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Development of a biosensor for a biomarker CA15-3 in breast cancer by electropolymerization of pyrrole

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Introduction: Breast cancer is a disease that affects millions of people in the world and a constant search for the reduction of its incidence is necessary. If a global cure is not possible, methods must be developed to allow an early diagnosis, thereby reducing the level of disease progression. In the present study, we aim to obtain a molecularly-imprinted polymer (MIP) for the detection of a breast cancer biomarker (CA15-3). The imprinted sites are generated by the electropolymerization of pyrrole, yielding a conducting polymer.

Material and Methods: In a first stage, MIP and control (non-imprinted polymer, NIP) materials were synthesized on carbon Screen Printed Electrodes (SPEs), and evaluated by electrochemical measurements (Cyclic Voltammetry, CV, and Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy, EIS). For the preparation of the imprinted material, the SPEs were first cleaned using 100 mM H₂SO₄, followed by incubation of 5 KU/mL CA15-3 (MIP), for 30 minutes, in a humid environment. The was made in the same conditions as the MIP, without the presence of the biomarker. Electropolymerization with Pyrrole monomer was made in both SPEs, and the removal of the protein was performed with 100 mM H₂SO₄. Every step of the imprinting and removal was followed by measuring CVs and EIS using an Iron redox probe. Different pyrrole concentrations (5.0, 7.5 50.0, 75.0, 80.0, 85.0, 100.0 mM) were tested by electropolymerization to determine the best condition to use during this work. In a second stage, calibrations were performed with increasing concentrations of CA15-3.

Results and Conclusions: The obtained results regarding the pyrrole concentration study showed that the optimal concentration for this work was 85 mM. With 50 and 75mM the obtained polymer was too resistant, whereas with higher concentrations the polymer was too conductive. This work is in progress now, with calibrations being made to understand the response of the sensor. These calibrations, are made with increasing concentrations of CA15-3 and it is expected that there will be a linear increase in resistance until saturation. This type of early diagnosis using MIPs aims to reduce the inconveniences associated with other detection methods, which are invasive and costly.

Key Words: Breast Cancer, MIP, Biomarkers, Pyrrole