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Adsorption of lysozyme into a charged confining pore

This work investigates the adsorption of hen egg-white lysozyme into charged pores via computational approaches. The results of Monte Carlo simulations show that the protein adsorbs into charged pores in two pH-dependent orientations. The electrostatic potential at the amino-acid residues closer to the pore surface affects their protonation degree, thereby favoring the adsorption. The results presented in this study provide valuable information for applications, such as the protein and drug delivery by nanoparticles of mesoporous silica.

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