

Edible Mushroom assisted synthesis and applications of metal nanoparticles: A comprehensive review

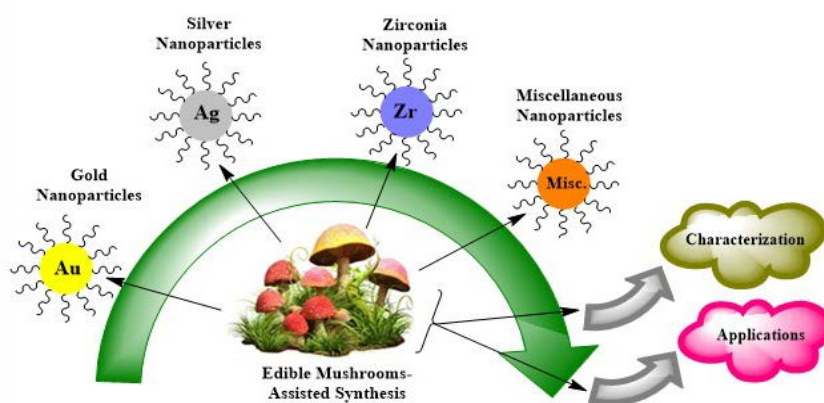
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ABSTRACT

Edible mushrooms have been used as either reducing or stabilizing agents in the biological process of synthesis of nanoparticles. The mushroom-assisted synthesis has been reported to produce large quantities of proteins and has the characteristic large yield and low toxicity issues. The nanoparticles derived from them are coated with special coatings that protect them from external environment, thus improving their life span and stability. This review describes the various mushrooms that assisted in the synthesis of nanoparticles such as silver, gold, zirconia and their tentative use in various biological aspects have been discussed. Moreover, the characterization of various nanoparticles using analytical techniques has also been highlighted.



Keywords: Edible mushrooms, nanoparticles, gold nanoparticles, silver nanoparticles, zirconia nanoparticles, biosynthesis.

INTRODUCTION

Natural products are the hub for various bioactives that possess various medicinal properties.¹⁻⁵ Natural products are shown to possess anticancer, antimalarial, antimicrobial, analgesic, anti-Alzheimer, anti-Parkinson, and wound healing effect.⁶⁻¹² Out of them, mushrooms are one of the rich sources of bioactives. Mushrooms have been used for therapeutic interventions as well as as source of food. They have been reported in earlier texts such as *Materia Medica* for their use in diseases and ailments. They are rich in polysaccharides and have active moieties needed for immune response. They contain high nutritional value-based ingredients such as vitamins, protein, etc. but it lacks cholesterol.¹³ Mushrooms as such do not belong to any taxonomic category. But researchers

had tried to name it as the macro fungus that has a budding fruitful body that can be seen through the naked eye and can be sensed through organoleptic evaluation. There are over 20,000 varieties of mushrooms but only 10% of them have been explored. The edible class of mushrooms that have shown therapeutic potential included the *Lentinus*, *Auricularia*, *Hericium*, *Grifola*, *Flammulina*, *Pleurotus*, *Ganoderma*, *Trametes* and *Tremella*. The mushroom known as *Pleurotus* has been reported to possess medicinal properties such as anticancer, antioxidant, and antitumor properties.

Owing to the diverse range of active substances that can be derived from mushrooms, they have been browbeaten by investigators for the amalgamation of nanoparticles from them. The proteins of mushrooms had been utilized in the synthesis of metallic nanoparticles such as Ag, Au, etc. Many researchers have developed nanoparticles using mushrooms for therapeutic applications as shown in Table 1. The main benefit of using mushrooms as factories of Nanoparticle synthesis is due to the presence and release of a higher number of extracellular enzymes that further act as a stabilizing agent for synthesis.¹⁴⁻¹⁹ The chemicals secreted by mushrooms during nanoparticle synthesis are also able to reduce the toxicity arising from it. When nanoparticle synthesis is carried out in bacterial cell the nanoparticles does not

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remain localized, instead, they interact with the bacterial cell wall and create toxicity to cells.^{20,21}

A mushroom has high metal binding capacity in comparison to bacteria and hence has gained wider exposure. Various mushrooms with various types of nanoparticles produced from them have been tabulated as per Table 1.

Table 1. Literature survey of various edible mushrooms and nanoparticles produced from them.

Mushrooms	Medicinal property	Type of nanoparticles	Ref.
<i>Pleurotussajor-caju</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	22
<i>Pleurotusflorida</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	23
<i>Agaricusbisporus</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	24
<i>Calocybe indica</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	
<i>Ganoderma lucidum</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	
<i>Pleurotusostreatus</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	
<i>Pycnoporussanguineus</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	25
<i>Schizophyllum commune</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	
<i>Pycnoporussanguineus</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	
<i>Schizophyllum commune</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	26
<i>Pleurotusflorida</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	27
<i>Ganoderma lucidum</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	28
<i>Pleurotus giganteus</i>	Antibacterial	AgNPs	29
<i>Pleurotusostreatus</i>	Antifungal	AgNPs	30
<i>Pleurotuscornucopiae var. citrinopileatus</i>	Antifungal	AgNPs	31
<i>Polyporus rhinoceros</i>	Anticancer	SeNPs	32
<i>Ganoderma neo-japonicum</i>	Anticancer	AgNPs	33
<i>Pleurotusdjamor var. roseus</i>	Anticancer	AgNPs	34

SILVER NANOPARTICLES

Silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) are formerly used as an active drug moiety in gene therapy, targeted drug transport, and artificial implants, as well as the diagnostic agent for sensing and imaging in the early stages of various diseases.^{35–38} They may be produced efficaciously via several synthesis techniques, including heating methods, ionizing radiation, laser irradiation, and radiolysis. These approaches for the processing of nanomaterials are expensive and environmentally unfriendly. The use of *Pleurotusflorida* extract, edible mushroom, and silver nitrate (AgNO₃) salt in the synthesis of stable biofunctionalized AgNPs via photo-irradiation and reaction

mixture exposed directly to the sunlight, is an attempt to establish an environmentally friendly process for AgNPs synthesis.²⁷ The mycosynthetic system used to biosynthesize the Ag nanoparticles has numerous benefits over the chemical approaches, including higher biosafety, non-toxicity, and being eco-friendly to the environment.³⁹

The *Pleurotus* sp. is among the most popular medicinal and edible mushrooms, as it comprises of several active composites. *P. ostreatus*, *P. florida*, and *P. sajorcaju* are generally used in AgNPs synthesis. The oyster mushroom engaged as first amongst the macrofungi in nanoparticle synthesis and their utilizations. Among all metallic nanoparticles, AgNPs are the most common which are synthesized from this mushroom. These silver nanoparticles exhibit inhibitory effects towards several pathogenic microorganisms, yeasts, and molds and are used to confiscate textile dyes, as well as in cancer treatment.⁴⁰

The initial research on nanoparticle synthesis via edible mushrooms with proteins from the spent mushroom substrate to form AgNPs, which is accompanied by different extracts from mycelium and mushroom fruiting bodies. A modest application for the formation of AgNPs in core-shell via SMS (spent mushroom substrate) exposed to an organic surface, which reduces the Ag⁺ and form the AgNPs stabilization via secreted mushroom protein. After 24 hours, the AgNO₃ solution incubated with SMS turned yellow, suggesting the development of stable Ag-NPs (Silver nanoparticles).⁴¹

Although the mechanism of AgNPs synthesis is unknown, recent researches suggest that the intracellular synthesis of silver nanoparticles is linked to nitrate reductase, which releases an electron from NADH that converts Ag⁺ to Ag⁰, resulting in the creation of NAD⁺. The extracellular synthesis of silver nanoparticles is linked to the reduction of Ag⁺ via natural organic mycomaterials e.g., proteins, enzymes, polysaccharides, amino acids, etc.⁴⁰ as illustrated in Figure 1.

Roy et al. synthesized silver nanoparticles using the enoki mushroom water extract and integrated them with Starch/agar-based functional films for active packing applications.⁴² The integration of nanoparticles showed strong antibacterial action against food-borne bacteria such as *L.monocytogenes* and *E.Coli*. Also due to the presence of silver nanoparticles, the water vapor barrier and hydrophobicity of films got enhanced. Similarly, Li et al. studied the extraction of silver nanoparticles from *Aspergillus terreus*.⁴³ The formation of silver nanoparticles was monitored using UV Spectroscopy as shown in Figure 2.

GOLD NANOPARTICLES

The synthesis of gold nanoparticles has been fascinated as a major consideration because of their incipient utilizations in various fields such as biomedicines, biosensors, and bioimaging.^{44,45} Because of their high Fermi potential, metal nanoparticles, especially AuNPs have excellent catalytic properties. The yellowish color of the solution of gold ions worn as the color of mushroom stripe turned to the pinkish-red color, suggesting the development of intracellular gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) and the aqueous solution gradually turned out to be colorless, demonstrating no formation of extracellular gold nanoparticles.⁴⁶

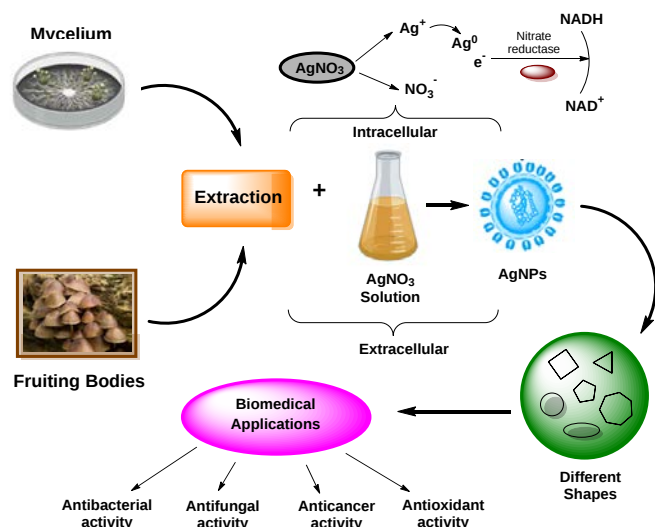


Figure 1. Synthesis of silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) by using the edible mushrooms.

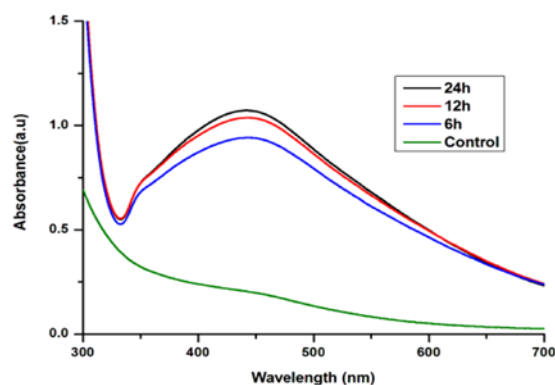


Figure 2. The UV-Vis spectra recorded for the reaction of fungal cell filtrate with AgNO_3 solution. Reproduced with permission from Ref ⁴³(under creative common licence).

They display surface plasmon resonance (SPR), Rayleigh scattering, and surface-enhanced Raman scattering (SERS), making them useful in medicinal fields, catalysis, and optoelectronics.⁴⁷

Mushrooms are widely recognized as a high proteinaceous food, containing more than 75% protein. Oyster mushroom (*Pleurotus Sp.*) is a virtuous source of riboflavin, in addition to proteins.⁴⁸ Riboflavin plays a vital role in bound coenzymes to form flavin mononucleotide (FMN) and flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD), which aid as the catalysts for several oxidation and reduction reactions. It is known that flavins (i.e., flavoproteins) existing in the extract of mushrooms are reliable for reducing Au ions into AuNPs. When exposed to sunlight, the reaction mixture absorbs the photons of energy, and flavins in the reaction mixture become excited and act as oxidizers or electron donors. This supplies a robust indication for the renovation of Au^+ to Au^0 . In addition, the presence of protein is alleged to cap the AuNPs produced, making them biofunctionalized and stable.⁴⁹

Gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) have been manufactured by the reduction of chloroauric acid with glucan, eluted from *Pleurotus florida*, an edible mushroom. Glucan serves as the stabilizing agent

well as the reducing agent. This synthesis specified that the size distribution of AuNPs altered with a variation in the concentration of chloroauric acid (HAuCl_4).⁵⁰ The representation of the pathway for gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) synthesis is shown in Figure 3.

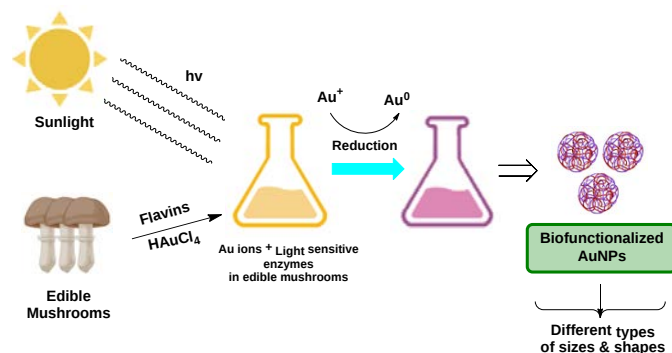


Figure 3. Synthesis of gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) by using edible mushrooms.

To determine the existence of Au-NPs, tinny slices of fungal mycelium have been examined underneath a field emission-scanning electron microscope (FE-SEM) with subordinate electron detectors at 15 kV voltage. The fundamental investigation of mushroom mycelia has been done by energy-dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDS) that is coupled with scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The amount of gold deposited within mushroom mycelia is determined by inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES).⁵¹

The core-shell morphology of Au-NPs is determined by using FTIR spectroscopy. The AFM technique is employed to investigate the surface morphology of AuNPs. The size and exact location of accumulated AuNPs in mushroom mycelium are determined via transmission electron microscopy (TEM), indicating that the formed nanoparticles are of uneven shape. The size and shape of gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) are regulated via deviations in temperature conditions and the relative concentration of extract about metal ions.⁵²

ZIRCONIA NANOPARTICLES

Zirconia is a technologically significant material with excellent natural color, transformation durability, higher strength and chemical stability, corrosion resistance, and chemical, and microbial resistance. Zirconia is an amphoteric element, which means it can be both acidic and basic. The more notable feature of zirconia is its steadiness under reducing circumstances, making it a valuable material in the catalytic region.⁵³

Zirconium dioxide (ZrO_2), also known as zirconia, is a white color powder, that exists in three different polymorphic forms i.e., monoclinic, cubic, and tetragonal. The monoclinic phase of zirconia is constant below 1170 °C, and exists in the tetragonal phase between 1170 °C and 2370 °C, whereas above 2370 °C, zirconia renovates into the cubic phase.⁵⁴ Zirconium is used in a variety of applications including, structural reinforcement, adsorption, photodegradation, and antimicrobial agents.⁵⁵ ZrO_2 NPs have sparked a lot of research interest among transition metal oxide nanoparticles because of their specific catalytic, thermal, electrical,

mechanical, optical, sensing, and biocompatible properties.⁵⁶ They have been used in solid oxide fuel cells, solar cells, bone implants, nitrogen oxide, and oxygen gas sensors. Because of their long-term stability and strong oxygen ion transport capabilities, the stabilized zirconia nanoparticles are well-equipped for higher-temperature energy conversion systems.⁵³

The usage of zirconium NPs in biological fields is rapidly growing. They are generally used as the drug delivery carriers for several medications such as aspenicillin, itraconazole, alendronate, and zoledronate as well as gene delivery carriers with target specificity.^{57,58} Zirconia nanoparticles have been synthesized by using several physicochemical approaches including, sol-gel synthesis, hydrothermal methods, and aqueous precipitation methods, and require the conditions of higher pressure and temperature. Biological methods for the synthesis of zirconia nanoparticles have more benefits because they use an environmentally friendly approach at mild pH, temperature, and pressure, as well as at significantly lower costs without the explosion of any toxic waste to the environment.⁵⁹

Zirconia NPs might be formed via challenging the fungus i.e., *Fusarium oxysporum* with aqueous ZrF_6^{2-} anions; extracellularly protein-mediated hydrolysis of anionic complexes outcomes in the simplistic synthesis of nano-crystalline zirconia at room temperature.⁶⁰ Furthermore, zirconium NPs have been synthesized via leaf extract of *Eucalyptus globulus* with spherical morphology in the range of 9-11 nm. These zirconia nanoparticles displayed a higher antioxidant potential, strong antibacterial activity against using the disc diffusion method as well as remarkable anticancer activity toward human lung (A-549) cancer cell lines and human

colon (HCT-116) cancer cell lines by using MTT and DPPH assays, respectively.^{57,61} The figurative demonstration of the pathway for zirconia nanoparticle synthesis is depicted in Figure 4.

MISCELLANEOUS NANOPARTICLES

The “green” methodology for the synthesis of nanoparticles, which is promptly substituting conventional chemical synthesis, is of prodigious curiosity due to its environmental-friendly nature, economical views, feasibility, and applications in numerous areas including, nano-medicines and catalysis medicines.¹⁶

The myogenesis of nanoparticles has been discovered to be an effective and appropriate method for the production of several nanoparticles with considerable potential and their utilities in various fields such as food, medicines, agriculture, textiles, optics, electronics, and cosmetics.¹⁵ Since fungi and yeasts are efficient extracellular enzyme secretors and numerous varieties develop quickly; culturing and maintaining them in the laboratories is facile and simple. By using intracellular or extracellular reducing enzymes, edible mushrooms may produce metal-NPs and nanostructures.¹⁶ Several mushroom-active materials are capable of forming the nanoparticles. Many investigators have examined several mushroom elements including, enzymes, proteins, polysaccharides, and complexes of polysaccharide-proteins as the sources for metal reduction and nanoparticle stabilization in addition to the mushroom extract.⁶² Roy et al. synthesized sulfur nanoparticles from the facile acid hydrolysis process of enoki mushrooms with a size range of 20 nm.⁶³ The nanoparticles were further integrated with the Gelatin-cellulose nanofiber for food-packing applications. The presence of sulfur nanoparticles enhanced the mechanical and UV protection activity of the film. The films were further characterized using the FESEM, FTIR, Mechanical properties, and vapor barrier activities. Green synthesis of multifunctional and spherical Palladium nanoparticles (Pd NPs) using *Agaricus bisporus* (mushroom) fungus was recently described.⁶⁴ Until a brown hue formed, indicative of the development of Pd NPs, the mushroom was mixed with Pd (II) ions at a ratio of 1:9 at room temperature to synthesize the NPs. The loss of UV/Vis absorbance at 405 nm, corresponding to Pd (II) ions, was used as evidence for the production of Pd NPs. The synthesized Pd NPs had a size of 13 nm and a zeta potential of 24.3 mV, making them very stable. Both Gram-positive *Streptococcus pyogenes* and Gram-negative *Enterobacter aerogenes* were killed by these compounds to a substantial degree. The manufactured NPs were also shown to be biocompatible with RBCs and to exhibit antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.

Recently, the biological synthesis of NPs has gained a lot of consideration via several biological tools like extracts of plants and microorganisms as the stabilizing and reducing agents. These synthesized nanoparticles have been characterized by using Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), Fourier Transform Infrared (FT-IR), Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM), Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS), and Energy Dispersive X-ray (EDX) method.

In mushroom studies, two species i.e., *Coriolus versicolor* and *Pleurotus ostratus* are utilized prominently to produce the cadmium nanoparticles (Cd-NPs). Cd-NPs are successfully formed by using a solution of extracellular biomass of *Caribena versicolor* and

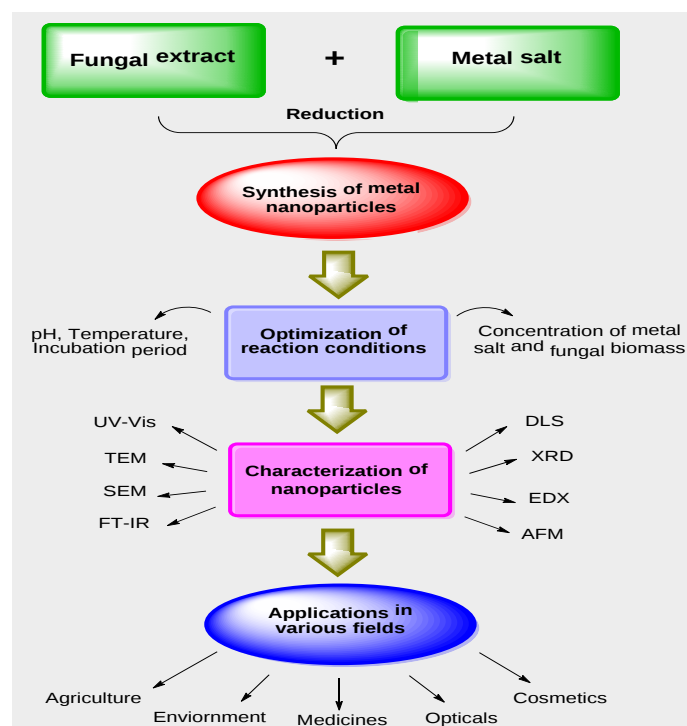


Figure 4. Synthesis of Zirconia nanoparticles by using edible mushrooms

cadmium sulfide.⁶⁵ Selenium nanoparticles (SeNPs) have recently become a new goal of research since, they exhibit excellent bioavailability, lower toxicity, and remarkable anticancer activity.⁶⁶ Highly stable SeNPs have been efficaciously produced via mushroom polysaccharide-protein complexes (PSPs) that are eluted from the sclerotia of *Pleurotus tuber-regium*. Furthermore, these novel SeNPs are significantly inhibiting the growth of tumor progression concomitantly in patients of breast carcinoma and MCF-7 cancer cell lines by inducing apoptosis in a dose-dependent mode, without showing any cytotoxicity to the normal cells which signify that their cytotoxicity is cancer-specific.⁶⁷

Table 2. Literature survey of various techniques enlisted with property to be determined for nanoparticle characterization.

Property of Nanoparticles	Techniques employed	Ref.
Particle morphology	Transmission electron microscopy	68,69
	Scanning electron microscopy	70,71
	Freeze fracture electron microscopy	72,73
	High-resolution transmission electron microscopy	74
Surface hydrophilicity	Hydrophobic interaction chromatography	75,76
	Zeta potential measurement	77,78
Molecular weight and crystallinity	High-resolution mass spectroscopy	79,80
	Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry analysis	81,82
	Raman spectroscopy	83–85
	X-ray diffraction	86,87
Surface chemistry	Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy	88
	Nuclear magnetic resonance	89,90
	Mass spectroscopy	91,92
Thermal stability	Differential scanning calorimetric	93,94
	Thermogravimetric analysis	95,96

VARIOUS APPLICATIONS OF NANOPARTICLES

Applications of Silver Nanoparticles

Silver nanoparticles derived from edible mushrooms have been used for their antibacterial and antimicrobial action. The nanoparticles derived from *Ganoderma lucidum* extract showed DNA cleavage activity.⁹⁷ It becomes determined that the silver nanoparticles have been capable of reason the single stress DNA cleavage for 30 and 60min at distinction dilutions. The nanoparticles also showed strong antibacterial action against gram-positive microbes such as *S.aureus*, *E.hirae*, and *B.cereus*. Also, it

was able to inhibit the microbes belonging to the gram-negative class of bacteria and *C. albicans* fungus. Similarly, Arun et al. described the antimicrobial action of AgNPs synthesized *Schizophyllum commune* for their antimicrobial activity against the *E.Coli*, *B.subtilis*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and *Pseudomonas fluorescens*.²⁶ The NPs were also able to inhibit the growth of *Trichophytonsimii*, *Trichophyton mentagrophytes*, and *Trichophytonrubrum* significantly.

Researchers developed silver nanoparticles from the *fomitopsis pinicola* and it was found that they possess anticancer properties.⁹⁸ The silver nanoparticles caused deformities in cellular morphology. The nucleus of cells also got disintegrated and condensed as many of the cells were found to be dead. The dose-dependent action on tumor cells was observed as confirmed by the colorimetric assay. The main reason behind the cell death can be attributed due to the presence of program cell death, as the nucleus undergoes disintegration and DNA fragments after nanoparticle introduction.⁹⁹ Sanpui et al. described the mechanism of AgNPs that it interferes with the regular activity of cells and interferes with the equilibrium of the membrane inducing the formation of apoptotic signaling genes leading to cell death. Similarly, another group of researchers also reported the anticancer application of silver nanoparticles.^{100,101}

The silver nanoparticles derived from *Agaricus bisporus* fungi are also reported to possess photocatalytic, antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory activity.¹⁰² The nanoparticles showed better anti-inflammatory activity compared to aceclofenac. The silver nanoparticles have been found to impede the growth of biofilm formation and reduce the death rate of *Ruditapes philippinarum*.¹⁰³

Researchers synthesized silver nanoparticles derived from *Ganoderma lucidum* for the remedy of drug-resistant *E.coli* remotored from the catheter used for urinary tract infections.¹⁰⁴ The DPPH and ARP results showed comparable results in terms of the potency of free radical scavenging activity, in comparison to Quercetin. The AgNPs showed a reducing effect on tumor cell lines such as MDA-MB-231. Similarly, silver nanoparticles derived from *Ganoderma neo-japonicum Imazeki* showed anticancer activity.³³ Silver nanoparticles can produce Reactive oxygen species. Accumulation of a larger amount of ROS leads to oxidative damage.¹⁰⁵ The cells were equally treated with Doxorubicin and silver nanoparticles. As the intracellular production of ROS increased the levels of ROS generation in silver nanoparticles treated cells also increased. The results showed that ROS is an important factor for apoptosis in yeast cells. Silver nanoparticles are said to possess the antibacterial property of *S.aureus* and showed good inhibition characteristics.²⁴ Moreover, they also were exploited for their antibacterial and anti-inflammatory action on wounds.¹⁰⁶ Researchers synthesized silver nanoparticles using the *Pleurotus florida* mushroom extract.¹⁰⁷ The nanoparticles showed significant antibacterial activity against *Streptococcus pyogenes* (22.17 ± 0.66 mm), *Enterococcus faecalis* (16.54 ± 0.88 mm), *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (26.32 ± 0.88 mm), *Shigella flexneri* (27.21 ± 0.66 mm), *Candida albicans* (15.13 ± 0.33 mm) and *Aspergillus fumigatus* (14.89 ± 0.33 mm). The bactericidal activity was found to increase significantly with increasing synergistic AgNPs with mushroom extract concentration. Differences in cell

wall composition explain why AgNPs have different antibacterial actions on Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria. Because Ag⁺ ions are released from NPs and interact with bacterial enzymes, AgNPs exhibited a larger zone of inhibition. By interacting with thiol, carboxyl, hydroxyl, amino, phosphate, and imidazole groups in proteins and enzymes on bacterial membranes, green-synthesized AgNPs exert antibacterial action. This results in severe structural deformation of the cell membrane. Then, the AgNPs enter the cells through the porous membranes and inactivate the enzymes, causing the cells to suffocate, stop replicating, and die.¹⁰⁸

Applications of Gold Nanoparticles

Researchers prepared gold nanoparticles from *Agaricus bisporus* mushroom.¹⁰⁹ The nanoparticles thus prepared were able to degrade the decolorizing activity of Methylene blue and the decrease was showing a dose-dependent effect with decolorization at 97.98%. Similarly, another group of researchers prepared nanoparticles from the mushroom. The nanoparticles were able to reduce the methylene blue dye with a decolorization efficiency of 75.35% after 4h of treatment.¹¹⁰ The gold nanoparticles also showed inhibitory action against the various cancer lines such as A-549, K-562, and HeLa.⁴⁹ But no effect was observed against the Vero cell lines. Another group of researchers also showed the cytotoxic effect of mushrooms produced from *Inonotus obliquus* on the cancer cell lines such as MCF-1 and NCI-N87.¹¹¹ The anticancer activity of gold nanoparticles was also observed for the HepG2 and HCT-116 cells.¹¹² The nanoparticles showed alterations in the morphology of cells. The anticancer effect of AuNPs may be attributed due to irregular shape and functional groups attached to the surface. The gold nanoparticles, derived from *Pleurotus sajor-caju* showed antiproliferative properties in the case of colon cancer cell lines.¹¹³ The nanoparticles caused morphological alterations in the HCT-116 cell lines. The cells treated showed a loss in shape and cell adhesion capacity and got shrunk. Many studies supported evidence of the antiproliferative and anticancer effects on the HeLa cells, Hep-2 cell lines, and sarcoma 180.^{114–116} The nanoparticles derived from *Pleurotus florida* and *Hericium erinaceus* have been used as anticancer agents.¹¹⁷

Applications of other metallic nanoparticles

Dias et al., synthesized zinc nanoparticles based on *Cordyceps militaris*. The nanoparticles thus obtained showed 70-90% survival rate in lethality assay and possessed α -amylase and α -glucosidase inhibitory effects. Along with this the nanoparticles also showed antibacterial action on *P.aeruginosa*, *Shigella flexneri*, *P.vulgaris*.¹¹⁸ Zeng et al. studied the antiproliferative effect of selenium nanoparticles decorated with water-soluble polysaccharides of various mushrooms. The nanoparticles induced caspases and mitochondria-mediated apoptosis but doesn't affect neighboring organs.¹¹⁹ Similarly, Ali et al. also decorated selenium nanoparticles using proteins derived from protein precipitation of *Lentinus edodes* mushroom. The nanoparticles showed antifibrinolytic activity *invitro*.¹²⁰ Liu et al. studied the antifatigue effect of selenium nanoparticles derived from polysaccharides of *Lycium barbarum* (LBP).¹²¹ The effectiveness of LBP-decorated SeNPs in fighting tiredness was measured with a forced swimming test. After 30 days of storage, the findings revealed that LBP1-

SeNPs maintained an average particle size of around 105.4 nm, which is lower than that of LBP2-SeNPs and LBP3-SeNPs. All LBP1-SeNPs dose groups examined had a longer fatigue swimming time compared to the control group (p 0.05), with the high-dose group's duration being even noticeably longer than the positive group. LBP1-SeNPs alleviated tiredness by boosting glycogen reserve, raising antioxidant enzyme levels, and modulating metabolic process, as evidenced by measurements of glycogen, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), blood lactic acid (BLA), superoxide dismutase (SOD), and malondialdehyde (MDA).

CONCLUSION

Though the nanoparticles produced from myco-source are quite effective for their antibacterial and other medicinal action. But still, the toxicity level needs to be evaluated. There have been no extract guidelines for evaluating their effectiveness such that they can be standardized for normal human usage. Thus, there is a need to develop some regulatory framework for the development of evaluation techniques. The rate of production of nanoparticles depends on environmental factors too. One cannot say if mushrooms are grown from the same species, the place and quality of nutrition given also influences nanoparticle production. Thus, still, more clinical aspects need to be evaluated in the future time.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare no conflict of interest in this article.

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