One-step elaboration of charged Janus polymeric nanoparticles

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Particles having biphasic geometry of various chemistries, composition or functionalities are called "Janus particles"[1] and are very useful in a wide range of application.[2,3] This type of particles is generally obtained after several steps, sometimes needing hard chemical solvents and leading to the elaboration of emulsions with large and multi-modal sizes distributions. We propose here, for the first time, to extend the emulsification-evaporation method to the one-step production of polymeric Janus nanoparticles (JNPs) and to compare several processes (sonication, shear mixing and micromixing). The aforementioned processes elongational-flow and physical-chemistry parameters highly influenced the JNPs size and morphology. The possibility to obtain monomodal JNPs with a diameter lower than 200 nm, with a hydrophobic domain of poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) and a hydrophilic charged domain based on poly(styrene sulfonate) was demonstrated with the elongational-flow micromixer.

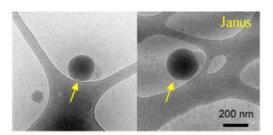


Figure 1. Cryo-TEM images of PSS/PLGA nanosuspensions obtained with elongational-flow micromixer.[3]

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