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Dear Dr. David Díaz-Díaz,

In response to your e-mail from 23d August 2022, we hereby submit the revised version, of our manuscript, entitled "Water desalination using polyelectrolyte hydrogel. Gibbs ensemble modeling".

We carefully considered all reviewer comments and introduced changes in the manuscript in order to address them. Below, we provide a point-by-point response to all reviewer comments, including a brief description of the modifications introduced in response to these comments. Additionally, we provide a pdf version of the manuscript with the relevant changes highlighted in colour.

Main changes in the manuscript include:

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We believe that, after considering the modifications in response to reviewer comments, you will find our manuscript suitable for publication in Desalination.

On behalf of all authors, with best regards

Oleg V. Rud

Reviewer 1

1. *The main findings of your results should be highlighted in abstract*
2. *Please do not separate introduction in three sections combine with problem and technology you used and challenges and your solutions.*
3. *In page 4 heading 2. (How to start with and ??).*
Corrected.
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Corrected. Now this sentence is appears in text (in brackets).
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Reviewer 2 *This manuscript is about creating a new model the thermodynamic equilibrium between coexisting phases of the gel and supernate aqueous solution.*

1. *Abstract needs to re-write as and please follow the IMRAD instruction.*
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Reviewer 2

1. *The full stop in the title should be revised.*
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; <https://doi.org/10.3390/catal12050500> ; <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11356-022-21160-7> ; <https://doi.org/10.3390/ma15134547>. Then, highlight the water desalination technologies and Gibbs ensemble (<https://doi.org/10.3390/nano10020293>).

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