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Some polymerization techniques onto renewable sources to obtain graft copolymers

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Free radical polymerization, ring opening polymerization, one-pot polymerization (free radical and ring-opening polymerization), aqueous free radical polymerization (redox) and nitroxy-mediated polymerization methods have been used respectively [1-4].

These obtained graft copolymers' biomedical and industrial applications have been investigated. Poly(linoleic acid)-g-poly(ϵ -caprolactone) (PLina-g-PCL) and poly(linoleic acid)-g-poly(styrene)-g-poly(ϵ -caprolactone) (PLina-g-PSt-g-PCL) were synthesized by ring-opening polymerization of ϵ -caprolactone initiated by PLina and one-pot synthesis of graft copolymers, and by ring-opening polymerization and free radical polymerization by using PLina, respectively [2].

Polymeric linoleic acid graft copolymers have been synthesized via nitroxide mediated radical polymerization (NMRP) method in the presence of 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinyl-1-oxy (TEMPO). For this purpose, PLina-ox exposed to polymerization with styrene (Sty) or Sty and pentafluorostyrene (F₅Sty) in the presence of TEMPO by NMRP method in order to obtain PLina-g-PSty and PLina-g-PF₅Sty-g-PSty graft copolymers with controlled structure and low polydispersity [3].

Water soluble hydroxylated soya oil polymer has been used in the redox polymerization of N-isopropylacrylamide (NIPAM) in order to obtain water-based hydroxylated-soya oil polymer-g-PNIPAM graft copolymer [4].

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