

## Titanium dioxide based nanostructured polycarbazole reinforced organic inorganic composite material

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During the last few decades, conducting polymers have received focused attention in many technological areas such as rechargeable batteries, sensors, molecular devices, corrosion inhibitors, etc., owing to their remarkable electrochemical and physical attributes. In most of the applications, the conducting polymers are used as copolymers or nanocomposites. In view of their promising application in the high-tech areas, prevail a growing interest for the synthesis, characterization of conducting polymers and the development of their blend, co-polymer and composites. Herein, we report *in situ* preparation of polycarbazole (PCz)/titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) nanocomposites (PCz/TiO<sub>2</sub>) by using K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> as an oxidizing agent. Due to the excellent properties synergistically derived from polymer and inorganic materials, polymer composite materials are used in many fields. In the recent years, composite materials have replaced the pristine polymers due to their strength and stiffness and possess evolutionary means of achieving properties that cannot be realized with single materials. The incorporation of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles improved the stability, electrical and thermal properties of proposed nanocomposites. These nanocomposites were characterized by FTIR, UV-Vis spectrophotometer, TGA and DTA. The nanosize of PCz and its composite (PCz/TiO<sub>2</sub>) was confirmed by X-ray diffraction and transmission electron microscopy (TEM). The morphological studies confirmed the formation of a nanocomposite. The conductivity of PCz and its nanocomposite were determined by four probe method. The thermal stability was found to increase with the increase in loading of titanium dioxide (3, 5 and 7 wt%) in PCz.

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