

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **Nitric oxide-releasing *S*-nitrosated derivatives of chitin and chitosan for biomedical applications**

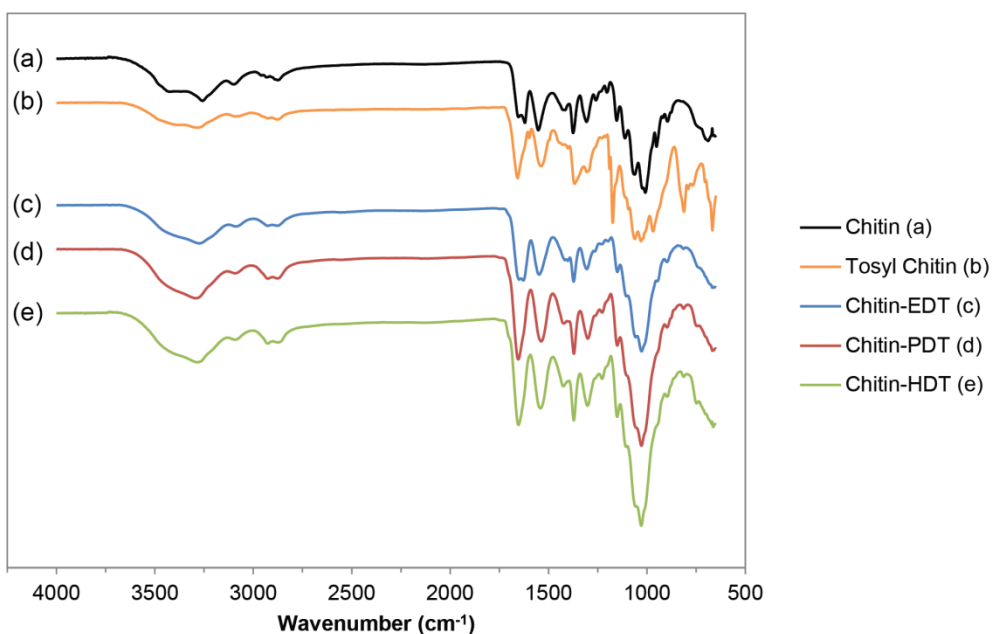
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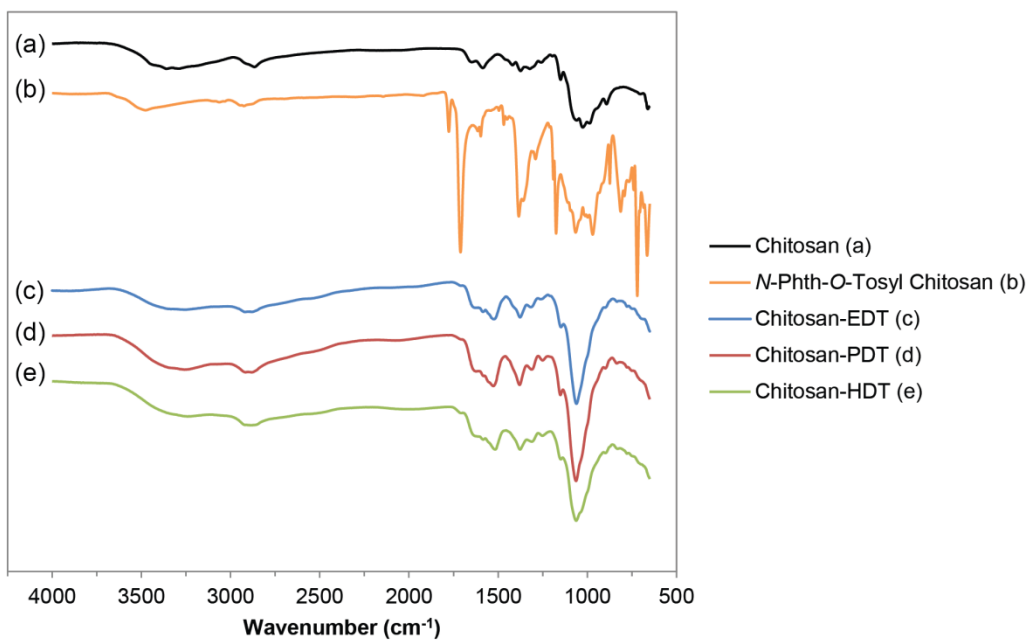
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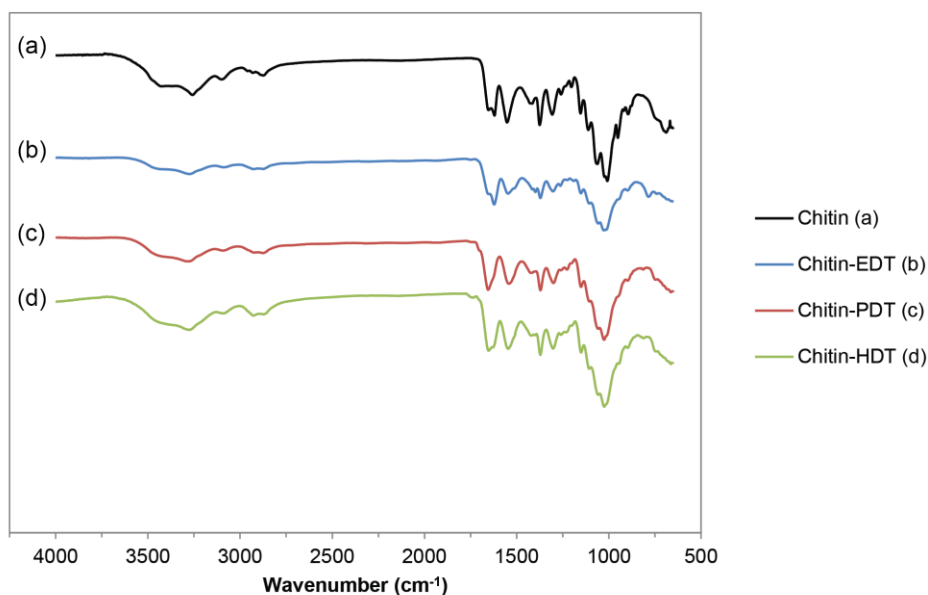
**Fig. S1** ATR-IR spectra of thiolated chitin derivatives. See Table S1 for diagnostic peak assignments.



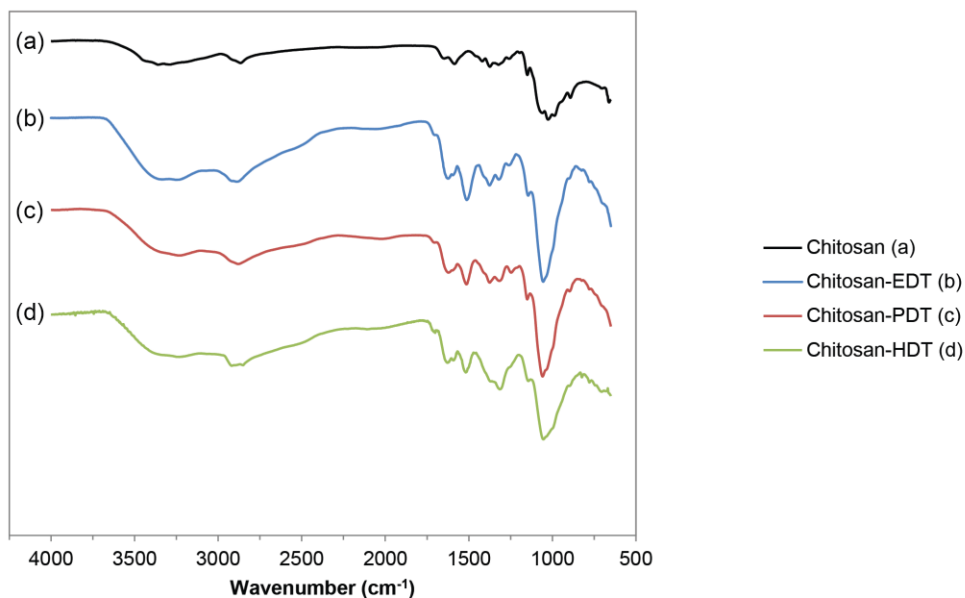
**Fig. S2** ATR-IR spectra of thiolated chitosan derivatives. See Table S1 for diagnostic peak assignments.

Material	Diagnostic IR peaks (cm <sup>-1</sup> )											
	Hydroxyl (O-H) <sup>1</sup>	Amine (N-H) <sup>1</sup>	Amide (N-H) <sup>1</sup>	Phthaloyl (C=O) <sup>2</sup>	Phthaloyl (C=O) <sup>2</sup>	Amide I <sup>1</sup>	Aromatic (C-C) <sup>3</sup>	Amide II <sub>1</sub>	Tosyl (S=O) <sup>3</sup>	Ether, alcohol (C-O) <sup>1</sup>	Tosyl (aromatic C-H) <sup>3</sup>	Phthaloyl (aromatic C-H) <sup>2</sup>
Chitin	3600 – 3200	-	3259	-	-	1653	-	1552	-	1024	-	-
<i>O</i> -Tosyl Chitin	3600 – 3200	-	3281	-	-	1657	1598	1538	1174	1031	811	-
Chitin-EDT	3600 – 3200	-	3277	-	-	1652	-	1548	-	1027	-	-
Chitin-PDT	3600 – 3200	-	3293	-	-	1653	-	1537	-	1028	-	-
Chitin-HDT	3600 – 3200	-	3280	-	-	1652	-	1541	-	1029	-	-
Chitosan	3600 – 3200	3359 3295	-	-	-	1650	-	1586	-	1062	-	-
<i>N</i> -Phthaloyl- <i>O</i> -Tosyl Chitin	3600 – 3200	-	-	1776	1711	-	1614 1597	-	1175	1066	813	720
Chitosan-EDT	3600 – 3200	3334 3258	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1061	-	-
Chitosan-PDT	3600 – 3200	3334 3260	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1063	-	-
Chitosan-HDT	3600 – 3200	3320 3242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1062	-	-

**Table S1** Diagnostic IR peaks for thiolated chitin and chitosan materials. Peaks not used for diagnostic purposes (i.e. alkyl C-H) are not reported here. <sup>1</sup>F. G. Pearson, R. H. Marchessault, C. Y. Liang, *J. Polym. Sci.*, 1960, **13**, 101. <sup>2</sup>K. Kurita, H. Ikeda, M. Shimojoh and J. Yang, *Polym. J.*, 2007, **39**, 945. <sup>3</sup>K. Kurita, H. Yoshino, K. Yokota, M. Ando, S. Inoue, S. Ishii and S. Nishimura, *Macromolecules*, 1992, **25**, 3786.



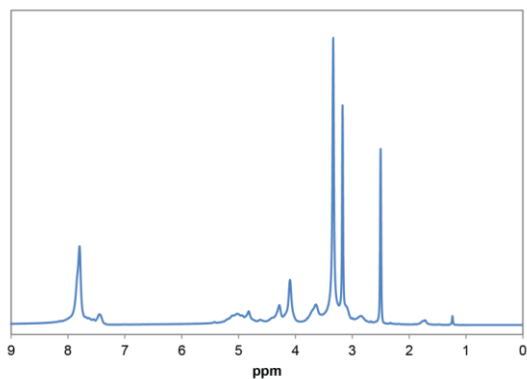
**Fig. S3** ATR-IR spectra of *S*-nitrosated chitin derivatives. See Table S2 for diagnostic peak assignments.



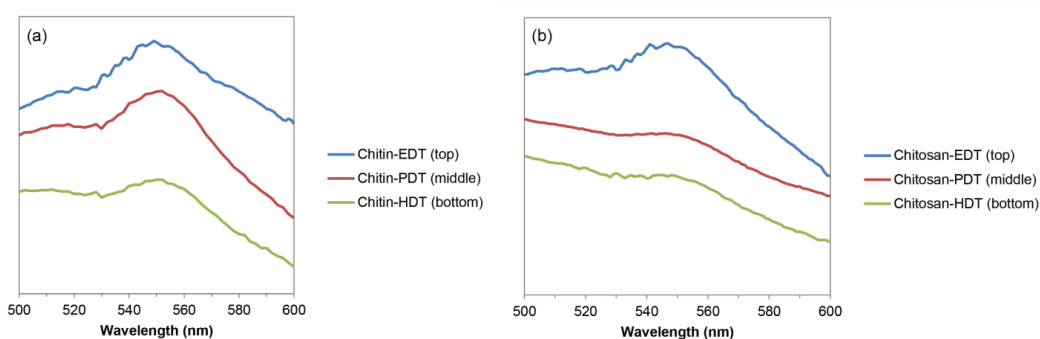
**Fig. S4** ATR-IR spectra of *S*-nitrosated chitosan derivatives. See Table S2 for diagnostic peak assignments.

Material	Diagnostic IR peaks (cm <sup>-1</sup> )					
	Hydroxyl (O-H) <sup>1</sup>	Amine (N-H) <sup>1</sup>	Amide (N-H) <sup>1</sup>	Amide I <sup>1</sup>	Amide II <sub>1</sub>	Ether, alcohol (C-O) <sup>1</sup>
Chitin	3600 – 3200	-	3259	1653	1552	1024
Chitin-EDT	3600 – 3200	-	3285	1652	1537	1028
Chitin-PDT	3600 – 3200	-	3282	1655	1544	1026
Chitin-HDT	3600 – 3200	-	3272	1652	1546	1024
Chitosan	3600 – 3200	3359 3295	-	1650	1586	1062
Chitosan-EDT	3600 – 3200	3335 3253	-	-	-	1055
Chitosan-PDT	3600 – 3200	3341 3224	-	-	-	1058
Chitosan-HDT	3600 – 3200	3344 3234	-	-	-	1053

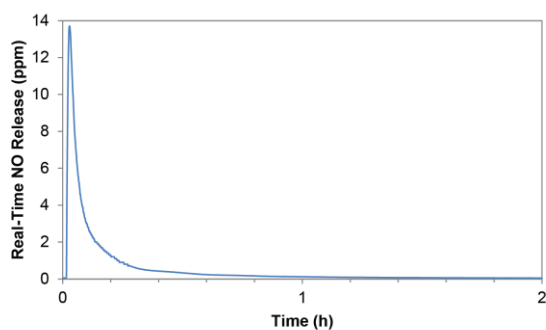
**Table S2** Diagnostic IR peaks for *S*-nitrosated chitin and chitosan materials. Peaks not used for diagnostic purposes (i.e. alkyl C-H) are not reported here. <sup>1</sup>F. G. Pearson, R. H. Marchessault, C. Y. Liang. *J. Polym. Sci.*, 1960, **13**, 101.



**Fig. S5**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *N*-phthaloyl chitosan.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}/\text{ppm}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ) 7.80 (s, *N*-phthaloyl), 7.45 (s, *O*-phthaloyl), 5.4 – 2.6 (m, carbohydrate).



**Fig. S6.** Diffuse reflectance UV-Vis spectra of *S*-nitrosated chitin and chitosan derivatives depicting the characteristic  $n_{\text{N}} \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition of *S*-nitrosothiols. UV-Vis  $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$  549 (chitin-EDT), 552 (chitin-PDT), 551 (chitin-HDT), 547 (chitosan-EDT), 546 (chitosan-PDT), and 544 (chitosan-HDT).



**Fig. S7.** Representative thermal decomposition of chitosan-EDT. The material was heated to 120 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere and the resulting nitric oxide (NO) emission was measured by chemiluminescence-based detection until returning to baseline. This process caused accelerated decomposition of the *S*-nitrosothiol, liberating quantifiable NO, and resulted in the concomitant decomposition of the polysaccharide backbone.