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Research topics

The research experience focuses on the synthesis and characterization of materials based on natural and synthetic polymers for biomedical and pharmaceutical applications. She has knowledge and skills in: • classic and non-conventional synthesis in the presence of magnetic field of macromolecular compounds; • polymer structure – properties – application relationships; • magnetic nanocomposites preparation and characterization; • macromolecular complexes: synthesis and characterization, biomedical applications (controlled release of bioactive principles), biodegradability and biocompatibility; • (hydro)gels synthesis and characterization; • pH and thermo-sensitive hydrogels by adjusting the chemical functionality in the gel structure; • bioactive substance inclusion; • innovatory contributions as patents with respect to polymer/(hydro)gels synthesis and characterization.

Scientific record: Articles published in international peer-reviewed journals (ISI ranked and included in international data bases): **165** (out of which 43 articles as main author). Articles/Studies published full-text in international conference volumes: **37**; **1047 citations** (without self-citation) of the published papers in international ISI ranked journals, Hirsch index: **H** = **18** in SCOPUS, **H** = **19** in ISI Web of Science databases, **H** = **21** in Google Scholar. Patents (national): **45 OSIM patents**. Research and development projects based on national grants: **26 projects**, of which: **20 as project leader** and **6 as member** of the project.

SELECTED SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

A. P. Chiriac, A.G. Rusu, L.E. Nita, A.M. Macsim, N.Tudorachi, I. Rosca, I.Stoica, D. Timpu, M. Aflori, F. Doroftei. *Synthesis of poly(ethylene brassylate-co-squaric acid) as potential essential oil carrier.* Pharmaceutics, 13, Article 477/1-24 (2021)

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A. P. Chiriac, L. E. Nita, A. Diaconu, M. Bercea, N.Tudorachi, D. Pamfil, L. Mititelu-Tartau. *Hybrid gels by conjugation of hyaluronic acid with poly(itaconic-anhydride-co-3,9-divinyl-2,4,8,10-tetraoxaspiro (5.5)undecane) copolymers*. International Journal of Biological Macromolecules, 98, 407-418 (2017) **A. P. Chiriac**, A. Diaconu, L. E. Nita, N. Tudorachi, L. Mititelu-Tartau, A. Creteanu, O. Dragostin, D. Rusu, G. Popa. *The influence of excipients on physical and pharmaceutical properties of oral lyophilisates containing a pregabalin acetaminophen combination,* Expert Opinion on Drug Delivery, 14, 589-599 (2017)

A. P. Chiriac, V. Balan, M. Asandulesa, E. Butnaru, N. Tudorachi, E. Stoleru, L. E. Nita, I. Neamtu, A. Diaconu. *Investigation of thermal, rheological, dielectric and spectroscopic properties of a polymer containing pendant spiroacetal moieties,* Materials Chemistry and Physics, 180, 291-300 (2016)