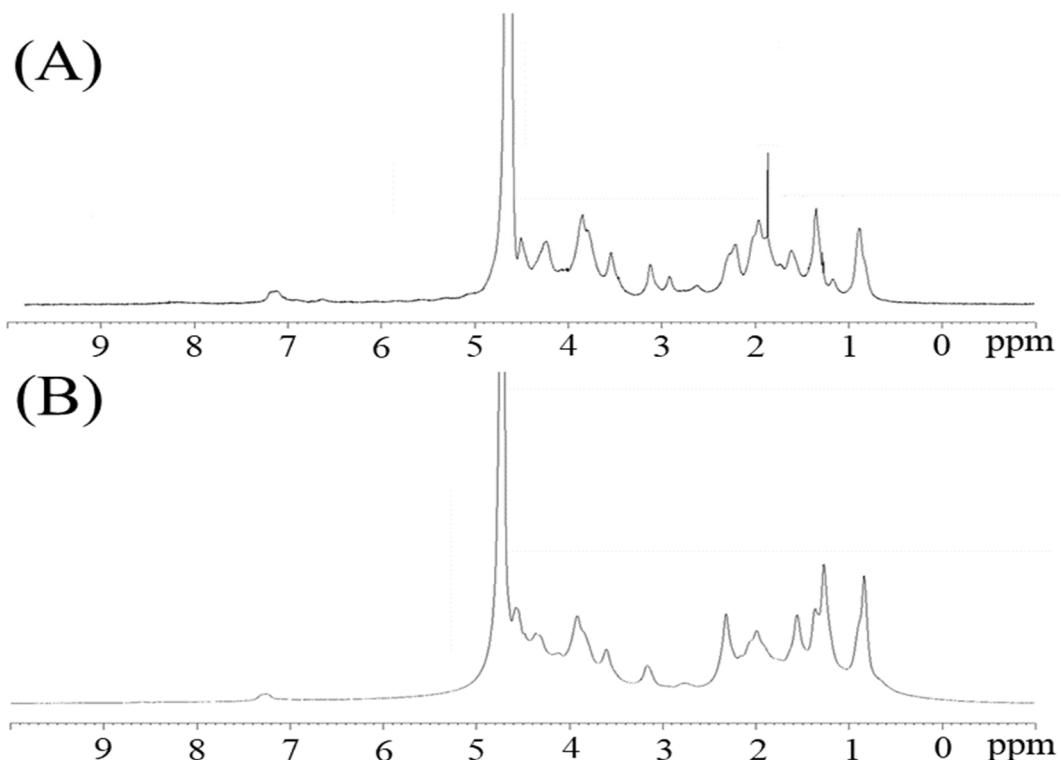


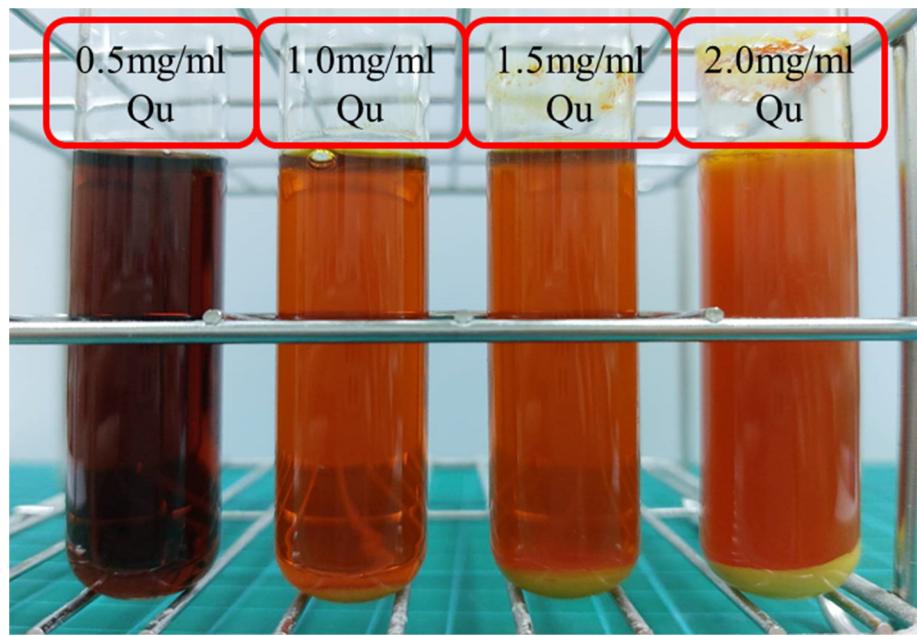
## Supplementary data

**Table S1.** Primers used in this study.

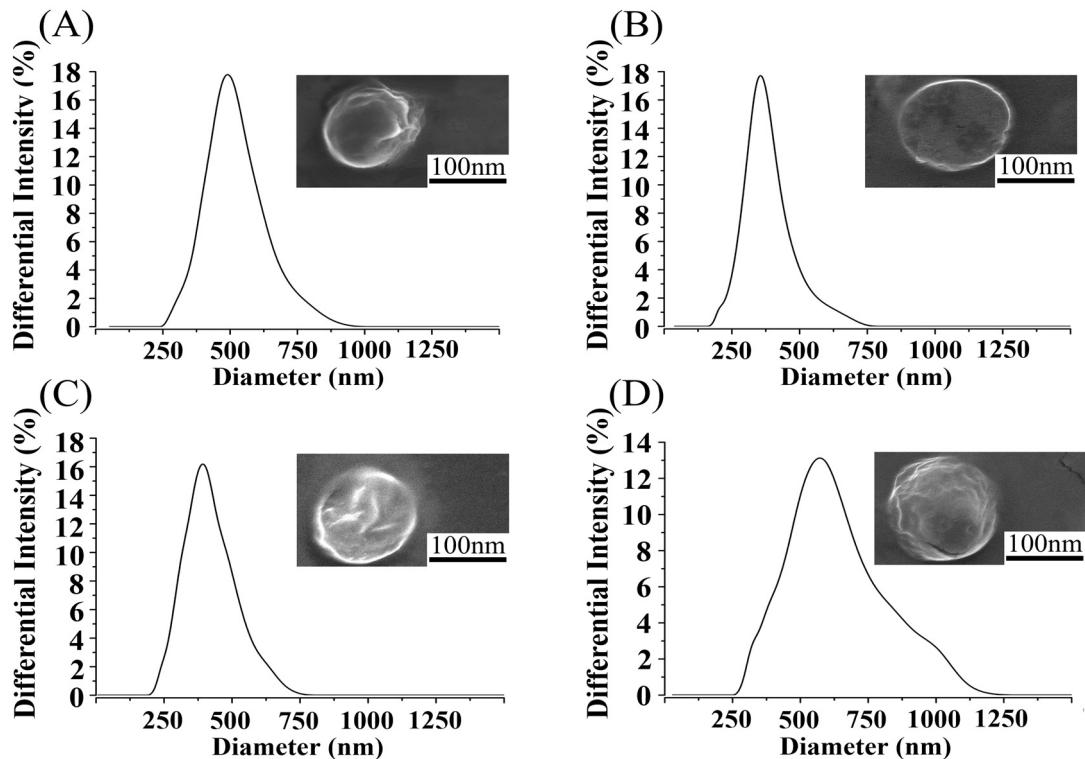
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| <i>Gapdh</i>   | Forward | GACTCCACTCACGGCAAATTCAAC  | XM_036165840  |
|                | Reverse | GTCGTGGAGTCTACTGGTGTCTCAC |               |
| <i>Col I</i>   | Forward | CCCAGTGGCGGTTATGACTTCA    | NM_007742     |
|                | Reverse | CACCACCCCTCAAGAGGCCTGAGT  |               |
| <i>TGF-β1</i>  | Forward | GAGCCACTGCCCATCGTCTACTAC  | NM_011577     |
|                | Reverse | GCTACCATGCCAACTTCTGTCTGG  |               |
| <i>Col III</i> | Forward | TTCATGAAGATGACCGACGA      | NM_009930     |
|                | Reverse | GTCCAGTCGTTAGGCCCTTGAG    |               |
| <i>TIMP-1</i>  | Forward | CCTTCTGCAACTCGGACCTGGTC   | NM_001044384  |
|                | Reverse | GCTATCACTGATAAGCTTCCAG    |               |
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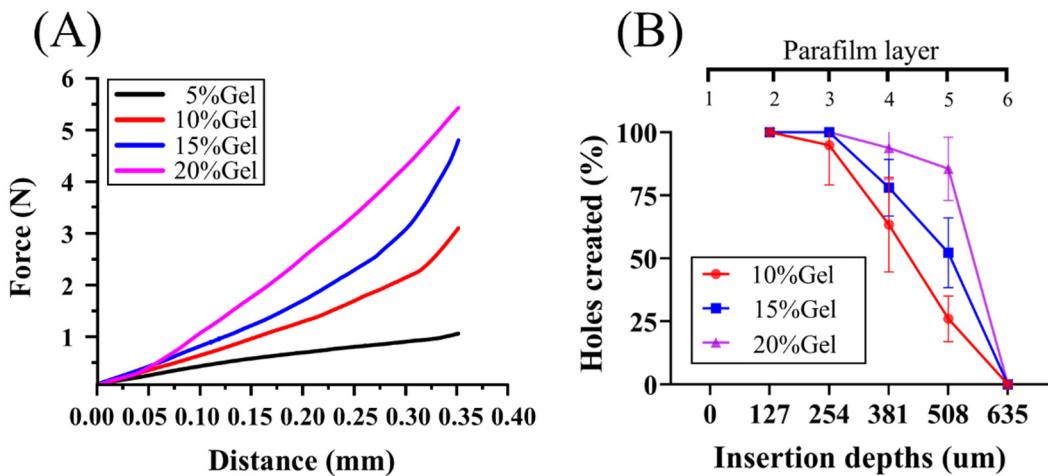
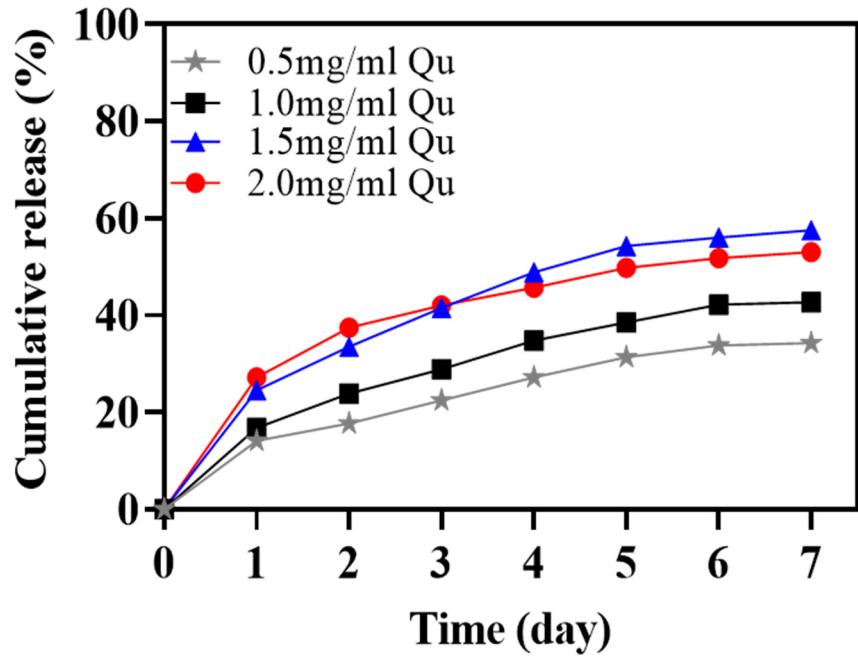
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of gelatin molecules in D<sub>2</sub>O: (A) primitive and (B) modified gelatin molecules.



**Figure S2.** Appearance of QAGN with loading different concentrations of quercetin, in deionized water.



**Figure S3.** Particle size and SEM image of QAGNs with various concentrations of quercetin. (A) 0.5mg/ml quercetin loaded QAGNs; (B) 1mg/ml quercetin loaded QAGNs; (C) 1.5mg/ml quercetin loaded QAGNs; (D) quercetin loaded QAGNs.



**Figure S5.** (A)Mechanical properties analysis of composite MN patches with various concentrations of gelatin; (B) Insertion in parafilm.