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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

PUBLICATIONS



A flow injection method for the analysis of tetracycline antibiotics in pharmaceutical formulations using electrochemical detection at anodized boron-doped diamond thin film electrode

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Abstract

A method using flow injection (FI) with amperometric detection at anodized boron-doped diamond (BDD) thin films has been developed and applied for the determination of tetracycline antibiotics (tetracycline, chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline and doxycycline). The electrochemical oxidation of the tetracycline antibiotics was studied at various carbon electrodes including glassy carbon (GC), as-deposited BDD and anodized BDD electrodes using cyclic voltammetry. The anodized BDD electrode exhibited well-defined irreversible cyclic voltammograms for the oxidation of tetracycline antibiotics with the highest current signals compared to the as-deposited BDD and glassy carbon electrodes. Low detection limit of 10 nM (signal-to-noise ratio = 3) was achieved for each drug when using flow injection analysis with amperometric detection at anodized BDD electrodes. Linear calibrations were obtained from 0.1 to 50 mM for tetracycline and 0.5–50 mM for chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline and doxycycline. The proposed method has been successfully applied to determine the tetracycline antibiotics in some drug formulations. The results obtained in percent found (99.50–103.01%) were comparable to dose labeled.

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1. Introduction

Tetracyclines are broad spectrum antibiotics for their high activity against nearly all gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria. Tetracycline, chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline and doxycycline are commonly used in food protection animals (including honeybee), because of their broad spectrum activity and low production cost. However, tetracycline residues in milk or meat are also toxic and can cause allergic reactions in some hypersensitive individuals in human. Owing to their extensive use in infectious diseases therapy, there have been several analytical methods available for these compounds in pharmaceutical preparations, biological samples and milk samples. Official methods such as microbiological-based techniques can also provide both qualitative and quantitative analysis for tetracyclines [1–3]. These methods have char-

acteristic disadvantages: microbiological tests are not only time consuming, laborious and expensive but also poor in term of sensitivity and selectivity. There are also some batch procedures which employ spectrophotometry [4,5], chemiluminescence [6–9], spectrofluorimetry [10], and electrochemical method [11].

Flow injection (FI) is a well-known tool that offers improvement in most batch methods, especially the high sample throughput. For the tetracyclines, there are some FI methods available with all types of detection such as spectrophotometry [12,13], chemiluminescence [14,15] and electrochemical method [16–18]. The spectrophotometric FI method detections [12,13] for tetracyclines are based on the formation of a color product by their reaction with 4-aminophenazone and hexacyanoferrate(III). However, this method has a limited concentration range. Under the optimized conditions, tetracyclines were determined in the ranges of 1–20 and 20–250 mg L⁻¹. The lowest limit of detection is 0.2 mg L⁻¹ for doxycycline [12]. For the chemiluminescence method [14], a highly toxic and expensive agent,

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N-bromosuccinimide is used. The reported working range are 0.05–3.00 mg L⁻¹ for tetracycline, 0.50–5.00 mg L⁻¹ for oxytetracycline and 0.50–7.00 mg L⁻¹ for doxycycline and chlortetracycline.

Electrochemical techniques such as amperometric and potentiometric detection are good alternative methods that are widely used in pharmaceutical applications. The techniques are usually easy to operate, fast and inexpensive. The sensitivity of electrochemical methods is often greater than the spectrophotometric method. For example, the detection limits using HPLC amperometric detection varied from 0.1 to 1 mg L⁻¹ for tetracycline family [19].

Procedures in electroanalysis strongly depend on working electrode materials, so the searching and development of new electrode material is necessary. Boron-doped diamond (BDD) thin film electrodes have been emerged as new electrode material in the many fields in electrochemistry, especially in electroanalysis applications [20–29]. The most importance electrochemical properties are: (i) the wide working potential window in aqueous and non-aqueous media; (ii) a stable and low background current, leading to improved signal-to-background and signal-to-noise ratios; (iii) slight adsorption of polar molecules and long term stability of the response, leading to improved resistance to electrode deactivation and fouling. Recently, a diamond electrode has been chemically pretreated by electrochemical oxidation [30–32]. The anodized diamond electrodes retain the excellent properties of the as-deposited diamond electrode even though, the electrode surface of anodized diamond electrode is applied by a high anodic potential. Anodized diamond electrodes are suitable for determination of various analytes such as chlorophenol [30], dopamine and uric acid in the presence of ascorbic acid [31] and homocysteine [32]. These anodized electrodes have exhibited some attractive properties such as excellent stability and high reproducibility. In this present work, the anodized diamond electrode was used for the electrochemical determination of tetracyclines using cyclic voltammetry. Glassy carbon (GC) and as-deposited diamond electrodes were also used for comparison. The anodized diamond electrode was exploited as working electrode for amperometric determination of antibiotic drugs, using flow injection system.

2. Experimental

2.1. Chemicals and reagents

All reagents were analytical reagent grade. All solutions were prepared in ultrapure water. Standards (hydrochloric forms) of tetracycline, chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline and doxycycline were supplied by Sigma Chemical (USA). Potassium dihydrogen phosphate (BDH), disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium hydroxide (Merck) and phosphoric acid 85% (J.T. Baker) were used to prepare the buffer so-

lution. Phosphate buffer (0.1 M) solutions with pH ranges from 5.0 to 8.0, were prepared by dissolving the appropriate amounts of potassium dihydrogen phosphate and disodium hydrogen phosphate. Phosphoric acid and sodium hydroxide were used to adjust the desired pH that is out of the above range.

The standard tetracycline antibiotics were prepared by dissolving an appropriate amount of the tetracycline antibiotics in the buffer solution. The solutions were prepared daily.

2.2. Electrodes

The as-deposited BDD electrodes used in this work are from Professor Akira Fujishima's Laboratory. The electrodes were prepared by deposition of the BDD thin films on highly conductive *n*-Si(111) substrate using the technique of microwave plasma-assisted chemical vapor deposition. Deposition was usually carried out for 10 h to achieve a film thickness of approximately 30 μm. The nominal B/C atomic ratio in the gas phase was 1:100, and the typical boron-doped level in the film was ca. 10²¹ cm⁻³. The experimental conditions and the apparatus used for the diamond film growth have been described in detail elsewhere [23]. A piece of diamond was rinsed with ultrapure water prior to use for electroanalysis.

Anodized BDD electrode was prepared by treating an as-deposited BDD electrode in 0.1 M KOH solution. The potential was applied between 0 and 2.2 V versus Ag/AgCl using cyclic voltammetry for 30 min. The anodized BDD electrode was also rinsed with ultrapure water before use.

The GC electrode was purchased from Bioanalytical System, Inc. (area 0.07 cm²). It was pretreated by sequential polishing with 1 and 0.05 μm of alumina/water slurries on felt pads, followed by rinsing with ultrapure water prior to use.

2.3. Cyclic voltammetric investigation

Electrochemical experiments were conducted out in a single compartment three-electrode glass cell. The BDD electrode was pressed against a smooth ground joint at the bottom of the cell, isolated by an *O*-ring vitron (area 0.07 cm²). Ohmic contact was made by placing the backside of the Si substrate. The GC carbon was used as working electrode for the comparison. The Ag/AgCl with salt bridge and Pt wire were used as reference electrode and counter electrode respectively. The voltammetric measurement was performed with the three types of electrodes using Autolab Potentiostat 100 (Eco-Chemie, The Netherlands).

2.4. Flow injection with amperometric detection

The flow injection system consisted of a thin layer flow cell (Bioanalytical System, Inc), a 20 mL stainless steel loop of injection port (Rheodyne 7725), a peristaltic pump, and

electrochemical detection (Autolab potentiostat 100). The carrier solution (0.1 M potassium dihydrogen phosphate pH 2) was regulated at the flow rate of 1 mL min^{-1} by measuring the volume of carrier solution in 1 min. The thin layer flow cell consisted of a silicone rubber gasket as a spacer, a Ag/AgCl electrode as the reference electrode and a stainless steel tube as an auxiliary electrode and an outlet of the flow cell. The experiments were performed in a copper faradaic cage to reduce the electronic noise. All experiments were done at room temperature.

2.5. Sample preparation

The contents within the pharmaceutical capsule (as described on the label) were: 250 mg tetracycline hydrochlorideTM (Tetracycline hydrochloride); 250 mg AureomycinTM (chlortetracycline); 250 mg OxyclineTM (oxytetracycline); 100 mg MedomycinTM (doxycycline). The powder of twenty capsules of each drug was accurately weighed and homogenized so as to obtain the mean capsule weight. A portion of the homogenized powder corresponding to the mean capsule weight was then transferred into volumetric flask and dissolved in 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 2), and then mixed thoroughly. A portion of the sample solutions was filtrated through 0.45 mm nylon membrane. The filtrated solutions were further diluted using 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 2) to make the final concentration in the range of $0.96\text{--}5.15 \text{ mg mL}^{-1}$ within the linear dynamic range. All tetracycline antibiotic solutions were protected from light by covering with aluminum foil and stored at 4°C .

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Cyclic voltammetry

3.1.1. Voltammetric study

According to Fig. 1, the anodized BDD electrode (Fig. 1c) provided well-resolved irreversible oxidation cyclic voltammogram with the highest current responses in comparison to the as-deposited BDD and the glassy carbon electrodes, Fig. 1a and b respectively. These electrodes produced oxidative waves at +1.0 V versus Ag/AgCl, however the as-deposited BDD electrode produced no voltammetric peak shape in contrast to the results at the anodized BDD electrode. The results obtained from the other antibiotics, i.e., chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline and doxycycline were analogous to the results shown for tetracycline in Fig. 1. These results can be rationalized as follows. The surface of the BDD, after the anodizing treatment, is partly covered with oxygen atoms [30–32]. In acidic condition, all the tetracycline are positively charged. This therefore encourage electrostatic interaction between the negatively charged BDD anodized surface and the analytes. In contrast, the as-deposited BDD, the surface is non-polar (covered with hydrogen atoms), and therefore the electrostatic interaction

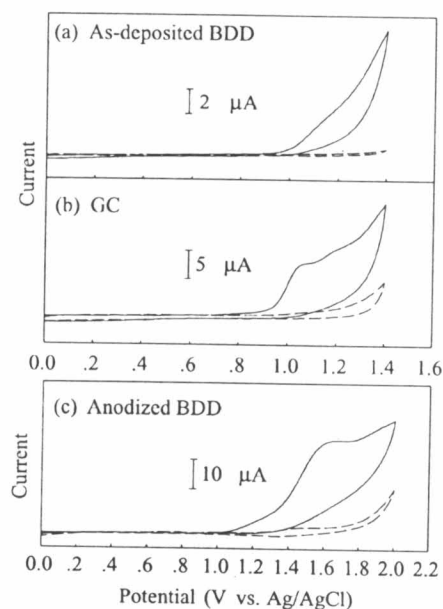


Fig. 1. Cyclic voltammetric results of $500 \mu\text{M}$ tetracycline (solid line) in 0.1 M potassium dihydrogen phosphate (pH 2) with the corresponding background current (dashed line) at: (a) as-deposited BDD; (b) glassy carbon; and (c) anodized BDD electrodes.

is less permitted. This may be the reason for the ill-defined peak current, in Fig. 1a, for example.

3.1.2. pH dependence

The effect of pH was investigated from pH 2–9 for all four compounds using anodized BDD electrode. A plot of pH versus E_p has been investigated. It was found that results were ambiguous, and the expected pK was inconsistent with the pK value of the dissociation in the literature.

For quantitative purposes, the information concerning about the current response was also investigated. It was found that in acidic buffer, tetracyclines provided the well-defined oxidative responses cyclic voltammograms. However, in neutral and alkaline buffer, ill-defined voltammograms were obtained. The current response decreased with increasing the pH. Results for all, the antibiotics demonstrated that pH 2 gave the highest current signal (Fig. 2). Therefore, pH 2 was chosen as the optimal pH for the rest of experiments.

It can be explained that tetracyclines are derived from a system of four membered rings arranged linearly with characteristic double bonds. They are amphoteric compounds with high polarity, and an isoelectric point between 4 and 6. From the literature [33,34], three dissociations have been observed for tetracyclines, with $pK_1 = 3.3$, $pK_2 = 7.5$ and $pK_3 = 9.4$. In strongly acidic pH, the tetracycline molecule exists in its fully protonated form as a singly charged cation. As proposed [30–32], the surface of anodized BDD electrode covered with the negative charge, electrostatically attracts the positive tetracycline. Hence, at pH 2 the positively charged tetracycline provided the highest response.

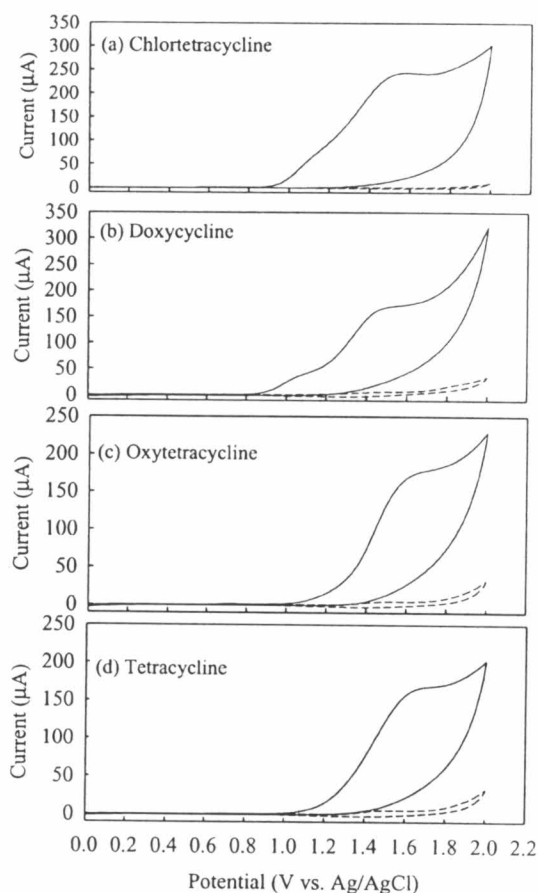


Fig. 2. Cyclic voltammograms at anodized BDD electrode vs. Ag/AgCl in 500 μM chlortetracycline, doxycycline, oxytetracycline, and tetracycline in 0.1 M phosphate buffer pH 2 (solid lines) and 0.1 M phosphate buffer pH 2 (dashed lines). The scan rate was 50 mV s^{-1} ; area of electrode, 0.07 cm^2 .

Moreover, the anodized diamond surface can be recovered by in situ reactivation (applying a high positive potential 2.6 V versus Ag/AgCl) during the flow injection measurement [30].

3.1.3. Scan rate dependence

The scan rate dependence study was carried out by varying the scan rate ranging from 0.01 to 0.3 V s^{-1} . From the result, we found for all four compounds, that the relationship between current and square root of scan rate was linear with the correlation coefficient of approximately 0.99 (data not shown). The results indicated that the oxidation currents are controlled by the diffusion of tetracyclines in the interfacial reaction zone.

3.2. Flow injection with amperometric detection

3.2.1. Hydrodynamic voltammetry

Hydrodynamic voltammogram was obtained from the average of three injections at aliquot of $20 \mu\text{L}$ of 100 mM tetracycline antibiotic solutions in the flow injection system. In

this case the applied potential was gradually increased from 1.1 to 2.0 V versus Ag/AgCl. The carrier solution was 0.1 M potassium dihydrogen phosphates (pH 2). Fig. 3a shows the hydrodynamic voltammogram of tetracycline antibiotics with the corresponding background currents. The hydrodynamic voltammogram of tetracycline antibiotics did not exhibit the sigmoidal shape of the signal versus potential probably due to the high oxidation potential of tetracycline. To obtain the optimum potential, we calculated the S/B ratios from the results in Fig. 3a at each potential and plotted the ratios versus potentials (Fig. 3b). The maximum S/B ratio was found at 1.5 V (versus Ag/AgCl) for chlortetracycline and at 1.6 V (versus Ag/AgCl) for tetracycline, oxytetracycline and doxycycline. Hence, these optimum potentials were used for the quantification experiments in amperometric flow injection.

3.2.2. Analytical performance of the FI system at anodized BDD electrode

A series of analytical features were performed on the proposed method for the quantification of tetracycline, chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline and doxycycline. Calibration parameters and the linear ranges for all the drugs are summarized in Table 1. The limit of detection ($3S/N$) was 10 nM for all compounds. To obtain the repeatability, 10 replicates of injections were carried out at three concentrations (5, 10, 50 mM). The peak variability defined as the relative standard deviation (R.S.D. %), were found to be 1.3–1.7 (for tetracycline hydrochloride), 2.4–3.0 for chlortetracycline, 1.6–3.0

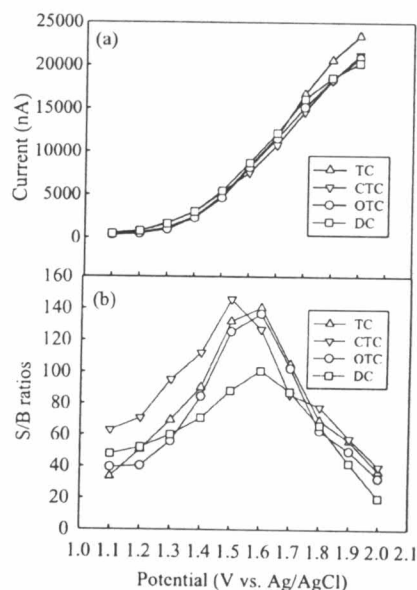


Fig. 3. Hydrodynamic voltammetric results for $100 \mu\text{M}$ tetracycline antibiotics. (a) (Δ): tetracycline, TC; (∇): chlortetracycline, CTC; (\circ): oxytetracycline, OTC; and (\square): doxycycline, DC in 0.1 M potassium dihydrogen phosphate (pH 2), using 0.1 M potassium dihydrogen phosphate (pH 2) as carrier solution. The flow rate was 1 mL min^{-1} . (b) Hydrodynamic voltammogram of signal-to-background ratios.

Table 1

Regression parameters and linear range for the determination of tetracycline antibiotics by flow injection with amperometric detection using anodized boron-doped diamond electrode ($n = 2$)

| Analytes | Linear range (μM) | a | b | r^2 |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------|
| Tetracycline | 0.1–50 | 110.0 ± 5.9 | 192.1 ± 5.0 | 0.997 |
| Chlortetracycline | 0.5–50 | 76.9 ± 3.9 | 199.7 ± 29.7 | 0.997 |
| Oxytetracycline | 0.5–50 | 90.2 ± 3.0 | 165.2 ± 28.9 | 0.999 |
| Doxytetracycline | 0.5–50 | 96.2 ± 3.8 | 213.7 ± 48.9 | 0.997 |

$ay = ax + b$, where y : current (nA); x : concentration (μM); a : slope (nA/ μM); b : intercept (nA).

Table 2

Determination of tetracycline antibiotics in drug formulations ($n = 2$)

| Drug formulations | Label amount (mg) | Found (mg) | Found (%) |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Tetracycline | 250 | 249.4 ± 1.7 | 99.8 ± 0.7 |
| Aureomycine | 250 | 249.7 ± 1.3 | 99.87 ± 0.5 |
| Oxycline | 250 | 254.6 ± 2.5 | 101.85 ± 1.0 |
| Medeomycin | 100 | 98.4 ± 1.0 | 98.4 ± 1.0 |

for oxytetracycline and 1.7–2.7 for doxycycline. The stability of the amperometric response using flow injection at the anodized BDD electrode was obtained by conducting 100 repetitive injections of 50 mM chlortetracycline. It was observed that the peak variation was about 3.4%. The throughput of sample is approximately seventy injections per hour.

3.2.3. Application

Our method was applied for determination of each compound in four drug formulations using the standard addition method. The results are presented in Table 2. The percentages of recovery indicate that the amounts are comparable between the labeled quantity and the value obtained from the proposed method.

4. Conclusion

Anodized treatment has significantly improved the analytical performance of the BDD thin film for the analysis of tetracycline drugs. Current signal of the anodized BDD electrode is greater than the current signal of the glassy carbon electrode. It was observed from the cyclic voltammetric study that pH strongly influenced the current response of the voltammograms with pH 2 being selected for the method development, since the highest current was obtained with a well-defined voltammetric signal.

Amperometric detections of four compounds, i.e., tetracycline, chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline and doxycycline was employed in the method development, using flow injection. The developed method has been successfully applied to determine four types of tetracyclines in various pharmaceutical formulations. The tetracycline antibiotics content of the drug was found to be in excellent agreement with the declared amount on the label.

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Change in Conformation of J-aggregate 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-sulfonatophenyl)porphyrin (H_2TPPS) by Addition of Nonionic Surfactant (Triton X-100)

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Drastic conformational change of J-aggregate of 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-sulfonatophenyl)porphyrin (H_2TPPS) was observed by addition of nonionic surfactant (Triton X-100) in acidic medium. The CD spectra of the aggregate (H_4TPPS)_n changed to opposite signed CD spectra in the presence of Triton X-100. The interaction of (H_2TPPS)_n with Triton X-100 was studied by the measurements of UV-vis and fluorescence spectra as well as CD spectra at different concentrations of Triton X-100.

Molecular aggregates in which monomers are arranged in a regular form are of particular interest because of their unique electronic and spectroscopic properties.¹⁻³ There are two important kinds of molecular aggregation: J- and H-aggregates arranged in different way. J-aggregates exhibit a red-shift in absorption spectra and are one-dimensional molecular arrangement in which the transition moments of individual monomers are aligned parallel to the line joining their centers (end-to-end arrangement or side-by-side arrangement). H-aggregates exhibit a blue shifted absorption band and monomers are aligned parallel to each other but perpendicular to the line joining their centers (face-to-face arrangement). 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-sulfonatophenyl)porphyrin (H_2TPPS) that is one of water-soluble porphyrins can form aggregates in acidic solution⁴⁻⁶ or in high ion strength containing inorganic cations.⁷ For the recent years, there are many papers studied on aggregation by addition of cationic molecules, e.g. cationic surfactants as cetyltrimethyl ammonium bromide (CTAB),⁸ cationic dyes cyanide (i.e. 3,3'-diethyloxycarbocyanine iodide {2-[3-(3-ethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzoxazolylidene)propenyl]-3-ethylbenzoxazolium iodide} (DiOC2(3)) and 3,3'-dihexyloxycarbocyanine iodide {2-[3-(3-hexyl-2,3-dihydrobenzoxazolylidene)propenyl]-3-hexylbenzoxazolium iodide} (DiOC6(3)).⁹ The J-aggregate of H_2TPPS was also induced by polymers, e.g. polylysine used as a template for aggregate.¹⁰ It is well known that H_2TPPS is an achiral compound in the monomer form while J-aggregate, (H_4TPPS)_n, is a chiral compound that gives induced CD spectra. It has been suggested that the sign of the CD spectra of the J-aggregates is changed by stirring-direction of solution^{11,12} or by addition of enantiomer compounds, e.g. D- or L-tryptophan.^{13,14} We have found that nonionic surfactant (Triton X-100) alters CD spectra of J-aggregate to opposite sign. In this paper we will describe the interaction between the J-aggregate and Triton X-100 and change in conformation of the J-aggregate with different concentration of Triton X-100.

H_2TPPS (TCI), Triton X-100 (ICN Biochemicals, Inc.), acetic acid (Wako Chemical), and sodium perchlorate (Wako Chemical) were used without further purification. The solutions were prepared with double distilled water (Milli-Q, Millipore). UV-vis spectra were measured by a UV-vis spectrophotometer

(JASCO V-550) at 25 °C. CD spectra of J-aggregate, (H_4TPPS)_n, were measured by a CD spectrophotometer (JASCO Spectrophotometer, Power Supply 91N, Japan) three times and averaged. Fluorescence spectra were measured by a fluorescence spectrophotometer (Hitachi F-4500) under excitation at 490 nm. J-aggregate, (H_4TPPS)_n, was prepared in 0.01 mol dm⁻³ (=M) CH₃COOH and 0.1 M NaClO₄, and kept in an incubator at 25 °C for 1 day before measurements.

In acidic medium, H_2TPPS turns to diacid or protonated form (H_4TPPS) ($pK_{a3} = 4.76$; $pK_{a4} = 4.99$).¹⁵ The diacidic form of H_4TPPS has a positive charge at four protonated pyrroles that interacts with the peripherally sulfonatophenyl anionic groups and induces the aggregation of H_4TPPS by ion-pair formation or electrostatic interaction that causes charge-neutralization. The UV-vis absorption spectra of (H_4TPPS)_n exhibited the characteristic peaks of J-aggregation at 490 and 706.5 nm in acetic acid solution. Moreover, it has peaks at around 434 and 645 nm that are attributed to monomer H_4TPPS . The J-aggregate species were also measured by fluorescence and polarized fluorescence spectra. Fluorescence spectrum of (H_4TPPS)_n showed the maximum emission spectrum at around 716 nm in acidic medium. The polarized fluorescence spectra of (H_4TPPS)_n were measured as a function of excitation wavelength. A positive polarization peak was observed at around 490 nm for (H_4TPPS)_n. UV-vis spectra of (H_4TPPS)_n were also investigated at different concentrations of Triton X-100. The UV-vis spectra depended on the concentrations of Triton X-100, especially, concentration below, near or above critical micelle concentration (cmc.) of Triton X-100 (Figure 1).

Effects of the concentrations of Triton X-100: (a) (*Triton X-100* below cmc. (0.001% v/v). The UV-vis spectrum of H_4TPPS solution exhibited absorption maximum peaks at 434 and 490 nm. The peak intensity at the 490 nm decreased in the

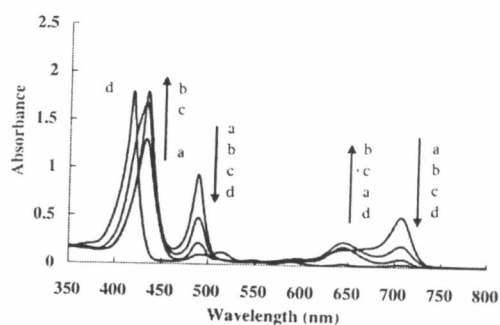


Figure 1. UV-vis spectra of H_4TPPS (1×10^{-5} M) in the presence of Triton X-100 of (a), 0% (pH 3.3); (b), 0.001% (pH 3.3); (c), 0.1% (pH 3.3) and (d), 5% in v/v (pH 3.6) in 0.01 M acetic acid and 0.1 M sodium perchlorate.

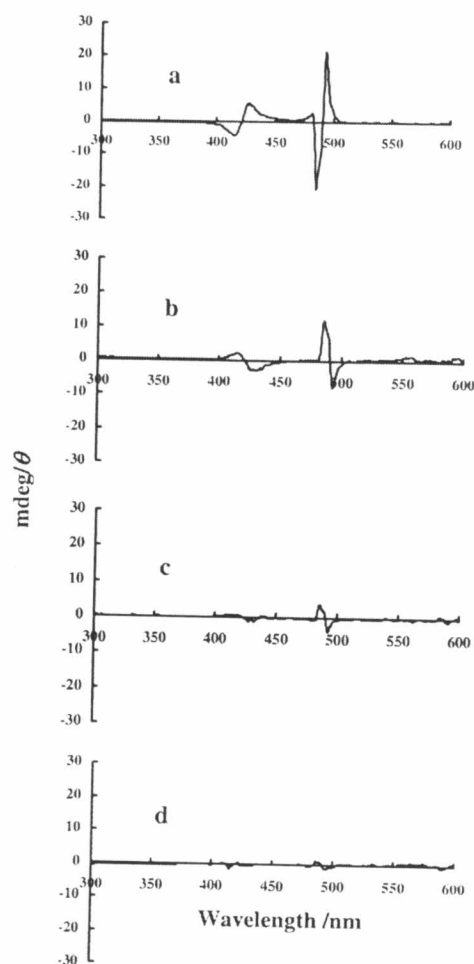


Figure 2. CD spectra of H_4TPPS (1×10^{-5} M) in the presence of Triton X-100 of (a), 0% (pH 3.3); (b), 0.001% (pH 3.3); (c), 0.1% (pH 3.3) and (d), 5% in v/v (pH 3.6) in 0.01 M acetic acid and 0.1 M sodium perchlorate.

presence of Triton X-100 that is attributed to the interaction of Triton X-100 with $(H_4TPPS)_n$ and to the dissociation of $(H_4TPPS)_n$ into monomer H_4TPPS . (b) *Triton X-100 near cmc.* (0.1% v/v). Triton X-100 forms premicelle under the conditions. The UV-vis spectrum gives a broad peak that has an absorption maximum wavelength at around 430 nm. The peak is a mixture of two species, $(H_4TPPS)_n$ and H_2TPPS incorporated into the micelle, that exhibited two maximum fluorescence spectra at 650 and 716 nm. (c) *Triton X-100 above cmc.* (5% v/v). Triton X-100 forms micelle under the conditions. UV-vis spectra showed a maximum wavelength at 418.5 nm, while the peak of 434 nm disappeared and the peak at 490 nm decreased. The results suggest that $(H_4TPPS)_n$ dissociates to monomer and is solubilized into the micelle as the form of deprotonated free base porphyrin (H_2TPPS).

Figure 2 shows change in CD spectra of J-aggregate, $(H_4TPPS)_n$, in the presence of Triton X-100 at different concentrations under the same conditions as UV-vis spectral measurements. The CD spectrum of the J-aggregate changed to opposite sign by addition of Triton X-100 at the concentration below cmc. (Figure 2b) and the intensity decreased with increase of Triton

X-100 (Figure 2c) and finally disappeared at the concentration above cmc. The turnover of CD spectra by addition of Triton X-100 implies a specific interaction of Triton X-100 with $(H_4TPPS)_n$.

From the changes in UV-vis and CD spectra of the J-aggregate in the presence of different concentrations of Triton X-100, it is expected that the following two reactions occur. One is the interaction of J-aggregate with Triton X-100, leading to the change in chirality of $(H_4TPPS)_n$, and the other is the incorporation of the J-aggregate into the micelle of Triton X-100 after releasing proton to form monomer of H_2TPPS . The change in chirality of the J-aggregate could be explained by the following possible mechanism. H_4TPPS molecules assemble each other through their induced dipole moments to form linear or helical J-aggregate by side-by-side arrangement of H_4TPPS .⁷ Triton X-100 binds to the J-aggregate, $(H_4TPPS)_n$, on the outside of the J-aggregate, and the bound Triton X-100 molecules assemble each other, that may cause the change in chirality of the J-aggregate, $(H_4TPPS)_n$ to opposite direction. The detailed reaction mechanism will be reported elsewhere.

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APPENDIX B

DEFINITION AND CALCULATION [139, 140]

Accuracy

Accuracy refers to the closeness of agreement between the true value of the analyte concentration and the mean result that is obtained by applying the experiment procedure. There are various ways and units in which the accuracy can be expressed. Recovery is a term often used to describe accuracy, the equation for recovery is:

$$\% \text{Recovery} = \frac{\text{Measured value}}{\text{True value}} \times 100$$

If the recovery were poor, it would be a good indication of a problem with the method. Standard addition is one technique that can be used to determine the recovery of spiked analyte. Relative error is the other term that can express the accuracy. The equation is shown below:

$$\% \text{error} = \frac{(\text{Measured value} - \text{True value})}{\text{True value}} \times 100$$

Precision

The precision of an analytical procedure expresses the closeness of agreement (degree of scatter) between a series of measurements obtained from multiple sampling of the same homogeneous sample under the prescribed conditions. Precision may be considered at three levels: repeatability, intermediate precision and reproducible.

Repeatability is one method that is used to describe precision. It is done by multiple injections of a homogeneous sample and calculation of the relative standard deviation (%RSD). The equation for %RSD is shown below:

$$\% \text{RSD} = \frac{\text{standard deviation}}{\text{Mean}} \times 100$$

Repeatability also expresses the precision under the same conditions over a short interval time. Repeatability is also termed intra-assay precision.

Intermediate precision expresses within-laboratories variations: different day (inter-assay), different analytes, different equipment, etc.

Reproducibility expresses the precision between the laboratories variations: (collaborative studies, usually applied to standardization of methodology)

Linearity (Linear range)

A linear range is the concentration range that can be determined with a linear calibration curve. The lower limit of the dynamic range is generally considered the limit of detection. The upper end of the range is usually taken as the concentration at which the analytical signal or the slope of the calibration curve deviates by a specified amount from the linear relationship. The working sample concentration and samples tested for accuracy should be in the linear range.

Sensitivity

Sensitivity is the change in the analytical response divided by the corresponding change in the concentration of a standard (calibration) curve, i.e. the slope of the analytical calibration.

Limit of detection (LOD)

The detection limit of a method is the lowest analyte concentration that can be determined to be different from an analyte blank. There are numerous way that detection limit have been defined. An example, is the lowest analyte concentration that is above the noise level of the system, typically, three time the noise level ($S/N = 3$) or the lower limit concentration of the linear dynamic range. This term is used to describe low analyte concentrations ($< 10 \mu\text{M}$).

For high analyte concentrations, the detection limit is defined as the lowest concentration that provides a signal to background ratio S/B of three. The equation of S/B ratio is shown below:

$$S/B \text{ ratio} = \frac{(\text{total signal} - \text{blank signal})}{\text{blank signal}}$$

Limit of quantitation (LOQ)

The limit of quantitation (LOQ) is the lowest amount of analyte in a sample which can be quantitatively determined with suitable precision and accuracy. The term limit of quantitation is preferred to limit of determination to differentiate it from LOD. LOQ has been defined as 3 times higher than the LOD.

Formal dissociate constant of monobasic weak acid (K_a)

$$K_a = [H^+][A^-]/[HA] ; pK_a = -\log[H^+][A^-]/[HA]$$

K_1, K_2, K_3, K_i, K_n = Successive formal dissociate constants of basic weak acid H_nA

$$K_1 = [H^+][H_{n-1} A^{-1}]/[H_nA] ; pK_1 = -\log [H^+][H_{n-1} A^{-1}]/[H_nA]$$

$$K_2 = [H^+][H_{n-2} A^{-2}]/[H_nA] ; pK_2 = -\log [H^+][H_{n-2} A^{-2}]/[H_nA]$$

$$K_3 = [H^+][H_{n-3} A^{-3}]/[H_nA] ; pK_3 = -\log [H^+][H_{n-3} A^{-3}]/[H_nA]$$

$$K_i = [H^+][H_{n-i} A^{-i}]/[H_nA] ; pK_i = -\log [H^+][H_{n-i} A^{-i}]/[H_nA]$$

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