Cover Letter

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the manuscript entitled:

**Preparation of composite zein/natural resin nanoparticles**

that we are submitting for publication in Journal of Serbian Chemical Society.

The aim of this work was to investigate a possibility of preparing composite zein/natural resin (shellac and rosin) nanoparticles by antisolvent co–precipitation from their aqueous ethanol solutions. Composite nanoparticles were prepared with two different resin and five different mass ratios each. Prepared nanoparticles were evaluated for zeta potential and size. Functional properties of zein/rosin composite nanoparticles were evaluated by studying carvacrol encapsulation.

Results showed that colloidal properties, *d* and **, of the obtained nanoparticles are influenced by zein/resin mass ratio and *pH* of nanoparticles’ dispersions. Isoelectric point of composite nanoparticles can be modulated by varying zein/resin mass ratio. It was found that zein/rosin nanoparticles are suitable for carvacrol encapsulation, where carvacrol release is enhanced by increasing rosin share in composite zein/rosin nanoparticles.

We confirm that the article is original and unpublished, and is not being or having been submitted for publication to any other journal, and that all the authors have read the paper and agree with its submission to Journal of Serbian Chemical Society, so we hope that you will find our research suitable for the publication in Journal of Serbian Chemical Society.

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