

Cytotoxicity studies of cobalt oxide nanoparticles from one precursor

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Abstract

We developed Co₃O₄ by CBD (Chemical particle bath deposition) method for using the cobalt nitrate as precursor. With mixture as urea, NH₄F, hydrothermal heat at 90°C for 17 hrs to produced cobalt hydroxide Co(OH)₂ after more heat at 350°C for 1hrs to from the nanosheet assembly Co₃O₄. The synthesized nanoparticles were characterized by FTIR spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction studies. Co₃O₄ are high-quality mono-dispersed, more stable as other nanoparticles and defect-free nanoparticles. The surface morphology of these nanoparticles was revealed by scanning electron microscopy. XRD pattern Co₃O₄ nanoparticles have cubic structure and size ranging from 32 nm. The particle size and microstructure were studied by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images. Raman spectra confirmed that developed compounds as crystalline cubic phase of Co₃O₄ nanoparticle. Co₃O₄ nanoparticles are combat the growth of one *Mycobacterium* species like *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MTCC-300). This nanoparticle shows the good cytotoxicity effect against human blood cells by hemolytic assay.


Key Words: Co₃O₄ Nanoparticle, XRD, SEM, TEM, hemolytic assay *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

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INTRODUCTION

Nanomaterials world becomes highest attraction due to their small size, effective, physical and chemical properties (Sun *et al.* 2000; Fernandez *et al.* 2004; Bell *et al.* 2003; Yuvakkumar *et al.* 2014) The different area cover by the Co₃O₄ like circulating angiogenic cells (Spigoni *et al.* 2015), magnetic nanomaterials (Ghosh *et al.* 2014; Dar *et al.* 2015), polar semiconductor (Kormondy *et al.* 2014), gas sensor (Eranna *et al.* 2005; Wu *et al.* 2010), spintronics (Moyer *et al.* 2011; Chen *et al.* 2004; Gonzalez *et al.* 2008; Posadas *et al.* 2011; Liu *et*

al. 2003), catalysis (Wollenstein *et al.* 2003; Natile and Glisenti *et al.* 2002; Sun *et al.* 2013; Xie *et al.* 2009; Jiao and H. Frei *et al.* 2009; Agiral *et al.* 2013), atomic layer deposition (ALD) (Klepper *et al.* 2007; Donders *et al.* 2011; Ding *et al.* 2008), chemical vapor deposition (CVD) (Shalini *et al.* 2001; Barreca *et al.* 2011; Fujii *et al.* 1995; Mane *et al.* 2002), pulsed laser deposition (PLD) (Kennedy *et al.* 1995), also developed a simple pyrolytic technique to prepare metal oxide nano particles employing coordination polymers or coordination complexes as sole precursors (Ghosh *et al.* 2011). At room temperature and the most stable form of cobalt oxide. Development of Co₃O₄ NPs by CBD method recently; several studies have been reported for the synthesis of Co₃O₄ nanostructures, including nanowires and nanotubes, using chemical bath deposition (CBD) (Natile and Glisenti *et al.* 2002)¹⁷. However, synthesis of transition metal oxide nano structure with their different properties and having environmental stability is very difficult. Moreover the available preparative above mentioned methods are costly and time consuming. We have developed Co₃O₄ to by CBD (Chemical particle bath deposition) method for using the cobalt nitrate as

precursor. With mixture as urea, NH_4F , hydrothermal heat at 90°C of 17 hrs to produced cobalt hydroxide $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$ after more heat at 350°C 1hrs to from the nanosheet assembly Co_3O_4 . The present work we carry out Co_3O_4 as antimycobacterial agent no one use these biomaterials as tubercle agent and focus on Co_3O_4 as cytotoxic effect on human blood cells. The Co_3O_4 powder sample was characterized by means of XPS, X-ray diffraction (XRD), Raman shift, SEM, and TEM. The main objective of this study is to develop the bactericidal effect of cobalt oxide nanoparticles using various mycobacterium strains. Such a type of investigation would expose better utilization of nanoparticles use as more application in different field like life science, physical science and also medical science.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The all chemicals were obtained from used in this experiment are analytical grade Himedia Latur (Maharashtra) India. Cobalt Nitrate $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, urea ($\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2$) and ammonium fluoride (NH_4F) were used as received. Double distilled water was used the experiment. The synthesis of Co_3O_4 by using, 0.1M Cobalt nitrate, 0.5M urea, 0.2M ammonium fluoride was dissolved in 50 ml of deionized water under magnetic stirring for 30 minutes. The obtained pink solution transferred into falcons tubes and then tubes were sealed and kept into water bath maintained temperature at 90°C for 17 hours afterward completion of reaction pinkish colour cobalt hydroxide are achieved. The precipitate washed with distilled water and ethanol then dried at 60°C . The pink colour cobalt hydroxide samples converted into black colour Co_3O_4 by annealing 350°C in a muffle furnace for 1 hour in air. The colour changed pink to dark black after annealing that the formation of the Co_3O_4 phase

Physical Measurements: To determine the structural features of the samples, Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy was carried out at 25°C using a PerkinElmer spectrum rxift-ir system FT-IR spectrometer with 64 scans for wave numbers ranging from 400 to 4000 cm^{-1} and resolution 4 cm^{-1} . The KBr pellet method was used to prepare the samples. The morphology and size of Co_3O_4 particles have been characterized by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) (Hitachi S-3400N) operating at 15 kV. The particle size and microstructure were studied by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) with a JEOL (Japan) JEM2100. For size measurement, sonicated stock solution of all nanoparticles (0.5 mg ml⁻¹) was diluted 20 times. The powder XRD measurements were carried out using Bruker D8 Advance X-ray Diffractometer. The X-rays were produced using a sealed tube and the wavelength of X-ray was 0.154 nm (Cu-K α).

Biological measurements Isolation of microorganism:

The *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MTCC 300) was obtained from Microbial Type Culture Collection and Gene Bank, Institute of Microbial Technology, Chandigarh (PB), and India was sub cultured and maintained into Lowenstein Jensen media.

The cytotoxicity effect of Co_3O_4 nanoparticles with human blood cells:

The hemolytic activities of the test compounds were determined using human red blood cells (Ahmad *et al.* 2010; Rajput *et al.* 2013) Human erythrocytes from healthy persons were collected in tubes containing EDTA (1–2 mg/ml) as anti-coagulant. The erythrocytes were harvested by centrifugation (Heraeus Megafuge 40, Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., MA) for 10 min at $634 \times g$ at 20°C , and washed three times in PBS. PBS was added to the pellet to yield a 10% (v/v) erythrocytes/PBS suspension. The 10% suspension was diluted 1:10 in PBS. From each suspension, 100 μl was added in triplicate to 100 μl of a different dilution series of test compounds (or Rifampicin as a standard antitubercular agent) in the same buffer in Eppendorf tubes. Total hemolysis was achieved using 1% Triton X-100. The tubes were incubated for 1 h at 37°C and centrifuged for 10 min at $634 \times g$ at 20°C . From the supernatant fluid, 150 μl was transferred to a flat-bottomed microtitre plate (Tarson India Ltd., India), and the absorbance.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

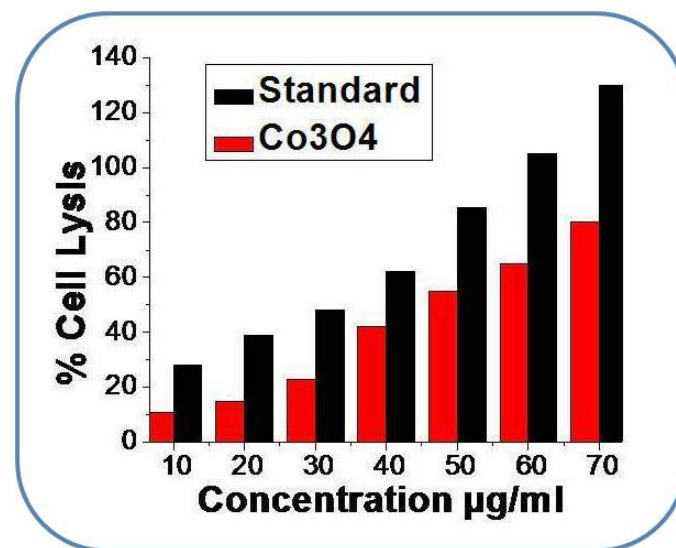


Figure 1: Haemolytic assay

CBD (Chemical particle bath deposition): Co_3O_4 to by CBD (Chemical particle bath deposition) method for using the cobalt nitrate as precursor. With mixture as urea, NH_4F , hydrothermal heat at 90°C of 17 hrs to

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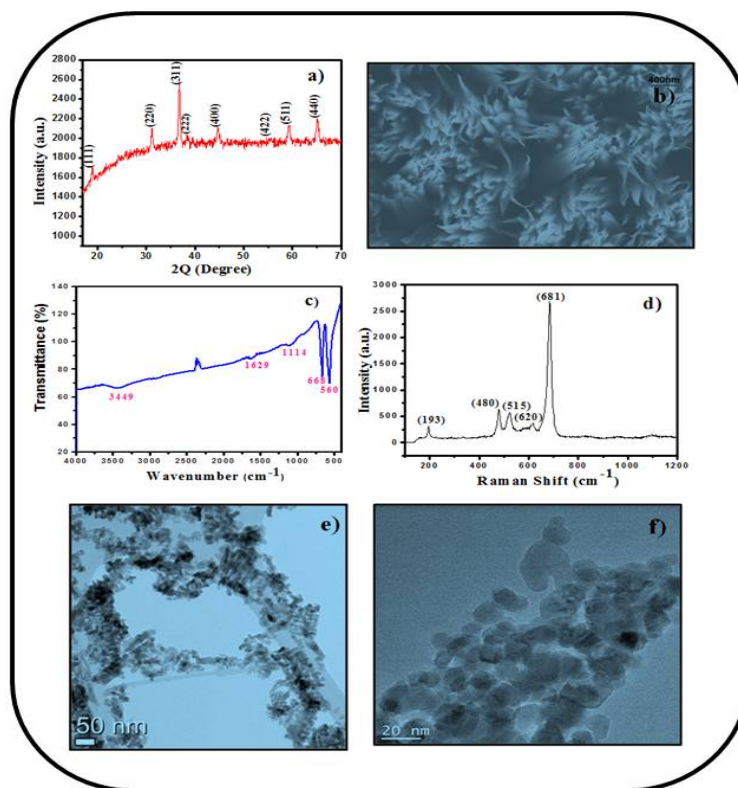


Figure 3. a) XRD pattern of Co_3O_4 . b) SEM image of Co_3O_4 . c) IR spectrum of (a) Co_3O_4 nanoparticles. d) Raman shift of Co_3O_4 . e) and f) TEM image of Co_3O_4 .

Cytotoxicity effect of Co_3O_4 nanoparticles with human blood cells:

The in vitro hemolytic assay is a screening tool for gauging in vivo toxicity toward host cells (Christie *et al.* 2007). The four compounds tested showed no significant toxicity to human erythrocytes at minimum growth inhibitory concentrations (10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, 20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, 60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, 70 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, Co_3O_4 nanoparticles concentration), whereas they had profound effects on inhibition *M. tuberculosis* (fig. 2). Only 0–12% hemolysis was observed at the tested concentrations, while Rifampicin showed 100% hemolysis at 0.5 mg/ml .

Infrared spectroscopy analysis of metal oxide nanoparticles:

Fig 3c) illustrates that FTIR spectrum of Co_3O_4 nanoparticle with five distinct bands. Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) absorption spectrum of the Co_3O_4 nanoparticle. In the studied region 4000–400 cm^{-1} , two absorption bands originate from stretching active vibrations of the Co-O bonds in the spinel structure. The first band ν_1 at 560 cm^{-1} is associated with the OB_3 vibrations in the spinel lattice where B denotes the Co^{3+} ions in octahedral coordination ($\text{Co}_3\text{-O}_6$) t_2g . The second band ν_2 at 668 cm^{-1} is attributed to the ABO_3 vibration where A denotes the Co^{2+} ions in tetrahedral coordination ($\text{Co}_2\text{-O}_4$) eg. Confirming the $\text{Co}^{2+}[\text{Co}^{3+}]_2\text{O}_4$ spinel structure.

X-ray diffraction analysis:

The X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) patterns of both Co_3O_4 nanoparticles fig. 3(a) and (b) were produced well defined diffraction patterns, indicating that they are crystalline and the visible peaks can be well indexed to the Co_3O_4 phase. All six diffraction peaks can be assigned undisputedly to (111), (220), (400), (311), (511) and (440) lattice planes, which are in good agreement with those of the bulk Co_3O_4 . There is no evidence for parasitic phases like CoO or metallic Co. For the structural study of the nanoparticle of Co_3O_4 was the carried out by the XRD study. The XRD pattern for the Co_3O_4 as shown in fig (1a). The reflection peaks at 2θ of 19.07°, 31.30°, 36.83, 38.51°, 44.81°, 55.63°, 59.33° and 65.22° can be easily indexed as (111), (220), (311), (222), (400), (422), (511) and (440) planes respectively. Which is matched with the standard spectrum of (Joint Committee on Powder Diffraction Standards file, no: 43-1003) with a space group $\text{Fd}3m$ (227). The existence of sharp diffraction peaks was an pointing of the polycrystalline nature of the as-synthesized for cubic Co_3O_4 . The average particle of the Co_3O_4 nanoparticle was calculated by 32 nm by Debye–Scherrer’s equation using full-width at half maximum (FWHM) value for the (311) plane.

Scanning electron microscopy analysis: The morphology and particle size of the metal oxide nanoparticles were examined by SEM (Fig. 4(a) and (b)). Square and been visualized in their respective SEM micrographs with the

size ranges from 10–25 nm and 100–150 nm respectively.

Transmission electron microscopy: The transmission electron microscopy of Co₃O₄ NPs shows nearly spherical geometry with a mean size of 50 nm and 20 nm respectively. The result is represented in (fig 3 e and f) observed size of the NPs was approximately

Raman Spectroscopy: The Raman spectra of cobalt oxide which contain five Raman active phonon vibration mode at 193(F_{2g}), 480(E_g), 515(F_{2g}), 621(F_{2g}), and 681(A_{1g}) cm⁻¹ in (fig.3 d). These peaks confirmed that crystalline cubic phase of Co₃O₄ nanoparticles.

CONCLUSION

By using green approach, the Co₃O₄ NPs were synthesized by CBD (Chemical particle bath deposition) method for using the cobalt nitrate as precursor which is a rapid method and gives excellent reproducible when compared to other synthetic processes. Using Co₃O₄ nanoparticles use for biological application maintaining the human blood cells, *in-Vitro* condition. Thus the field Co₃O₄ NPs this one ability to kill the particular concentration and also anti-TB agent. Co₃O₄ NPs. Co₃O₄ NPs materials are new way for nanotechnology and biotechnology. CBD (Chemical particle bath deposition) method has shown to be less toxic against human blood cells. Co₃O₄ NPs are used for biomedical and sensor application.

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