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Gels to use with DMSO

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I thought a Dr 's product would be OK & it was a gift from a member of the list ....

Having used guar gum to thicken patients' fluids I found even in normal fluids it was fairly difficult to use - I have no idea how it would be trying to mix it with DMSO.

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Jane- there may be nothing wrong with carbopol besides the plastic-y sounding

names, that article says it is used as a matrix in slow-release pills, and it

has a diameter of .2 microns which I figure is 2000 daltons, so too big to be

absorbed through the skin according to what I read.

<http://www.pharmainfo.net/reviews/carbopol-and-its-pharmaceutical-significance-r>

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I looked up xanthan gum, it also looks too big to go through the skin at 2-4

million daltons.

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodIngredientsPackaging/GenerallyRecognizedasSafeGRAS/G>

RASListings/ucm153937.htm

" Ingredients Solutions describes xanthan gum (ethanol precipitate) as an

anionic, soluble exopolysaccharide produced by fermentation of the nontoxigenic

and nonpathogenic bacterium Xanthomonas campestris. It has a molecular weight of

approximately 2-4 million daltons and is composed of a beta-(1-4)-D-glucose

backbone with a trisaccharide side chain linked to the third carbon of every

other glucose residue. "

I didn't know it was a product of bacterial fermentation, I guess I thought it

came from seaweed.

Acacia particle size seems harder to track down but may be 580,000 Daltons

molecular weight. Actually they all seem good candidates, I will keep

researching them.


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