

## ABSTRAK

Limbah cangkang kepiting rajungan (*Portunus pelagicus*) merupakan salah satu sumber polimer kitosan ( $\beta$ -(1-4) linked 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose). Kitosan, polisakarida hasil deasetilasi kitin, dapat digunakan sebagai biomaterial pada biokomposit untuk restorasi tulang. Ekstraksi kitosan limbah cangkang kepiting dapat dilakukan dengan ekstraksi kimia yang meliputi; deproteinasi, demineralisasi, depigmentasi, dan deasetilasi. Biokomposit-*scaffold* difabrikasi dengan mengkombinasi hidroksiapatit dan kolagen yang kemudian dicetak melalui proses *freeze-drying*. Karakteristik serbuk kitosan dan biokomposit-*scaffold* dilakukan dengan menganalisis gugus fungsi melalui *Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer* (FTIR) dan dilakukan pengujian morfologi pori, *porosity*, *swelling*, *degradation*, dan *compression strength* untuk menunjukkan kualitas dari biokomposit-*scaffold* kitosan-HAp-kolagen dalam restorasi tulang. Rendemen kitosan yang diperoleh sebesar  $9,95 \pm 0,919\%$ . Fabrikasi *scaffold* memberikan struktur yang berpori dengan nilai *porosity* sebesar  $61,052 \pm 1,060\%$  dengan ukuran pori pada *inner*  $156,297 \pm 52,546 \mu\text{m}$ , dan *surface* sebesar dan  $58,014 \pm 6,749 \mu\text{m}$ . Persentase *swelling* selama 24 jam sebesar  $310,0275 \pm 21,972\%$ , persentase *degradation* selama 4 minggu  $29,127 \pm 9,878\%$ , dan memiliki kekuatan mekanik sebesar  $0,968 \pm 0,008 \text{ MPa}$ .

**Kata Kunci:** biokomposit; kitosan; kepiting; rajungan; scaffold.

### ***ABSTRACT***

The blue swimming crab shell (*Portunus pelagicus*) is a source of chitosan polymer ( $\beta$ -(1-4) linked 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose). Chitosan, a polysaccharide resulting from the deacetylation of chitin, is a biomaterial biocomposites for bone recovery. Deacetylation, demineralization, and deproteinization to extract and isolate chitosan from the crab shell. This study combined collagen-hydroxyapatite-chitosan to fabricate biocomposite scaffold, then subsequently molded using a freeze-drying procedure. This study employed a Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer (FTIR) to confirm scaffold fabrication. In addition, we observed morphology, porosity, swelling, degradation, and compression strength was carried out. The yield of chitosan was  $9.95 \pm 0.919\%$  w/w. Scaffold a porous structure with a porosity value of  $61.052 \pm 1.060\%$ , an inner pore size of  $156.297 \pm 52.546 \mu\text{m}$ , and a surface of  $58.014 \pm 6.749 \mu\text{m}$ . The swelling percentage for 24 hours was  $310.0275 \pm 21.972\%$ , the degradation percentage for 4 weeks was  $29.127 \pm 9.878\%$ , and the mechanical strength was  $0.968 \pm 0.008 \text{ MPa}$ .

**Keywords:** biocomposite; chitosan; crab; blue swimming crab shell; scaffold.

