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## **ABSTRACT**

Effects of NaCl concentrations and pH on the intermolecular forces and gel properties of whole chicken egg protein dispersions were studied via solubility, surface hydrophobicity, intermolecular forces, texture analysis, low-field nuclear magnetic resonance (LF-NMR) and colour analysis. Results showed that the intermolecular forces involved in the formation of egg gel were regulated by NaCl/pH. The results of gel fracture analysis suggested that the changes of fracture strength and strain were closely related with the internal balance of gel molecular forces. Moreover, a negative/positive correlation existed in the free water/bound water relaxation proportion and fracture strength. These findings provide an important theoretical basis for the innovation of heat-induced egg gel products.

**Keywords**: whole egg proteins, surface hydrophobicity, intermolecular forces, texture properties, low-field nuclear magnetic resonance

Chemical compounds studied in this article: 8-anilino-1-naphthalenesulfonate (PubChem CID: 1549065); Hydrochloric acid (PubChem CID: 313); Sodium

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