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1 **Synthesis, characterisation and self assembly of novel biosurfactants based on**
2 **hydrophobically-modified inulins**

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17 **Abstract**

18 Novel biosurfactants have been synthesised using a low energy, environmentally friendly
19 process by the derivatisation of inulin with octenyl (OSA) and dodecanyl (DDSA) succinic
20 anhydrides in aqueous solution. The inulin and its derivatives have been characterised using
21 GPC/MALLS, HPAEC-PAD, FTIR and NMR and the reaction efficiency was found to be
22 between 59-95 %. The efficiency was generally higher for OSA derivatives compared to
23 DDSA derivatives. The hydrophobic derivatives were found to aggregate in solution and the
24 critical aggregation concentration (CAC) was determined using dye solubilisation, surface
25 tension, dynamic light scattering and conductivity. There was reasonable agreement in the
26 CAC values obtained by the different techniques except for conductivity. It was found that
27 the CAC decreased with increasing alkenyl chain length and degree of modification and the
28 values were significantly lower for the DDSA derivatives compared to the OSA derivatives.
29 GPC elution profiles for the DDSA-inulin using 12 mole % reagent confirmed the presence of
30 aggregates with a molecular mass of $\sim 2.5 \times 10^6$ g/mol and a radius of gyration of ~ 25 nm
31 corresponding to ~ 550 inulin molecules. Dynamic light scattering (DLS) study was
32 undertaken to determine the hydrodynamic radius and values obtained for the DDSA (12 %)
33 derivative were 30 nm in both water and 0.1 M sodium nitrate, while for the OSA (12 %)
34 derivative values of 13 nm and 7 nm were obtained. The derivatives have potential
35 application in the stabilisation of particulate dispersions and emulsions and also in the
36 encapsulation and delivery of drugs.

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38 **Introduction**

39 Inulin is the second most abundant plant storage polysaccharide after starch and is found in
40 a large number of plants including garlic, leek, banana, chicory and Jerusalem artichoke.^{1,2}
41 The main industrial source is chicory roots which contain ~ 20 -25 % inulin on a dry weight
42 basis. Inulin consists of linear chains of β -(2,1) fructose units and typically has a glucose unit
43 attached at the reducing end. The chain length varies with the source but for chicory is

44 typically between 2-60 fructose units. Inulin is soluble in water but the solubility decreases
45 with increasing polymer chain length.² At high inulin concentrations, typically > 15 %, longer
46 chain length molecules form gels on cooling. It has been argued that micron-size crystals are
47 first produced which then associate to form spherical aggregates. These larger aggregates
48 associate further to form three dimensional gel structures.^{3,4} Inulin is finding increasing
49 application in food products because of its gelling properties but also because of its
50 nutritional effects, since it is classed as dietary fibre.⁵ There is also considerable interest in
51 chemical modification of inulin to form a range of speciality chemicals and recent studies
52 have involved synthesis of hydrophobically modified inulin for potential application as
53 surfactants.⁶⁻¹⁰ Modification has largely involved the use of non aqueous solvents, however,
54 Morros et al.^{11,12} have recently reported modification of inulin using alkenyl succinic
55 anhydride in water. This reaction has been previously exploited to produce octenyl
56 succinated starches which have wide application as emulsifiers for flavour oil emulsions in
57 the beverage industry.¹³⁻¹⁵

58 The attachment of the alkyl chains occurs through interaction of the succinic anhydride with
59 the hydroxyl groups on the sugar units. The product is an alkenyl succinate half ester which
60 will carry a negative charge when in the salt form. The reaction is non specific and hence the
61 alkyl chains will attach randomly along the polymer backbone. The overall structure,
62 therefore, will not take on the form of a typical polymeric surfactant in which the hydrophobic
63 groups are attached at one or both ends.¹⁶ Nevertheless, surface tension⁷ and interfacial
64 tension⁸ studies on octenyl inulin carbamate have shown that the molecules will aggregate
65 at a critical concentration. Surface tension measurements have recently been reported for
66 octenyl succinylated starch and have also indicated that aggregation occurs at a critical
67 concentration.^{17,18} The aggregation behaviour of these types of polymer makes them suitable
68 candidates for the dissolution and encapsulation of active compounds. In fact Lu et al.¹⁹
69 have recently reported the potential application of hydrophobically modified amylopectin
70 micelles in drug delivery.

71 This study sets out to synthesise a series of hydrophobically modified alkenyl succinylated
72 inulins using octenyl and dodecenyl succinic anhydride at varying degrees of substitution
73 and to gain a fundamental understanding of their aggregation behaviour using a range of
74 techniques.

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76 **Materials and methods**

77 *Materials*

78 Inulin samples coded Fibruline® DS2 (Degree of Polymerisation, DP > 10) and Inutec N10
79 were supplied by Cosucra and Beneo Biobased Chemicals respectively and were dried at 70
80 °C for 24 hours before use.

81 2-octen-1-yl-succinic anhydride (OSA) and 2-dodecen-1-yl-succinic anhydride (DDSA) were
82 obtained from Aldrich Chemical Co. and were used as received. DMSO-*d*₆ (99.9 atom % D),
83 Tween 20 (PEG (20) sorbitan monolaurate) and potassium bromide were obtained from
84 Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH. Sudan IV, a water insoluble diazo dye, was obtained from
85 Eastman Kodak Company.

86

87 *Methods*

88 *Synthesis of alkenyl inulin derivatives*

89 All reactions were performed in a 250 mL three-neck round-bottom flask placed in a water
90 bath to maintain a temperature of 25 °C. 30 g of the oven-dried inulin was dispersed in 70 ml
91 of deionised water using propeller mixer (Heidolph Type: ST1 or RZR 50) with PTFE
92 centrifugal stirrer shaft, 6 mm diameter, 400 mm. The pH was adjusted to between 8.30 +/-
93 0.1 using 1-10 % NaOH solutions using a peristaltic pump (P-1 Pharmacia Fine Chemicals).
94 Various amounts of OSA or DDSA in 10 mL of ethanol [6, 9 and 12 mole %] were added at
95 25 °C. The modification was carried out until the pH became stable to ensure all OSA or
96 DDSA was consumed, typically ~7 hours. Once the reaction was complete, the resultant
97 product was neutralised with 5 % HCl solution to a pH of 6.0 and was then freeze dried

98 yielding a white powder. This was purified by Soxhlet extraction for 6 hours using
99 cyclohexane as solvent. Finally, the sample was dried in an oven at 70 °C overnight.

100 The inulin samples modified using OSA formed optically clear aqueous solutions at room
101 temperature. However, the samples modified with DDSA formed slightly cloudy solutions at
102 room temperature but became clear on heating to 50 °C and remained clear on subsequent
103 cooling.

104

105 **Characterisation**

106 *NMR spectroscopy*

107 5 mg of either native or modified inulin and 0.7 mL of d_6 -DMSO were added into a 5 mm thin
108 wall NMR tube and dissolved at 25 °C. H^1 NMR spectra were measured using a 400 MHz
109 magnet at 25 °C. 16 scans were run for all samples. The Pulse Program ZG30 with a 30
110 degree pulse and a delay of 1 second was used together with Mnova 7.0 software.

111

112 *FTIR spectroscopy*

113 All samples were dried at 70 °C overnight before analysis. Approximately 1 mg of the sample
114 was milled with approximately 100 mg of dried KBr using an agate mortar and pestle for
115 several minutes until fully mixed to form a very fine powder. The powder was then
116 compressed into a thin transparent KBr pellet using a 15 Ton Manual Press and a P/N
117 03000 13 mm pellet die (Max load 10.0 Tons) from Specac Limited. FTIR spectra were
118 recorded using a Perkin-Elmer FTIR spectrometer spectrum RX 1. 16 scans were performed
119 between 400 and 4000 cm^{-1} . Spectral analysis and display were performed using the
120 interactive Perkin-Elmer Read.IR3 version 3.0 software.

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122 *Gel permeation chromatography*

123 The molecular mass distributions of the native and modified inulin samples were determined
124 using gel permeation chromatography (GPC). The GPC system consisted of a Suprema
125 column (dimensions 300 mm x 8 mm; Polymer Standards Service GmbH) with 10 micron

126 beads with a 100 Å pore size, protected by a guard column (Polymer Standards Service
127 GmbH: 10 microns). The eluent used was 0.1 M sodium nitrate containing 0.005 % sodium
128 azide and was filtered with a GSWP 0.45 µm filter (Millipore) and degassed (Vacuum
129 degasser CS 1615/Cambridge Scientific Instrument, Ltd) before use. The samples (0.2-
130 1.0 %) were dissolved in the eluent at 50 °C for two hours and left tumbling overnight at 25
131 °C to fully dissolve. The flow rate was set at 0.5 mL per minute using a Waters Corporation
132 515 HPLC pump and the loop volume was 200 or 1000 µL (Rheodyne model: 7125). A
133 Dawn® DSP Laser Photometer and OPTILAB DSP Interferometric Refractometer (Wyatt
134 Technology Corporation) were used as detectors. The samples were passed through a 0.45
135 µm pore size nylon syringe filter before being injected onto the columns. Measurements
136 were performed in duplicate. The molecular weight was determined using a designated
137 software Astra for Windows 4.90.08 QELSS 2.XX. The Debye model was used for all
138 evaluation analyses. The refractive index increment (dn/dc) of the native inulin was
139 determined in the eluent and found to be 0.131 mL/g in agreement with the literature value
140 ²⁰. The dn/dc values were also determined for the OSA (12 %)-inulin and DDSA (12 %)-inulin
141 samples and found to be 0.096 and 0.121 mL/g respectively.

142

143 *High-Performance Anion-Exchange Chromatography (HPAEC)*

144 Inulin N10 was dissolved in deionised water (200 mg/ml) and filtered through a 0.45 µm
145 nylon membrane. Injections of 25 µl were analysed by Dionex^R High Performance Anion
146 Exchange Chromatography and Pulsed Amperometric Detection (HPAEC-PAD) as
147 described elsewhere ²¹ except that the PA 100 column was operated at 35 °C using a
148 discontinuous gradient of sodium acetate as follows: 0.0 M (0-2 min) 0.0-0.5 M (2-40 min)
149 0.5-1.0 M (40-45 min), 1.0-0.0 M (45-48 min) and 0.0 M (48-50 min) .

150

151 ***Critical aggregation concentration (CAC)***

152 *Dye solubilisation*

153 The CAC was determined by the dye solubilisation technique using Sudan IV. 10 mg of the
154 dye was added to 10 ml of the native inulin, ASA-inulins or Tween 20 at varying
155 concentration in deionised water and in the presence of 0.1 M of sodium nitrate solution. The
156 samples were mixed at 40 °C overnight and filtered using a Millex-GP 0.22 µm filter
157 (Millipore Ireland Ltd) into disposable UV grade 10 mm path length cuvettes (CXA-110-0053
158 from Fisher Scientific Ltd). The absorbance of the solutions was measured at 510 nm using
159 a Lambda 25 UV/VIS Spectrometer PerkinElmer. Measurements were performed in
160 duplicate. The CAC was determined from the increase in absorbance.

161

162 *Dynamic light scattering*

163 The dynamic light scattering measurements were performed at 25 °C using a Zetasizer Nano
164 ZS (Malvern Instrument Lab, Malvern, UK) optical system equipped with a 5 m_w He-Ne laser
165 (λ₀ 633 nm) and a digital correlator. The scattering intensity was measured at an angle of
166 175° to the incident beam. The analysis was performed using disposable UV grade 10 mm
167 path length cuvettes (CXA-110-0053, Fisher Scientific Ltd), cleaned with compressed air
168 several times before use. Experimental solutions samples were prepared by diluting a 4 %
169 w/w of stock with either deionised water or 0.1 M sodium nitrate solution and were filtered
170 through a Millex-GP 0.22 µm filter (Millipore Ireland Ltd) directly into the cuvette. 15 runs
171 were performed for each sample, equilibration time was 2 hours. Zetasizer Software 6.20 ©
172 2002-2010 Malvern Instruments Ltd was used for data analysis. The CAC was determined
173 from the change in the slope of the plot of the intensity of scattered light as a function of
174 concentration. The hydrodynamic diameter of the aggregates was obtained from the Stokes-
175 Einstein relationship using the instrument software.

176

177 *Conductivity*

178 Conductivity measurements were carried out at 25 °C ± 1 °C using a Jenway 4010
179 conductivity meter with a cell constant of 1.00 cm⁻¹. The conductivity meter was calibrated
180 using 0.01 M KCl solution which gave a value of 1413 µs cm⁻¹ at 25 °C in agreement with

181 the literature ²². All samples were prepared at varying concentration using deionised water
182 with a conductivity of $< 0.02 \mu\text{s cm}^{-1}$.

183

184 *Surface tension*

185 The surface tension of modified inulin solutions at varying concentration was measured at 25
186 $^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ using the Du Nouy ring method with a Tensiometer K8 and a 4 cm circumference
187 platinum ring RI 01 from Krüss GmbH. Measurements were performed in triplicate. The
188 equilibrium surface tension was plotted as a function of modified inulin concentration and the
189 CAC was estimated from the change in slope of the plot. It was not possible to determine the
190 dynamic surface tension due to sample foaming.

191

192 **Results and discussion**

193 ***Characterisation***

194 *NMR spectroscopy*

195 ¹H NMR spectra of the native and two modified inulin samples are given in Figure 1a,1b and
196 1c respectively. The prominent peaks at 2.54 ppm and 3.34 ppm are from the solvent i.e.
197 DMSO and HDO respectively and the peaks from 3.14 ppm to 5.16 ppm peaks are from the
198 inulin itself (Figure 1a). ¹H NMR signals at 0.85 ppm, 1.26 ppm and 1.94 ppm ^{23,24}
199 correspond to the methyl and methylene groups of OSA and DDSA (Figure 1b and 1c). The
200 amount of alkenyl chains incorporated was calculated from the ratio of the area of the peak
201 at 0.85 ppm to the area of the peaks from 3.14-5.16 ppm from inulin and the results are
202 presented in Table 1. The reaction efficiency was generally higher for the OSA derivatives
203 compared to the DDSA derivatives. Interestingly, the reaction efficiency improved markedly
204 for DDSA when the reaction was performed at 50 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and this is attributed to the improved
205 miscibility of DDSA with water.

206

207 *FTIR spectroscopy*

208 FTIR spectra of the native and modified inulin samples are presented in Figure 2. The peaks
209 for the native inulin at 3380 cm^{-1} , 2931 cm^{-1} and 1030 cm^{-1} indicate O–H stretching, CH_2
210 stretching and C–O–C bending respectively.²⁵ The spectra of both OSA-inulin and DDSA-
211 inulin show two new peaks at 1571 cm^{-1} and 1724 cm^{-1} due to the formation of the ester
212 linkage. The peaks are assigned to asymmetric COO^- stretching and ester carbonyl
213 stretching respectively.²⁴ It has previously been reported that the CH_2 stretching band at
214 2928 cm^{-1} increased after modification of starches because of the contribution from the
215 carbon chain associated with the alkenyl succinic group.²⁶ However the CH_2 stretching band
216 at 2931 cm^{-1} for our modified inulins were not comparably enhanced.

217

218 *Gel permeation chromatography*

219 The RI elution profiles of the native, OSA (12 %)-inulin and DDSA (12 %)-inulin samples
220 using varying injection concentrations are given in Figures 3a and 3b. The weight average,
221 M_w , and number average, M_n , molecular mass values are presented in Table 2. The M_w
222 value obtained for the unmodified DS2 sample was $\sim 3,760\text{ g/mol}$ which is equivalent to ~ 23
223 fructose units and is about twice the value expected from the manufacturers' specifications.
224 The Inutec N10 sample was found to be slightly more polydisperse than the Fibruline DS2
225 sample and showed a small secondary peak eluting at an elution volume of $\sim 11\text{ mL}$ (data
226 not shown). The OSA (12 %)-inulin elutes earlier than the native inulin corresponding to an
227 increased molecular mass and there is a small peak at high elution volume ($\sim 11.2\text{ mL}$) which
228 is perhaps evidence of some depolymerisation. The M_w values obtained using injection
229 concentrations of 0.2 % and 0.4 % were slightly higher than those of the native inulin and
230 close to the theoretical value expected of $\sim 4,200\text{ g/mol}$. However, when the injection
231 concentration was increased to 1 % a higher value was obtained ($5,460\text{ g/mol}$) which may
232 be due to the presence of polymer aggregates. In the case of DDSA (12%)-inulin a similar
233 shift in the main peak to the high molecular mass side was observed together with a small
234 peak at an elution volume of $\sim 11.2\text{ mL}$ attributed above to depolymerisation. In addition,

235 however, another peak was observed at an elution volume of 6-8 mL which is attributed to
236 micellar-like aggregates. The molecular mass of the high molecular mass peak is $\sim 2.5 \times 10^6$
237 g/mol which suggests that the aggregates consist of ~ 550 molecules. Analysis of the light
238 scattering data indicated that the radius of gyration of the aggregates was of the order of ~ 25
239 nm.

240

241 *HPAEC-PAD*

242 The HPAEC elution profile for the native inulin sample is presented in Figure 4 together with
243 a calibration curve. The individual peaks with elution times of ~ 8 -18 mins correspond to
244 inulin molecules with DP values of 2-10. The results show, therefore, that a significant
245 amount of material is present with DP 10-50 which is in agreement with the GPC data
246 reported above.

247

248 ***Critical aggregation concentration***

249 *Dye solubilisation*

250 The absorbances obtained for native inulin, OSA (12 %)- and DDSA (12 %)-inulins in the
251 presence and absence of electrolyte are given in Figure 5 together with data obtained for
252 Tween 20 as a comparison. The absorbance for the native inulin does not change over the
253 concentration range studied, as expected, confirming that there is no interaction with the
254 dye. For the ASA-inulin samples and the Tween 20 the absorbance values increase
255 significantly above a certain critical concentration which is indicative of the formation of
256 aggregates. For the Tween 20 the increase in absorbance occurs at ~ 0.005 %
257 concentration which is the same value reported by Patist et al. who also measured the CAC
258 using dye solubilisation.²⁷ The CAC values for all the samples are summarised in Table 3. It
259 is noted that for DDSA-inulin the CAC decreases as the amount of hydrophobe increases.
260 The CAC for the DDSA-inulin was found to be 0.02-0.20% as the DDSA content decreased
261 from 12 to 6% while for OSA-inulin the value was 0.8 % for all of the samples.

262 It is interesting to note that, despite the fact that the ASA-inulins are negatively charged, the
263 CAC does not appear to change to any great extent in the presence of electrolyte which is
264 contrary to the behaviour of simple ionic surfactants. For the latter systems the critical
265 micelle concentration, CMC, decreases as the ionic strength increases since the electrolyte
266 will screen the repulsions between the ionic head groups as the surfactant molecules pack
267 together thus promoting micelle formation. In the case of the ASA-inulins, the hydrophobic
268 chains are attached randomly along the inulin chain, and hence it is not expected that the
269 molecules will aggregate to form discrete spherical structures. The fact that the ASA-inulin
270 CAC is not sensitive to the presence of electrolyte indicates that the charged groups are not
271 packed close together.

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273 *Dynamic light scattering*

274 The scattering intensity of solutions of the OSA- and DDSA-inulin samples are plotted as a
275 function of concentration in Figure 6. An inflection, which is attributed to the CAC, is
276 observed for the OSA-inulins at a concentration of ~0.7 % -0.9 % and for DDSA-inulins at a
277 concentration of 0.02 % -0.05 %. These values are in reasonable agreement with the CAC
278 values obtained by dye solubilisation. Figure 7 is a plot of the Z- average hydrodynamic
279 radius, R_h , of the modified samples as a function of concentration as determined by dynamic
280 light scattering. For the DDSA (12 %)-inulin the radius for the aggregates was found to be
281 ~30 nm in both water and 0.1 M sodium nitrate. This value is of the order found for R_g by
282 light scattering as reported above. For the OSA-inulin samples R_h for the aggregates was
283 found to be 13 nm in water and 7 nm in 0.1 M sodium nitrate.

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285 *Conductivity*

286 It is well known that for simple ionic surfactants that there is a change in the slope of the plot
287 of conductivity against concentration at the critical micelle concentration. The inflection is a
288 result of the fact that upon micellisation the charged head-groups pack close together and
289 counterion condensation occurs to reduce charge repulsions. The conductivity of solutions of

290 DDSA-inulin at varying levels of hydrophobe incorporation are shown in Figure 8 as a
291 function of concentration. There is no clear inflection observed which is consistent with the
292 observations above confirming that the head groups do not pack close together. Similar
293 findings were observed for the OSA-inulins (data not shown). Interestingly, Krstonosic et al.
294 (2011) performed conductivity experiments on OSA-starch and observed an inflection.¹⁸

295

296 *Surface tension*

297 The surface tension of OSA-inulin and DDSA-inulin samples are plotted as a function of
298 concentration in Figure 9. The inflection in the curves which corresponds to the CAC occurs
299 at concentrations of 0.6 % and 0.05 % respectively. These values are in good agreement
300 with values reported from dye solubilisation and dynamic light scattering data above (Table
301 3). The surface tension was found to be ~35-40 mN/m at the CAC. Stevens et al. reported a
302 similar value for an octyl carbamate inulin derivative which was found to have a CAC ~0.01
303 %.^{6,7}

304 Figure 10 provides an overall summary of the CAC values of the samples as a function of %
305 hydrophobe incorporation and demonstrates that there is reasonable agreement for the
306 values obtained using the various techniques.

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309 **Conclusions**

310 Inulin can be readily modified using alkylene succinic anhydrides in aqueous solution and
311 the reaction efficiency is higher for OSA compared to DDSA derivatives. The products
312 behave as surfactants and are able to associate in solution to form aggregates. The CAC is
313 dependent on the length and number of the alkenyl chains and for the DDSA (12 %)-inulin
314 the CAC values are an order of magnitude lower than for the OSA derivatives. The DDSA
315 aggregates have been shown to consist of ~550 molecules with a radius of gyration of ~25
316 nm and R_h ~30 nm. Smaller aggregates (7-13 nm) were obtained for OSA-inulin.

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374 inulin

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376 **Figure 2.** FTIR spectra of native inulin, OSA-inulin and DDSA-inulin

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379 %)-inulin at varying injection concentrations

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391 **Figure 8.** Concentration dependence of conductivity of DDSA-inulins as a function of
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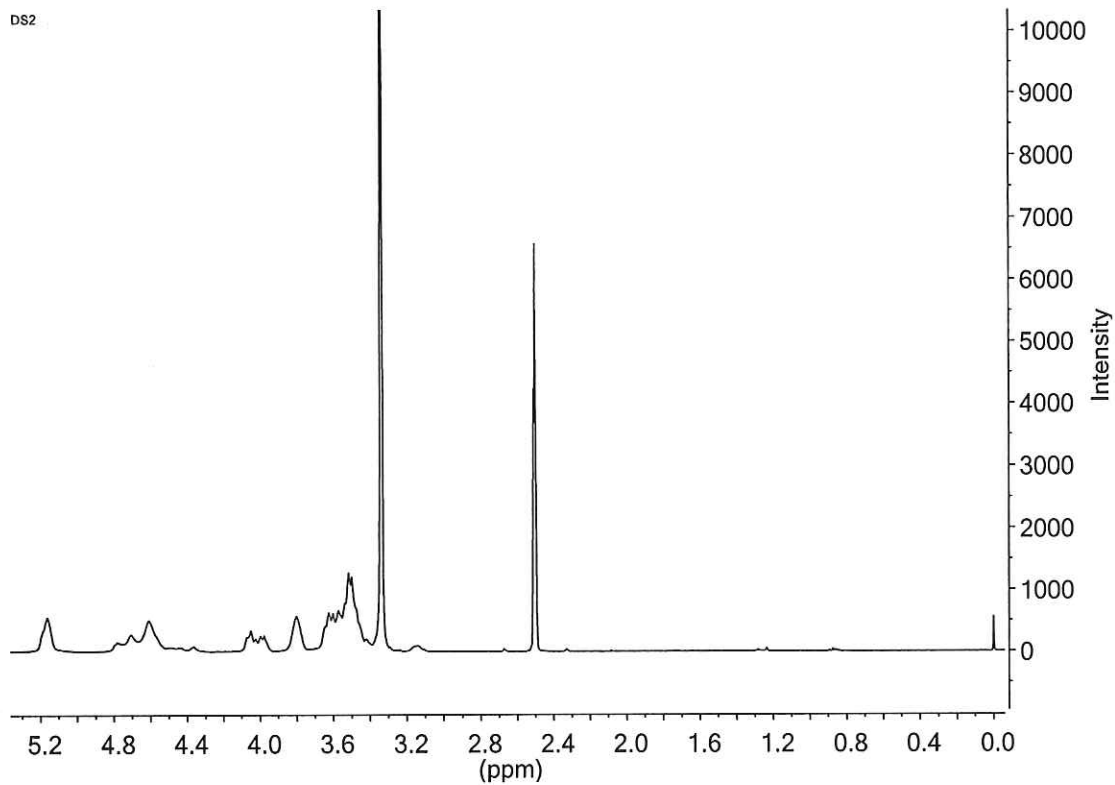
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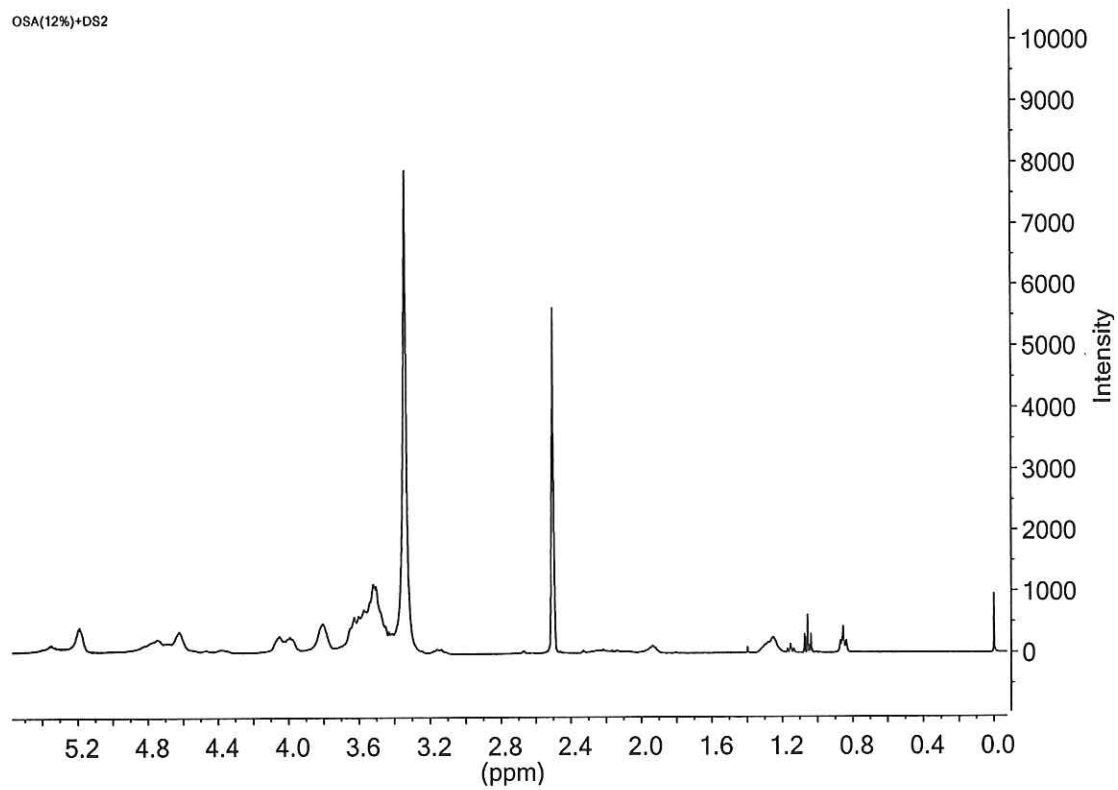
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(b)



(c)

DDSA(12%)+DS2

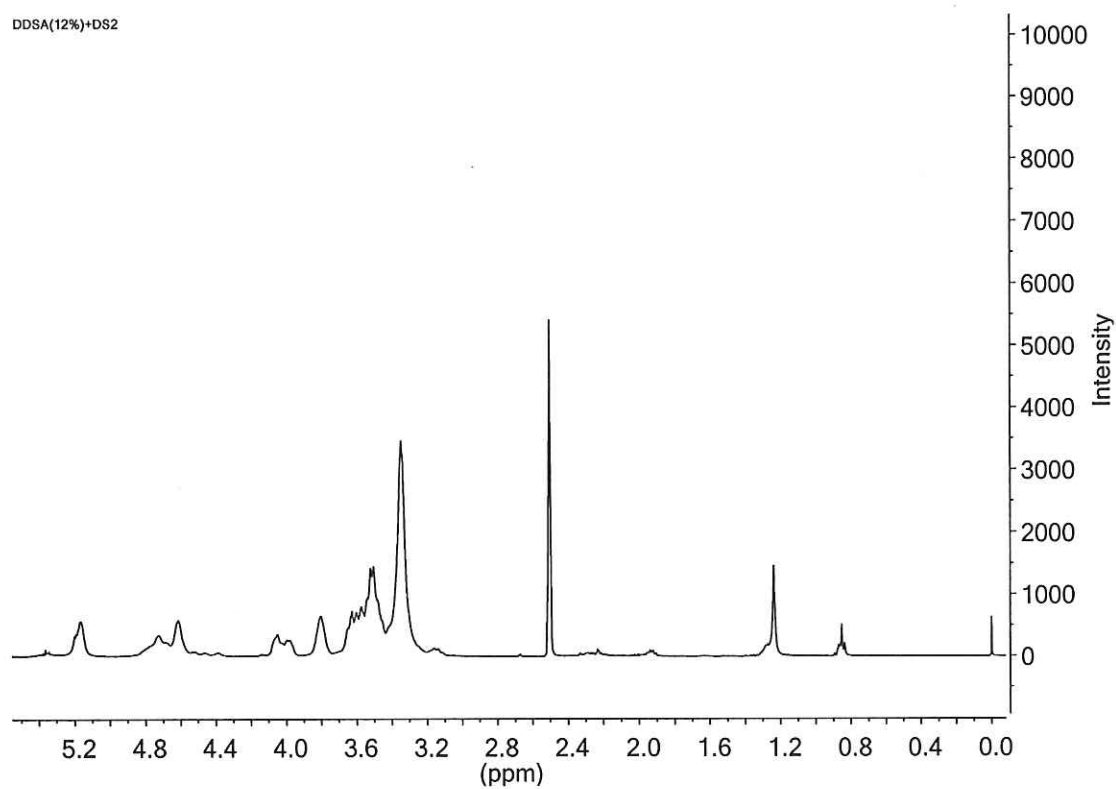


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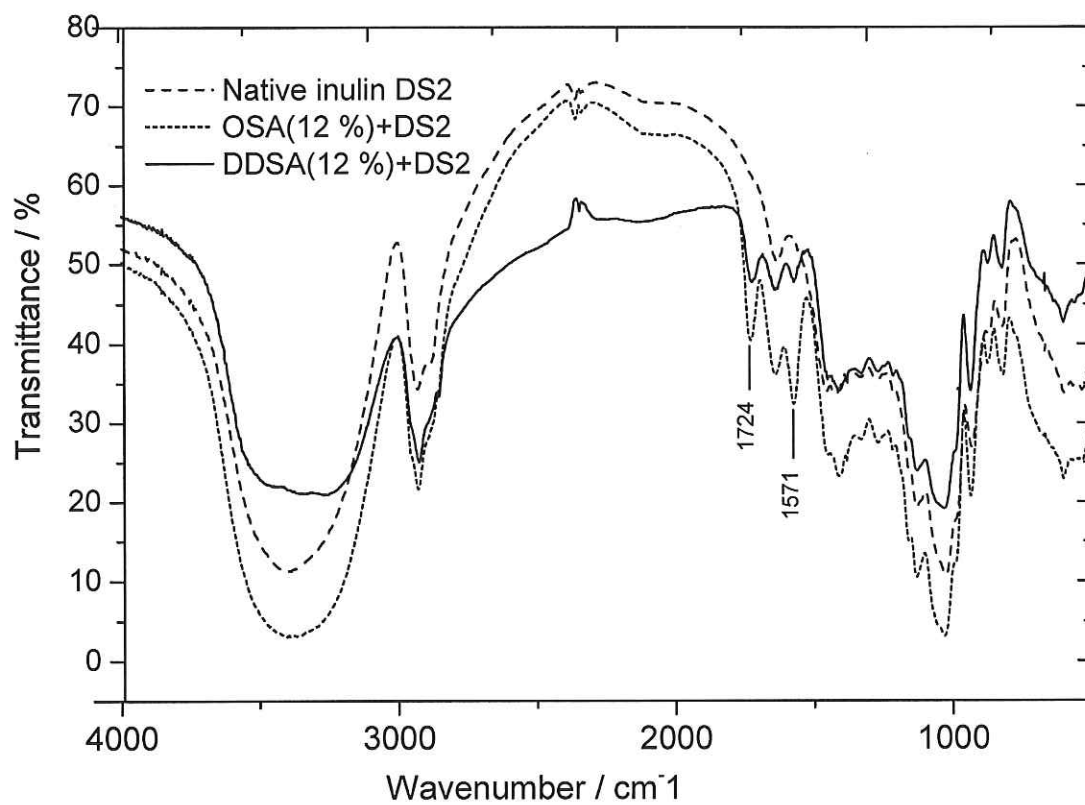


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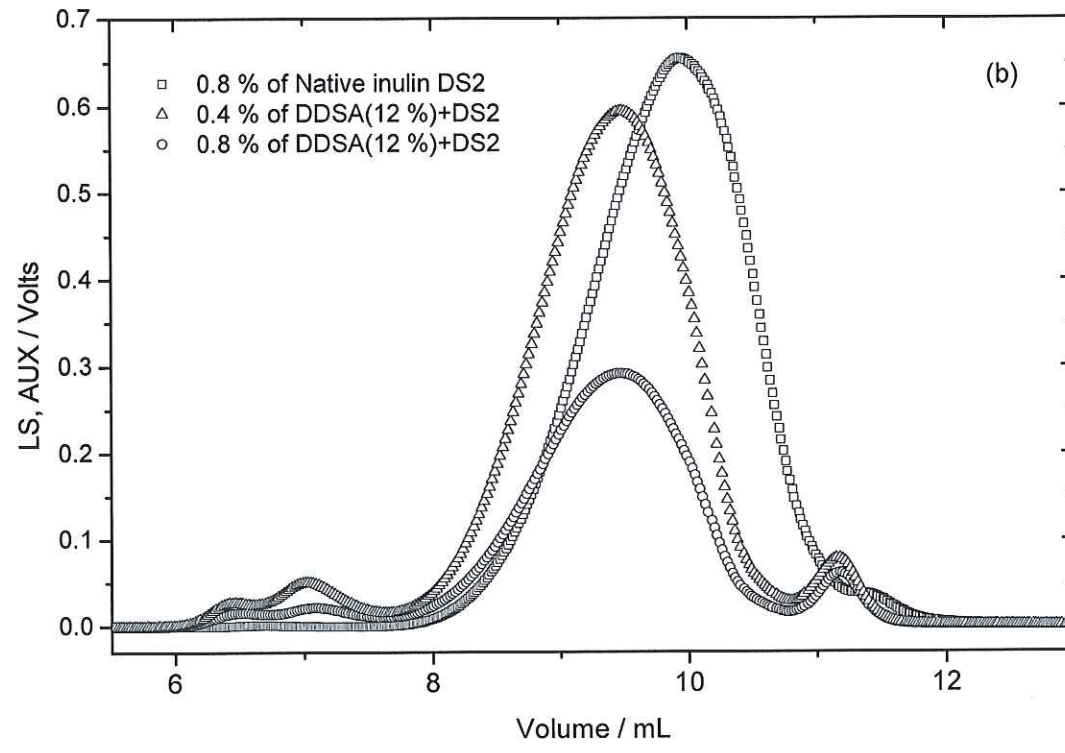
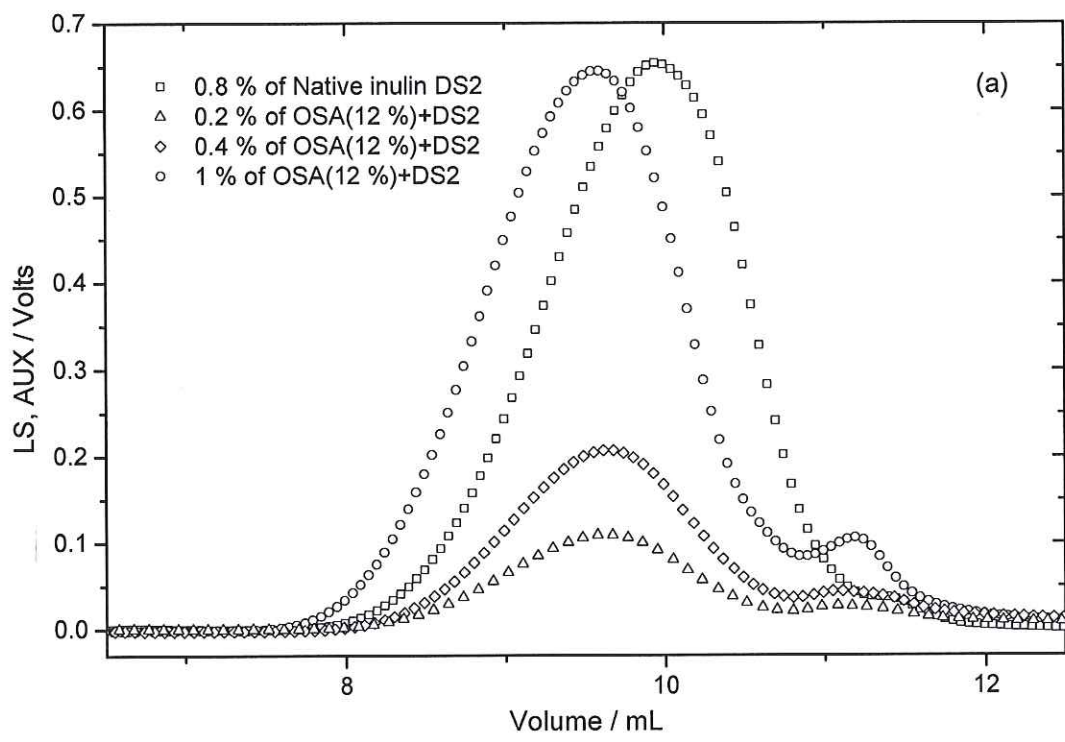


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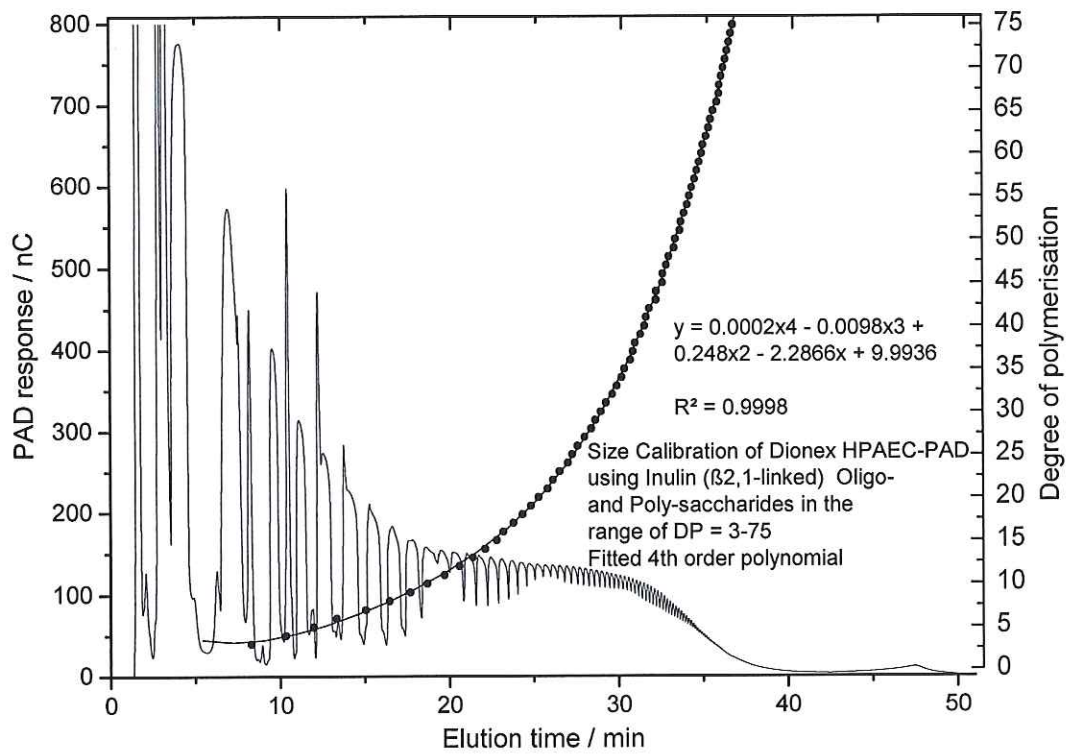


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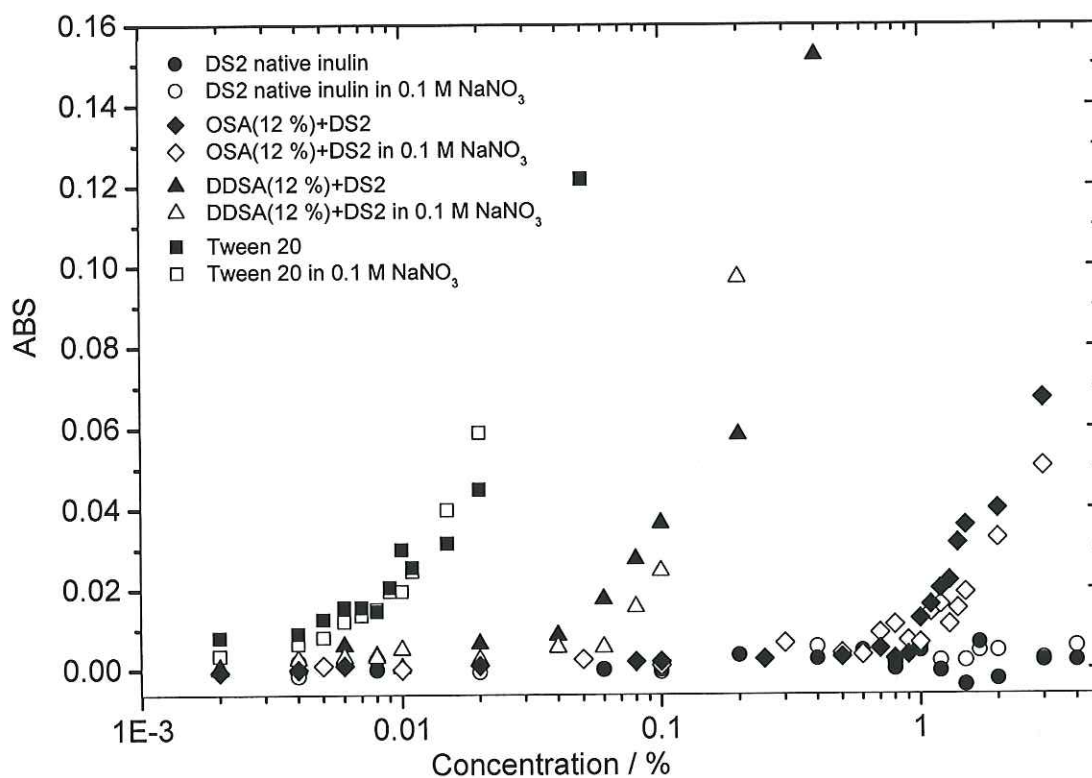


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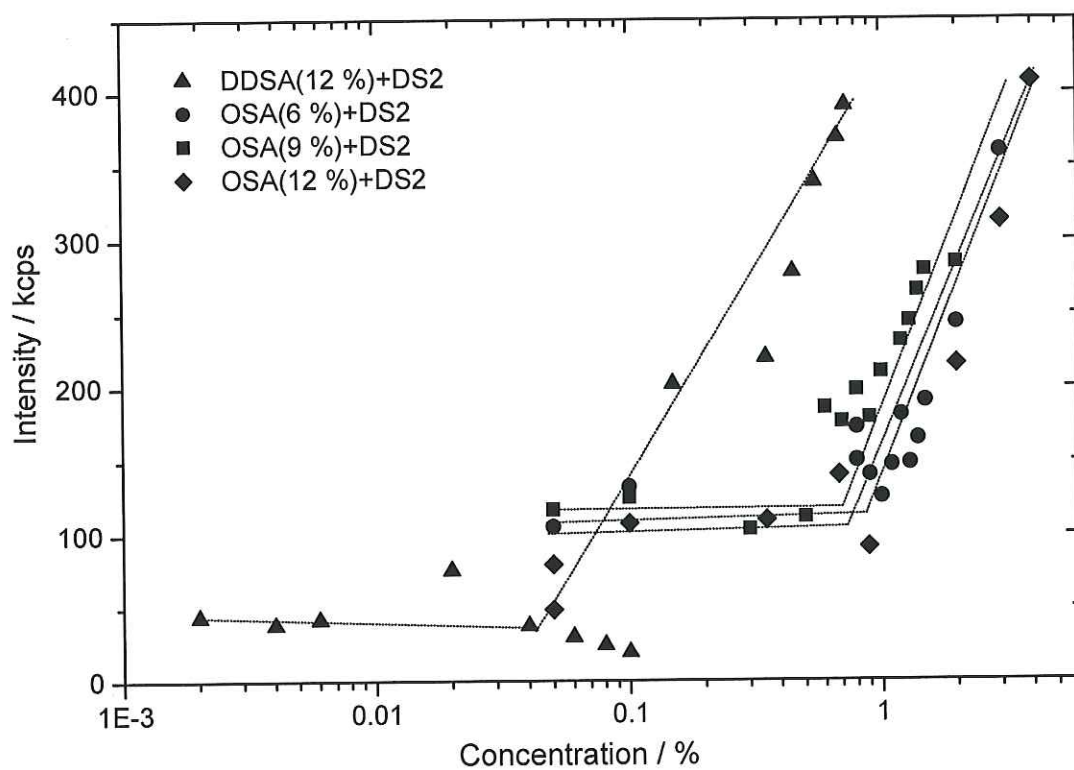


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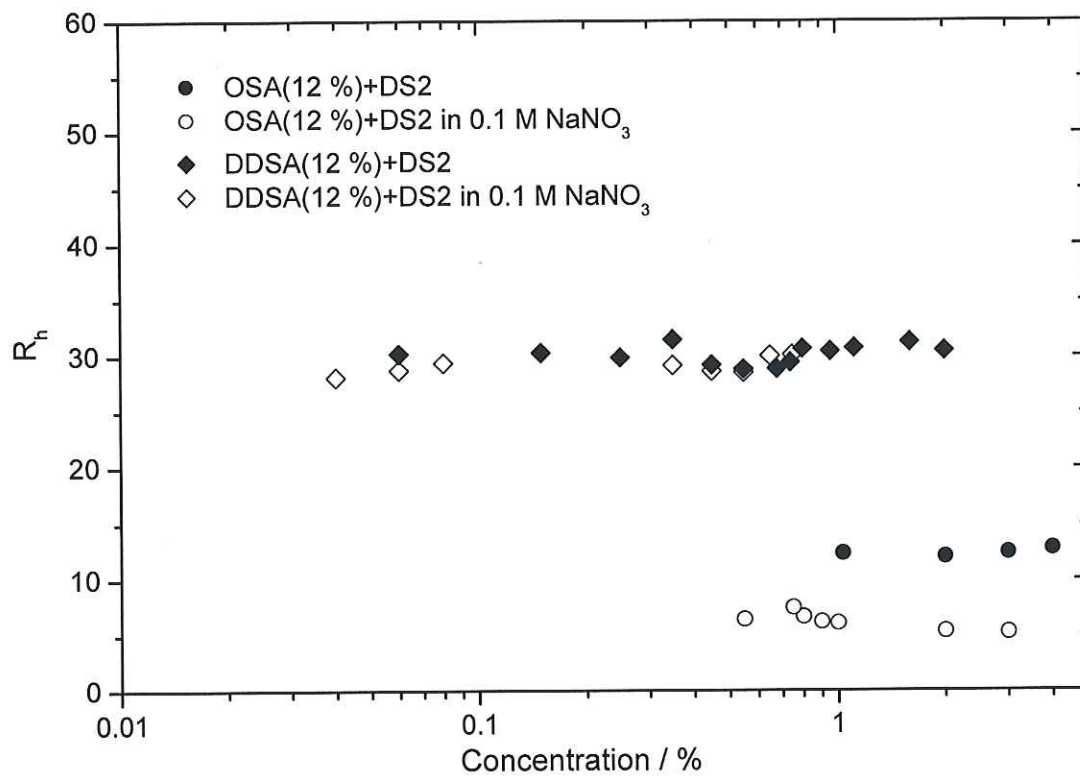


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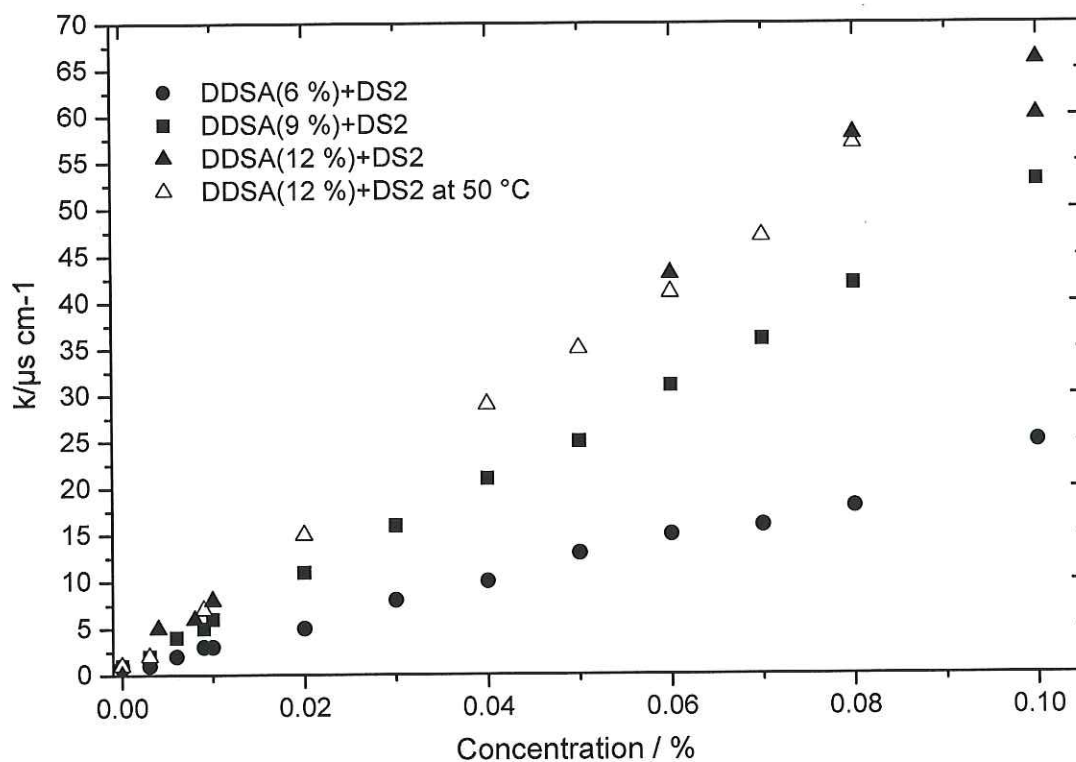


Figure 8. Concentration dependence of conductivity of DDSA-inulins as a function of concentration.

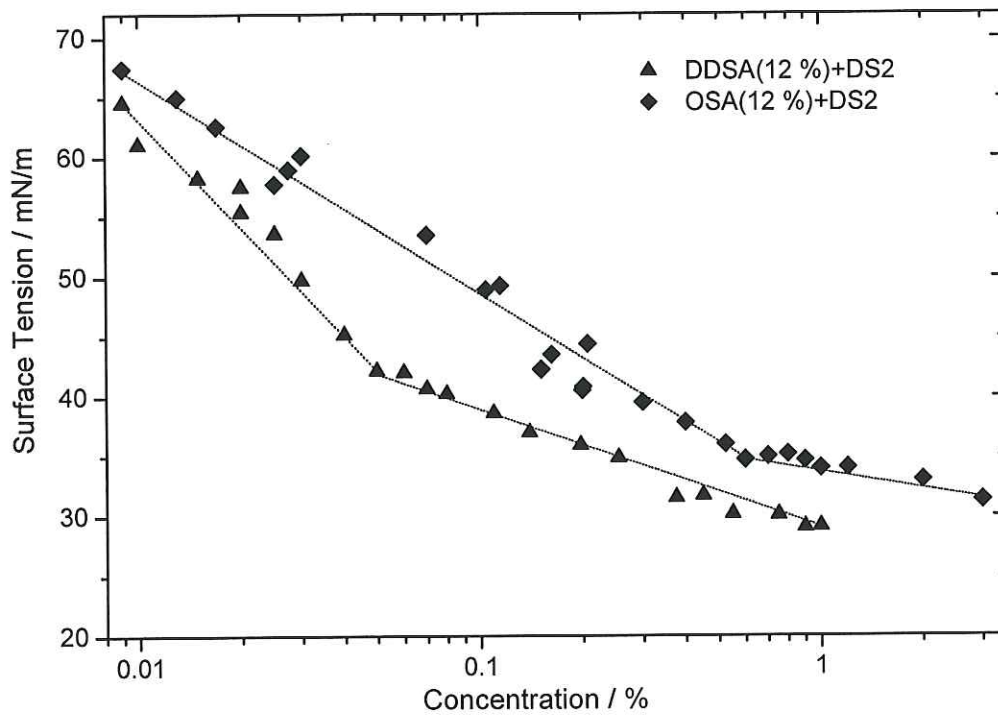


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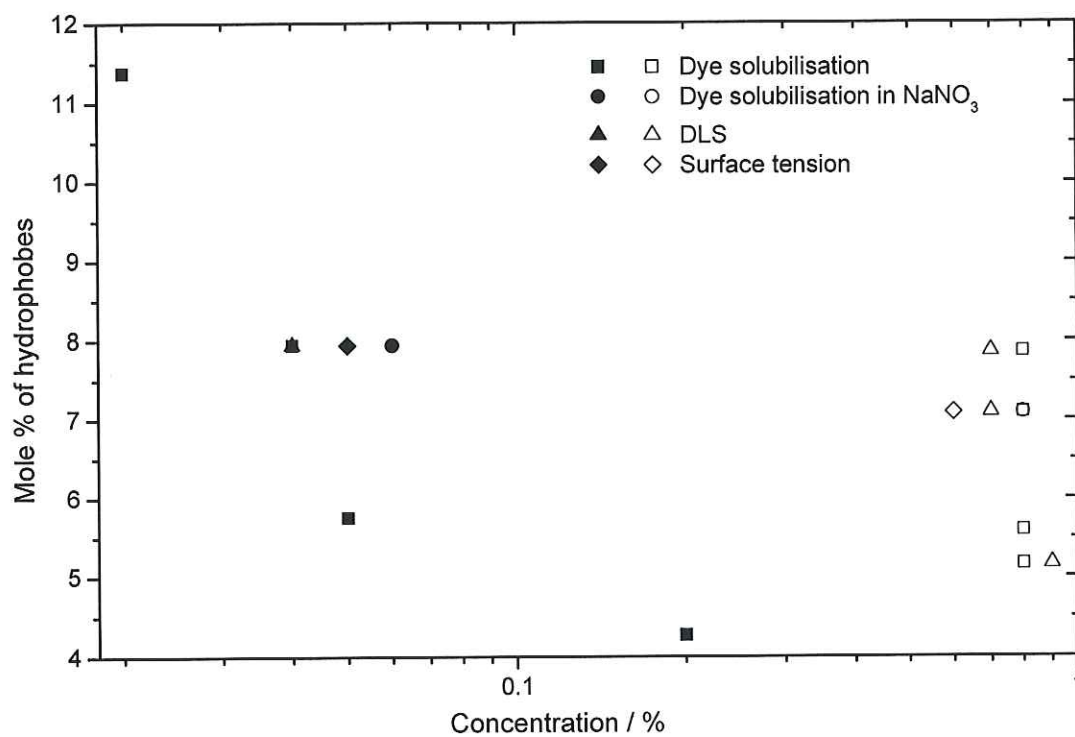


Figure 10. Comparison of the CAC values for ASA-inulin samples with varying % hydrophobe incorporation using dye solubilisation, dynamic light scattering and surface tension measurements.

Table 1. Effect of ASA concentrations on the DS and reaction efficiencies of ASA-inulins.

Sample	% substitution / moles	% reaction efficiency
OSA (6 %)+N10	5.16	85
OSA (6 %)+DS2	5.59	93
OSA (9 %)+DS2	7.86	87
OSA (12 %)+DS2	7.09	59
DDSA (6 %)+DS2	4.27	71
DDSA (9 %)+DS2	5.75	64
DDSA (12 %)+DS2	7.94	66
DDSA (12 %)+DS2 at 50 °C	11.38	95

Table 2. Molecular mass and polydispersity of the inulin and ASA-inulin samples.

Sample	M_w (g/mol)	M_n (g/mol)	M_w/M_n
Native inulin Fibruline® DS2 0.80 %	3.76E+03	3.00E+03	1.252
OSA(12 %)+DS2 0.20 %	4.04E+03	3.45E+03	1.171
OSA(12 %)+DS2 0.40 %	4.09E+03	3.30E+03	1.247
OSA(12 %)+DS2 1.00 %	5.46E+03	4.61E+03	1.186
DDSA (12 %)+DS2 0.40 %	6.61E+03	4.57E+03	1.485
DDSA (12 %)+DS2 0.8 %	7.40E+03	5.65E+03	1.310

Table 3. Critical aggregation concentrations of the ASA-inulin samples using various techniques.

Samples	%			
	Dye solubilisation		DLS	Surface tension
	in water	in 0.1M NaNO ₃	in water	in water
OSA(6%)+DS2	0.8		~0.9	
OSA(6%)+N10	0.8			
OSA(9%)+DS2	0.8		~0.7	
OSA(12%)+DS2	0.8	0.8	~0.7	0.6
DDSA(6%)+DS2	0.2			
DDSA(9%)+DS2	0.05			
DDSA(12%)+DS2	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.05
DDSA(12%)+DS2 at 50 °C	0.02			