

MEMBRANE PROPERTIES OF POLYCOMPLEXES ON THE BASIS OF  
SODIUM CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE

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**Abstract**

The purpose of the given work is research of structure and diaphragm properties of polycomplexes; received by interaction sodium carbon methyl cellulose (Na-CMC) with urea-formaldehyde oligomers (UFO) a various structure.

Ultrafiltrational, water bulking up properties and structure of polycomplex membranes on the basis of Na-CMC and UFO are studied. It is shown, that at equimol a parity of co-operating components Na-CMC - UFO<sub>l</sub> (linearly - the branched out structure) and UFO<sub>t</sub> (with triasin cycles) membranes have the least degree of swelling and water penetration, and a lot of one of components (Na-CMC or UFO) swelling and water penetration raises. At equimol a parity of components interaction between macromolecules the greatest which lead to formation of the maximum density of a grid the least degree swelling and water penetrations. Presence of free functional groups of this or that component at its surplus leads to increase swelling and water penetrations of polycomplex membranes. Using the given ultra filtrations and swelling, values of the sizes of a time of polycomplex membranes are calculated. It is established, that with change of a parity of co-operating components it is possible to regulate properties and the sizes of a time of polycomplex membranes received on the basis of Na-CMC with UFO a various structure.

**Key words:** polycomplex, membrane, swelling, water penetration, the sizes of a time, structure.

Polycomplexes (PC) are products of interaction of two polyelectrolytes which find all wide application in quality flocculants and reagents at the decision of ecological problems [1], for creating the dividing membranes [2], biocompatible polymeric materials of medical appointment [3, 4], effective structure formation disperse systems, in particular soils and dirt [5] and as a basis for soft medicinal forms in pharmacy [6].

Last years more and more wide application have received hydrophil bases as a basis for soft medicinal forms in pharmacy [6]. Scope expansion hydrophilic bases in quality ointment bases instead of food fats and other scarce auxiliary substances speaks their ability to be dissolved in water or practically beyond all bounds to mix up with it. It gives the chance introductions in hydrophil bases of significant amounts of water solutions of medicinal substances, providing their high resorption from ointments [6,7].

The purpose of the given work is research of structure and diaphragm properties of PC received by interaction sodium carboxymethylcellulose (Na-CMC) with urea formaldehyde oligomers (UFO).

**Experimental.** In work used cleared Na-CMC - a product of the Namangan chemical plant with degree of replacement 70 and degree of polymerisation 450. The second a polycomplex component concerns to nitrogen inclusive to polymers. In work used UFO with linear and cyclochain structures. Polycomplexes received mixture of two co-operating components in corresponding proportions and in certain technological conditions [7]. The received polycomplex basis for soft medicinal forms has pH=6,0-7,6.

Swelling films inter polymeric complexes defined a weight method. For swelling studying used the films of the rectangular form having the area of 9 sm<sup>2</sup> and the thickness of 70-80 microns. Samples placed in closed bucks and filled in with water solutions with various preset values pH. Through certain time intervals the sample took out from a solution, soaked through a filtering paper, placed in in advance weighed bucks and weighed. Swelling degree counted under the formula:

$$q = \frac{m - m_0}{m_0} \cdot 100\%$$

where, m<sub>0</sub> - weight of the dry sample;

m - weight of the bulked up sample.

Elektronno-microscopic researches of surfaces and having chopped off (end faces) of films spent on a scanning electronic microscope "Hitachi - 520" (Japan) with resolution 60 Å examples received a method fragile having chopped off at temperature of liquid nitrogen [8]. Results researches was fixed in electronic microphotos.

**Results and discussion.** One of the basic properties of the polycomplex basis received by means of Na-CMC and UFO is formation of a thin membrane at drawing on a skin. As is known, similar ointment medical products at drawing on a skin and burn places protect them from hit of microbes. It is known, that similar fat bases (vaseline, lanolin, oil vegetable and others) possess a number of lacks [6]:

- first, gas exchange, heat exchange, air exchange and skin moisture exchange is broken;
- secondly, vaseline is not soaked up and not washed off from a skin and linen.

Therefore, is of interest, finding-out as influences exchange properties at drawing on a skin of the bases received by means of Na-CMC and UFO. It is necessary to notice, that the basis received by us, at drawing on a skin, in 7-10 minutes forms a thin membrane. Influence of a membrane on exchange properties of a skin can be defined studying of the sizes in it. For this purpose, experimentally defined water swelling and water penetration of films of the polycomplex bases received by means of Na-CMC and UFO.

It is known [9], that water bulking up properties of the PC depends by nature, type of communications and a geometrical structure of co-operating components. In this connection we study one of the basic properties of the PC - ability to bulk up in water environments which essentially depends from  $m_n$  - environments and parities of components. These researches represent the big interest for personal computer Na-CMC-MFO of various structure in connection with possibility of regulation of their geometrical structure and the nature of communications, not changing the chemical nature of initial components.

Dependence of degree of swelling of the PC in water environments from a parity of components is presented in table 1. At equimol a parity of co-operating components CMC with UFO<sub>1</sub> (linearly-branched out structure)

Table 1.

Swelling polycomplex membranes from a parity of components Na-CMC and UFO

UFO: Na-CMC	Swelling membranes in water environments, Q %	
	Na-CMC-UFO <sub>1</sub>	Na-CMC - UFO <sub>t</sub>
0,2	100	210
0,4	80	170
0,6	70	160
0,8	30	120
1,0	50	155
1,2	72	190
1,4	90	200

and UFO<sub>t</sub> (with triasin cycles) samples have the least degree of swelling, and a lot of one of components (Na-CMC or UFO) swelling raises. It is possible to explain changes of degree of swelling of polycomplexes Na-CMC-UFO as follows. At equimol a parity of components interaction between macromolecules the greatest, i.e. between polycomplex components occurs full linkage Na-CMC with UFO, stabilised both hydrogen, and ionic communications which lead to

formation of the maximum density of a grid (fig. 1). In this case the least degree of swelling of membranes Na-CMC and UFO (tab. 1) is observed.

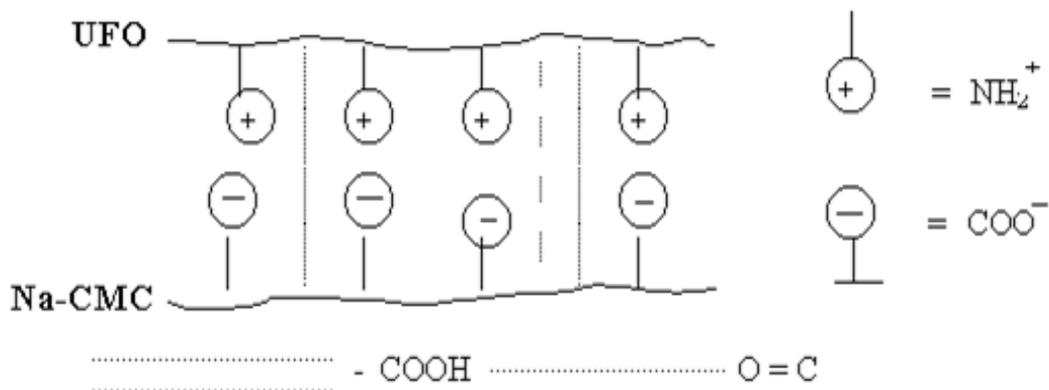


Fig. 1. Model of a polycomplex on the basis of Na-CMC with UFO

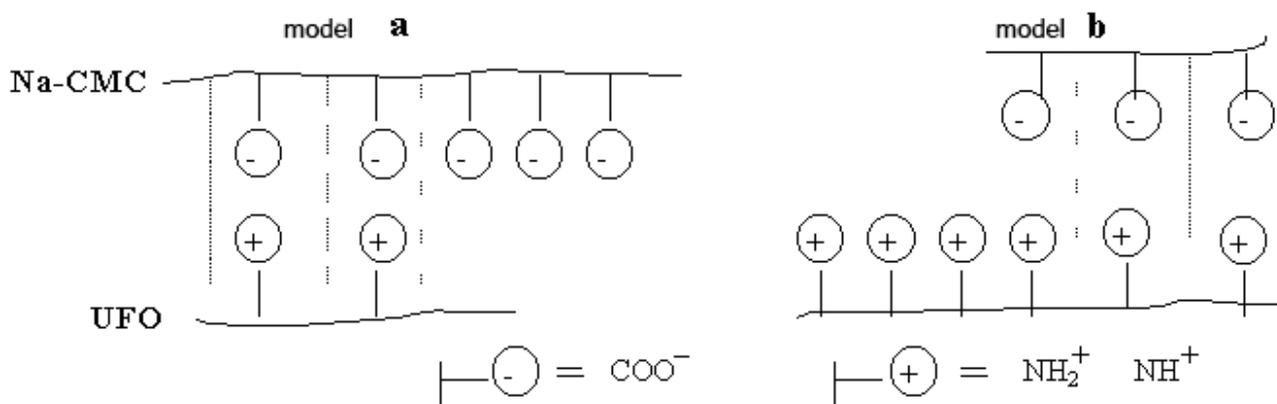


Fig. 2. Model of a polycomplex on the basis of Na-CMC with UFO:  
a - model of a polycomplex with superfluous maintenance Na-CMC;  
b - model of a polycomplex with superfluous maintenance UFO.

Presence of free functional groups of this or that component at its surplus leads to increase swelling membranes. In case of superfluous maintenance Na-CMC in a membrane of the polycomplexes the increase in value of degree of swelling is connected with presence free carbocyl groups (fig. 2, model) [9]. That fact is interesting, that UFO in itself do not bulk up, i.e. hydrophob, but their presence at superfluous quantity as a part of the polycomplexes leads to increase swelling. Apparently, it is connected with the superfluous maintenance hydrophilic functional groups UFO and with increase of osmotic pressure in capillary-porous structure of the polycomplexes (fig. 2, model). From table 1 it is visible, that the more triasin cycles in chain UFO, the it is more swelling than membranes of the polycomplexes for all parities Na-CMC and UFO. It means that bulking up ability of these samples in more to a measure are defined by ionic communications.

As is known, polyelectrolyte the complexes stabilized by ionic communications, have the big degree swelling [9] in comparison with the polycomplexes stabilised by hydrogen communications on a basis polycarbonate of acids [10, 11]. Similar effects of change of degree swelling observed for polycomplexes Na-CMC-UFO<sub>1</sub> and Na-CMC-UFO<sub>t</sub> where with increase of quantity of interchain ionic communications increases swelling in 2-4 times. As it has been noted, with increase in cyclic fragments to chains UFO goes unregularizing polycomplexes structures that has been confirmed by a radiographic method [12].

Thus, with density increase seams degree swelling both more mechanical durability and the module of elasticity of the polycomplex bases received by means of Na-CMC and UFO [13] decreases. Similar results were observed earlier in works [2,14].

Water penetration of polycomplex membranes on water studied on speed of course of water through a membrane. A membrane clamped between sanding end faces of two chambers supplied with rubber linings, filled redistilating water, to one of chambers put the constant pressure of water equal  $p=0,2 \text{ kg/sm}^2$ , created sylphon. To other chamber vertically attached the calibrated tube for measurement of volume of water of the past through a membrane. Membranes maintained under pressure in a current of 1 hour for achievement of a uniform current of water. Size of specific water penetration (considering thickness of a membrane) defined under the formula [2]:

$$K=Dd,$$

where, D - water penetration factor;  
d - a thickness of a membrane.

Experimental data of dependence of factor of water penetration K from a parity of components of membranes of the polycomplexes and their composites received by means of Na-CMC and UFO various structure are presented in table 2. From table 2 it is visible, that the factor of water penetration with increase in maintenance UFO to equimol structure decreases, and further growth UFO leads to increase of factor of water penetration.

Table 2

Water penetration of polycomplex membranes from parity Na-CMC-UFO

UFO: Na-CMC	Water penetration of membranes of the PC, $K \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ sm}^3/\text{s} \cdot \text{g}$	
	Na-CMC - UFO <sub>1</sub>	Na-CMC - UFO <sub>2</sub>
0,2	2,00	0,80
0,4	1,40	0,40
0,6	1,00	0,35
0,8	0,90	0,25
1,0	0,95	0,30
1,2	1,10	0,44
1,4	1,35	0,90

As is known [2,14], water penetration of polycomplex membranes depends from hydrophil, density of packing of macromolecules and on number of intermolecular communications. The minimum value «K» at equimol structure Na-CMC and UFO is connected with formation of the greatest number of intermolecular hydrogen and ionic communications between reacting components which lead to frequency increase seams in the polycomplexes Increase of factor of permeability of membranes a lot of one or other component is caused loosen and formation of heterogeneous porous structure.

The considerable contribution on value of factor of water penetration render hydrophil functional groups Na-CMC (-SOO<sup>-</sup>) and UFO (-NIT<sup>+</sup>, NH<sup>+2</sup>). Value of factor of water penetration K for membranes of polycomplexes Na-KMTS-MFO with the linearly-branched out structure above in comparison with membranes of the polycomplexes from 15 % triasin cycles in chain UFO. And in all variants of the polycomplexes equimol structure has the minimum value of factor of permeability that is connected with density increase seams.

Using the given ultrafiltrations, values of the sizes of a time of membranes on equation Ferry [14] are calculated:

$$D = 2 \sqrt{\frac{8K}{Q}}$$

Data on calculation of the sizes of a time of membranes of polycomplexes and their composites are presented in table 3.

Results of experimental data show, that the sizes of a time of membranes ( $D=350-400 \text{ \AA}$ ) in comparison with the sizes of molecules of water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ;  $D=3 \text{ \AA}$ ) and air molecules ( $\text{O}_2, \text{CO}_2$ ;  $D=5 \text{ \AA}$ ) differ in 90-100 times (fig. 3).

Observable experimental changes of structure of polycomplex membranes in process of increase in them can be tracked maintenances UFO especially visually a method of electronic microscopy (fig. 4). Fibrilling

Table 3

The sizes of a time of membranes of polycomplexes depending on parity Na-CMC and UFO

UFO: Na-CMC	The sizes of a time in membranes $D^*$ , $\text{\AA}$	
	Na-CMC - UFO <sub>1</sub>	Na-CMC - UFO <sub>t</sub>
0,2	400	130
0,4	350	80
0,6	330	76
0,8	300	70
1,0	330	75
1,2	338	92
1,4	345	110

structure Na-CMC (fig. 4a) with introduction UFO (fig. 4b) undergoes the changes accompanied by formation stretched balling - the porous structures corresponding to a product of interaction from several tens of macromolecules (fig. 4b) it is possible to explain balling-porous structure of the polycomplexes strong hydrophobization a product, interaction Na-CMC with UFO and because of shielding hydrophil groups. These balling spherical particles have narrow enough distribution in the sizes, and their diameter fluctuates in limits from 200 to 500  $\text{\AA}$  (fig. 4). The further increase in maintenance UFO in the polycomplexes leads to formation of the heterogeneous structure testifying to formation of two phases - a polycomplex and UFO (fig. 4)

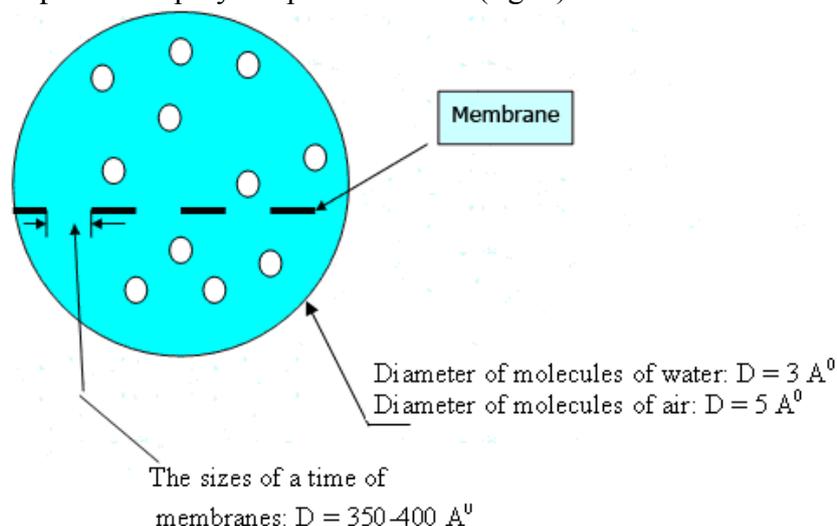


Fig. 3. Comparison of the sizes of a time of membranes of polycomplexes with water and air molecules.

**Conclusion.** Thus, at application of polycomplexes as a basis for similar ointment medical products, at their drawing on a skin form a thin membrane. With change of a parity of co-operating components it is possible to regulate properties and the sizes of a time of polycomplex membranes. The formed membrane on a skin surface, at drawing on a skin does not render any negative influences, i.e. completely keeps gas exchange, air exchange, moisture exchange and skin heat exchange.

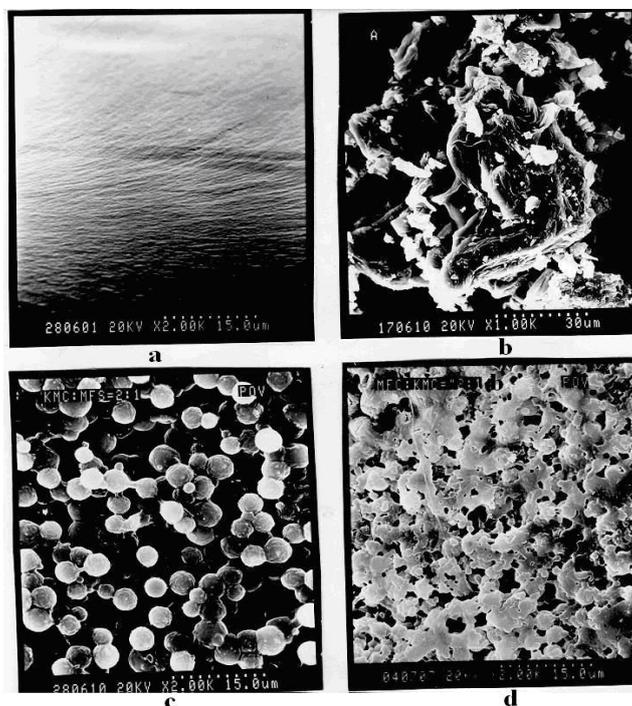


Fig. 4. Elektronno-microscopic pictures of surface Na-CMC (a), UFO (b) and polycomplex bases at mole parity Na-CMC: UFO = 2:1 (c), 1:2 (d).

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