

Supporting Information for

Chitosan-based asymmetric topological membranes with cell-like features for healthcare applications

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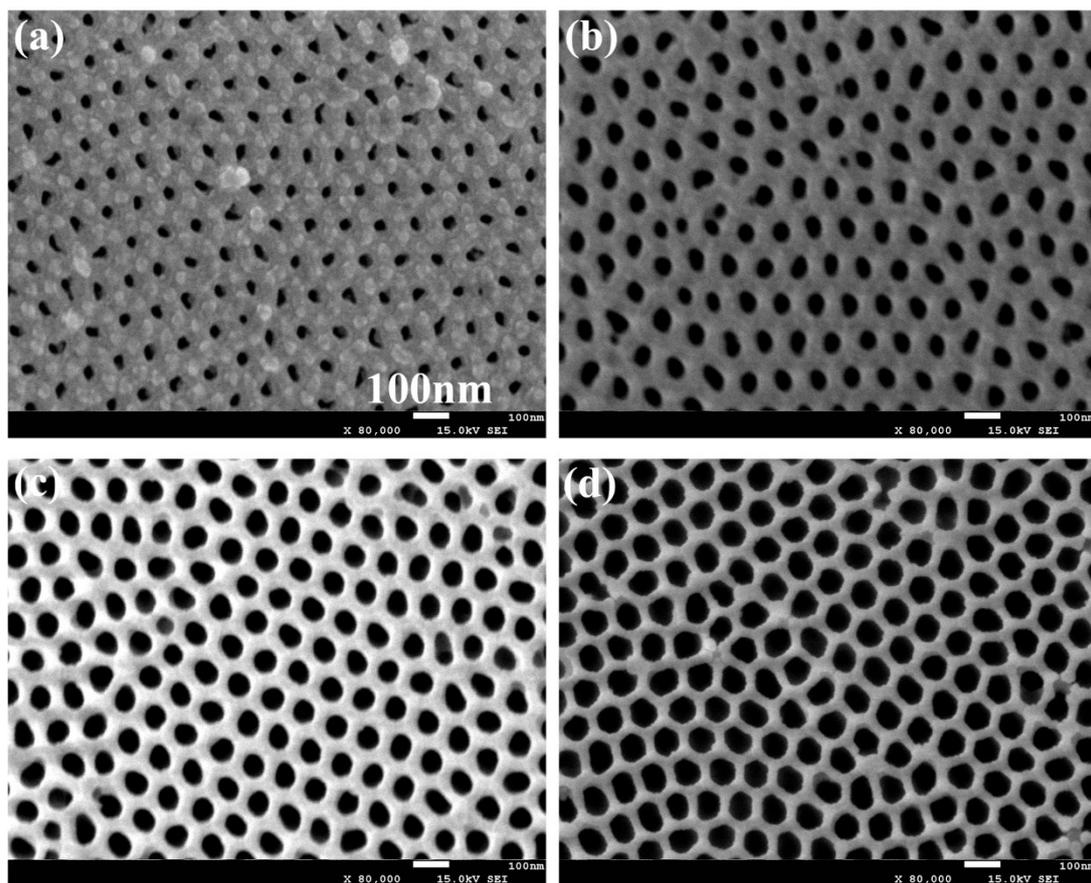


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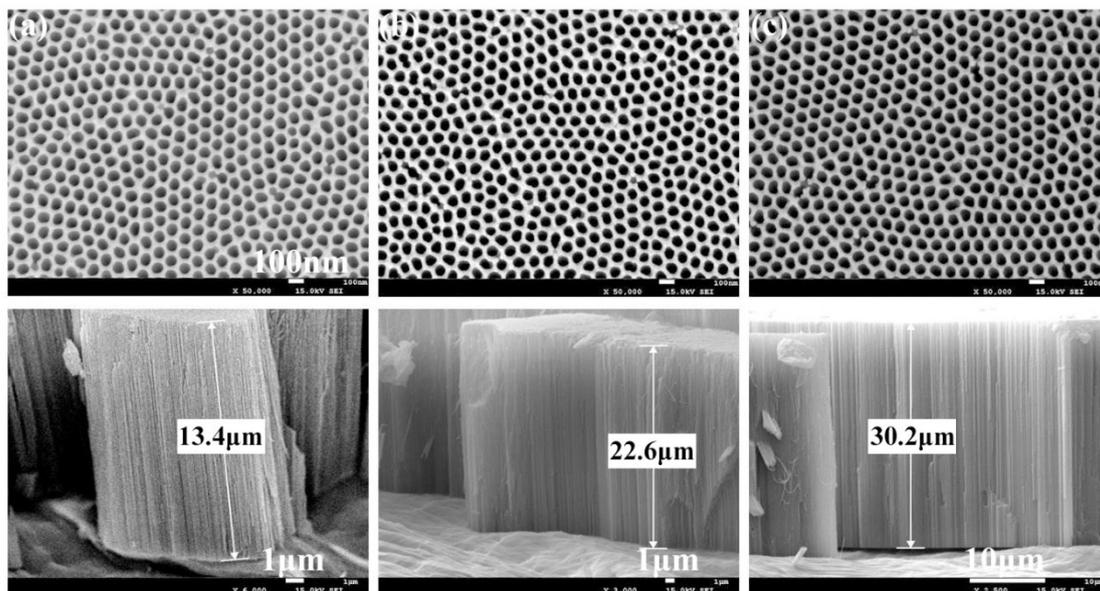


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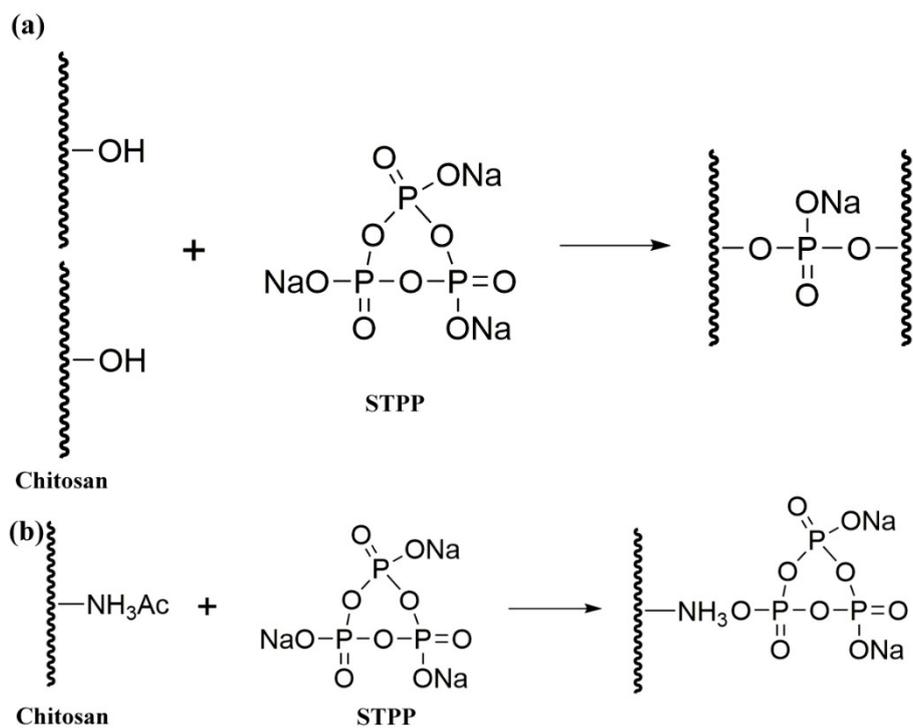


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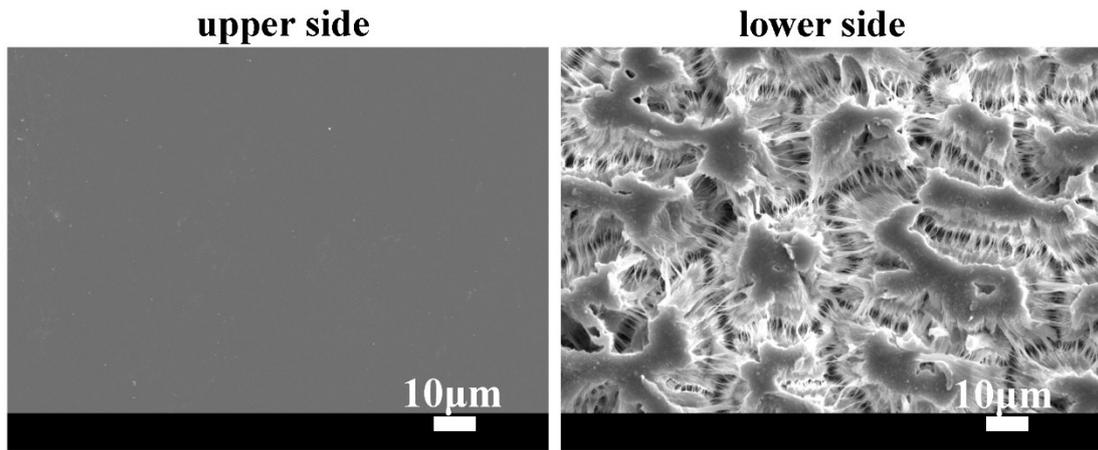


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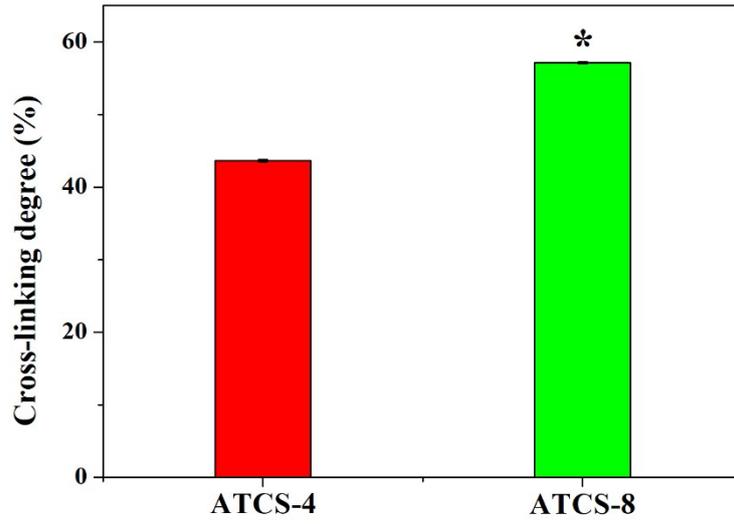


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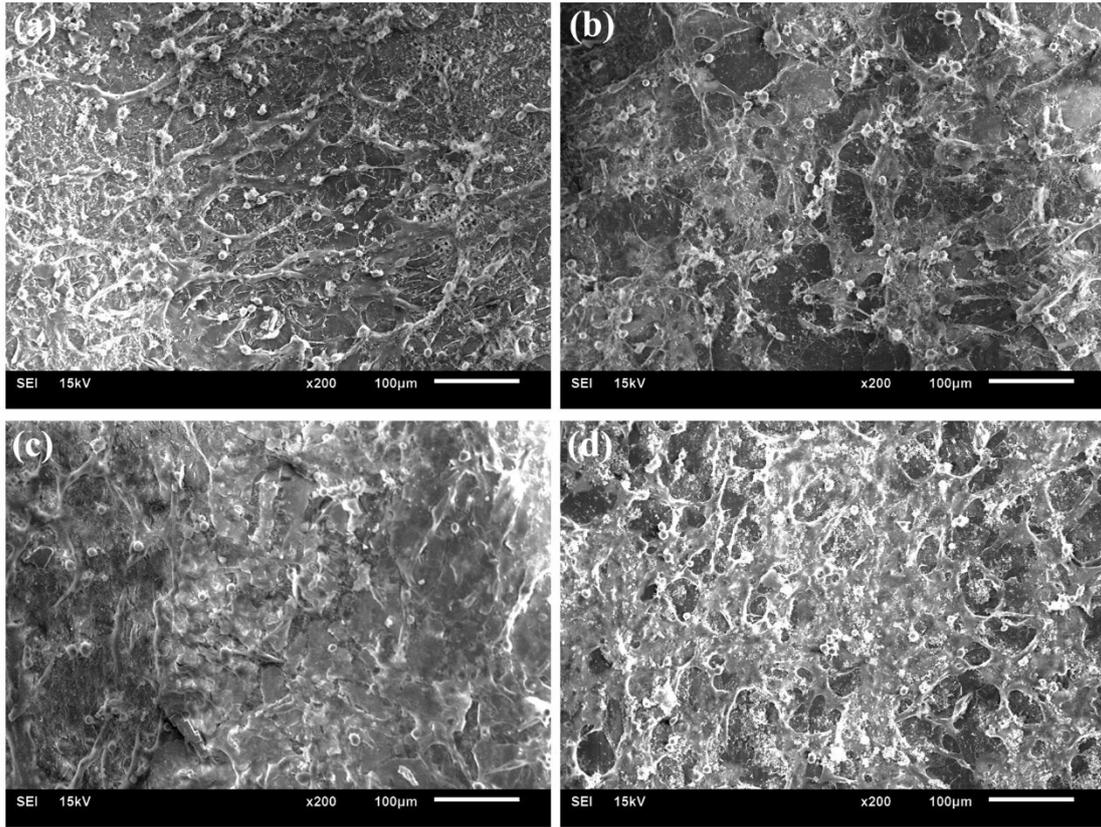


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Samples	Pore size (μm)	Surface porosity (%)
SyCS	0	0
ATCS-0	1.16 ± 0.01	13.04 ± 0.10
ATCS-4	1.08 ± 0.05	18.05 ± 0.43
ATCS-8	1.51 ± 0.03	22.56 ± 0.49

Table S2. Tensile strength of the symmetric and asymmetric chitosan membranes under dry and wet conditions.

Samples	Tensile strength in dry condition (MPa)	Tensile strength in wet condition (MPa)
SyCS	28.99 ± 2.35	3.74 ± 1.02
ATCS-0	19.36 ± 5.62	1.68 ± 0.34
ATCS-4	26.73 ± 1.15	3.45 ± 0.98
ATCS-8	30.32 ± 2.49	5.07 ± 1.10