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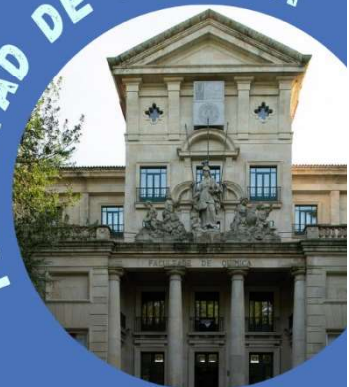
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## Biomass-based materials for estrogens adsorption from water: production methods and their characterization

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Activated carbons (ACs) are low-cost carbonaceous materials with a high surface area ranging from 500 to 3000 m<sup>2</sup>/g. ACs are produced by pyrolysis that consists of the combustion of organic matter above 500 °C in the absence of oxygen, to have the breaking of carbonic bonds and formation of porosity in the material. ACs are also undergo an activation process in order to increase its adsorption performance. Activation can be performed only by physical treatment, in which the organic material is thermal treated with an atmosphere of air, CO<sub>2</sub>, and water vapor, or also by applying some chemical treatments using generally, strong acids, chloride salts or strong bases [1, 2]. As carbon source for ACs preparation, many precursors have been tested, mainly biomass wastes (olive stones, rice husk, coconut shell, among others) [2]. According to the Instituto Nacional de Estatística (INE), in 2021 Portugal produced more than 1.3 million tons of olives and it is estimated that more than 500,000 tons of residues were generated per year [3]. This work aims to investigate different production methods of ACs from olive stones change and their effects on the characteristics of the resultant adsorbents.

From the olive stone, five different materials were produced, namely (i) powdered olive stone, (ii) pyrolyzed at 800°C for 1h, with a heating rate of 10°C/min with N<sub>2</sub> flow of 20 cm<sup>3</sup>/min, (iii) carbonized at 500°C for 1.5h with a heating rate of 10°C/min in a sealed crucible, (iv) chemical activated using acid phosphoric acid and (v) chemical activated with sodium hydroxide. The carbonization yield was determined, as well as the main physicochemical properties of ACs, such as the particle size frequency distribution of powdered raw-material, FTIR analysis and pH at point of zero charge.

The olive stone, after milling, had a predominant diameter of 188 µm, representing an average Sauter diameter of 162.4 µm. The moisture was 12.13% ± 0.08 and the ash content was 1.09% ± 0.08. The carbon production method significantly influences the carbonization yield, acid activation was the method that allowed the highest yield (57.45%). The adsorbent's production method also has a significant impact on the adsorbents' pH<sub>PZC</sub>, which is shown by the fact that the acid activation provides the material with the lowest pH<sub>PZC</sub> (3.84).

The olive stone raw-material shows an important potential to be used on the production of activated carbons with high carbonization yields. Surface area, pore size, thermogravimetric analysis, and adsorption performance assays are under study.

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