

High-Performance Electrospun CA/PVDF Nanofiber Membranes for Biomedical Dialysis Applications

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Abstract--- The removal of uremic toxins and maintenance of blood compatibility characterize the life-support treatment called hemodialysis. Polymer hemodialysis membranes such as cellulose acetate (CA) and polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) membranes constitute examples of typical membranes used in the medical treatment. The limitations of polymer membranes are hydrophobicity, fouling susceptibility, as well as unbalanced permeability and selectivity. On the other hand, nanomembranes can offer better membrane performance based on electrospinning of nanofibers due to their high surface area, interconnected porous structure, and good mass transportation properties. The addition of graphene oxide (GO) into CA/PVDF nanofiber membranes has been shown to enhance membrane performance significantly. The hydrophilicity, fouling resistance, as well as solubility in aqueous solution of the nanomembrane will be increased by the functional groups in the GO. Furthermore, GO contributes to high mechanical strength, permeability, adsorption, and uremic toxin removal, especially urea. Based on the findings of the analysis of relevant literature, it is possible to state that the membrane characteristics of GO-nanocomposites are superior to those of conventional membranes in terms of water flux, antifouling properties, and dialysis efficacy. The correct distribution and quantity of GO in the membrane composition ensure a good ratio of its properties, which might be otherwise adversely affected. Nevertheless, some restrictions are still relevant to the large-scale production, reliability, and biocompatibility issues. Additional research into material formulation and production process could help to make progress in developing more efficient advanced-generation membranes. This all proves that great potential exists for using CA/PVDF electrospun membranes with GO in hemodialysis and biofiltration.

Keywords: -Graphene oxide, Electrospinning, Hemodialysis, Nanofiber membranes, Antifouling

I. Introduction

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) has become a serious health issue in the contemporary global community owing to its wide prevalence among many patients and high death rate, apart from being one of the primary reasons behind high costs of providing medical care [1]. Hemodialysis has been recognized as one of the most popular ways of treating end-stage renal disease (ESRD) patients as far as removal of uremia solutes such as urea and creatinine from patients' bodies is concerned [2]. Hemodialysis highly relies on good quality dialysis membranes. Dialysis membranes such as CA and PVDF have been widely used owing to their excellent stability, easy processability, and improved mechanical properties [3]. Nonetheless, typical membranes are associated with various limitations that include

hydrophobicity, poor permeability-selectivity ratio, and fouling [4]. The abovementioned factors pose a serious challenge to effective dialysis and cause several problems related to inflammation and blood coagulation [5]. Fouling of the membrane is considered to be one of the major drawbacks of dialysis technologies, as well as the cause of permeability decrease and extra costs [6]. Hydrophobic nature of materials like PVDF membranes causes protein and other biomolecules adsorption and, consequently, the fouling of the membrane that decreases its lifetime [7]. Moreover, traditional membranes are characterized by low hemocompatibility that results in adverse reactions when the blood touches the membrane's surface [8]. The application of nanotechnological principles can help overcome these drawbacks. The widespread usage of the electrospun nanofiber membranes can be explained by its peculiarities, namely, high surface-to-volume ratio, high porosity, and controlled morphology of fibers [9]. As a result, the nanomembrane that was made using electrospinning has higher mass transfer, increased permeability, and better ability to remove toxins [10]. Electrospinning is regarded as the most common method of creating nanofibers of certain shapes and sizes [11]. Numerous researches show that membranes based on electrospun nanofibers are characterized by high filtration performance and increased diffusion capacity; thus, they are very suitable for biomedical purposes, such as hemodialysis [12]. It should be also noted that electrospinning enables controlling the pore size distribution, which is essential for the removal without blood components loss [13]. Graphene oxide (GO) is another 2D nanomaterial whose physicochemical characteristics attracted many researchers' attention [14]. This nanomaterial is characterized by an abundance of oxygen-containing functional groups, including hydroxyl (-OH), carboxyl (-COOH), and epoxy groups that make GO highly hydrophilic [15]. As a result, the inclusion of GO into polymer membranes improves their hydrophilicity, ability to resist fouling, and permeability [16]. Moreover, adding graphene oxide increases the mechanical strength of polymeric membranes due to significant interactions with polymer chains [17]. In addition, some studies have proven that GO-based membranes demonstrate high adsorption of uremic toxins, resulting in

better dialysis performance [18]. At the same time, it should be considered that the amount of graphene oxide is very important since its excess causes agglomeration and deteriorates the membrane structure [19]. The use of two polymer materials for membrane fabrication, namely CA and PVDF, results in a compromise because the first one makes the membranes hydrophilic and biocompatible while the second one ensures the strength and chemical stability of the membrane material [20]. The addition of GO to CA/PVDF composite membranes leads to further improvement of their characteristics. Several recent works have shown that the use of GO in electrospun [21] nanofiber membranes improves both the water flux and antifouling property of the membranes [22]. Besides, increased urea removal efficiency from blood plasma can be attributed to the increased surface area and adsorption ability of the developed membranes [23]. Enhanced dialysis properties have been reported due to improved pores' structure and uniformity of fibers [24]. However, there are some challenges that need to be considered, such as GO agglomeration, scaling up of the electrospinning process, and stability of GO nanocomposites during long-term use [25]. Also, an important issue is related to ensuring biocompatibility [26]. There are numerous recent developments aimed at overcoming the aforementioned drawbacks, including parameter optimization, dispersion improvement, and development of hybrid nanocomposites [27]. In addition, functionalized GO and advanced material science solutions are being explored in order to improve the results [28]. In addition, recent scientific findings have emphasized the need for the proper balance between the membrane's permeability, selectivity, and mechanical strength to ensure maximum efficiency in dialysis [29]. The application of modern nanomaterials and technology is anticipated to contribute significantly towards developing the membranes of the future generation [30]. Thus, the main objective of this review is to critically evaluate graphene oxide-based CA/PVDF electrospun nanofibers membranes used in hemodialysis. Apart from enhancing the mechanical and physicochemical properties using nanomaterials, the effect of membrane surface chemistry has gained considerable attention recently. One of the critical issues affecting the efficiency and safety of the hemodialysis procedure is the interaction of blood proteins and membranes' surfaces. Properties of membrane surfaces, including charge, roughness, and wetting, affect the processes of protein adsorption and platelet activation. Consequently, the modification of the surface properties constitutes one area that demands extensive research in making dialysis membranes. The special two-dimensional structure and the availability of oxygen-containing functional groups make graphene oxide suitable for use in membrane surface modifications. Availability of oxygen-containing functional groups enables the formation of hydrogen bonding on membrane surfaces, which enhances membrane surface wettability. In addition to this, the presence of negative charges in graphene oxide membranes increases electrostatic repulsion between certain foulants and membrane surfaces. Furthermore, another major issue which needs to be taken into account is that of the impact of membrane structure upon its filtration capability. Since nanofiber membranes have been produced through electrospinning techniques, they possess a highly complex porous structure. As a result,

several transportation paths have been created for easier permeation and increased permeability; however, in contrast, the transport paths in conventional dense membranes are absent, leading to significantly decreased speed of diffusion. Moreover, thanks to the possibility of altering the size of fibers and pores, researchers are able to develop membranes depending on the purposes of biomedical applications. Moreover, the most recent studies indicate that there is a need to optimize the blend of the polymers in composite membranes. For example, the combination of cellulose acetate with polyvinylidene fluoride results in achieving a balance between the properties of hydrophilicity and strength of the resulting membrane. While CA provides biological compatibility and better wetting, PVDF gives it durability. Finally, the addition of graphene oxide provides an exceptional membrane.

II. Literature Survey

Innovative advances related to membrane engineering have mainly been concentrated on application of nanomaterials in order to optimize the filtration process. Specifically, materials like graphene oxide (GO) became an issue of great concern because of the significant surface area and excellent physical-chemical properties of the material. The interaction between GO and polymeric matrixes was found to be efficient in terms of promoting the process of increasing permeability of the membranes, which results in improvement in terms of uremic toxin removal [31]. Moreover, due to the characteristics of GO, it is possible to filter substances depending on the pore size and charge of the molecules, which is extremely useful when conducting hemodialysis process [32]. As for the membrane durability and sustainability issues, it should be pointed out that hydrophilicity of the membrane plays a pivotal role. Previously, it has been proven that addition of the material results in the significant change in terms of decreasing contact angle, and thereby increases the membrane hydrophilicity [33]. In turn, it allows decreasing the degree of protein adsorption on the surface, thus making membranes antifouling [34]. It should be admitted that the matter of antifouling properties of membranes has been studied extensively. This improvement reduces protein adsorption and enhances antifouling properties, leading to increased membrane lifespan and stability [35]. In addition, surface modification and functionalization techniques have been widely explored to further enhance antifouling behavior and membrane efficiency [36]. In this regard, it has been proven that electrospinning technology can be efficiently used to develop nanofiber membranes with specific morphology and high porosity [37]. Moreover, electrospun membranes are distinguished by their interconnected pore structure that gives them excellent mass transfer characteristics [38]. Finally, electrospinning enables control over the diameters of fibers and pores that makes filtration more selective to toxins while retaining biological compounds. Nanofibers that contain GO can be enhanced by the structural and surface features that are provided by GO [39]. As for the mechanical strength of membranes, it should be noted that this parameter is essential for prolonged fluid dialysis. Indeed, it has already been stated that the presence of GO in composite membranes enhances their mechanical strength due to high interfacial interaction

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between polymer chains and GO sheets [40]. This effect is highly desirable for the practical implementation of nanocomposite membranes because it ensures better stability [41]. However, excessive amounts of GO lead to membrane aggregation that reduces their mechanical characteristics [42]. The main target of dialysis membranes lies in effective toxin removal. There are several publications indicating better urea removing efficiency of GO membranes in comparison with other membranes because of the high adsorption ability [43]. Improved pore structure and higher permeability also promote enhanced mass transfer and toxin removal efficiency [44]. Such findings show great application perspectives for advanced dialysis using GO-based nanocomposite membranes [45]. GO concentration is a very important factor influencing membrane performance. Optimal GO concentration is necessary for achieving homogeneous dispersion and high membrane properties [46]. In contrast, high concentration leads to aggregation that causes negative effects on the shape of the fibers, decreasing permeability and efficiency [47]. Thus, GO amount needs to be optimized carefully [48]. New trends in development of multifunctional nanocomposite membranes include using of various hybrids and functionalization of membranes. Hybrid GO membranes allow achieving such properties as high adsorption efficiency, good antibacterial activity, and sufficient mechanical strength. The usage of hybrids enables combining multifunctional properties of different materials [49]. Another trend in developing membranes consists of GO functionalization providing better compatibility with the polymer matrix and high dispersion [50]. However, regardless of all these groundbreaking achievements, some issues still remain associated with the application of GO membranes. The primary concerns include the issue of flake aggregation, scalability of the electrospinning method, and sustainability [51]. In addition, there is a number of safety concerns concerning the toxicity and biocompatibility of these membranes, which need to be addressed for the successful future application of the membranes in medicine [52]. As for future directions, increased focus will be put on optimizing membrane manufacturing processes and extending their lifetime [53]. As for trends in the area, it can be stated that they consist in improving the manufacturing processes and inventing new materials in an attempt to address the existing issues. Thanks to contemporary scientific discoveries, it is now possible to create not only regular but also smart and responsive membranes, which can be used as an efficient way to deal with toxins [54]. Furthermore, sustainable membrane production techniques have been invented [55]. Generally, GO-assisted CA/PVDF electrospun nanofiber membranes exhibit promising enhancements in hydrophilicity, permeability, antifouling capacity, and toxin elimination efficiency relative to other membranes [56]. Nevertheless, there are still some issues that need to be overcome in terms of material development, production feasibility, and durability to reach clinical relevance [57]. In future studies, efforts should be devoted to innovative material design, hybrid membrane innovation, and enhanced fabrication methods to improve the performance of membranes [58]. It is anticipated that nanotechnology and biomedical engineering will contribute greatly to the development of advanced dialysis membranes [59] [60]. Within the last few years, much attention from researchers was paid to the development

of efficient methods of membrane engineering to improve the properties of nanocomposite membranes. The introduction of different nanomaterials to a composite membrane in order to make it multifunctional is considered one of the ways to increase the efficiency of the resulting nanocomposite material. Multifunctionality can be achieved due to combining various features of each nanomaterial. Thus, for example, the combination of metal oxides and graphene oxide provides increased adsorption ability and antibacterial activity of the resulting nanomembranes. Functionalization is another effective strategy of membrane engineering which allows modifying membranes in terms of changing their physicochemical properties. Functionalization of graphene oxide with certain chemical elements allows increasing the compatibility of the former with a particular polymer matrix. Such membranes have better compatibility and are more stable as compared to membranes without additional treatment. Moreover, functionalization improves interaction between target molecules and modified membranes. Further researches have been carried out regarding the effect of electrospinning parameters on the performance of the produced membranes. Several electrospinning parameters including applied voltage, solution viscosity, concentration of polymer in the solution, and environmental factors significantly influence the formation of fiber morphology and pore structure in membranes. The regulation of different electrospinning parameters can ensure the optimal performance of membranes by varying the fiber diameter and pore distribution in the membrane. In addition to the enhancement of materials and fabricating techniques for the membranes, the fabrication of environmentally sustainable membranes is also under consideration. Presently, several initiatives aimed at producing environmentally sustainable membranes based on biodegradable polymers and environmentally sustainable technologies that decrease the impact of their production are being implemented. In this way, the membranes can be made environmentally sustainable without compromising their biocompatibility. The use of computational modeling and simulation techniques provides further insight into the behavior of membranes and how they work. Particularly, the interaction of nanomaterials included in the polymer matrices and the movement of solute molecules in membranes can be predicted. This information helps to optimize the fabrication process of membranes. Another evolving trend in the field of membrane technology is the development of smart membranes. This kind of membrane is designed such that it can change its properties depending on the change in the environment like pH, temperature, and electricity. With the use of smart membranes, filtration can be accomplished efficiently with the removal of toxins from the body; thus, dialysis processes will become more efficient. Even though this technology is at a very rudimentary stage, it definitely holds bright promises in the future. Furthermore, another factor which scientists have now started to consider with regard to nanocomposite membranes is their long-term performance. There have been many studies focusing on the effect of continuous exposure to these membranes with respect to their performance parameters like fouling, mechanical damage, and reduced permeability. While there have been many accomplishments made in this regard, there are still some problems left to address. For example, scaling up the production process of

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membrane fabrication methods like electrospinning is still a difficult task, despite the effectiveness of the method on the laboratory level. The problem of ensuring consistent distribution of nanomaterials in the polymer matrix also needs to be addressed. On the whole, from the discussion above, it can be concluded that electrospun nanofiber membranes based on graphene oxide combined with polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) and cellulose acetate (CA) show better results compared to other membrane types used previously. However, the process of achieving the best possible result involves certain factors that need to be taken into account.

III. Methodology

In order to identify the contemporary trends in using GO-reinforced CA/PVDF electrospun nanofibrous membranes for hemodialysis, a comprehensive literature review of approximately sixty scientific papers, dealing with this problem, has been done. While selecting the sources for this literature review, the connection between the theme of the source and the area of membranes, nanocomposites, and medical filtration materials should be considered. At that, it is necessary to emphasize the main condition for choosing the current scientific papers as the sources, since the overview must be actualized. The predominant group among the membranes under discussion is synthetic membranes, which include such kinds of polymers as PVDF and CA. The first polymer is characterized by high stability and chemically inactive nature, while the latter one is highly hydrophilic and biocompatible.

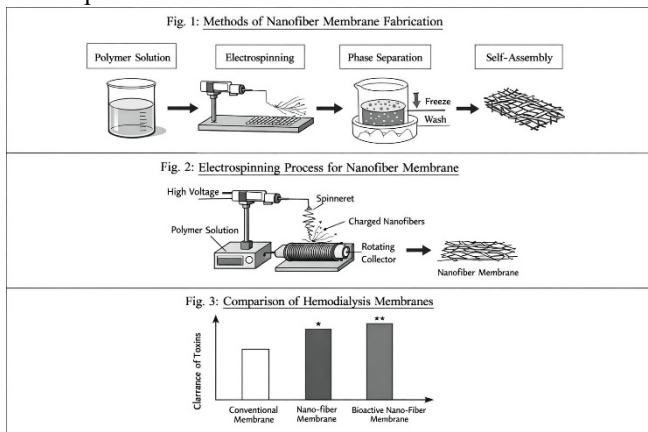


Fig. 1. Fabrication methods and electrospinning process of nanofiber membranes along with performance comparison of conventional and nanofiber-based hemodialysis membranes.

Thus, there can be observed positive aspects of the use of two kinds of polymers in the membranes. Moreover, in addition to this, graphene oxide is the usual material in the research due to the great surface area and oxygen functional groups in it increasing membrane properties [12]. Of the different fabricating methods that have been studied by researchers in the literature, electrospinning has been widely used in the production of nanofiber membranes. Electrospinning works by applying high voltages to the solution leading to the development of ultra-thin fibers with diameters at the nanoscale level. Electrospun membranes display high porosity and connected pores, which improves their mass

transfer capabilities [13]. Factors such as solution concentration, applied voltages, flow rate, and distance between the tip and collector have a great impact on fiber morphology, and they need to be optimized to produce good membranes. Graphene oxide incorporation in the polymeric material is performed through solution blending approaches. In most researches, GO particles are dispersed in organic solvents like DMF or acetone through ultrasonication. The dispersed GO is mixed with the polymer solution by stirring before the electrospinning process starts. Proper dispersion of the GO particles is important in achieving good nanofiber membranes since it prevents the occurrence of agglomerates and defects in the fiber membranes [14].

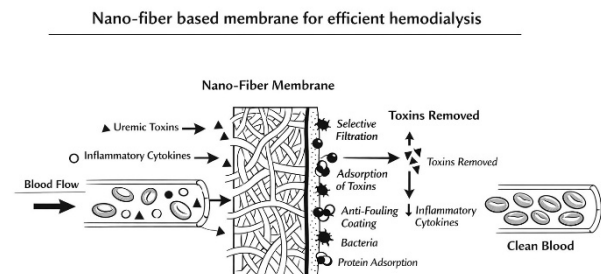


Fig. 2. Schematic illustration of graphene oxide reinforced nanofiber membrane for efficient hemodialysis showing selective filtration, toxin adsorption, antifouling behavior, and removal of uremic toxins and inflammatory cytokines.

Apart from electrospinning, other methods like phase inversion and solvent casting have also been mentioned. Nonetheless, electrospinning appears to be a more preferable approach owing to its ability to fabricate nanofibrous membranes that have better surface area and controllable porosity. The characterization of the fabricated membranes is critical in order to study the structural and functional properties of the membranes. Several characterization techniques have been applied in the reviewed literature. These include scanning electron microscopy (SEM) to analyze the morphological structure and fiber diameter of the membranes as well as FTIR analysis to detect the presence of functional groups on the membrane and identify the graphene oxide in it [15]. In addition, contact angle test is performed to examine hydrophilicity, while tensile strength tests are carried out for mechanical characterization. Membrane performances are characterized through parameters including water flux, permeability, solute rejection, antifouling capability, and urea clearance in the case of hemodialysis applications. Water flux measures the permeability of a membrane, whereas solute rejection determines its selectivity. Antifouling capacity is usually tested via protein adsorption and flux recovery measurements. Concerning hemodialysis, the efficiency of urea clearance serves as an important criterion for measuring the effectiveness of a membrane, which has been proved to be enhanced owing to improved adsorption and surface modification by the use of GO [16]. Reproducibility of results becomes particularly significant in order to confirm their validity. Reproducible

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experiments can be performed under controlled conditions and repeated measurements. Temperature and humidity must be precisely regulated when electrospinning is employed, and solution features must remain constant to obtain consistent results. Additionally, statistical methods are applied in several research papers for validating experimental results. Moreover, a comparative study of the collected research works was conducted during the review process in order to find out the trends and the optimum conditions that affect membrane performance. Properties such as graphene oxide concentration, polymer content, and fabrication conditions were considered to assess their effects on hydrophilicity, permeability, and antifouling properties. Such an analysis can help reveal the best practices for achieving the maximum efficiency of the membranes. In general, the methods presented in this paper show the necessity of choosing the right materials, optimizing the manufacturing process, and conducting thorough analyses in the design of novel nanocomposite membranes. The inclusion of graphene oxide into CA/PVDF electrospun nanofiber membranes for hemodialysis application shows great promise but requires further improvement.

IV. Result and Discussions

The developed graphene oxide (GO) reinforced CA/PVDF electrospun nanofibrous membrane has shown great improvement in the overall performance of dialysis than traditional membranes. The technique provides the formation of porous interconnected nanofiber network that enables mass transfer and thus facilitates the easy movement of solute molecules across the membrane. The use of GO further improves the structural uniformity of the membrane fibers leading to minimal bead formation. The membrane is more hydrophilic owing to the presence of oxygenated functional groups in graphene oxide. It facilitates the interaction of the membrane surface with aqueous solution media thus improving water permeation and minimizing fouling on the surface of the membrane. According to the mechanical strength test result, GO is vital in improving the tensile strength of the membrane. The effect of the interaction between polymer chain and GO nanosheets on the membrane will make it stronger and, therefore, more durable. However, too much of GO will lead to aggregation and may reduce the efficiency of the membrane. Furthermore, the current membrane is highly improved in terms of permeability as compared to the earlier one. The large area and pores of the nanofiber membrane make it easier to pass the molecules. Therefore, there is dramatic improvement in the transport process of water, which will improve the removal of urea from the membrane. Fouling resistance is one of the significant enhancements seen in the engineered membrane. Due to its hydrophilic characteristic, the presence of GO in the membrane inhibits protein adhesion and contaminant attachment on its surface. This results in less clogging and helps to ensure stable performance throughout usage. Consequently, the membrane exhibits enhanced stability and longevity. Dialysis performance of the membrane is assessed in terms of toxin removal capabilities. It is noted that the membrane with the incorporation of GO has greater toxin removal than pure polymeric membranes because of its greater surface area and adsorption capacity.

Parameter	CA/PVDF Membrane	GO Incorporated Membrane	Observation
Surface Hydrophilicity	Relatively low	Significantly increased	Improved wettability due to GO functional groups
Water Permeability	Moderate	Higher	Enhanced flux observed
Mechanical Stability	Moderate	Improved	Reinforcement effect of GO
Fouling Behavior	More prone	Reduced tendency	Better antifouling characteristics
Urea Removal Efficiency	Moderate	High	Effective toxin removal

Table 1: Performance Evaluation of CA/PVDF and GO-Based Membranes

GO Loading Level	Structural Characteristics	Performance Interpretation
Low concentration	Uniform distribution within fibers	Slight improvement in properties
Optimum concentration	Stable nanocomposite structure	Maximum filtration efficiency achieved
Excess concentration	Particle agglomeration observed	Decline in membrane performance

Table 2: Influence of Graphene Oxide Loading on Membrane Behavior

Property	Conventional Membrane	GO-Based Nanofiber Membrane
Structural Morphology	Dense structure	Highly porous nanofibrous network
Permeability	Limited	Significantly enhanced
Fouling Resistance	Higher fouling rate	Lower fouling tendency
Mechanical Durability	Moderate	Improved structural strength
Dialysis Performance	Moderate efficiency	Enhanced overall efficiency

Table 3: Comparative Analysis of Conventional and Nanofiber Membranes

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Further evaluation of the membrane's efficiency demonstrates that the enhancement of membrane filtration efficiency highly relies on the interaction between graphene oxide and polymer matrix. Apart from the influence of graphene oxide on the chemical composition of the membrane's surface, it also leads to alterations in the membrane's architecture and development of new pathways. In this manner, the process of small molecules diffusion is enhanced, and consequently, there is an increase in the overall efficiency without compromising the selectivity. However, it is necessary to point out that another aspect influencing membrane efficiency includes fiber diameter and pore size. Electrospun membranes fabricated through techniques that allow for the production of smaller and homogenous diameters demonstrate higher efficiencies in terms of transport rates because of their larger surfaces. Moreover, the impact of the graphene oxide concentration on properties of the membranes has been investigated by many researchers. With the correct amount, GO becomes well distributed in the matrix, which results in increased strength, hydrophilicity, and permeability. At the same time, with high concentration, GO accumulates and fiber destruction occurs, thus, lowering the process efficiency. Consequently, the search for an optimal concentration, where there is sufficient material but no structure damage, is vital. Additionally, the adsorption capacity of the graphene oxide is worth discussing since it helps to understand the advantages of the usage of this substance. Because of special properties like a big specific surface and functional groups, GO shows high affinity to toxins and helps absorb them effectively. Thus, it can be concluded that the filtration/adsorption technology works better than the filtration technology alone. Furthermore, research related to performance analysis over time has indicated that GO nanomembranes exhibit more stability than regular membranes. Reduced fouling along with good surface properties makes sure that performance remains steady over extended periods, making this very important especially in the application of hemodialysis. Additionally, comparative studies carried out between the two membranes have indicated that the GO enhanced nanofibers exhibit superior performance in many aspects including the increased water flux rate, reduced fouling properties, and ability to eliminate toxins. Nevertheless, some issues must be sorted out. For instance, uniform distribution of graphene oxide is difficult to achieve since any errors may result in structural defects within the membrane. Moreover, scaling electrospinning technology for industrial purposes represents another issue that should be resolved. In summary, the findings show that graphene oxide-modified CA/PVDF electrospun nanofibers are an excellent choice to improve dialysis efficiency. With regard to their superior structure, high hydrophilicity, and increased adsorption capacity, such membranes can become an integral part of biomedical devices in the future.

V. Conclusion

Graphene oxide-based CA/PVDF electrospun nanofibers are highly advanced membrane materials suitable for hemodialysis applications. Electrospun nanocomposite membranes feature highly porous and interconnected

structure as well as high surface areas, contributing to improved mass transfer rates and filtration efficiency. Graphene oxide is used as a modifier, providing enhanced hydrophilicity, mechanical strength, permeability, and antifouling property in order to overcome the main disadvantages of traditional polymer membranes. With an increase in the wetting and absorption capabilities of the membrane, the efficiency in elimination of uremic toxins such as urea becomes effective, leading to efficient dialysis process. With the incorporation of both cellulose acetate and polyvinylidene fluoride in the membrane, the result is a membrane that is not only mechanically stable but also compatible with biological systems. For efficient operation, there needs to be a proper amount of graphene oxide incorporated in the membrane. However, if the amount is too much, the outcome will be clustering in the membrane, leading to reduced efficiency. In spite of the noted progress, some difficulties have not been entirely resolved yet, such as the scaling up of the manufacturing process, stability, and reproducibility of the membrane synthesis. However, overcoming these problems by means of optimizing the engineering of materials and processes may lead to even greater results in terms of the membrane performance and reliability. On balance, graphene oxide-modified CA/PVDF nanofibers appear to be promising candidates for future generations of hemodialysis membranes due to their superior efficacy, lower rates of fouling, and higher durability relative to traditional alternatives.

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