Biosynthetic approach of metallicnanopaticles: A review

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Abstract: Nanoparticles(NPs) are crucial in the development of future sustainable technologies for humanity and the environment. The synthesis of NPs by plants is a green chemistry approach that links nanotechnology with plant biotechnology. Metal ions are bioreduced using plant extracts to create NPs.This is environmentally friendly methodology for synthesising a diverse spectrum of metallic NPs such as metal/metal oxide nanomaterials, hybrid materials, and bio inspired materials. As a result, green synthesis is recognised as a significant technique for reducing the harmful consequences associated with standard methods of synthesis for NPs routinely used in laboratories and industry. We summarised the key processes and mechanisms of biosynthesis methodologies, particularly for metal and metal oxide NPs utilising natural extracts in this study. The stability/toxicity of NPs, as well as the surface engineering techniques used to achieve biocompatibility, are also covered.Finally, we discussed environmental remediation applications of such synthesised compounds in terms of antibacterial activity, catalytic activity, pollutant dye removal, and heavy metal ion sensing.

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1.Introduction:

Novel synthesis approaches for nanomaterials have been an exciting field in nanoscience and technology over the previous decade(1-4). To acquire nanomaterials of desired sizes, shapes, and functionalities, the existing literature has examined two different fundamental principles of synthesis (i.e., top down and bottom up techniques). In the former, nanomaterialsNPs are created using a variety of synthesis techniques such as lithographic techniques, ball milling, etching, and sputtering (5). Many technologies, such as chemical vapour deposition, sol-gel processes, spray pyrolysis, laser pyrolysis, and atomic/molecular condensation, are used in the bottom up approach (in which NPs are created from simpler molecules).Interestingly, by adjusting chemical concentrations and reaction circumstances (e.g., temperature and pH), the morphological characteristics of NPs (e.g., size and shape) may be changed. However, if these synthesised nanomaterials are subjected to actual/specific applications, they may encounter the following limitations or challenges such as stability in hostile environments, a lack of understanding in fundamental mechanism and modelling factors, bioaccumulation/toxicity features, extensive analysis requirements, the need for skilled operators, problems in device assembling and structures, and recycleregularization.It is preferable in the real world that the qualities,to achieve the aforementioned requirements, the behaviour and kinds of nanomaterials should be enhanced. These constraints are creating new and exciting opportunities in this developing field of study.To address these limitations, a new age of 'green synthesis' approaches/methods is gaining traction in contemporary materials science and technology research and development. Essentially, green synthesis of nanomaterials created via regulation, control, cleanup, and remediation will directly aid to improve their environmental friendliness. Some fundamental aspects of "green synthesis" may thus be described by multiple components such as waste preventionminimization, derivativepollution reduction, and the use of safer (or non-toxic) solventsauxiliaries as well as renewable raw materials.

Green synthesis is necessary to avoid the formation of undesirable or dangerous by-products through the development of dependable, sustainable, and environmentally friendly synthesis techniques. To attain this purpose, optimal solvent systems and natural resources (such as organic systems) must be used. Green production of metallic NPs has been used to meet diverse applications. To accept diverse biological elements (e.g., bacteria, fungus, algae, and plant extracts), green production of metallic NPs has been used. Among the known green ways of synthesis for metal/metal oxide NPs, the use of plant extracts is a relatively straightforward and easy technique for producing NPs on a large scale when compared to bacteria and/or fungi-mediated synthesis. These items are referred to as biogenic NPs. Green synthesis methods based on biological precursors are affected by reaction parameters such as solvent, temperature, pressure, and pH (acidic, basic, or neutral). Plant biodiversity has been widely considered for the synthesis of metal/metal oxide NPs due to the availability of effective phyto-chemicals in various plant extracts, particularly leaves, such as ketones, aldehydes, flavones, amides, terpenoids, carboxylic acids, phenols, and ascorbic acids. These components can convert metal salts into metal NPs(6). The fundamental properties of such nanomaterials have been studied for applications in biological diagnostics, antimicrobials, and other fields.

The gist of current level of research on the biosynthesis of metal oxide NPs, as well as their benefits over chemical synthesis approaches, in this paper. Furthermore, we reviewed the importance of solvent systems (synthetic materials), various biological (natural extracts) components (such as bacteria, algae, fungus, and plant extracts), and the benefits of these components/solvents over other traditional components/solvents. The primary goal of this literature review is to present precise methods for bio synthesis as well as their real-world environmental remediation applications. Overall, our objective is to define biosynthesis processes and their related components in a methodical manner that will help academics active in this burgeoning subject while also providing as a valuable reference for readers with a broad interest in this issue.

2.Organiccomponents for bio/green synthesis:

Various physical and chemical synthesis processes need high radiation, very toxic reductants, and stabilising agents, all of which can be harmful to both people and marine life. Green synthesis of metallic NPs, on the other hand, is a one-pot or single-step eco-friendly,cost effective bio-reduction approach that uses relatively little energy to activate the reaction (7-12).

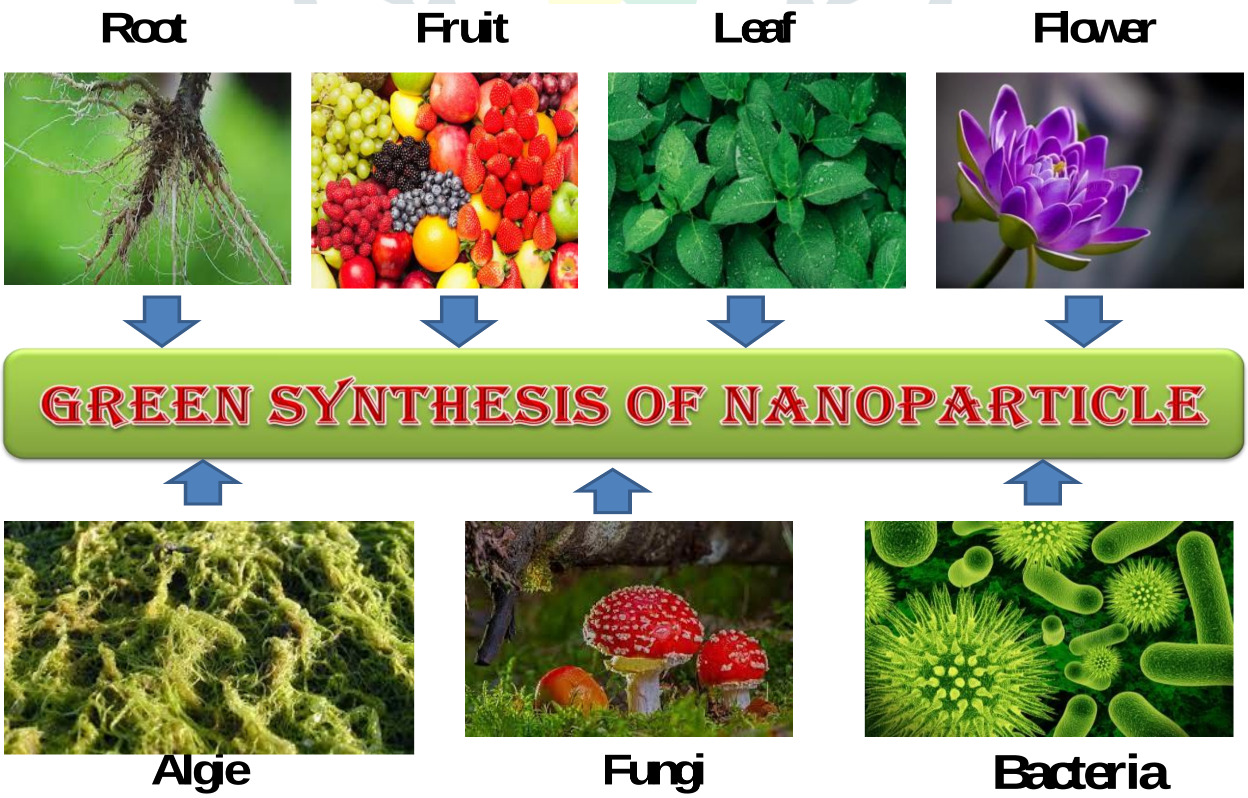

Fig.1: Different component of bio synthesis

2.1.Bacteria:

Bacterial species are commonly used in commercial biotechnology fields such as bioremediation, genetic engineering, and bio-leaching(13).Bacteria have the ability to neutralise metal ions and are important candidates in the creation of NPs(14). A range of bacterial species are used in the synthesis of metallic and other new NPs.Metal/metal oxide NPs have been widely synthesised using prokaryotic bacteria and actinomycetes.Shivaji et al. developed Ag NPs stable in dark place for 8 months by using cell-free culture supernatants of psychrophilic bacteria Pseudomonas antarctica, Pseudomonas proteolytica, Pseudomonas meridiana, Arthrobacterkerguelensis, Arthrobactergangotriensis, Bacillus indicus and Bacillus cecembensis(15). Simon Ag proposed that a certain gene is responsible for Ag resistance in bacteria, and that these bacteria might replace the use of Ag in cases of burn to lessen the possibility of Ag toxicity (16). Tripathiet al.(17) revealed the mechanistic method to biomimeticCdSNPs production utilising Bacillus licheniformis. In the proposed mechanism for the formation of NPs aided by bacteria, at the initial stage, due to the negative potential bacterial membrane, $CdCl_2$ (Cd^{+2}) starts accumulating on the surface of the bacterial membrane, causing stress over the bacterial surface. To overcome this, bacteria start defence mechanisms and release proteins, which in turn interact with Cd^{+2} and Na_2S to form the CdSNPs (Fig. 2.) (17).

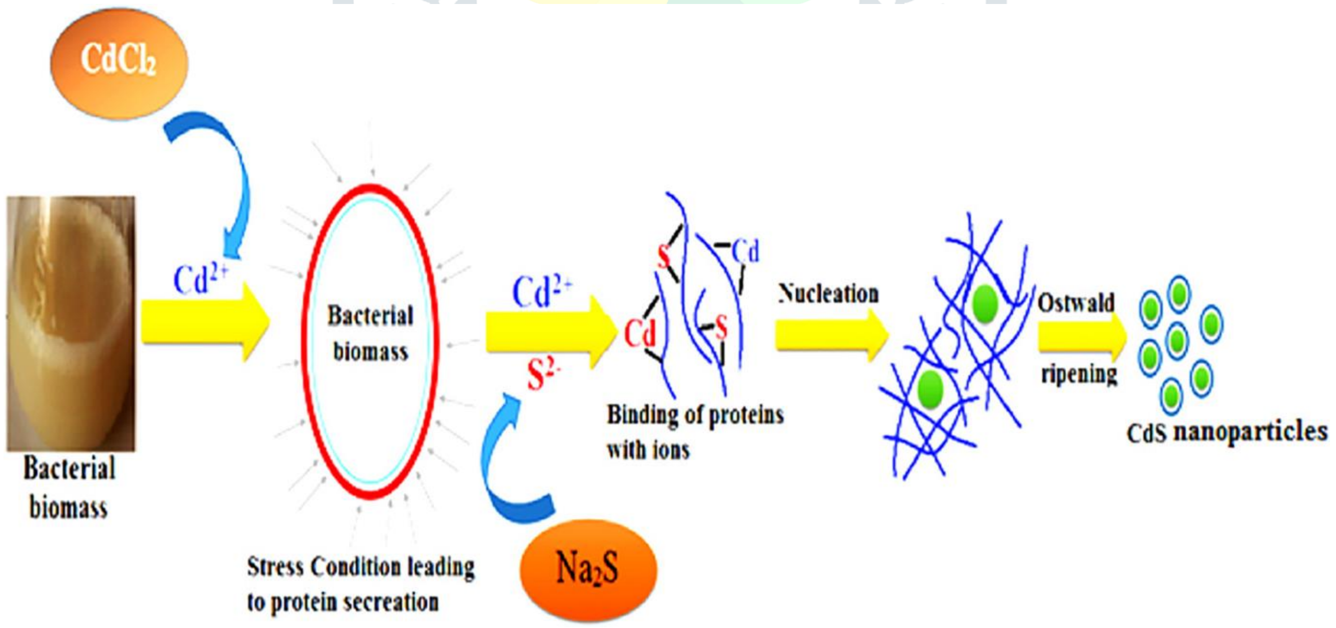

Fig.2 : Green synthesis mechanism of CdSNPs(17)

2.2. Fungi

The manufacture of metallicNPs by fungi is also a very effective method for producing monodispersedNPs with well-defined morphologies. Because of the presence of a range of intracellular enzymes, they are more effective biological agents for the synthesis of metal and metal oxide NPs(18).When compared to bacteria, competent fungus can synthesise more NPs (19). Furthermore, because of the presence of enzymes/proteins/reducing components on their cell surfaces, fungi have several advantages over other species (20). Enzymatic reduction (reductase) in the cell wall or inside the fungal cell is the most likely mechanism for the creation of metallic NPs. Many fungal species are utilised to synthesise metal/metal oxide NPs such as silver, gold, titanium dioxide, and zinc oxide.

2.3.Yeast

Yeasts are single-celled microorganisms that can be found in eukaryotic cells. (21). More than 1000 yeast species have been found so far. Numerous research groups have reported successful production of NPs/ nanomaterials using yeast. A silver-tolerant yeast strain and Saccharomycescerevisiae broth were used to biosynthesise silver and gold NPs.The metabolic activity of F. oxysporum changed silver nitrate into Ag oxide, resulting in welldispersedNPs. Trichodermaviride has been found to synthesise AgNPs from Ag nitrate solution (22). Fusariumoxysporum has been utilised to create extremely stable Ag NPs ranging in size from 5 to 15nm (23).

2.4.Plants:

Plants have the capacity to collect heavy metals in many regions of their bodies. As a result, biosynthesis approaches based on plant extracts have gained popularity as a simple, efficient, cost-effective, and viable way for producing NPs, as well as an ideal alternative to traditional preparation methods. Several plants can be used to decrease and stabilise metallic NPs in a "one-pot" production procedure. Many researchers have used a green synthesis approach to generate metal/metal oxide NPs from plant leaf extracts in order to further investigate their different uses. Plants include biomolecules (such as carbohydrates, proteins, and coenzymes) that have a high potential for converting metal salts into NPs. Gold and silver metal NPs, like other biosynthesis methods, were initially explored in plant extract-assisted synthesis. Various plants, including aloe vera (Aloe barbadensis Miller), oat (Avenasativa), alfalfa (Medicagosativa), tulsi (Osimum sanctum), lemon

(Citrus limon), neem (Azadirachtaindica), coriander (Coriandrumsativum),and mustard (Brassicajuncea),etc,In mustard (Brassicajuncea), lucerne (Medicagosativa), and sunflower (Helianthus annuus), in vivo production of NPs such as zinc, nickel, cobalt, and copper was also seen (24).ZnONPs have also been generated using a wide range of plant leaf extracts, including coriander (Coriandrumsativum) (25) and crown flower (Calotropis gigantean)(26)Copper leaf (Acalyphaindica) (27), China rose (Hibiscus rosa-sinensis) (28), Green Tea (Camellia sinensis) (29), and aloe leaf broth extract (Aloe barbadensis Miller) (30) are all examples of natural antioxidants. Iravani's et al. study(31) provides a detailed summary of plant materials used in the production of NPs.The capacity of NPs to form metastable aqueous suspensions or aerosols in environmental fluids determines their environmental dispersion and transport.

The stability of NPs in the environment may thus be assessed by assessing their tendency to agglomerate or interact with the surrounding fluids. Aggregation is a time-dependent phenomenon connected with particle collision rate, but suspension stability is mostly influenced by particle size and affinity towards other environmental elements. The "green" synthesis of AgNPs from tea leaf extraction was found to be stable after entering the aquatic environment (32). Similarly, the stability of AgNPs (in aqueous medium) produced utilising plant extracts and plant metabolites was validated by the resultant material (33). Surface complexation has also been shown to influence the intrinsic stability of NPs through influencing colloidal stability. The nature and stability of NPs were theoretically predicted using a mechanistic knowledge of surface complexation mechanisms (34). The colloidal stability (or rate of dissolution) of NPs can be controlled by altering particle size and surface capping, or by using functionalization procedures (35,36) When considering the environmental effect or toxicity of NPs, transformation is an important feature to consider. Sulfurization of AgNPs, for example, considerably lowered their toxicity due to the lower solubility of silver sulphide (37). Similarly, the introduction of biocompatible stabilising agents (e.g., biodegradable polymers and copolymers) has opened up a "greener" path for nanomaterial surface engineering. In situ synthesis of AuNPs capped with Korean red ginseng root(38) for example, can provide outstanding stability. Aside from surface chemistry, additional major structural characteristics impacting nanomaterial toxicity include nanomaterial size, shape, and composition (39). Toxicity testing of AgNP synthesised from plant leaf extracts revealed that the AgNP chemical treatment for activation resulted in higher seed germination rates than the matching control treatments. Toxicity testing of AgNP synthesised by plant leaf extracts improved seed germination rates in the AgNP chemical treatment for activation than the comparable control treatments (40).

3. Application:

In recent years, there has been a major shift in the attention of researchers in green nanotechnology, as well as an increase in the number of scientific publications.GreenNPs have varying effects on the use of metallic NPs. They play an important role in extending the usability of NPs in the pharmaceutical industry, in particular.Nanosizedligno-cellulosic materials are obtained from harvests and trees, opening up a new market for imaginative and valuable nano-sized materials and products. The use of NPs in this sector includes nano-fertilizer, nano-pesticides intertwined with nano-herbicides, nano-coating, and so on.Ag-NPs in dentistry have been used in dental equipment and swabs.The use of Ag-NPs into orthodontic glue can improve or maintain the shear bond nature of the cement while increasing its resistance to microorganisms. AuNPs have gotten a lot of attention as an X-ray distinction specialist because of their high X-ray retention coefficient, ease of engineering control, nontoxicity, surface functionalization for colloidal dependability, and concentration on conveyance.AuNPs' diverse qualities, including as exceptional optical and physicochemical properties, biocompatibility, viable flexibility, controlled dispersity, and nontoxicity, make them an appealing nano-carrier in drug delivery systems.Metallic NPs have been used to detect heavy metal ions in contaminated water systems due to their variable size and distance-dependent optical characteristics (41,42). The benefits of utilising metal NPs as colorimetric sensors for heavy metal ions in environmental systems/samples are ease of use, low cost, and high sensitivity at sub-ppm levels. Karthiga et al. (43) synthesised AgNPs from diverse plant extracts for use as colorimetric sensors for heavy metal ions such as cadmium, chromium, mercury, calcium, and zinc (Cd^{2+}, Cr^{3+}, Hg^{2+}, Ca^{2+}, and Zn^{2+}) in water.Their as-prepared Ag NPs demonstrated colorimetric detection of zinc and mercury ions (Zn^{2+} and Hg^{2+}).Similarly, AgNPs synthesised from fresh and dried mango leaves (fresh, MF-AgNPs and sun-dried, MD-AgNPs) displayed selective sensing for mercury as well as lead ions (Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+}).In addition, AgNPs derived from pepper seed extract and green tea extract (GT-AgNPs) shown selective sensing characteristics for Hg^{2+}, Pb^{2+}, and Zn^{2+} ions (43).

4.Conclusion:

In conclusion, due to environmental considerations, the green approach is preferred over standard approaches for NP synthesis. The traditional techniques of producing NPs are expensive and create highly hazardous products, the need of the hour is to lessen the danger of toxicity in the environment from the many chemicals employed in physical and chemical procedures. "Green synthesis" is one of the alternative ways discovered for developing NPs.In this study, we focused on biological NP synthesis techniques that include microorganisms such as algae, fungus, and plants. Green NPs have several uses in disciplines such as dentistry, medicines, bio-sensing, and many more. The majority of plant-based goods may be produced locally utilising indigenous resources in underdeveloped nations where that material is found exclusively. People in Africa, for example, can utilise sorghum barn.

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