found EXII in these conditions. We used gemini surfactants alkanediyl-α,ω-bis(Hydroxyethylmethylhexadecyl ammonium bromide) in this study. 1D NMR experiments showed gemini surfactants bind to DSS. 2D 1H-NMR and Circular Dichroism (CD) spectroscopies show that the conformation of RNase A is unaffected at acidic pH where this protein is positively charged, although hydrogen exchange results shows that the conformational stability of RNase A is slightly lowered at high molar ratios. The denaturation curve of RNase A in the presence of gemini surfactant was analyzed on basis of a two-transition model. These gemini surfactants slightly activate and stabilize RNase A at low molar ratios and acidic pH (Table 1). The gemini surfactant with the shorter spacer interacts more efficiently with RNase A than those with longer spacers. These gemini surfactants neither interact strongly with nor severely destabilize this well folded protein in physiological conditions and we advance that can serve as useful membrane mimetics for studying interactions between membrane components and positively charged proteins.

Keywords: Gemini Surfactant, Ribonuclease A, Hydrogen Exchange, Fluorescence Spectroscopy, Circular Dichroism Spectroscopy.

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Enzymetic Activity of RNase A in the Presence of Sodium N-dodecyl Sulphate

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Protein-surfactant systems may serve as models for the study of the interactions between membrane proteins and lipids, additionally, the widespread use of the anionic surfactant sodium n-dodecyl sulphate for the solubilization of membrane proteins and in polyacrylamide-gel electrophoresis has stimulated interest in the nature of the interaction between this surfactant and globular proteins. Bovine pancreatic ribonuclease A is an enzyme that catalyses the depolymerization of RNA. In this study the enzymatic activity of RNAase A in the absence and presence of SDS is measured with cytidine 2': 3'-cyclic monophosphate as substrate. The enzyme reaction carried out with UV-VIS spectroscopy and was measured by following the changes in absorption spectra of cytidine 2':3'-phosphate toward time at 284 nm. We obtained initial rate of reaction enzyme from several kinetic spectra and extract Michealis Menten parameters (V_{max} and K_m). We investigated effect of sodium n-dodecyl sulphate on structure of ribonuclease A with fluorescence spectroscopy and observed changes in quantum yiled of ribonuclease A. fluorescence properties of ribonuclease A is due to tyrosin, and this experiment show that SDS has effect on ribonuclease structure specially in tyrosin region.

Keywords: RNase A, Cytidine 2': 3'-cyclic Monophosphate, SDS, Enzymatic Activity, Michealis Menten Parameters.

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Investigation on the Effect of salt Concentration on the Binding Modes of Doxorubicin to DNA with the Use of McGhee-von Hippel Equation

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For many years the study on the therapeutic properties of doxorubicin (DOX), like determination of its effective dosage and side effects, were the subject of study in basic and medical sciences. Since these studies are related to the DOX interactions with double stranded DNA, it is interesting to know that intercalation is just one mode of interaction between DOX and DNA at different DOX concentrations. The new method of fitting spectroscopic (spectrophotometric or spectrofluorometric) titration data obtained for DOX-DNA mixtures to different binding models (e.g., McGhee-von Hippel equation describing formation of one or two kinds of complexes, classical chemical equilibrium systems) was used. We investigated the interactions between DOX and salmon testes DNA (%G-C = 41.2) in solutions with various NaCl concentrations at neutral pH. For the fitting we used a set of computer optimization programs worked out by us to estimate the optimal spectra of complexes and thermodynamical binding parameters (binding constants, site sizes and cooperativity factor values). Using these programs we could also take into account the formation of dimeric species in the free DOX and DOX-DNA mixtures with log Kd = 4.3 ± 0.2. We observed that the model in which not only monomeric but also the dimeric DOX species were simultaneously bound to DNA through different mechanisms. We also found that apart from intercalation (with the site size of 3.7-4.0 bp), considerable amounts of aggregated outside bound DOX (with the site size of about 2 bp per one dimeric molecule) were formed with binding constants dependent at different ways on ionic strength. By comparing the Hamilton's Q and Qlim factors, calculated at the end of every iterative process of fitting