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Green Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles from *Salacia chinensis* and Analysis of its Antioxidant and Antimicrobial Potential

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In the current era of research Green synthesized nanoparticles are playing a vital role in medicine and other field. The current research was concentrated on green synthesis of Ag-NPS' by exploiting Salacia chinensis leaf extract. The leaf extract was synthesized by boiling water method, followed by incubation at room temperature in light conditions (usually synthesis of AgNPs are carried out in dark) in AgNO₃ solution. Synthesized particles were characterized using XRD, SEM-EDX, FTIR and UV-Vis spectroscopy. This reveled that synthesized particle had a size of 56 to 151nm, face centered cubic - crystalline structure, with polymorphic shape; rod, spherical, round and polygonal. The antioxidant potential of the synthesized nanoparticles was compared against crude extract using DPPH assay, it was found that G-AgNPs has potent scavenging activity than crude. Antibacterial potential of the particles tested against E. coli, Vibrio sp, Salmonella sp, Candida albicans and Candida tropicalis by micro-titer plate method, showed that the G-AgNPs had moderate growth inhibition on E. coli but Vibrio sp. and Salmonella sp. showed more resistance but potent antifungal activity against C. albicans and C. tropicalis, which are found to be resistant to clinical antifungal agents like Fluconazole. These findings could lead to a better understanding of the antifungal properties of AgNPs synthesized through green synthesis mode using Salacia chinensis, also this could pave way to developing better drugs for resistant pathogenic yeasts and bacterial strains.