New aspects on the degradation mechanisms of polysorbate: complex reaction pathways of a complex surfactant

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The full scope of chemical degradation of a protein formulation...



Ala, Arg, Asp, Cys, Glu, Gln, Gly, His, Ile, Leu, Lys, Met, Phe, Pro, Ser, Thr, Trp, Tyr, Val

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HO-Trp, kynurenine,
N-formylkynurenine
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Understanding Particle Formation: Solubility of Free Fatty Acids as Polysorbate 20 Degradation Byproducts in Therapeutic Monoclonal Antibody Formulations

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Incorporation of free fatty acid into micelles

Waraho et al. J. Agric. Food Chem. 2009, 57, 7112-7117

polysorbate micelle





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Free fatty acid formation via polysorbate oxidation

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Pharm. Res. 2017, 34, 84-100



Chromatograms of free lauric acid released from all-laurate PS20 at different pH values at 40°C over 72 hours, shown as Peak A5: [M-H]⁻ with m/z 199.19

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Kinetics of Free Lauric Acid Released from PS20





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What is the mechanism of oxidative free fatty acid formation ?

Hydrolysis of the ¹⁶O-fatty acid ester in ¹⁸O-water



Expectation: Full incorporation of 1 eq ¹⁸O



Hydrolysis of PS20 in H₂¹⁸O, pH=11.0, 48h





Oxidative formation of free fatty acids

<u>Possibility 1</u>: the Russell mechanism





Expectation: [RCOOH] : [RCOOH] = 1.5:0.5

Oxidative formation of free fatty acids

Possibility 2: unimolecular cleavage of initial radical



Expectation: No incorporation of ¹⁸O

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The mechanism of decay of the radical HO-C•H-CH₂-OCOCH₃ in aqueous solutions. A conductometric pulse radiolysis study G. Koltzenburg, T. Matsushige, D. Schulte-Frohlinde

Z. Naturforsch. 1976, 31b, 960-964



Dual effect of histidine on polysorbate 20 stability: mechanistic studies L. Zhang, S. Yadav, Y. J. Wang, O. Mozziconacci and Ch. Schöneich *Pharm. Res.* 2018

L-His suppresses the formation of AAPH-induced degradation products of PS20, mainly free lauric acids and short-chain POE-laurate

199.19 0.05Da 1.70e3



time (min)

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L-His chloride suppresses AAPH-induced PS20 oxidation more efficiently compared to L-His acetate

h Time

14.00

12.00

(A) AAPH stressed PS20 in AAPH stressed PS20 in **(B)** L-His acetate buffer (10mM) L-His chloride buffer (10mM)



Possible pathway to small POE- esters (1)



Possible pathway to small POE- esters (2)



Secondary effects of light-induced protein

degradation on polysorbate 80



Positive LC-MS mode chromatograms of **PS80** after mAbZ from the extraction formulation: Dark control sample (A) and samples photo-irradiated (1hr) with λ_{max} = 305 nm (B); Peak I: POE sorbitan oleic acid, Peak IIa: POE oleic acid, Peak IIb: Isobaric product to IIa; yaxis scaling: scaling of each subplot is normalized to its own signal maximum respective intensity

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Extraction of POE (12) oleic acid



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FFA analysis after esterase-catalyzed hydrolysis

 0 Wh/m^2

 $< 25 \text{ Wh/m}^2$



Negative mode LC-MS chromatogram of oleic acid 281.24, [M-H]⁻¹) (m/z after FFA extraction from PS80 present in the mAbZ formulation: Dark control sample (A) and sample photo-irradiated (1hr) with Λ_{max} = 305 nm (B); y-axis scaling: scaling of each sub-plot is normalized to respective its own maximum signal intensity

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Cis/trans isomerization of unsaturated fatty acids by thiyl radicals



Chatgilialoglu C, Ferreri C, Melchiorre M, Sansone A, Torreggiani A. Lipid Geometrical Isomerism: From Chemistry to Biology and Diagnostics. Chem Rev. 2014;114:255–284. How do we generate thiyl radicals by ligt exposure of a mAb?



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Simple mimic of protein Trp-disulfide system: NATA and GSSG



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POE (26) sorbitan linoleic acid



FFA extraction: linoleic acid



* Absolute retention time shift because of aging column

FFA extraction: linoleic acid



* Absolute retention time shift because of aging column



Quantitative comparison of linoleic acid and its isobaric species (m/z 279.22, [M-H]⁻¹) after FFA extraction from PS80 alone and from PS80 spiked into the mAbZ formulation: Dark control samples (black and blue lines, respectively) photo-irradiated and samples (1hr) with $A_{max} = 305$ nm (gray and red lines, respectively); '9Z, 11E' refers to (9Z, 11E)-octadeca-9,11-dienoic acid, '10E, 12Z' refers to (10E, 12Z)-octadeca-10,12-dienoic acid, and '9E, 11E' refers to (9E, 11E)-octadeca-9,11-dienoic acid

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What does this mean ?

Hydrogen transfer from unsaturated fatty acids: additivity rule for polyunsaturated fatty acids



Kitaguchi et al., Chem. Commun. 2006, 979-981

"Additivity rule holds in the hydrogen transfer reactivity of unsaturated fatty acids with a peroxyl radical: mechanistic insight into lipoxygenase"



Conjugated fatty acids contain more highly susceptible C-H bonds

9Z, 11E equivalent to linolenic acid

Simplified mechanism of chain peroxidation

of unsaturated fatty acids



Oxidation products



Oleic acid hydroperoxides



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