

## Tables

**Table 1**

Main physicochemical characteristics of PLGA formulations prepared by the single emulsion solvent evaporation method. Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD.

Copolymer type	Formulation	Initial GEN-AOT loading [19]	Size (nm)	PdI	Zeta potential (mV)	Residual PVA (%) (w/w)
PLGA 502H	NP 502H	0	317 $\pm$ 5	0.09 $\pm$ 0.03	-20.1 $\pm$ 7.5	3.5 $\pm$ 0.2
	NP 1	20	298 $\pm$ 16	0.03 $\pm$ 0.03	-3.2 $\pm$ 0.7	3.7 $\pm$ 0.2
	NP 2	40	284 $\pm$ 18	0.12 $\pm$ 0.03	-2.7 $\pm$ 0.7	3.2 $\pm$ 0.5
	NP 3	60	330 $\pm$ 30	0.20 $\pm$ 0.05	-3.5 $\pm$ 2.7	3.9 $\pm$ 0.1
PLGA 752H	NP 752H	0	303 $\pm$ 22	0.15 $\pm$ 0.08	-23.2 $\pm$ 10.8	2.8 $\pm$ 0.6
	NP 4	20	252 $\pm$ 23	0.10 $\pm$ 0.05	-3.8 $\pm$ 1.8	3.4 $\pm$ 0.3
	NP 5	40	281 $\pm$ 15	0.15 $\pm$ 0.04	-3.8 $\pm$ 0.2	2.8 $\pm$ 0.4
	NP 6	60	323 $\pm$ 24	0.22 $\pm$ 0.04	-2.4 $\pm$ 1.4	3.0 $\pm$ 0.5

**Table 2**

Gentamicin-AOT content and encapsulation efficiencies (EE) of the polymeric nanoparticles.

Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD.

Copolymer type	Formulation	Actual loading ( $\mu$ g GEN/mg NP)	EE (%)
PLGA 502H	NP 1	21.9 $\pm$ 1.8	98 $\pm$ 7
	NP 2	41.4 $\pm$ 3.1	99 $\pm$ 5
	NP 3	58.3 $\pm$ 4.8	99 $\pm$ 9
PLGA 752H	NP 4	23.25 $\pm$ 4.4	100 $\pm$ 10
	NP 5	41.1 $\pm$ 5.5	99 $\pm$ 7
	NP 6	60.3 $\pm$ 6.4	100 $\pm$ 3

**Table 3**

Minimum inhibitory (MIC) and bactericidal (MBC) concentrations of gentamicin, gentamicin-AOT and the developed gentamicin-AOT formulations against *Brucella melitensis* 16M.

Treatment	MIC (mg/L)	MBC (mg/L)
GEN sulphate	0.5	0.5
GEN-AOT	1	1
PCA GEN-AOT	1	1
empty 502H NP	>64	>64
GEN-AOT 502H NPs	0.25	0.25-0.50
empty 752H NP	>64	>64
GEN-AOT 752H NPs	0.25	0.25-0.50
free AOT	32	64