

## Antibacterial Activity Of Bacterial Mediated Synthesized Iron Oxide Nanoparticles Using Bacillus Coagulans

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### Abstract

Cells free supernatant of Bacillus coagulans gram positive, spore forming, bacteria grown in brain heart infusion broth medium (BHIB), was employed as a stabilizing and bio reducing agents to synthesize Iron Oxide Nanoparticles (IONPs). This method was appeared as an alternative to conventional chemical and physical methods. The synthesized (IONPs) were characterized with Ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy (UV-Vis), X-ray diffraction (XRD).and scanning electron microscopy (SEM) . The rapid produced nanoparticles resulting in small average particles size 15.18 nm. The IONPs was experimented as antibacterial agent against Uropathogenic E. coli at concentration of 100, 200, 300, 400 µg/ml, the result showed IONPs was effective at concentrated depending manner and it become more effective when the concentrated was increased .

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### Introduction

Nanotechnology, is the understanding and control the matter in nanoscale at dimension between 1-100 nanometers, were unique physical ,chemical and biological properties of matter in nanoscale different from bulk form enabling novel nanotechnology application [1] nanomaterial has wide ranges use in different fields based on portability to provide specific pioneering alternative tools and resources that save money, effort, time and give hope to open up new scientific and industrial horizons, and created new opportunities, this is due to their novel specific properties[2], there is different methods of nano-synthesis and different types of nanoparticles, the biological method more adopted over physical and chemical method as it is low cost, eco-friendly and no need to use high temperature and energy[3,4]biological method via green synthesis preferred plant, alga, fungi bacteria and viruses to produce nanoparticles[5,6,7] nanoparticles can be classified according many different parameters such as their origin, chemical composition, shape and size [8].

one of most interest nanoparticles iron oxide because of the specific characteristics such as the size, shape, catalytic and magnetic behavior [9] and due to unique properties such as biocompatibility, low toxicity , biodegradable and stability, the IONPs have found more reliable in

a wide variety of biomedical and diagnostic application [10]. The superparamagnetic property of IONPs was employed in the drug delivery, thermoablation and bio-separation [11,12], as well as in magnetic hyperthermal therapy (MHT) [13], and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) [14], also the IONPs were experimented as a cancer therapy [15] and antioxidant [16]. Nowadays, infectious disease with bacteria resistance to antibiotic has become a major challenge to global public health, it can be considered a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the world and a serious concern about increased development resistance in nosocomial pathogens of hospitalized and immunocompromised patients after transplantation and a major challenge in particular heart surgery [17]. Iron oxide and several metals and their oxides nanoparticles were candidates as alternative antibacterial [18], and antibiofilm formation agents [19], against pathogenic bacteria. They exhibited several advantageous features over traditional antibiotics in that they prevent the microbes from developing resistances [20].

## **Materials and Methods**

### **Chemicals**

Laboratory reagent was used without further purification. Iron (III) chloride hexahydrate ( $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 98%) and iron (II) chloride tetrahydrate ( $\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 99%) were purchased from THOMAS BARKER (India), and sodium hydroxide NaOH was supplied from HIMEDIA (India). All glassware used in the study was cleaned and sterilized following standard laboratory protocol.

### **Bacterial identification**

The bacterial culture of *Bacillus coagulans* was obtained from the University of Babylon, College of Sciences. The bacterial colonies grown on brain heart infusion agar were on frosted glass, with a cream light yellow appearance but may become opaque or smooth raised wrinkly colonies. Microscopic examination of the bacterial smear showed Gram positive rods, appearing in chains or pairs, spore forming, and the single spore was ellipsoidal in shape, subterminally to paracentrally located, taking a light green color when stained with malachite green. In addition, bacteria *B. coagulans* are motile and capable of producing lactic acid [21].

### **Supernatant solution collection of *B. coagulans***

Brain heart infusion broth medium was prepared by dissolving 37 gm of broth medium in 1000 ml of double deionized distilled water, the broth medium was sterilized in an autoclave at 121 °C for 15 minutes. The bacterial culture of *B. coagulans* was grown in BHI broth in a conical flask and incubated on a shaker to mixed homogeneously overnight at 37 °C. Later, the freshly bacterial culture was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes, finally the cell-free supernatant solution was collected to use in iron oxide nanoparticles synthesis.

### **Synthesis of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ nanoparticles**

Supernatant of *B. coagulans* was used as a stabilizing and capping agent. They were employed in the synthesis of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  NPs in a simple co-precipitated method. The iron salt precursors  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  at a 2:1 M

ratio were added to dissolved in supernatant solution at 35 °C on magnetic stirrer, NaOH 1.0 M freshly prepared added in dropwise to adjust the pH ~11 of mixture solution with continues stirring for 30 min. after completion of reaction the synthesized Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NPs was collection with external permanent magnet, then NPs was washed for three time with double deionized water and dried overnight in oven at 70°C for further characteristics.

### **Characterization of IONPs**

#### **Uv-Vis spectral Analysis**

The UV-Visible spectroscopic spectrum of biosynthesis nanoparticles clearly recording at range of 200-800 nm , the changing in iron oxide surface Plasmon reasons property band occur due to dispersion among UV/Vis spectra measuring .[22]

#### **X-Ray Diffraction**

X-Ray diffraction (XRD) analyses was used to examination the crystallinity and size of IONPs biosynthesis by *B. coagulans* bacteria broth supernatant , the crystallites size of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NPs could be estimated by Debye-scherrer equations (Eq.1). which reveals the relationship between XRD peak broadening and crystalline size

$$ds = K\lambda / \beta \cos \theta \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Where ds is average crystalline size IONPs, K is the crystalline-shape factor with a scherrer constant value of 0.9 for an absence of information crystalline- shape, λ is a wavelength of X-rays= 1.5418 °A , β is a full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the XRD diffraction peak in radiant in 2θ scale and θ is the half diffraction angle of the peak[23].the result confirmed the crystalline nature of NPs synthesis in this study .the size of synthesized IONPs located within the range of nanoscale (1-100 nm) and appears to be small in size due to the acceleration of reaction in presence of NaOH and the capping agents.

#### **Scanning electron microscope (SEM)**

The (SEM) analysis confirm the information about the morphology and size of nanoparticles , SEM nanoscale images of biosynthesis of Iron Oxide NPs was showed most particles in irregular cubic shape[24]

#### **Uropathogenic E. coli**

The urine samples form UTIs patients were collected daily from out patients clinic laboratory in Al-Hakeem hospital , Baghdad, Iraq. the urine samples was labeled and culture on various types of differentiation agar medium were incubation for 24 hr. at 37 °C , then (5) ml from every urine samples were deposited by centrifuge in 2000 rpm for 5 minutes in order to examined by light microscopic with high power objective lens( 40x) . The presence of 10 pus cells or more in one

field of microscope and from 50-200 pure colonies found in one plate culture concenter as positive result .

### Antibacterial activity of IONP

The Antibacterial activity of Iron Oxides Nanoparticles biosynthesis by *B. coagulans* were used against growth of Uropathogenic *E. coli* cultured on Muller Hinton agar plates medium with standardized cell suspension with 0.5 McFarland turbidity( $10^8 \times 1.5$ ) for 24 hr.at 37 °C, the method agar well- diffusion was used to detecting the antibacterial activity of biosynthesis  $Fe_3O_4$  NPs at concentration 100, 200, 300, 400  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  to verify the most effective concentration in Nanoparticles application .

### Result and Discussion

*B. coagulans* one of biologically active bacteria belong to soil-based probiotic spore forming, which can secreted bacteriocin and has ability to produce many types of enzymes at an economical level, identification through biochemical tests and morphological characteristics[25,26]the supernatant of bacteria take yellowish color after addition of iron chloride salt precursor with continuously stirring and added of NaOH the mixture color gradually turn to black brown, indicating to IONPs formation (Fig .1). External magnet used to separation and collection of the  $Fe_3O_4$  NPs from solution that confirm the magnetic property of synthesized nanoparticles, the presence of base and biomolecules available from bacterial supernatant acting as stabilizer agent in mixture reaction control the nucleation and precipitant of nanoparticles

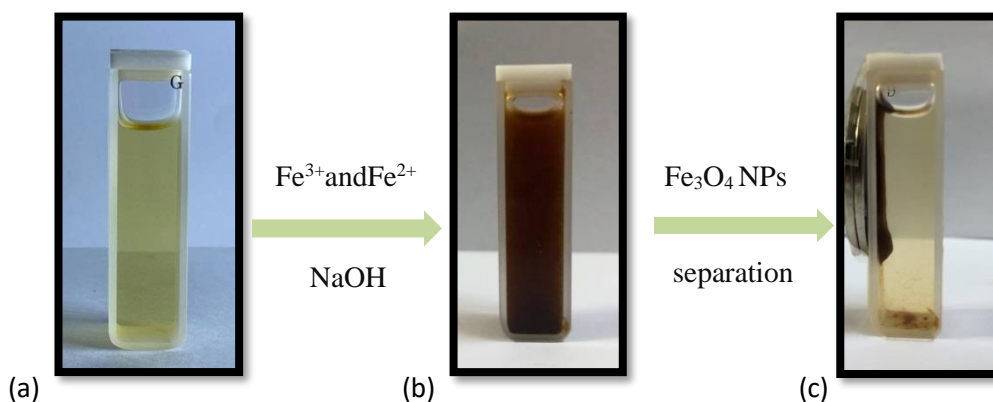


Figure1. (a)supernatant of *B. coagulans* (b)reactants (c) separation of  $Fe_3O_4$  NPs from the mixture reaction solution by external magnet .

In Uv-Vis spectral analysis, the absorption spectra beak of IONPs was observed at range of 200-300 nm as a result of excitation for surface plasmon resonance which is identical to the characteristic of UV spectral analysis for metallic iron (Fig.2). Among the expected peak , the absorbance maximum at 250.5nm in current study was the characteristic peak of the IONPs and

this value is much closer to the another studies early reported the absorbance of magnetic NPs almost in this range value [27].

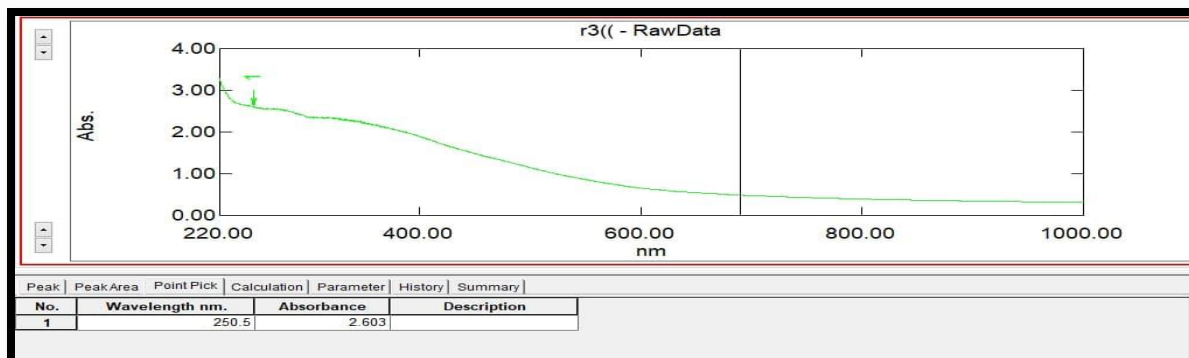


Figure 2. Uv-Vis absorption spectra of IONPs

X-Ray diffraction (XRD) analyses was used to examination the crystallinity and size of IONPs biosynthesis by *B. coagulans* bacteria broth supernatant from scherrer equation (Eq.1) the calculated of crystalline mean size of IONPs was (15,13 nm) , the Bragg's reflection intense peaks at  $2\theta$  value in XRD pattern recorded many relative intensity for magnetite ( $Fe_3O_4$ ) NPs corresponding to the standard  $2\theta$  value .furthermore the result determined that the relative intensities and positions of reflection peaks  $2\theta=31.50,35.50,43.12$  (Fig.3). for synthesis magnetic nanoparticles by

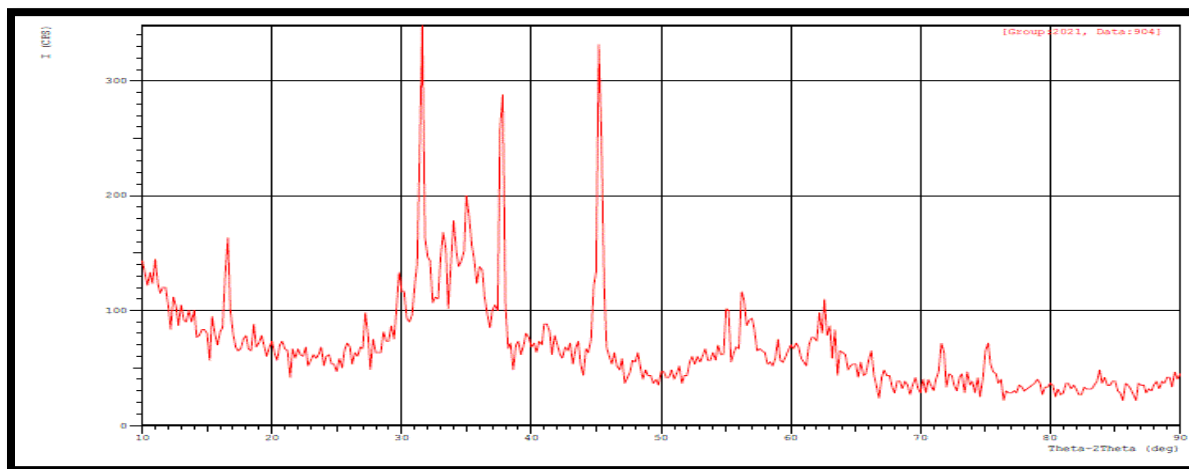


Figure 3. X-ray diffraction of IONPs

bacteria biosynthesis agree with standard diffraction  $Fe_3O_4$  NPs [28] . the above result confirmed the crystalline nature of synthesized NPs form .

The (SEM) Analysis confirm the information about the morphology and size of Nanoparticles ,SEM Nanoscale images (Fig .4) of biosynthesis Iron Oxide NPs were mostly irregular cubic shape and the size of NPs between( 4 to 33) nanometers which is within the range size of nanoparticles

, the small size and irregular shape of this NPs were seen probably due to low level of agglomeration as result of fast formation of precipitation and short time of reaction incubation , furthermore abundance of active biomolecules and capping agent secreted by bacteria in growth medium when supernatant collection ,that could be considered protected agent by covered surface area of NPs which increased physical stability[28].

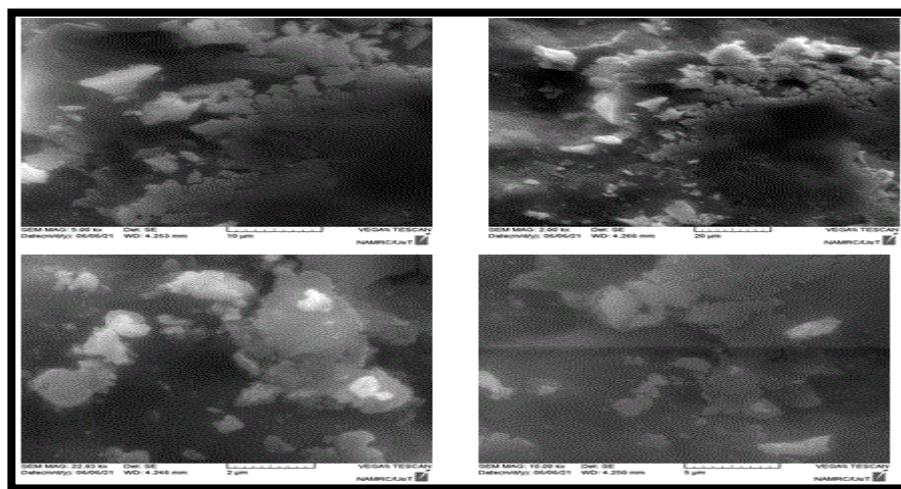


Figure 4. Scanning electron microscope (SEM) of IONPs.

The antimicrobial activity of IONPs was investigated against Uropathogenic *E. coli* most common urinary tract infection(UTIs) pathogen by agar well diffusion method, four concentration of iron oxide NPs was used 100, 200, 300 and 400 µg/ml on Muller-Hinton agar medium (Fig.5) ,the result showed that  $Fe_3O_4$  NPs has antibacterial activity against *E. coli* bacteria in dose depended manner that mean the highest inhibition was observed at 400 µg/ml[29] ,the antibacterial activity of IONPs still unknown. However, the NPs involve in generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) resulting in cell wall and bacterial membrane permeability disruption leading to cell death[30,31]



Figure.5: Antibacterial activity of IONPs against E.coli at concentration 100,200,300 and 400µg/ml.

## Conclusion

Magnetic iron oxide nanoparticles was synthesized by supernatant *B. coagulans* were used as a green stabilizing agent in simple co-precipitated method. Antibacterial activity of IONPs were evaluated against *E. coli* showed that efficiency increases when NPs concentration increases .

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