Supporting Information for

Targeted drug delivery and treatment of endoparasites with biocompatible particles of pH responsive structure

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Table S1. Initial masses used in preparation of triplicates (1-3) of alginate/chitosan particles free of drug (ALGCH), in presence of 38 μ M mebendazole (MB) or 38 μ M ivermectin (IVM); recovered masses obtained after lyophilization of supernatants in the particles washing procedure and corresponding averages with standard deviation.

| Sample | Initial mass (mg) | Recovered mass (mg) | Average of recovered masses (mg) |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| ALGCH (1) | 100.00 | 13.81 | |
| ALGCH (2) | 100.00 | 15.73 | 15.93 ± 2.22 |
| ALGCH (3) | 100.00 | 18.24 | |
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| ALGCH-MB (1) | 111.21 | 14.26 | |
| ALGCH-MB (2) | 111.21 | 15.35 | 15.77 ± 1.75 |
| ALGCH-MB (3) | 111.21 | 17.69 | |
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| ALGCH-IVM (1) | 133.25 | 12.93 | |
| ALGCH-IVM (2) | 133.25 | 17.72 | 16.39 ± 3.02 |
| ALGCH-IVM (3) | 133.25 | 18.51 | |
| | | | Total average: 16.03 mg |

Table S2. Hydrodynamic diameters (Dh, nm) obtained by DLS for 0.1 mg/mL solutions of chitosan (CH) and alginate (ALG) in different buffers (80 mM) at 25 °C. Maximal pH variation was 0.02. Dh are average of five independent measurements and variations are standard deviation. Aggregates represent particles size over 2 μ m.

| pН | 2.50 | 3.79 | 4.10 | 4.32 | 4.50 | 6.50 |
|--------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| CH Dh | 41 ± 18 | 47 ± 26 | 58 ± 17 | 52 ± 23 | 71 ± 15 | aggregates |
| ALG Dh | aggregates | 241 ± 78 | 119 ± 51 | 137 ± 42 | 108 ± 47 | 87 ± 32 |