibiu banda larga de  $3000$  a  $2200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  de intensidade moderada de vibrações de deformação axial nos átomos de hidrogênio ligados a carbono, oxigênio e nitrogênio (C-H, O-H e N-H), onde OH e NH associados a ligações diméricas ou poliméricas, e os picos  $2920$  e  $2864 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  relacionadas à deformação axial simétrica e assimétrica dos grupos v(CH<sub>2</sub>), respectivamente. A absorção na região  $2200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  é associada às vibrações de deformação axial de deformações angulares de N-H e  $-\text{NH}_2$ . As bandas de absorção em  $1636$  e  $1532 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  atribuídas à deformação axial dos grupos v(C=O) e a deformação angular dos grupos  $\delta(\text{NH}_2)$ , respectivamente. No espectro também foi possível observar bandas de absorção em  $1380 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  associada à deformação axial simétrica dos grupos v(COO<sup>-</sup>) (Shaikh et al., 2015).

O espectro FTIR da amostra  $\text{tC:XIL:SER}$  ([Fig. 3e](#)) apresentou as bandas de absorção típicas da  $\text{tC}$ , XIL e SER; comparado aos espectros dos materiais puros, a principal diferença no espectro da  $\text{tC:XIL:SER}$  reside no descolamento da banda de absorção dos grupos v(OH) para menor número de onda. Esse deslocamento pode estar relacionado à redução de grupos OH livres devido à formação de novas ligações de hidrogênio entre  $\text{tC}$ , XIL e SER (Robert M. Silverstein, Francis X. Webster, n.d.). Ao comparar os espectros de  $\text{tC:XIL:SER}$  ([Fig. 3e](#)) com os espectros de  $\text{tC:XIL:SER:ATX-1\%}$  ([Fig. 3f](#)) e  $\text{tC:XIL:SER:ATX-2\%}$  ([Fig. 3g](#)), as principais

234 diferenças são observadas na região de 2200 cm<sup>-1</sup>, e entre 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup> e 1300 cm<sup>-1</sup>. As  
235 formulações tC:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e tC:XIL:SER:ATX-2%, apresentaram banda de absorção  
236 característica às vibrações de deformação axial de deformações angulares de N-H e -NH2 do  
237 ácido tranexâmico em 2200 cm<sup>-1</sup>. O surgimento dos picos em 1535 cm<sup>-1</sup> e 1383 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  
238 característicos do ATX, confirmam sua inserção à formulação (Muthu & Prabhakaran, 2014;  
239 Shaikh et al., 2015). A absorção dos grupos v(OH) para menor número de onda (3470 cm<sup>-1</sup>)  
240 também foi evidenciada nestas formulações semelhante espetro da tC:XIL:SER.

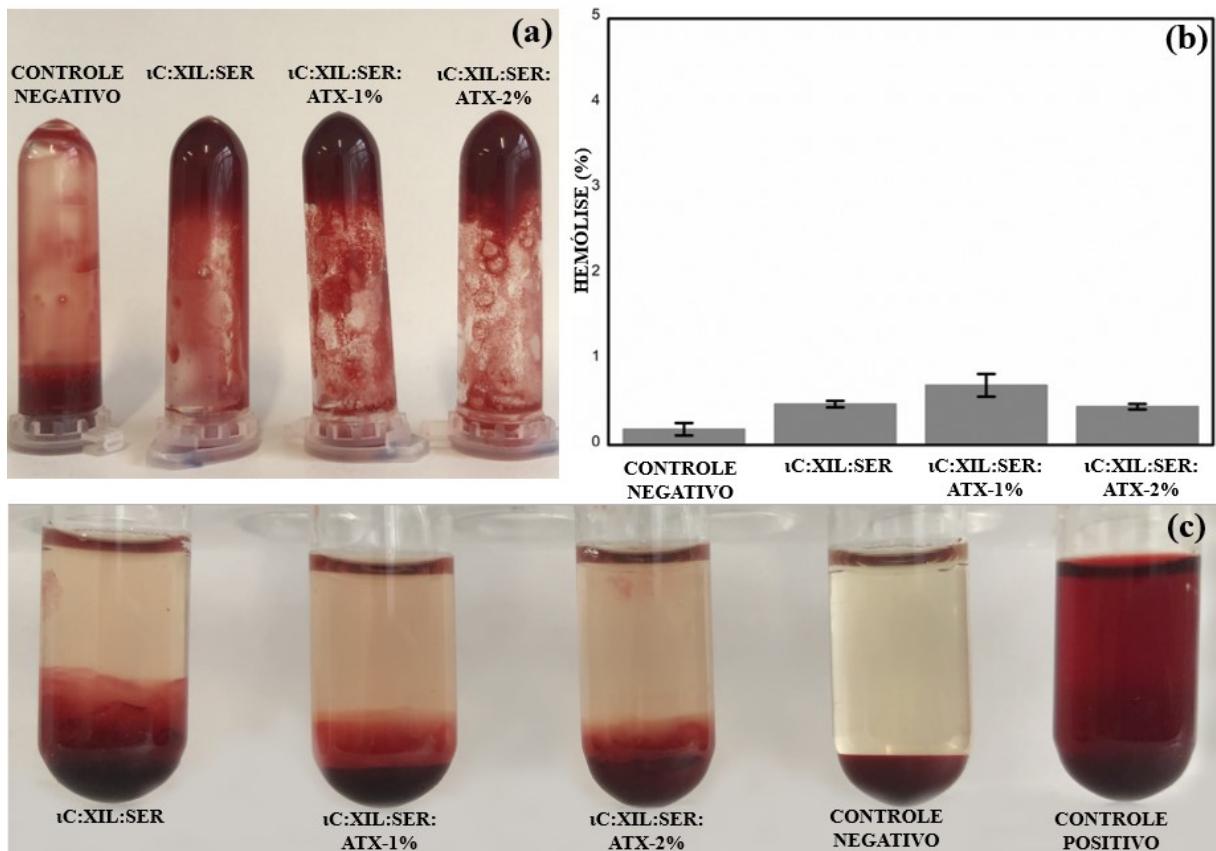
241 A capacidade de um material hemostático em absorver líquidos é um dos mecanismos  
242 associados à sua ação no controle hemorrágico (Pan et al., 2017). Portanto, a capacidade de  
243 intumescimento do pó liofilizado de tC:XIL:SER, tC:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e tC:XIL:SER:ATX-  
244 2% foi determinada usando uma solução tampão fosfato pH 7,4 (mimetizando o pH fisiológico).  
245 A amostra de tC:XIL:SER absorveu 10,3 g de solução tampão pH 7,4 por grama da amostra em  
246 pó, enquanto as amostras tC:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e tC:XIL:SER:ATX-2% foram capazes de  
247 absorver 6,6 g e 6,2 g de solução tampão pH 7,4 por grama da amostra em pó, respectivamente.  
248 Essa redução na capacidade de intumescimento das amostras após adição do ATX pode estar  
249 relacionada à redução dos grupos -OH livres, conforme mostrou a análise por FT-IR. Embora  
250 a presença de ATX tenha reduzido a capacidade de intumescimento da matriz de tC:XIL:SER,  
251 os valores de intumescimento foram próximos àqueles reportados em estudos prévios de SU e  
252 colaboradores (2019), onde micropartículas contendo diferentes concentrações de ATX (1% e  
253 2%) apresentaram intumescimento médio 3,5 vezes menor daquele observado em nosso estudo,  
254 estando a redução da capacidade de intumescimento igualmente condicionada ao aumento da  
255 concentração de ATX.

256 Minimizar a lixiviação dos materiais que compõem o agente hemostático para a corrente  
257 sanguínea é essencial para mitigar possíveis efeitos tóxicos do produto. Portanto, a perda de  
258 massa do pó de tC:XIL:SER, tC:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e tC:XIL:SER:ATX-2% após teste de

259 intumescimento foram  $5,26\% \pm 2,82\%$ ,  $7,5\% \pm 1,45\%$  e  $12,66\% \pm 1,41\%$ , respectivamente.  
260 Como podemos observar, há uma tendência de aumento da perda de massa do pó preparado  
261 com o aumento da quantidade de ATX presente na matriz. Considerando a natureza hidrofílica  
262 do ATX e sua baixa massa molar ( $157,21\text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ), este resultado indica que o aumento da perda  
263 de massa observado com o aumento na concentração de ATX pode estar relacionado à sua  
264 lixiviação da matriz.

265 A tendência de intumescimento refletiu a análise de coagulação, que avaliou o período  
266 necessário para o sangue perder a fluidez e formar coágulos. Nas análises de  $20\text{ mg mL}^{-1}$  e  $40$   
267  $\text{mg mL}^{-1}$ , os pós liofilizados de  $\text{tC:XIL:SER:ATX-1\%}$  e  $\text{tC:XIL:SER:ATX-2\%}$  apresentaram  
268 efeito limitado na formação do coágulo, quando comparadas à formulação  $\text{tC:XIL:SER}$ , isenta  
269 de ATX. Contudo, na concentração de  $60\text{ mg mL}^{-1}$  as três formulações se comportaram de  
270 forma semelhante, sendo capazes de coagular todo o conteúdo sanguíneo em 5 minutos ([Fig. 4a](#)).  
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272 O controle com sangue recalcificado atingiu completa coagulação após 10 minutos e as  
273 amostras tratadas com  $60\text{ mg mL}^{-1}$  do pó liofilizado de  $\text{tC:XIL:SER}$ ,  $\text{tC:XIL:SER:ATX-1\%}$  e  
274  $\text{tC:XIL:SER:ATX-2\%}$  induziram a coagulação em 30 segundos. Essa redução no tempo de  
275 coagulação pode estar associada à combinação de dois fatores: primeiro, a notável capacidade  
276 do pó preparado em absorver água – componente majoritário do sangue, conforme mostrou a  
277 análise de intumescimento; segundo, a atividade antifibrinolítica do ATX que resulta no retardamento  
278 da fibrinólise, ou seja, a dissolução do coágulo (Hickman et al., 2018; Taam et al., 2020).



279 **Fig. 4.** Coagulação do sangue recalcificado (controle negativo) e sangue recalcificado tratado  
 280 com  $60 \text{ mg mL}^{-1}$  do pó liofilizado após 5 minutos (a). Taxa de hemólise do sangue tratado com  
 281  $60 \text{ mg mL}^{-1}$  do pó liofilizado e controle negativo (sangue + salina 0,9%) (b). Atividade  
 282 hemolítica do sangue tratado com  $60 \text{ mg mL}^{-1}$  do pó liofilizado (c).

284 A compatibilidade sanguínea das amostras de tC:XIL:SER, tC:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e  
 285 tC:XIL:SER:ATX-2% foi investigada através da atividade hemolítica e dissociação de  
 286 hemoglobina. Como pode ser observado na Fig. 4c, o sobrenadante das soluções sangue/salina  
 287 expostas as amostras preparadas nesse estudo apresentaram aspecto límpido similar ao controle  
 288 negativo. Para que um material seja considerado biocompatível é estabelecido um limite  
 289 máximo de 5% de hemólise (Su et al., 2019). Os valores de taxa de hemólise das amostras de  
 290 tC:XIL:SER, tC:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e tC:XIL:SER:ATX-2% foram iguais a  $0,484\% \pm 0,038\%$ ,  
 291  $0,702\% \pm 0,131\%$  e  $0,482\% \pm 0,033\%$ , respectivamente (Fig. 4b), confirmando a  
 292 compatibilidade sanguínea do material hemostático preparado nesse estudo.

293     **4. Conclusão**

294         Os resultados apresentados nesse estudo revelaram o potencial de aplicação do material  
295         hemostático no manejo de hemorragias em diferentes cenários. A forma irregular das partículas  
296         do pó preparado combinada à inerente característica hidrofílica dos polissacarídeos e a atividade  
297         antifibrinolítica do ATX contribuíram para a notável atividade coagulante das amostras  
298          $\alpha$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-1% e  $\alpha$ C:XIL:SER:ATX-2%. Ademais, a hemocompatibilidade das amostras  
299         preparadas nesse estudo sustenta seu caráter promissor.

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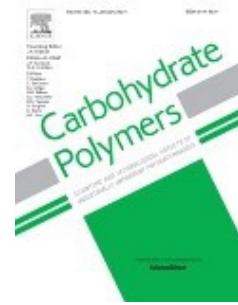
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### INTRODUCTION

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