

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Table S1. Detailed concentrations of each component in the bubble system of 4 samples and 3 controls used in the study.

Sample / Control name	[NaCl] _{final} (mM)	[QCT] _{final} (μM)	[Silk fibroin] _{final} (μg/mL)	[Silk fibroin] _{final} (μM)	[PEG-400] _{final} (%v/v _{SF})	[PEG-400] _{final} (μM)
S10P2	154	50	10	0.10	2	564
S10P1	154	50	10	0.10	1	282
S5P2	154	50	5	0.05	2	264
S5P1	154	50	5	0.05	1	282
C-Ø	154	50	0	0	0	0
C-SF	154	50	10	0.10	0	0
C-PEG	154	50	0	0	2	564

Table S2. Statistical results from one-tailed Mann Whitney U test comparing S10P2 system with three controls' $\Delta_{scattering}$ to conclude on differences of their stability.

Test samples	Hypotheses	Sample size	p-value	Significant level	Conclusions
S10P2, C-Ø	H ₀ : S10P2 had a higher or equal decreasing level. H ₁ : S10P2 had the lower decreasing level.	5, 5	0.004	0.05	Reject H ₀
S10P2, C-SF		5, 5	0.004	0.05	
S10P2, C-PEG		5, 5	0.014	0.05	

Table S3. Statistical results from one-tailed Mann Whitney U test comparing four different SF-PEG formulations, S10P2, S10P1, S5P2, S5P1's $\Delta_{scattering}$ to conclude on differences of their stability.

Test samples	Hypotheses	Sample size	p-value	Significant level	Conclusions
S10P2, S10P1	H ₀ : S10P2 had a higher or equal decreasing level. H ₁ : S10P2 had the lower decreasing level.	5, 5	0.008	0.05	Reject H ₀
S10P2, S5P2		5, 5	0.826	0.05	Fail to reject H ₀
S10P2, S5P1		5, 5	0.004	0.05	Reject H ₀

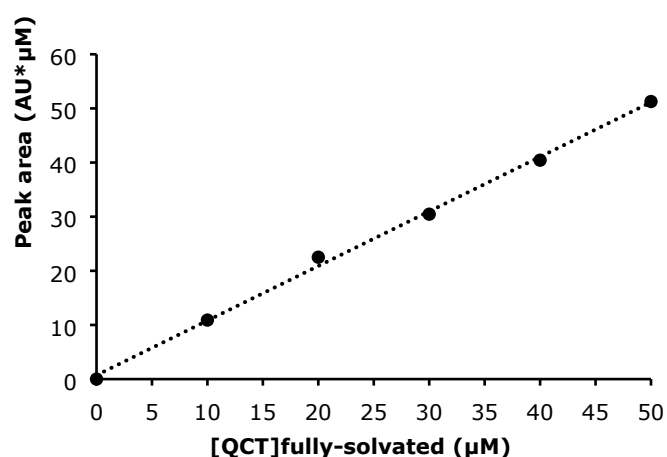


Figure S1. Standard curve plotting $[QCT]_{\text{fully-solvated}}$, fully-solvated or unloaded quercetin concentration, with its corresponding UV-Vis peak area.

Table S4. Measured peak area from UV-Vis with its corresponding concentration (μM) using standard curve in Figure S1, and the resulting loaded concentration (μM) for two SF-PEG formulations and three controls. The data for the triplicates were reported under the form of mean(±SD).

Sample names	Peak area	$[QCT]_{\text{supernatant/}}$ from the standard curve (μM)	$[QCT]_{\text{initial -}}$ $[QCT]_{\text{supernatant/}}$ or loaded concentration (μM)
S10P2	10.26(±1.76)	9.46(±1.75)	40.54(±1.75)
S5P2	8.42(±0.88)	7.63(±0.88)	42.37(±0.88)
C-Ø	5.05(±0.58)	4.29(±0.57)	45.71(±0.57)
C-SF	7.25(±2.48)	6.47(±2.46)	43.53(±2.46)
C-PEG	14.21(±6.14)	13.37(±6.09)	36.63(±6.09)

Table S5. Results of six one-tailed Mann Whitney U tests on the loading efficiency, LE%, between two samples, S10P2 and S5P2, with three controls, C-Ø, C-SF, and C-PEG.

Test samples	Hypotheses	Sample size	p-value	Significant level	Conclusions
S10P2, C-Ø	H ₀ : S10P2 had a higher or equal LE%. H ₁ : S10P2 had the lower LE%.	3, 3	0.004	0.05	Reject H ₀
S10P2, C-SF		3, 3	0.014	0.05	Reject H ₀
S10P2, C-PEG		3, 3	0.125	0.05	Fail to reject H ₀

S5P2, C-Ø	H ₀ : S5P2 had a higher or equal LE%. H ₁ : S5P2 had the lower LE%.	3, 3	0.004	0.05	Reject H ₀
S5P2, C-SF		3, 3	0.023	0.05	Reject H ₀
S5P2, C-PEG		3, 3	0.232	0.05	Fail to reject H ₀

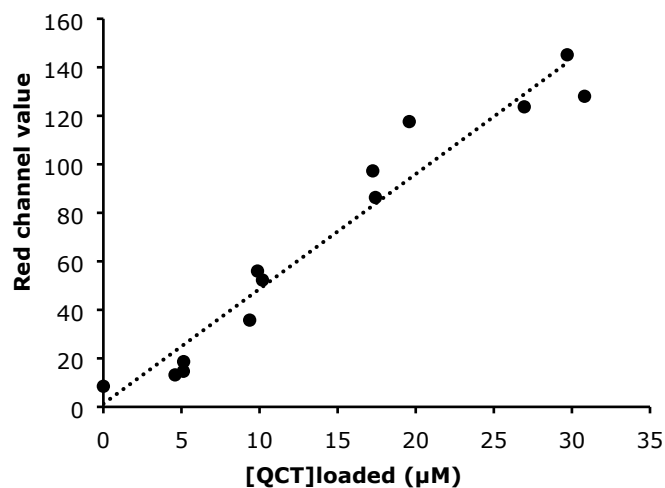


Figure S2. Standard curve plotting loaded quercetin concentration (μM), $[\text{QCT}]_{\text{loaded}}$, with its corresponding red channel value.

Table S6. Measured red channel value with its corresponding remained-loaded concentration (μM) using standard curve in Figure S2, and the resulting released concentration (μM) for two SF-PEG formulations and three controls. The data for the triplicates were reported under the form of mean(\pm SD).

Sample names	Red channel value after release	$[\text{QCT}]_{\text{remained}}$ (μM)	$[\text{QCT}]_{\text{loaded}} - [\text{QCT}]_{\text{remained}}$, or $[\text{QCT}]_{\text{released}}$ (μM)
S10P2	100.27(\pm 4.16)	20.91(\pm 0.88)	19.64(\pm 0.69)
S5P2	103.98(\pm 4.93)	21.69(\pm 1.04)	20.68(\pm 0.68)
C-Ø	114.71(\pm 1.60)	23.95(\pm 0.34)	21.75(\pm 0.24)
C-SF	111.29(\pm 8.41)	23.23(\pm 1.78)	20.30(\pm 0.51)
C-PEG	95.55(\pm 12.11)	19.91(\pm 2.56)	16.72(\pm 0.62)

Table S7. Results of six one-tailed Mann Whitney U tests on the releasing efficiency, RE%, between two samples, S10P2 and S5P2, with three controls, C-Ø, C-SF, and C-PEG.

Test samples	Hypotheses	Sample size	p-value	Significant level	Conclusions
S10P2, C-Ø	H ₀ : S10P2 had a higher or equal RE%. H ₁ : S10P2 had the lower RE%.	3, 3	0.087	0.05	Fail to reject H ₀
S10P2, C-SF		3, 3	0.087	0.05	Fail to reject H ₀
S10P2, C-PEG		3, 3	0.087	0.05	Fail to reject H ₀
S5P2, C-Ø	H ₀ : S5P2 had a higher or equal RE%. H ₁ : S5P2 had the lower RE%.	3, 3	0.087	0.05	Fail to reject H ₀
S5P2, C-SF		3, 3	0.125	0.05	Fail to reject H ₀
S5P2, C-PEG		3, 3	0.087	0.05	Fail to reject H ₀