



### Short Communication

## Green synthesis and antimicrobial activity of the silver nano-particles from crude extract of *Bergenia ciliata*

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### Abstract

Silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) are particular interest because of its strong and wide spectrum of antimicrobial activity which might act as a novel bactericide to solve the serious antibiotic resistance problem. It is because of effectiveness in synthesis of the nanoparticles. This study has been designed for the synthesis of green silver nanoparticles also to study the antimicrobial activity. Methanol extracts of plant leaves was prepared using the maceration and were used for the synthesis of silver nanoparticles. *Bergenia ciliata* silver nano particles found to be more effective against various pathogenic bacterial strain as compared to *Bergenia ciliata* extracts. The synthesized *Bergenia ciliata* silver nanoparticles showed increased antimicrobial activity. These results have supported greater advantage of use of bio-green methods for preparation of nanoparticles which have greater potential against antimicrobial activity.

**Keywords:** Green, synthesis, antimicrobial.

### Introduction

A natural practice for biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles has been established for exploring area of nano science research development. Silver nanoparticles have accomplished greater attention because of antibacterial properties<sup>1</sup>. In nanoparticles, the surface/bulk ratio of molecules increases that further increase the system's energy, that leads to reduction in the stability of system that further increases the antibacterial activity in comparison to its bulk form. Green nanoparticles can also be even used in biosensor device to detect the bacterial strains<sup>2</sup>. The application of silver nano-particles in medical science also provides an entirely new area for detection of many diseases<sup>3</sup>.

By taking into consideration of our efforts we have used a weed *Bergenia ciliata*, for finding its antimicrobial activity.

*Bergenia ciliata* being an ever green herb<sup>4</sup> found in all the states of India and is used as traditional medicine to cure many types of diseases<sup>5</sup>. The plant is also used in India for cure of lung infections and the dissolution of the kidney stones<sup>6</sup>. The plant also possess antitussive activity<sup>7</sup>, antiinflammatory as well as diuretic nature<sup>8</sup>. The DNA protection ability<sup>5</sup> inhibit the inflammation and to boost the immunity for many microbial infection. The plant contains various phytochemical including paashaanolactone<sup>9</sup>, catechin, berginin and gallic acid<sup>10</sup>.

### Materials and methods

**Plant collection, identification and extract preparation:** The rhizome of *Bergenia ciliata* were collected from Sirmour

(Himachal Pradesh). The shade dried leaves extraction was done with the methanol (i.e. 3:1v/w). Collected extract was then filtered with help of filter paper and then concentrated by the use of rotary evaporator. Then plant extracts was then dried in the oven at 45<sup>o</sup>C. After this extract was used for synthesis of nanoparticle and its quantification of antimicrobial activity.

**Synthesis of silver-nanoparticles:** Silver nano particles synthesis has been done by using AgNO<sub>3</sub> in accordance with method given by Zargar et al.<sup>10</sup>. During preparation equal volume of AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.1%) and the plant extract (1%) was mixed 1:1 ratio. The mixture then incubated at the room temperature for about 3 hours. Then the colour change was observed. Then obtained silver nanoparticles (BCAgNPs) were then centrifuged at 6,500 rpm for 4 minute, then washed and dried in the vacuum chamber at 35<sup>o</sup>C.

**Antibacterial activity:** Eight pathogenic bacterial strains including four gram-positive (*Bacillus pumilis* MTCC ACC NO 14884, *Bacillus subtilis* MTCC ACC NO 2757, *Staphylococcus aureus* MTCC ACC NO 96) and four gram-negative (*E.Coli* MTCC ACC NO 3261, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* MTCC ACC NO 1035, *Shigella dysenteriae* MTCC ACC NO 5, *Vibrio cholerae* MTCC ACC NO14033) was used for assay. Bacterial activity determination was done with help of disc diffusion method given by Ruparelia et al.<sup>11</sup>. Petri plates and nutrient Agar were autoclaved at 121<sup>o</sup>C. Then 30ml of growth media was poured to the petriplates. It was allowed to solidify for 15min. Then the 0.5ml of inoculation was spread on the agar plates. Sterile paper discs measured 6mm diameter that absorbed with 20 $\mu$ l of test sample were placed on the solidified

plates under aseptic conditions. Each disc should be pressed down to ensure that there is complete contact with the agar surface. The inoculated plates were made to stand for 1hr and then plates were inverted and placed in an incubator at  $37^{\circ}\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 24hr. After 24hr of incubation, each plate was properly examined and the diameter of inhibition zone was measured with help of a scale from inverted side.

## Results and discussions

Antibacterial activity of *B. ciliata* leaf extracts has been reported<sup>4</sup>. The highest zone of inhibition in *B. ciliata* AgNPs i.e 21.2mm was observed as compared to *B. ciliata* extract (Table-1). The present study revealed that *B. ciliata* AgNPs was found to possess higher antibacterial activities in comparison to *B. ciliata* extract. The mechanism behind this is the weakening of DNA replication and inactivation proteins<sup>12</sup>.

**Table-1:** Antimicrobial activity of *B. ciliata* (BC) and *B. ciliata* silver nanoparticles (BCAgNPs).

Categories	Bacterial strain	BC Inhibition zone (mm)	BCAgNPs Inhibition zone (mm)	Chloramphenicol Inhibition zone (mm)
Gram-positive	<i>Bacillus pumilis</i> MTCC ACC No 14884	10.8	11.7	22.3
	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> MTCC ACC No 2757	14.0	16.2	28.0
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> MTCC ACC No 96	20.8	21.2	24.8
Gram-negative	<i>E. Coli</i> MTCC ACC No 3261	13.9	15.2	28.6
	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> MTCC ACC No 1035	8.3	9.7	18.4
	<i>Shigella dysenteriae</i> MTCC ACC No 5	14.9	16.3	23.2
	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> MTCC ACC No 14033	11.8	12.7	29.6

## Conclusion

From the above results it is concluded that green synthesis of silver nanoparticles of plant extract was carried successfully. Presence of the active phytoconstituents for example phenolic as well as flavonoid have added an extra advantage of the synthesized nanoparticles. Furthermore nano-particles has been evaluated for their antimicrobial activity and were compared

with the extract. Significance of study demonstrates broad range of application of using silver nanoparticles.

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