**Response to Reviewers**

**Responses for Reviewer A**

There is no shifting of any characteristic peaks after drug encapsulation. Practically, the same absorption bands appeared in the microspheres spectrum after drug encapsulation. The drug is encapsulated in crystalline form. The IR spectra (Figure 2) did not show any new bands.

On page 9, the last sentence of the “Infrared Spectroscopy” section: The statement “did not cause any chemical reaction” has been corrected and replaced with “did not cause any chemical interaction with polymer matrix”. (Please see the text on page 9).

Therefore, the discussion given on page 10 has been reconsidered: It is difficult to imagine that the chemical reaction between 2-ABZT and polymer matrix could occur at room temperature during encapsulation process, only chemical interaction such as hydrogen bonding, ect. could be formed. If there is no shifting of characteristic peaks in FTIR spectra upon encapsulation of drug, we can only conclude that chemical interaction between drug and polymer matrix did not take place.

**Response for Reviewer B**

The graphs of in vitro drug release were correctly presented. See the Fig. 4 in the page 11 of the manuscript.