Low-Molecular-Weight Gels as Smart Materials for the Enhancement of Antioxidants Activity

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Gelator [%]	α-tocopherol [µM]	α-tocopherol (1mM) [mL]	DMSO [mL]	H ₂ O [mL]	Tot V [mL]
	5	0.005	0.695		
	10	0.010	0.690		
	15	0.015	0.685		
0.8	20	0.020	0.680	0.3	1
	40	0.040	0.660		
	60	0.060	0.640		
	100	0.100	0.600		
	5	0.005	0.795		
	10	0.010	0.790		
	15	0.015	0.785		
0.8	20	0.020	0.780	0.2	1
	40	0.040	0.760		
	60	0.060	0.740		
	100	0.100	0.700		
	5	0.005	0.495		
	10	0.010	0.490		
0.8	15	0.015	0.485		
	20	0.020	0.480	0.5	1
	40	0.040	0.460		
	60	0.060	0.440		
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Figure S4: Optical microscope images of gels (0.8% w/v) of Boc-L-DOPA(Bn)₂-OH in DMSO:H₂O = 7:3 with incorporated (a) 5 μ M or (b)100 μ M of α -tocopherol. Scalebar = 100 μ m.

Chemical reactions:

DPPH• + ArOH \rightarrow DPPH-H + ArO• (HAT mechanism) DPPH• + ArOH \rightarrow DPPH + [ArOH]• (SET mechanism)

where ArOH: phenolic AO

Mechanism of reaction: HAT





Gelator [% w/v]	PB [% v/v]	DMSO [mL]	PB [mL]	H ₂ O [mL]	Total V [mL]
0.5	30	0.5	0.3	0.2	1
0.5	50	0.5	0.5	-	1
0.5	60	0.4	0.6	-	1
0.5	70	0.3	0.7	-	1
0.5	80	0.2	0.8	-	1

Table S2: Composition of LMW gels with postbiotics (PB).



Figure S6. Gels of Boc-L-Dopa(Bn)₂-OH with postbiotics.



Figure S7. Time sweep analysis of the gel of Boc-L-Dopa $(Bn)_2$ -OH 0.5% w/v with 30% of Repair complex over 10 h (a) and over 10 minutes (b).



Figure S8. Time sweep analysis of the gel of Boc-L-Dopa $(Bn)_2$ -OH 0.5% w/v with 30% of ProRenew complex over 10 h (a) and over 10 minutes (b).



Figure S9. Optical microscope images showing gel fibers when postbiotics ProRenew Complex (a, b, c) or Repair Complex (d, e, f) is used to trigger gelation. a/d: gels with 30% of PBs; b/e: gels with 60% of PBs; c/f: gels with 80% of PBs; scalebar = $100 \mu m$.



Figure S10: Amplitude sweep of gels 0.5% of Boc-L-DOPA(Bn)₂-OH in DMSO:Postbiotics (Repair Complex) in specific concentrations.



Figure S11: Amplitude sweep of gels 0.5% of Boc-L-DOPA(Bn)₂-OH in DMSO:Postbiotics (ProRenew Complex) in specific concentrations.