



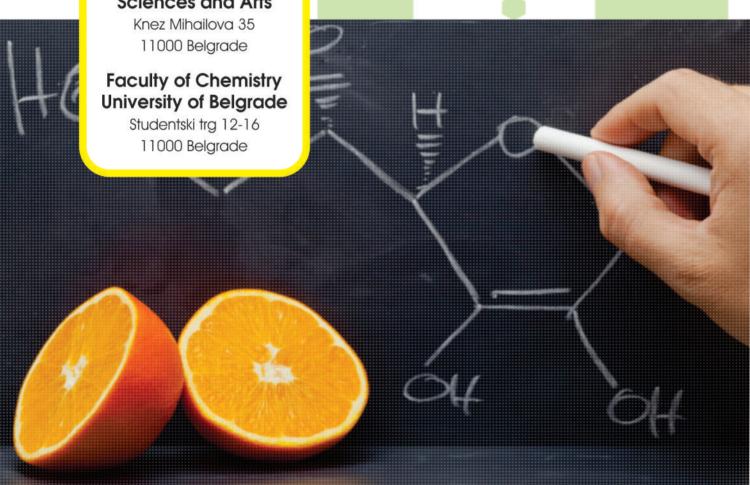
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From Data mining to Meta-analysis: Presence of mycotoxins in food.

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Mycotoxins occurrence in food is an important topic regarding the actual human health risk and considering the climate changes that will likely contribute to an increase of these toxicants' outbreaks in food. In addition, the human co-exposure to multiple mycotoxins is a real problem, increasing the concern about their combined impact on health, as reported by Rodrigues and Naehrer [1]. Mycotoxins can exert several deleterious effects, with carcinogenicity being one of the most impacting which lead to the classification of some molecules by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) [2].

The goal of this work was to perform a systematic review (from 2000 to 2022) using FoodMine's code [3], with some modifications to improve minining and collect data concerning the prevalence of Aflatoxin B1(AFB1, group1), Fumonisin B1 (FB1, group 2B), Deoxynivalenol (DON, group 3), Beauvericin (BEA, no classification) in 10 foods from different origins, and then perform a meta-analysis to assess whether the mycotoxins prevalence and mean values represent a risk in these foods.

Results for food samples varied among mycotoxins, as observed in Fig.1. For AFB1, 3% (Cl $_{95\%}$ - 0-12%, I 2 =79%) were contaminated, with a mean value of 27.11 µg/kg (Cl $_{95\%}$ - 10.42-70.53 µg/kg, I 2 =94%). With B1, 44% (Cl $_{95\%}$ - 6-89%, I 2 =79%) were contaminated, having a mean value of 94.60 µg/kg (Cl $_{95\%}$ - 19.69-454.59 µg/kg, I 2 =100%). As for DON, 68% (Cl $_{95\%}$ - 67-68%, I 2 =91%) appeared contaminated, presenting a mean value of 207.74 µg/kg (Cl $_{95\%}$ - 145.71-296.19 µg/kg, I 2 =100%). Finally, 80% (Cl $_{95\%}$ - 28-98%, I 2 =14%) were contaminated with BEA, with a mean value of 16.28 µg/kg (Cl $_{95\%}$ - 1.25-212.73 µg/kg, I 2 =99%).

These results may be concerning when compared with the maximum levels permitted in food by the European Union (2-12 μ g/kg for AFB1, 200-4000 μ g/kg for Fumonisins, and 200-1752 μ g/kg for DON) [4]. Although no limits are established for BEA, its high prevalence should not be overlooked. This study highlights the importance of monitoring mycotoxins to ensure the safety and quality of food products and protect consumers from contamination.

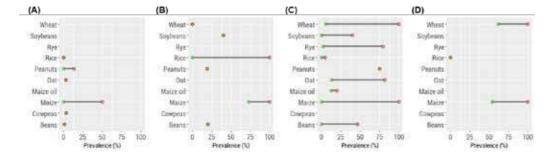


Fig.1. Mycotoxins prevalence among studies for the different foods. (A) AFB1, (B) FB1, (C) DON, and (D) BEA.

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Binding and corona formation of ovalbumin to polystyrene and polyethylene terephthalate microplastics under neutral and acidic conditions

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Microplastic represents one of the major types of pollutants in modern era. Over several years of research in the field of microplastic, there are still many unknown gaps, including the effects and mechanisms of action of these particles on human health. Studies in this field conducted experiments on cells and human tissues or animals like rats and mice. While these studies suggest the toxic effects of microplastic, it is not clear if concentrations used for exposure are relevant for humans. Also, most of the studies used spherical polystyrene, which does not reflect well the diversity of microplastic particles found in nature. Another gap is lack of studies describing direct interactions of microplastics and proteins. While it is generally known that proteins form corona around microplastic particles, affinity studies and consequences on protein structure are usually missing.

The aim of this work was to analyze interaction of a major egg white protein and allergen, ovalbumin to several to microplastic particles, including polystyrene (PS) of 120 and 500 µm in size and polyethylene terephthalate (PET) of 120 µm in size. Binding affinity was determined at both acidic, pH 3 and neutral, pH 7 conditions, at the room temperature, by measuring bulk ovalbumin concentration in supernatants at the equilibrium time. Several binding models, including Langmuir, Freundlich, Redlich–Peterson and Guggenheim-Anderson-de Boer (GAB), were used to determine binding parameters. The formation of soft and hard corona was analyzed according to the published protocol [1]. Structural analysis was performed using near and far-UV CD spectrometry.

Obtained results showed that ovalbumin binds to both PS and PET. All binding models indicated that ovalbumin binds with higher affinity to tested microplastics on pH 3, compared to pH 7, with the highest affinity being calculated for PS 120 µm. Further analysis showed that ovalbumin forms both soft and hard corona onto the surface of all three microplastics. Structural alterations of ovalbumin as a consequence of its interaction with microplastic was shown to be both pH and microplastic type dependent. Also, more pronounced effect on its tertiary structure was observed, compared to secondary. At pH3, tertiary structure of bulk ovalbumin becomes destabilized, especially in the presence of PET 120 µm and PS 500 µm, while at pH 7, structural stabilization is observed, especially in the presence of PS 120 µm.

Considering that the microplastic was discovered in eggs [2], obtained results suggest that direct interactions of native ovalbumin with microplastic particles could have influence on its structure and thus affect its techno-functional properties.

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