

## سمینار هفتگی ماده چگال نرم

# Glycosylated SARS-COV-2 infusion into human cells; biological prospect and structural dynamics

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#### **Abstract**

SARS-COV-2 is a positive-sense single-stranded RNA virus that caused the pandemic of COVID-2019 that is still going on. Spike protein of SARS-COV-2 is the fusion protein and is highly glycosylated. The structural role of the glycans in the regulation of SARS-COV-2 infections is poorly understood. Molecular modelling and simulation techniques have proven to be a very efficient tool for discoveries of the molecular mechanism behind various biological phenomena. Thus, here a combination of molecular modelling techniques are used to explore the structural role of glycosylation in SARS-COV-2 fusion into human cells. The biological prospect to support theses in-silico investigations will be reviewed thoroughly and the insights for future directions will be discussed.

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