

In-vitro Anti-bacterial and Anti-cancer activity of *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L. leaf Extract Induced Silver Nanoparticles – A study of Characterization Cum Evaluation

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Silver nanoparticles were combined with *Ocimum Tenuiflorum* L. green and purple (Krishna Tulasi) assortments using a single advance that was eco-friendly. Ultraviolet-Visible spectrophotometer, Fourier transform Infra-red, X-Ray Diffraction, Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), and Energy Dispersive X-ray spectroscopy was used to describe the particle nature of integrated AgNps (EDX). A variety of modifications confirmed the nanoparticle arrangement and UV-Visible spectroscopy was used to quantify the Surface Plasmon retention band. In the FTIR, the presence of the aromatic ring's C-H vibration is comparable to the presence of flavonoids and carbonyl gathering in the C-O stretch vibration. The inserted silver nanoparticles can clearly be seen under an SEM microscope, and the particles are estimated to be between 1 and 100 nm in size. The Energy Dispersive X-ray spectra demonstrate the nanomaterial's quality. Union is traditional and viewed as proficient as far as response time as well as practicality. The combined nanoparticles were exposed to Anti-microbial and Anti proliferative investigations by in-vitro strategies and showed a portion of the subordinate movement against specific microbes and cancer cells.

Keywords: Anti-bacterial; Anti-cancer study; Characterization; *Ocimum tenuiflorum*; Particle size; Silver nanoparticles; Zeta potential.

The development of nanotechnology during the 1980s and its ascent to ubiquity in the mid-2000s, with wide business applications in various areas, have been seen over the past 30 years. Bio compatible metal nanoparticles assume a significant part in biomedical applications.^{1,2} Silver awards have been important for the helpful field since the days of yore because of their phenomenal therapeutic capacities. Silver particles and silver-based compounds have been utilized in

the treatment and the board of various afflictions because of their wide range of anti-bacterial and helpful qualities.³ In any case, innovative progressions and more prominent information on silver's strategy for infection counteraction through antimicrobial exercises have made it ready for its use in nanomedicine. For the effective combination of silver nanoparticles, an assortment of systems and techniques has advanced, including physical, substance, and organic strategies. The utilization of

plant concentrate is a crucial step for nanoparticle production. Silver nanoparticles were created by reacting fluid AgNO_3 with a watery concentrate of the plant.⁴ Various reports are available on the biogenesis of silver nanoparticles using several plant extracts, particularly neem leaf broth (*Azadirachta indica*), *Pelargonium graveolens*, geranium leaves, *Medicago sativa* (Alfalfa), Aloe vera, *Emblica officinalis* (Amla, Indian Gooseberry) and few microorganisms.⁵ In the current investigation, we report the simple combination of silver nanoparticles and its utilization would be harmless to the ecosystem, methodology including the *In-Situ* reductions of Ag by *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L. leaf (figure 1) and the assessment of their Anti-microbial action and Anti-cancer activity.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chemicals

Silver nitrate, M T T (3-[4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl]-2,5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide, USA. Acridine orange (Sigma-Aldrich, Bangalore, India). Bacteriological media were bought from Hi-Media Laboratories, India, and any remaining media arrangements were done in two-fold refined Milli Q water.

Preparation of plant extract

The leaves of *Ocimum Tenuiflorum* (1 kg) were accumulated from the professional flowerbed of Vignan College of Pharmacy. A plant taxonomist from the Department of Botany and Microbiology, Acharya Nagarjuna University in Andhra Pradesh confirmed the case of leaf and bud. The assembled leaves were washed and dried and powdered by using a blender processor. Around 100gm of the powdered leaf was used in hot percolation extraction (Soxhlet) by including water as solvent.

Green biosynthesis of Silver Nanoparticles

In the single-step process of the green mixture, 5 ml of leaf extract was mixed with 95 ml of 1 mM liquid AgNO_3 , and heated at 80°C for 5 minutes, and the assortment colour change was observed. The Silver nanoparticles scheme as such gained was disinfected, and reiterated 15 minutes of centri fagation at 10000 rpm. To the obtained dried silver nanoparticles, the supernatant was transferred to an optimum dry glass beaker for more particle settlement, and repeated centrifugation

was completed using a cooling microfuge. An incubation facility was used to dry the model. The particles were employed to provide more detail to the scene.⁶

Characterization of silver Nanoparticles

UV Spectral Study

Initially, orchestrated silver nanoparticles were described by placing a minor aliquot part of the test in an Ultraviolet-Visible spectrophotometer and obtaining assimilation spectra at 300 - 700 nm with a Spectrophotometer (Shimadzu UV-1800).

FTIR spectroscopy

Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy Bruker model was utilized for the examination of the diminished silver. The range was kept in the mid-IR area of 400-4000 cm^{-1} with 16 sweep speeds, utilizing the constricted complete coefficient of reflection (ATR) procedure.

SEM analysis

The examination was carried out using a Zeiss EV-18 scanning electron microscope (SEM). By employing a minor quantity of the sample on the lattice, a flimsy picture of the sample was created. The image on the SEM matrix was then given five minutes to dry under a mercury lamp.

Energy Dispersive X-ray analysis

The Energy Dispersive X-ray analysis, also known as EDX, was performed on a Zeiss EV-18 model. The elemental makeup of the sample can be determined from the peaks that are produced by EDX.

Particle size distribution

Using a particle size analyzer, we were able to determine the average particle size, as well as the size distribution and Polydispersity index (PDI), of the AgNPs that we produced.

XRD analysis

In order to determine the crystalline phase and material identification, XRD measurements of the reduced AgNPs that were done were recorded on an X-ray diffractometer (x'pert pan analytical) instrument that was running at a voltage of 40 kV and a current of 30 mA while exposed to Cu K (\AA) radiation. The samples were collected in airtight containers and maintained for further assessment.

Anti-bacterial activity of AgNPs

The Anti-microbial movement focused on microorganisms that cause infectious diseases. *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and

Pseudomonas aeruginosa were used as test organisms. Bacteria were grown in a supplement agar media. Next, the medium was autoclaved and transferred to Petri dishes for further testing. Different concentrations of 125 μ l, 250 μ l, and 500 μ l of AgNPs were layered after the material was vaccinated with a newly developed test dye. After determining the zone of inhibition, anti-bacterial examination plates were brooded at 37°C for 24 hours past the hatching period.

Cell growth inhibition studies by the MTT assay

The cell lines were secured from NCCS (National Center for Cell Science, Pune) HeLa cells were regularly kept within Rose Well Park Memorial Institute medium (RPMI), enhanced with 10% intensity inactivated fetal cow-like serum, penicillin/streptomycin (250U/ml), Gentamycin (100g/ml), and amphotericin B (1mg/ml) from Sigma Chemicals, USA. All cell societies were kept up at 37°C in a humidified climate of 5% CO₂. Cells were permitted to attain (90%) confluence north of 24 hours before use.⁷

Reagent Preparation

MTT Solution Preparation

Break down MTT in DPBS (Dulbecco's Phosphate Buffered Saline, pH = 7.4) to 5 mg/ml. Channel disinfect the MTT arrangement through a 0.2 μ M channel into a clean, light safeguarded holder. Store the MTT arrangement, safeguarded from light, at 4°C for continuous use or at - 20°C for long-haul stockpiling.

Solubilization Solution

Choose a suitable safe holder in a ventilated fume hood to dissolve the following thing. Prepare 40% (vol/vol) dimethylformamide (DMF) by using 2% (vol/vol) glacial acetic acid along with 16% (wt/vol) sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) and adjusted to pH 4.7. Keep at room temperature to prevent the SDS from becoming precipitated. In the case that a precipitate forms, heat the mixture to 37 degrees Celsius and mix it to dissolve the SDS.

MTT Assay Protocol

Plan cells and test compounds are kept in 96-well titer plates containing 100 μ l in each well and allow for reaction. Also, add 10 μ l MTT Solution for every well to accomplish the last grouping of 0.45 mg/ml. Brood for 1 to 4 hours at 37°C add 100 μ l of Solubilization solution for each well to disintegrate Formosan precious stones.

Blend to guarantee total Solubilization. Record absorbance at 570 nm.

Statistical analysis

The analytical findings were determined in triplicate for accuracy. The results of all of the experiments are shown as the mean value accompanied by the standard error mean. The Origin programme (version 7.0383; Origin Lab Corporation, Northampton, Massachusetts 01060, United States) was utilized throughout each and every one of the statistical studies.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Characterization of silver nanoparticles

Ultraviolet-Visible spectrophotometer analysis

The nanoparticles were first visualized using UV Spectroscopy, which showed to be an excellent instrument for learning nanoparticles. The color of *O. tenuiflorum* L. altered from red to brown as the extracts from leaves remained assorted with the fluid arrangement of the silver molecule complex. Purple (Figure 2.) shows the formation of the silver nanoparticles due to the excitement of the superficial plasma ambiances. A quartz glass cuvette with distilled water as the position was used to record the Ultraviolet-Visible Spectrum of Silver nanoparticles as a stretch component. The interaction between a 95 mL silver nitrate suspension and a 5 mL leaf removal was recorded at 90 degrees Celsius. *O. tenuiflorum* L. Ultraviolet-visible range retention is measured at 421 nm.

Fourier transfer Infra-red– Spectroscopy

The bands formed by together kinds are nearly undistinguishable, with minor changes



Fig. 1. *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L Purple (Krishna Tulasi)

in absorbed wavelengths and percentage transmittance. Figure 3 shows the FTIR range of silver nanoparticles from *O. tenuiflorum* L. Purple. The region of wavelengths at 3263 cm^{-1} is designated as the O-H extension that encompasses H-fortified alcohols and phenols. The carboxylic acid O-H stretching is assigned to the band 2928 cm^{-1} . The region of wavelengths at 1603 cm^{-1} corresponds to the N-H twisting of essential amines. The groups at 1340 cm^{-1} are linked to the sweet-smelling ring structure's C extending, while the top at 1369 cm^{-1} is linked to the sweet-smelling amine bunch's C-N extending. Carboxylic acids

are found in the $1224\text{--}1142\text{ cm}^{-1}$ range of the C extending of alcohols.

SEM Analysis

The scanning electron microscope pictures showed high-thickness silver nanoparticles mixed with the leaf extract, indicating positive silver nanostructure development. In *O. tenuiflorum* L. Purple, the SEM copy discloses the growth of the leaky surface with round nanoparticles and part textured round nanoparticles distinctly. They were effortlessly different, ranging from 30.56 to 82.62 nm for *O. tenuiflorum* L. Purple (Figure 4).

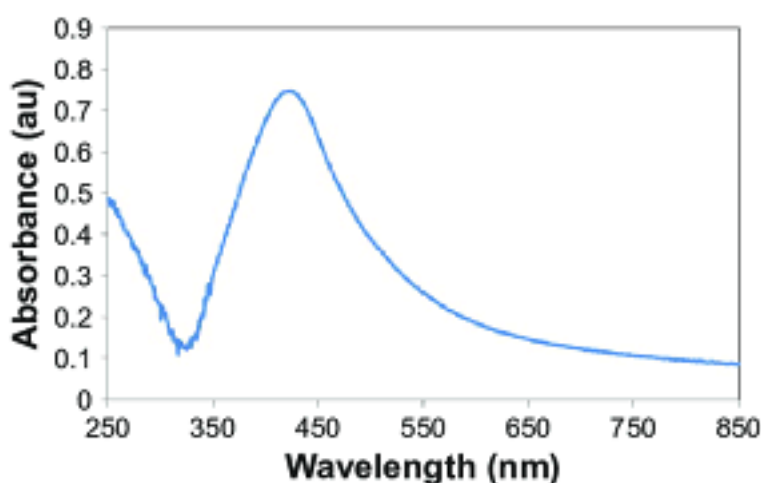


Fig. 2. UV Spectrum absorption of AgNps obtained from *O. tenuiflorum* L.

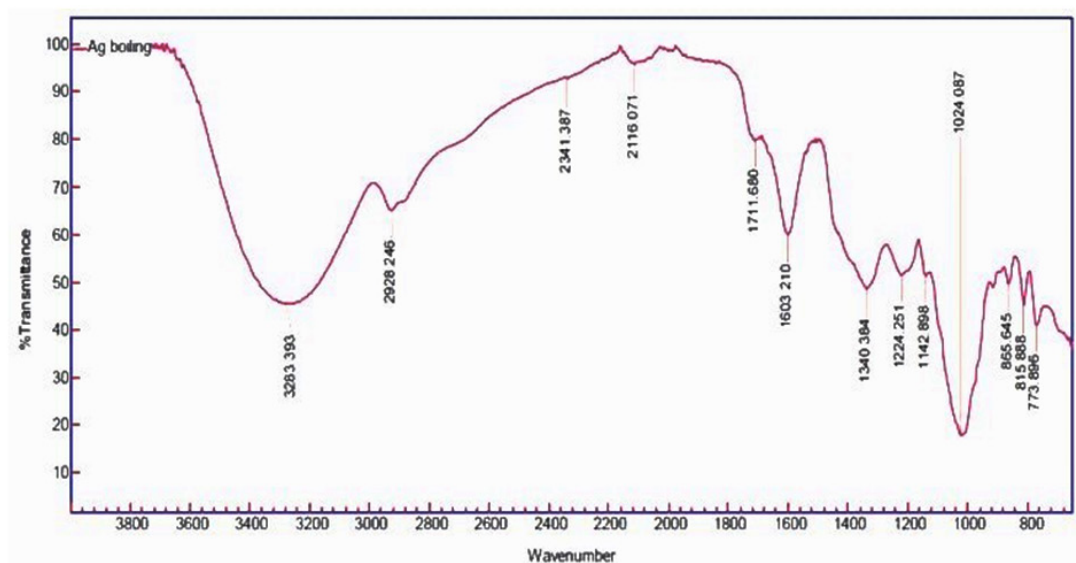


Fig. 3. FTIR spectrum of AgNps obtained from *O. tenuiflorum*

Energy Dispersive X-ray Analysis

The EDX spectra reflect the sanctity of the substance and the full chemical structure of integrated silver nanoparticles. The EDX examination illustrates that 93.5 percent of the silver nanoparticle samples produced from

O. tenuiflorum L. Purple (Figure 5) (Table 1) are present in the amalgamation at the time of analysis. It revealed a significant amount of silver, demonstrating the value of the included sample.

Particle size, Polydispersity, and Zeta potential analysis

The results show that the average diameter of the particles is 101 nm, and the Polydispersity index is 0.263. The generated AgNPs were found to be mono dispersed in their natural state, as shown by the average particle size and PDI. (Figure 6 and 7)

Table 1. Energy dispersive X-ray result of silver nanoparticles from *O. tenuiflorum* L

Metal	Element Weight %	Atomic %	Error %
AgL	100.00	100.00	15.09

XRD analysis

The phase distribution, crystallinity,

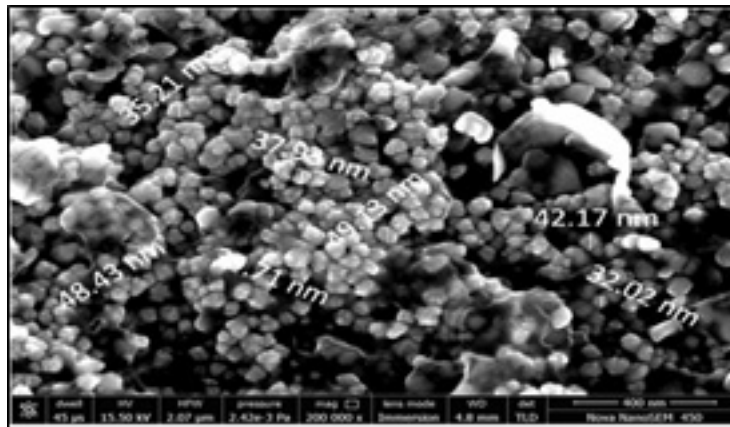


Fig. 4. SEM image of silver nanoparticles obtained from *O. tenuiflorum* L.

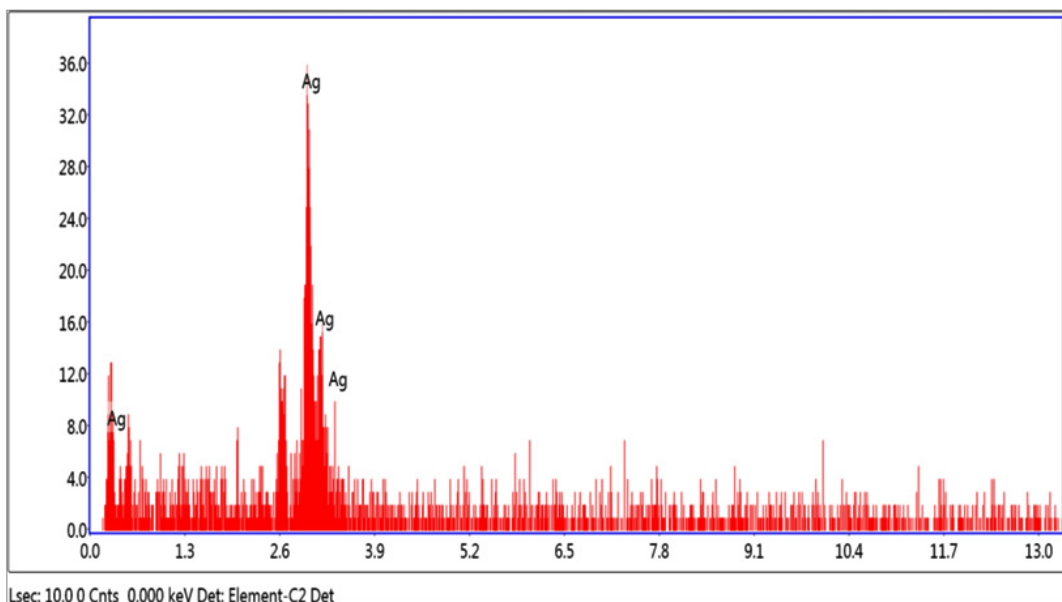


Fig. 5. Energy dispersive X-ray spectra of silver nanoparticles from *O. tenuiflorum* L.

and purity of the newly synthesized AgNPs were investigated with XRD analysis. The XRD patterns of AgNPs extracted from *O. tenuiflorum* are displayed in Figure 8. It was determined, with reference to the typical XRD pattern of purified nanoparticles, that the nanoparticles were crystalline in character, had a cubical structure, and included no such contaminants.

Antimicrobial activity of Ag NPs

In our study, the AgNPs orchestrated utilizing Tulsi extract had a huge anti-bacterial activity on the microorganisms we investigated. This is obvious by the upsides of the distance across the zone of hindrance got during the appraisal of

antibacterial movement (Table 2). Figure 8 and 9 shows the zones of restraint of *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* against AgNPs, silver nitrate, Tetracycline, and DMSO as control. For both bacterial strains, no zone of restraint was noticed for the control arrangement. Bio-decreased silver nanoparticles showed significant development hindrance of two of the notable pathogenic bacterial species. Zones of 1.6 mm and 1.4 mm were noticed for *E. coli* and *B. subtilis*, individually at 500 μ g/ml.

Cytotoxicity study by MTT-based assay on HeLa cell lines

The viability of HeLa cancer cells with *O. tenuiflorum* - AgNPs for 72 hrs was resolved

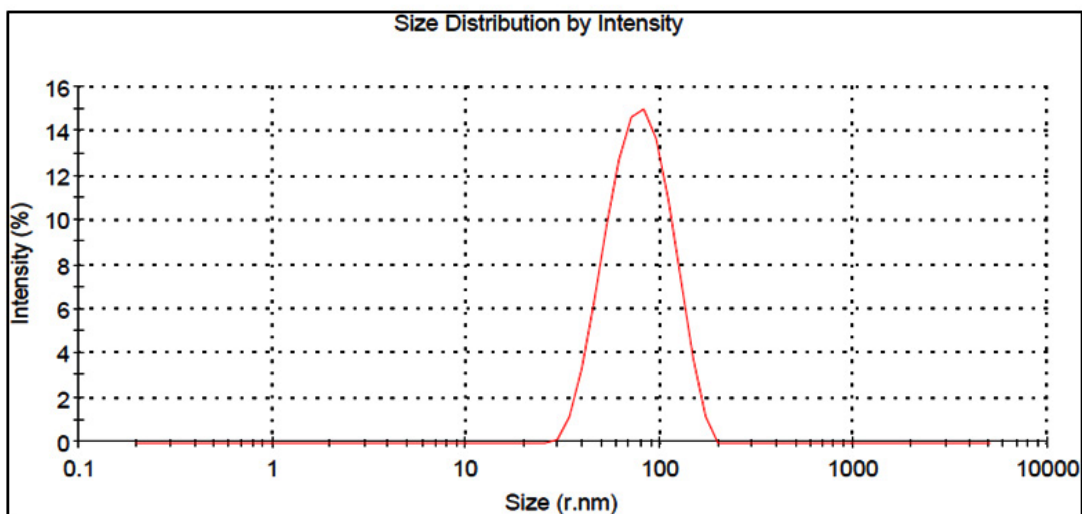


Fig. 6. Particle size of AgNP from the *O.tenuiflorum*.L. Leaves

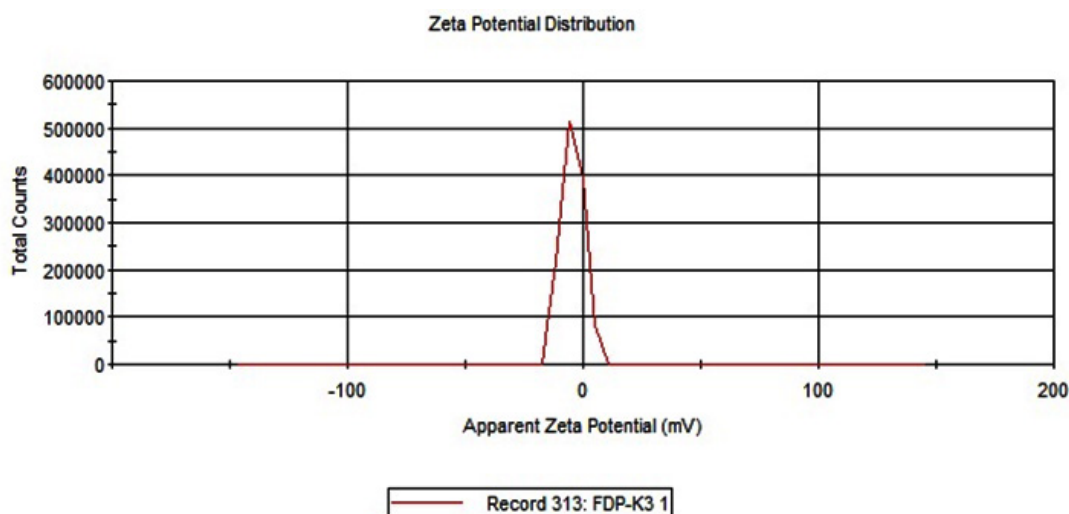


Fig. 7. Zeta potential of AgNPs from the *O. tenuiflorum* L. Leaves

to utilize the colorimetric MTT-based measure. The *O. tenuiflorum* AgNPs showed a portion subordinate action inside the fixation scope of 5 - 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (Fig.10). The *O. tenuiflorum* AgNPs showed the most extreme movement against HeLa and it was recorded as 1.22, 25.24, 29.65, 42.15, and 54.65 % at 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ individually.

DISCUSSION

Tulsi (purple) has been very much exploited, both usually and mechanically, for its microbiological potential which is an outcome of restorative oil parts. Anyway, there are relatively few examinations associated with organized silver nanoparticles. In the continuous audit, we have coordinated the leaf removal of *O. tenuiflorum* of silver nanoparticles. Nano silver has been genuinely used in a couple of utilization, including

finding and treatment of cancer and as a drug carrier.⁸⁻¹¹

Arranged silver nanoparticles were initially portrayed by taking a small aliquot of test into UV-Visible spectrophotometer, Fourier-transfer infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), Scanning electron microscope (SEM), Energy Dispersive X-shaft examination (EDX), and the commonplace size of the particles by atom size analyzer for the appreciation of nanoparticle which was joined AgNP from *O. tenuiflorum* leaves. The particles route blend of AgNP exhibited its characteristics like the size in the manometer, the Metal of silver and its perfection, and the Shape of the globe to inconsistent globe¹²

Depicted and cleaned AgNP were presented to antibacterial and in-vitro anticancer development. The development was clear that the nanoparticles which are procured from *O.*

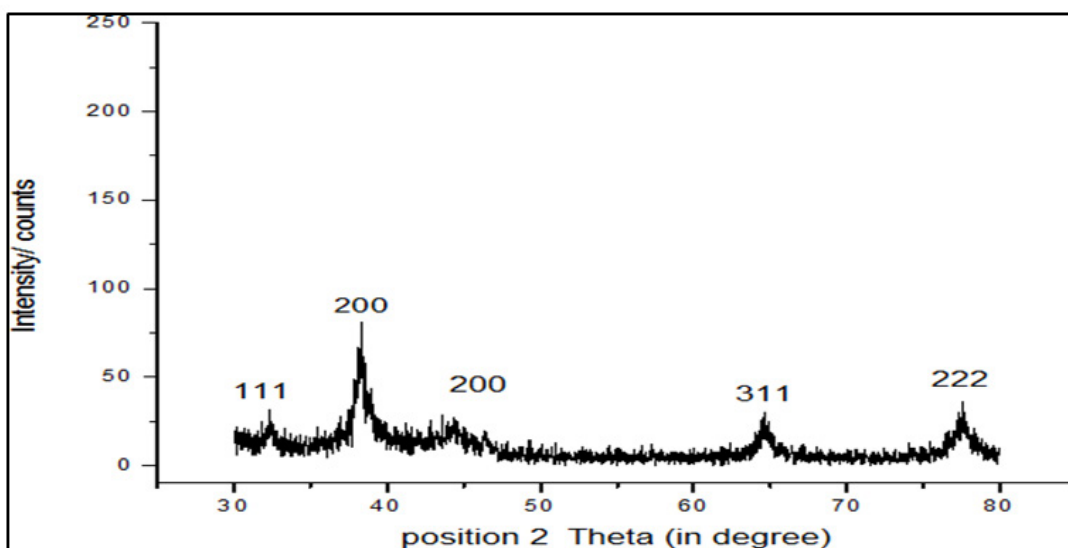


Fig. 8. XRD pattern of nanoparticles synthesized from *O. tenuiflorum* L. leaves



Fig. 9. Represents the positive (Tetracycline) and negative(10%DMSO) control against *E. Coli* and *B. subtilis*

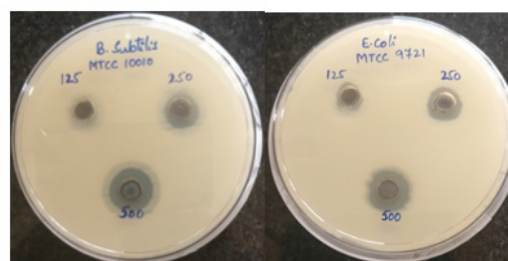
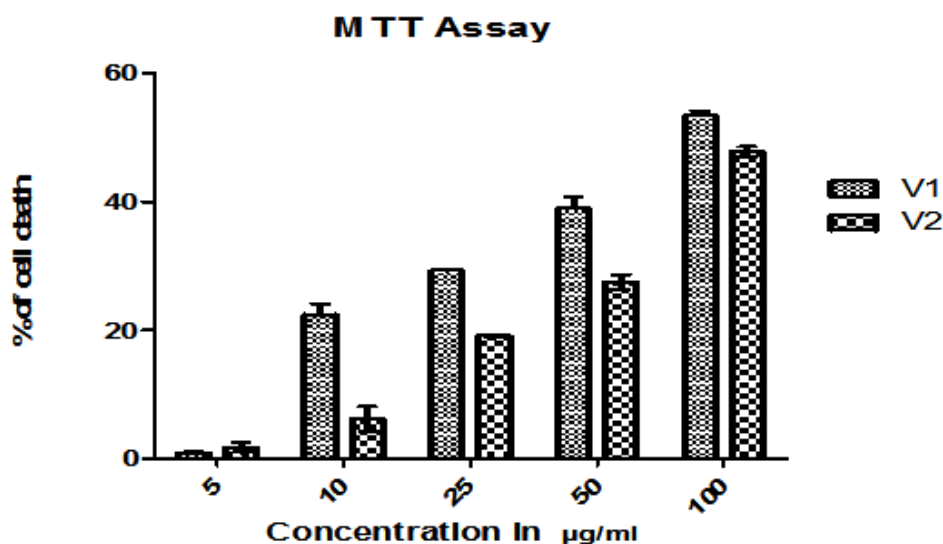


Fig. 10. Represents the Zone of inhibition obtained from the treatment of different concentrations of Silver nanoparticles against *E. Coli* and *B. subtilis*

Table 2. Determination of zone of inhibition of AgNPs against *E. Coli* and *B. subtilis*

S.No	Bacteria	Zone of inhibition (mm)		
		125µg/ml	250 µg/ml	500 µg/ml
1.	<i>E. coli</i>	0.9	1.2	1.6
2.	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	0.5	0.9	1.4

**Fig. 11.** Comparative cytotoxic effect of both silver nanoparticles of *O. tenuiflorum* - AgNPs (V1) and standard podophyllotoxin AgNPs(V2).

tenuiflorum leaves showed the part subordinate zone of restriction of microorganisms used in the survey. The outcomes of the continuous survey were similar to the previously reported studies.¹³⁻¹⁶

Followed with the anticancer survey was performed by the well-established procedure called MTT assessment, in which the HeLa cancer cell was used to certify the development and the audit showed the degree of cell downfall happened segment restrictively, the results of cancer cells (e.g., HeLa) are more indulgent in terrible charge than that of common cells. Thus, the ability to attract Ag⁺ particles by the layers of cancer cells is one of the factors that perhaps impact the practicality of nanoparticles in the disguise of cancer cells. It was moreover stated that the antibacterial and anticancer development might be of nano pore improvement and destruction of the cell divider by the zeta ability of AgNPs The eventual outcomes of the present are facilitated with another equivalent audit. Further, the survey

leaves the degree of the arrangement of sensible estimations of structure and its evaluation. Furthermore, the toxicological profile of AgNPs in natural organs would be considered and optimized.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion of the study on silver nanoparticles synthesized from *O. tenuiflorum* leaves extract indicates promising anti-cancer activity against HeLa cell lines and effective anti-microbial properties against the tested microorganisms. Overall, the results of this study provide evidence supporting the potential biomedical applications of silver nanoparticles synthesized from *O. tenuiflorum* leaves extract. However, it is important to note that further research, including in vivo studies and toxicity evaluations, would be necessary before considering their practical application in cancer therapy or as antimicrobial agents in real-time application.

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