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# OVALBUMIN ADSORPTION ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF MICROPLASTIC

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Microplastics (MPs) are small in size, have low densities, can exist in the atmosphere for a long time and can easily be spread by wind. Microplastics are plastic fibers, particles or films with diameters smaller than 5 mm and they have shown different effects on proteins. The objective of this study was to investigate adsorption affinity of different types of MPs (polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polystyrene (PS) and polyvinyl chloride (PVC)) with ovalbumin. Ovalbumin, isolated from chicken egg white, was used in this study. Plastics were mixed with ovalbumin for 1,2,4 and 19 h and then the absorbance of the remaining protein in the solution was measured at 280nm. In addition, isotherm mathematical model to calculate the adsorption affinity of ovalbumin for MPs was used. We determined affinity constants by using Langmuir isotherm models for different particle size (PS 120 \(\sigma\) m and PS 500 \(\sigma\)), different type of plastics (PET, PS and PVC) and pH values (3 and 7,2). Adsorption experiment results showed that adsorption depends on type of plastics. Our results showed that PVC did not adsorb protein, however, PET and PS have interacted with protein. Adsorption capacities of all analysed MPs increase with pH of solution. Under different pH values, MPs and protein have different charges that may affect adsorption characteristics. With increase of pH from 3 to 7, the level of protein adsorption on MPs increased 14 times for PS (smaller in size) and 5 times for PS (bigger size) and PET.

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