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INFLUENCE OF ALGAE GROWTH PHASE ON THE FORMATION OF DISINFECTION BY PRODUCTS FROM CHLORINATION OF MICROCYSTIS AERUGINOSA: IMPACT AND MECHANISM

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It is well known that algae and their metabolites may form disinfection by-product during chlorine disinfection process, but the quantitative relationship between algae and disinfection byproducts formation potential (DBPFP) is rarely reported. In the present study, the intracellular and the extracellular metabolites from Microcystis aeruginosa in different growth phases were harvested and separated into hydrophilic and hydrophobic groups, and the variations of DBPFP in different groups were investigated. The results show that although the cell density of M. aeruginosa in decline phase was only one sixth of that in stable phase, the total DBPFP in the two growth phases were comparable. This implied that the average DBPFP in specific cell of decline phase is much higher than that of stable phase. The increased DBPFP in intracellular organic matter (IOM) of decline phase could be attributed to the increase of hydrophilic organic in IOM while the increased DBPFP in extracellular organic matter (EOM) is mainly caused by the increase of hydrophobic organic in EOM. The obtained results indicated that DBPFP could change with the algal growth phases and the actual disinfection risk cannot be simply evaluated by cell density in water, and the algal laden water in autumn, the end of algal bloom season may even danger to be disinfected than that in summer.

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