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Microfluidic chips efficacy to induce BSA aggregation at room and physiological temperature

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Abstract

Microfluidic chips are valuable tools for studying protein aggregation, allowing investigation into the effects of various variables on protein aggregation, including chemical and physical factors. This study examined bovine serum albumin (BSA) aggregation in both a conventional vial system and a microfluidic chip. While BSA aggregation in vials has been well-characterized, our focus was on exploring temperature-dependent aggregation within the microfluidic environment. By employing biophysical techniques, we demonstrated the formation of amyloid-like BSA aggregates at physiological pH across a range of temperatures: 70° C (above the melting point, $T_{\rm m} = 65^{\circ}$ C), 37° C, and 25° C. Notably, unlike the vial system where aggregation was primarily observed at elevated temperatures, the microfluidic chip facilitated aggregation even at room and physiological temperatures, with more pronounced aggregation at 37° C. This work provides valuable insights into the mechanisms underlying protein aggregation and highlights the potential of microfluidic technologies for studying complex biological processes.

Key words: Amyloid-like structures, microfluidic chip, physiological temperature, BSA aggregation





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