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ABSTRACT

Antibiotic drugs are resistant against bacteria and there is need to search for new antibiotic drugs that are more resistant against these bacteria. Copper oxide nanoparticles were synthesized by using copper sulphate pentahydrate and sodium lauryl sulfate. To check the antibacterial activity of the copper oxide nanoparticles against different bacteria like *Escherichia coli*, *Streptococcus mutans*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas* and *Klebsiella pneumonia*, petri dishes were prepared. Amoxicillin was used as standard antibiotic and distilled water was used as solvent. Amoxicillin is very famous antibiotics as compared to other beta-lactam antibiotics. It works against Gram-negative bacteria more effectively as compare to Gram positive bacteria. Dilutions of copper oxide nanoparticles were prepared of 2%, 1% and 0.5% respectively. Nanoparticles were characterized by using XRD technique. Copper oxide nanoparticles showed the antibacterial activity against all of the bacteria by agar well diffusion method. Copper oxide nanoparticles showed the highest efficiency against *Escherichia coli* for 2% concentration and lowest efficiency against *Pseudomonas* and *Klebsiella pneumonia* for 0.5% concentration. Therefore, it can be concluded that copper oxide nanoparticles show efficiency against bacteria and can also be used as antibiotic in medicine field as well as in paints, coatings, and textile.

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1.0. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Nanoparticles

Nanoparticles are particulate solid particles ranging from 10-1000nm. Nanoparticles, nanocapsules or nanospheres can be obtained depending on the preparation of nanoparticles that drug is dissolved or attached to the nanoparticles matrix. Drug is dispersed physically and uniformly in the case of nanospheres, but in case of nanocapsules drug in cavity is restricted that is surrounded by polymer. Designing of nanoparticles for delivery system goals are to achieve surface properties, particle size and dose regimen. Liposomes used to reduce toxicity, protection of drugs from degradation and from some others side effects too. While polymeric nanoparticles increase stability of drugs.