



Use Copper Nanoparticles as an Antimicrobial Therapy

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ABSTRACT

*Copper nanoparticle synthesis methods include green approaches such as plants and microbes. Copper nanoparticles have unique structural and biological properties. Nanoparticles are used in many different industries. The ability to manage particle size and, as a result, size-dependent characteristics of copper nanoparticles is likely to create additional paths of application. For the production of copper nanoparticles, biological techniques such as plant leaf extracts and microorganisms are used. Copper nanoparticles were produced at room temperature and tested for antibacterial activity using the well agar disc-diffusion technique. Use the medicinal plant *Azadirachta indica* (Neem) leaves to evaluate antibacterial activity against *B. subtilis* and *E. coli*. The antibacterial test on *Bacillus subtilis* and *Escherichia coli* indicated a clear inhibition zone of 27 mm and 28 mm, consecutively. Demonstrating the potential of copper nanoparticles as a therapy for infectious disorders that are caused by investigated microorganisms. As shown in this article, *E. coli* has slightly higher antimicrobial activity than *B. subtilis*.*

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INTRODUCTION

Copper is a low-cost, effective antibacterial agent with a long history of use, bacteria, yeasts and viruses are all quickly destroyed on the metallic copper surface, a process known as "contact killing". Copper has recently been registered with the US Environmental agency due to its usage as an antibacterial agent in a health care settings [1-4].

The varieties of nanoparticles have a considerable influence on nanotechnology applications. Bactericidal metal nanoparticles may be stabilised and coated on surfaces. Potentially finding use in medical equipment and devices, water treatment, and food preparation. Metal nanoparticles can be mixed with polymers to create composites in order to better use their antibacterial action. Metal nanoparticles are also employed in various fields, including catalysis and sensing [5,6]. In the most precious and imaginative ways, the environment is constructed using the most economical, smallest usable resources [7-8].

Copper is just one of those metallic elements group that are important to human health, and it is now recognized as a human-self-material [9]. The antimicrobial effect of CuNPs against *Escherichia coli* and *Bacillus subtilis* was investigated. Copper nanoparticles were discovered to have excellent antimicrobial characteristics and significant antibacterial impact on gram-positive (*Bacillus subtilis*) and gram-negative (*Escherichia coli*) organisms. Copper nanoparticles killed *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* more effectively. CuNPs' work has focused on the environmentally sustainable production of copper nanoparticles with *Azadirachta indica* medicinal plant extract.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

PROCESS OF PREPARING SAMPLES AND PLANT EXTRACTS:

Copper nitrate solution [$\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$], muller hintor agar solution, and dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) were employed in the experiment as ingredients.

Leaves were collected from *Azadirachra indica*. For the preparation of plant extracts, use the medicinal plant leaves of neem (*Azadirachra indica*). The leaves of *Azadirachta indica* are cleaned with water or de-

ionised water after making the extract to remove dust particles. It is dried in a microwave oven for around 2 minutes to eliminate the amount of moisture. A crushing device was used to crush the dried leaves and make powder. In a 500-ml conical flask containing 300 ml of distilled water, 15 g of powdered neem leaves were extracted. To eliminate the effect of daylight, the flask was then wrapped with aluminium foil and a cotton plug. This suspension was mechanically shaken for 90 minutes at 50 degrees Celsius for 1 hour on a magnetic stirrer before being allowed to cool at room temperature overnight. To get a clear solution, the prepared combination was filtered using filter paper. The solution was kept at 4 degrees Celsius for further analysis.

CNpS is generated in a green manner. In distilled water, a 0.2M aqueous copper nitrate [Cu (NO₃)₂H₂O] sample was dissolved. A hundred milliliters of leaf extract were gradually mixed into 400 milliliters of 0.2M Cu (NO₃)₂H₂O solution (1:4) while constantly stirring. The mixture was incubated overnight at 37°C. The change in colour was continually being monitored (after 30 minutes and 1 hour). The colour shift from blue to light brown shows the copper nanoparticles' formation.

METHOD OF ANTIMICROBIAL EVALUATION:

Using medicinal *Azadirachta indica* plant leaves extract, the antimicrobial effect of *B.subtilis* (grame positive) or *Escherichia coli* (grame negative) was examined using agar disc diffusion technique. Prior to testing for antimicrobial properties, the bacterial cultures that were constantly growing were inoculated over muller hintor agar (MHA)[10,11].

The antibacterial action against selected microorganisms is shown by the inhibition zone, which is measured in millimeters.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Copper nanoparticles have been produced by utilising *Azadirachta indica* medicinal plant extract. The technique of producing copper nanoparticles includes numerous phases. When copper ions in water were treated with medicinal neem plant leaf extract, copper nanoparticles were generated. The color changes were evaluated on a regular basis (after 30 minutes and 60 minutes). Figure 1

Depicts the formation of copper nanoparticles by showing the colour shift from blue to light brown.

An antimicrobial property of neem leaf extract was investigated using an agar disc-diffusing approach against two bacteria (grame +ve and grame -ve), and the result was matched to the positive control (ampicillin antibiotic). This result exhibited antimicrobial activity against microorganisms (Fig.2). The outcome was compared to the negative control (DMSO). The analysis indicated antimicrobial properties against microorganisms (fig.3). Among the two types of bacteria investigated, Neem leaf extract suppresses the activity of *Bacillus subtilis* and *Escherichia coli* the most. Bacterial inhibition zones that were resistant to neem leaf extract responded effectively to neem treatment. Antibacterial effects of leaf extract against microbes have been demonstrated.

The antibacterial efficacy of CNpS against many harmful bacteria such as *Bacillus subtilis* and *Escherichia coli* was tested using an agar disc-a diffusion technique. According to the mean of the inhibition zones in millimeters around positive and negative controls, *B. subtilis* and *E.Coli* had the most antimicrobial activity, followed by leaf extract. Lower antimicrobial activity was detected against *B. subtilis* and *E. coli*, followed by ampicillin antibiotic and DMSO [Dimethyl Sulfoxide], suggesting a 10 mm and 8 mm inhibition zone, respectively. The antibacterial test on *B. subtilis* and *E. coli* shows a good zone of inhibition of 27 and 28 mm, respectively, indicating high antimicrobial activity against the tested organisms. *E. coli* has somewhat higher antimicrobial activity than *B. subtilis*. Figures 2, 3, and 4 demonstrate this. Measuring the inhibitory zone show in table no.1.

The antibacterial impact of copper nanoparticles produce from neem leaves extract (mm).

CONCLUSION

Biologically, copper nanoparticles are generated using a biological technique. This paper provides an overview of the biological production and characterization of copper nanoparticles. Which have been proven to benefit microorganisms. Neem leaves were used to make copper nanoparticles. Copper nanoparticles exhibited considerable antibacterial efficacy against several gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria. Copper nanoparticles are available in a multitude of shapes and sizes, and they have high antibacterial characteristics. The combined action of bio-active compounds obtained from medicinal plants and CUNPs' is shown to be effective against bacteria.



FIGURE 1: Copper nanoparticles

TABLE 1: Inhibition zone of tested extract [in mm]

Name of test organisms	Copper nanoparticles	Antibiotic/DMSO
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	27 mm	Ampicillin antibiotic (10 mm)
<i>Escherichia coli</i> [E.coli]	28 mm	Di-methyl Sulfoxide (8 mm)



FIGURE 2: Inhibition zone against *Bacillus subtilis*.



FIGURE 3: Inhibition zone against *Escherichia coli*.



FIGURE 4: Zone of inhibition against *E.coli* & *Bacillus subtilis*

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