

Biosorption of chromium (VI) by chitosan-immobilized acinetobacter haemolyticus

Abstract

In this study, the ability of chitosan-immobilized *Acinetobacter haemolyticus* as biosorbent for chromium (VI) biosorption in batch system was investigated. Optimized parameters namely pH, contact time, biosorbent dosage and initial metal concentration obtained from the experiment were then applied for electroplating wastewater treatment. Biosorption using chitosan-immobilized *Acinetobacter haemolyticus* at pH 3, 8 hours contact time, 3% (w/v) of biosorbent dosage with 100 mg L⁻¹ initial metal concentration resulted in maximum chromium (VI) uptake of 0.27 mg g⁻¹. Using electroplating wastewater, the biosorption capacity of the chitosan-immobilized *Acinetobacter haemolyticus* was 0.27 mg g⁻¹ at pH 3 which is higher than unmodified pH.