

Multi-walled carbon nanotubes as a platform for Immunoglobulin G attachment

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Table S1. BET surface area (S_{BET}) of the MWCNT with different diameters.

| Diameter range [nm] | S_{BET} [$\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$] | Reference |
|---------------------|---|-----------|
| < 10 | 185 | (1) |
| 10–20 | 73 | (2) |
| 20–40 | 67 | (2) |
| 60–100 | 35 | (2) |

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Table S2. Estimated number of IgG in the initial samples of rabbit serum.

| Dilution | Estimated number of IgG molecules per 100 μ L of diluted rabbit serum |
|----------|---|
| 1:5 | 6.14×10^{14} |
| 1:15 | 2.05×10^{14} |
| 1:20 | 1.54×10^{14} |
| 1:30 | 1.02×10^{14} |
| 1:50 | 6.14×10^{13} |

Table S3. Attachment of RSA present in rabbit serum using 2 mg of MWCNTs (external diameter of 10-20 nm) at different serum dilutions, during 60 min of contact time and pH 5.0.

| Dilution | RSA attachment on MWCNTs (%) | Amount of RSA* attached (μ g) |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1:5 | 45.9 | 321.3 |
| 1:15 | 40.6 | 94.8 |
| 1:20 | 35.8 | 62.6 |
| 1:30 | 41.2 | 48.1 |
| 1:50 | 67.8 | 47.5 |

*Considerations: albumin concentration in rabbit serum of 35 mg/mL (3)

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Table S4. Estimated number of IgG with different orientations (Fig. S1) that can adsorb on the surface of the different diameter MWCNTs

| MWCNT diameter (nm) | S_{BET} ($\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$) | Estimated number of IgG molecules that can adsorb on the surface of MWCNT (2 mg) | | |
|---------------------|---|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | “end-on/head-on” | “side-on” | “lying-on” |
| < 10 | 185 | 3.3×10^{15} | 3.3×10^{15} | 1.3×10^{15} |
| 10-20 | 73 | 2.6×10^{15} | 2.6×10^{15} | 1.0×10^{15} |
| 20-40 | 67 | 2.4×10^{15} | 2.4×10^{15} | 9.6×10^{14} |
| 60-100 | 35 | 1.2×10^{15} | 1.2×10^{15} | 5.0×10^{14} |

Considerations: “head on/end on” orientation the single IgG molecules could cover ~ 56 nm area on MWCNT surface”; “side-on” orientation could also cover ~ 56 nm area; and “lying-on” could cover ~ 140 nm area (4).

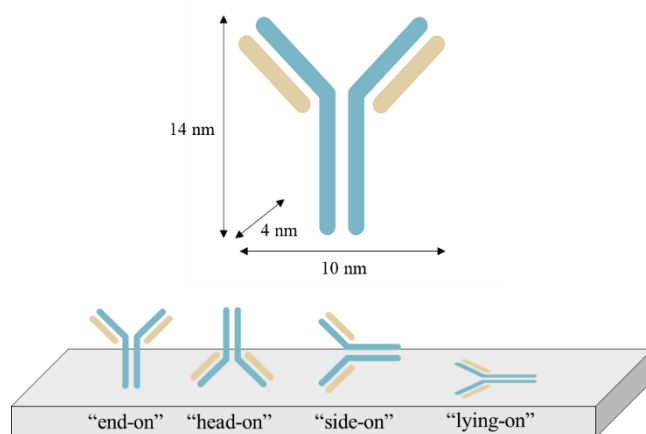


Figure S1 – IgG dimensions and orientations. Adapted from (4).

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Table S5. Amino acid reactivity (*LIGRe*) for IgG: from pH 5.0 to 8.0.

| Amino acid residue | Chain | pK_a | <i>LIGRe</i> | | | |
|--------------------|-------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | pH 5.0 | pH 6.0 | pH 7.0 | pH 8.0 |
| LYS ₁₃ | H | 10.37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₉ | H | 10.62 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₀₅ | H | 10.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₁₃ | H | 10.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₁₈ | H | 10.46 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₂₂ | H | 10.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₃₅ | H | 10.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₈₇ | H | 10.44 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₃₀₅ | H | 11.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₃₀₇ | H | 9.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.09 |
| LYS ₃₃₆ | H | 10.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₃₃₉ | H | 10.71 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₃₄₁ | H | 10.81 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₃₄₅ | H | 10.63 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₄₄₅ | H | 10.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| LYS ₄₇₈ | H | 10.44 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₃ | K | 10.27 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| LYS ₁₉ | K | 10.51 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₁₃ | K | 10.39 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₁₈ | K | 10.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₂₁ | K | 10.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₂₂ | K | 10.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₃₅ | K | 10.44 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₂₈₇ | K | 10.26 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| LYS ₃₀₅ | K | 10.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₃₀₇ | K | 10.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₃₃₆ | K | 11.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₃₃₉ | K | 10.83 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₃₄₁ | K | 10.78 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₃₆₀ | K | 10.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₄₄₅ | K | 10.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| LYS ₁₀₇ | L | 10.44 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₂₆ | L | 10.61 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₄₅ | L | 10.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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|--------------------|---|-------|------|------|------|------|
| LYS ₁₄₉ | L | 11.34 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₆₉ | L | 10.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₈₃ | L | 10.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₈₈ | L | 10.51 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₉₀ | L | 10.43 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₂₆ | M | 10.58 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₄₅ | M | 10.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₄₉ | M | 11.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₆₉ | M | 10.59 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₈₃ | M | 10.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₈₈ | M | 10.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LYS ₁₉₀ | M | 10.54 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

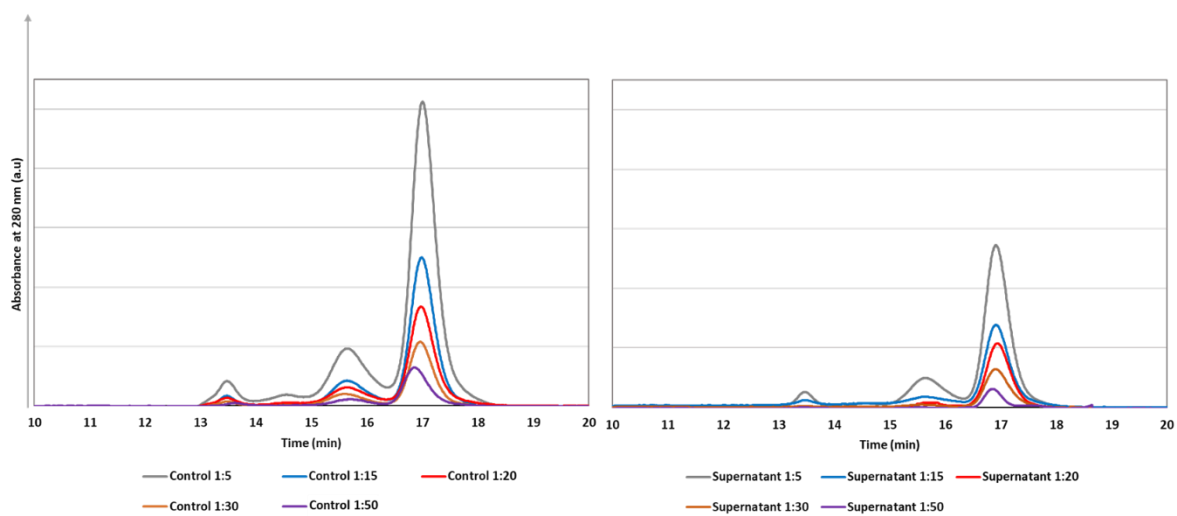


Figure S2. Size-exclusion HPLC chromatograms of rabbit serum diluted 1:5, 1:15, 1:20, 1:30, and 1:50 before (control) and after contact with MWCNTs (supernatant). The IgG and albumin peaks are characterized by a retention time around 15.7 and 17.0 min, respectively.