

Optimization of Biological Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles by Some Yeast Fungi

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THREE strains of yeast fungi namely *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast), *Rhodotorula glutinis* and *Geotrichum candidum* were tested for their potency in biosynthesis of AgNPs by direct exposure to silver nitrate solution. Absorption UV-Visible light spectroscopy is used to follow up with the reaction process. Transmission electron spectroscopy (TEM) is used to produce detailed information on the progress of reduction of silver nitrate (formation of silver nanoparticles) on the nanosecond timescale. Our measurements indicate that extracellular biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles AgNPs by different yeast strains produce AgNPs with the diameters in the range of 2.5-20 nm. The three yeast strains are environmentally friendly microorganisms, and they are known for their formation of extracellular enzyme and metabolites in very large amounts, which could be utilized in AgNPs synthesis. The present work is undertaken with a view to accomplish controlled size and shape of AgNPs by making use of the yeasts to manipulate key parameters which control growth and other cellular activities.

Nanotechnology refers to the study of compounds of 100 nanometers or smaller in one dimension. Nanotechnology has a variety of applications in fields such as optics, electronics, bio-medicine, magnetics, mechanics, catalysis, energy science..., etc. Thus, developing different branches of nanotechnology confidently results in developing the related sciences, and is a consequential goal of scientific work⁽¹⁻³⁾.

Metal nanoparticles are very fine and strong particles which have many applications in different fields like medical imaging⁽⁴⁾ drug delivery⁽⁵⁾, electronics⁽⁶⁾, nanocomposites⁽⁷⁾, biolabeling^(8,9), biocide or antimicrobial agents⁽¹⁰⁾, filters⁽¹¹⁾, sensors⁽¹²⁾ and non-linear optics⁽¹³⁾.

Progress in the field of nanotechnology has been rapid and with the development of innovative synthesis protocols and characterization techniques⁽¹⁴⁾. But most of the synthesis methods are limited to synthesis of nanoparticles in small quantities and poor morphology⁽¹⁵⁾. Chemical and physical synthesis methods often result in

synthesis of a mixture of nanoparticles with poor morphology, and these methods also prove to be toxic to the environment due to the use of toxic chemicals and also of elevated temperatures for synthesis process^(16,17). There is an ever-growing need to develop clean, non-toxic, and environmentally friendly (green chemistry) synthetic procedures⁽¹⁸⁾. Biogenic synthesis of nanoparticles with controlled morphology needs more attention, as the biogenic synthesis of nanoparticles is carried out by using biological means like bacteria⁽¹⁹⁻²¹⁾, fungi⁽²²⁻²⁷⁾, actinomycetes^(28,29), lichens⁽³⁰⁾, algae^(31,32) ..., etc. The biogenic entities are found to secrete large amount of proteins which are found to be responsible for metal-ion reduction and morphology control⁽³³⁾. The microbial cultures are easy to handle and also the downstream processing of biomass is simpler as compared to the synthetic methods⁽³⁴⁾. Biogenic nanoparticles are toward a greener approach and environment friendly, as no toxic chemical is involved in synthesis, and also the synthesis process takes place at ambient temperature and pressure conditions^(35,36). Hence, a number of researchers are focusing toward the synthesis of biogenic nanoparticles compared with the chemically or physically synthesized nanoparticles⁽³⁷⁻⁴³⁾.

In the last decade, biosynthesis of metal nanoparticles is considered to be a new growing era to develop clean, nontoxic chemicals, environmentally benign solvents and renewable materials⁽⁴⁴⁾. Inspiration from nature comes through yeast, fungi, bacteria and plant extracts for the control synthesis of biocompatible metal and semiconductor nanoparticles^(45,46).

Biological system has a unique ability to be self-organized and synthesizes molecules that have highly selective properties. These properties make them a prospective tool that can be used to synthesize nanodevices, and many biological systems are able to create an interface with the materials using them. From the process and application point of view it would be useful if the nanoparticles could be formed extracellularly.

As a part of our on-going investigation into the bio-synthesis of AgNPs using yeast secreted enzymes and proteins, an extensive screening study was carried out involving three yeast strains to identify a biological system for the extracellular biosynthesis of AgNPs. The present work is undertaken with a view to accomplish controlled size and shape of AgNPs by making use of the yeasts to manipulate key parameters which control growth and other cellular activities.

Experimental

Materials for microbiological studies

Test yeasts

The test yeasts used were kindly provided from The Regional Center for Mycology and Biotechnology, AL-Azhar University, Nasr City, Cairo.

The yeasts were maintained on Czapek Dox Agar (CDA) slants.

Following is a list of the yeast strains those used through this work:

- 1- *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast).
- 2- *Rhodotorula glutinis*.
- 3- *Geotrichum candidum*.

Chemicals

Silver nitrate (AgNO_3), sodium nitrate (NaNO_3), magnesium sulfate penta hydrate ($\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$), potassium chloride (KCl), potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH_2PO_4), ferrous sulfate (FeSO_4), sucrose and agar were all of laboratory grade chemicals.

Culture media

The following media were used throughout this work. All the ingredient was dissolved in 1000 ml distilled water.

Czapek Dox Agar medium (CDA) (Maintenance medium): 2gm sodium nitrate, 0.5gm magnesium sulfate, 0.5gm potassium chloride, 1gm potassium dihydrogen phosphate, trace amount of ferrous sulfate, 20gm sucrose and 20gm agar were used as solidifying agent, the pH was adjusted at 6.5-7. They were used for maintenance of cultures. Stock cultures were maintained on CDA slants, kept in the refrigerator at (5-6 °C) and were subsequently re-cultured on the same medium each two weeks.

Fermentation media : The fermentation medium used in this research was Czapek Dox medium devoid of agar as a liquid medium. The pH of the overall medium components was adjusted to be 6.5-7. The ingredients of this medium were dissolved in fresh distilled water, and applied to 250 ml Erlenmeyer conical flasks each containing 50 ml of the medium was then sterilized at 121°C for 20 min.

Fermentation process

Three yeast strains were used. Inoculation was done in two replicates by adding 1 ml from 7 days old culture. Each yeast biomass was inoculated in two 250 ml Erlenmeyer conical flasks containing 50 ml of fermentation medium, and then incubated on a shaker incubator at 30 ± 2 °C at 150 rpm. First and second samples were removed after 72 and 96 hr, respectively, for using in synthesis of silver nanoparticles.

For each sample, the contents of the fermentation medium were centrifuged and separated to two components by decantation-centrifugation. The first component was the biomass and the second was the medium filtrate. The pH of resultant filtrate was determined.

Preparation of silver nanoparticles

Three different tries were being done for the synthesis of silver nanoparticles.

- a. Preparation of silver nanoparticles using biomass.
- b. Preparation of silver nanoparticles using biomass filtrate (supernatant).
- c. Preparation of silver nanoparticles using biomass and the biomass removed from silver nanoparticles preparation reaction medium after 30 min from addition of AgNO₃ to the reaction medium (the reaction preceded in the absence of biomass from the reaction medium).

Preparation of silver nanoparticles using biomass: Biomass was kept in silver nanoparticles preparation reaction medium till the reduction done. Three yeast strains are used throughout this work:

1- *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast).

2- *Rhodotorula glutinis*.

3- *Geotrichum candidum*.

For each yeast strain inoculation was done in two replicates by adding 1 ml from 7 days old culture. 1 ml biomass was inoculated into three duplicate 250 ml Erlenmeyer conical flasks containing 50 ml of fermentation medium, and then incubated on a shaker incubator at 30±2 °C at 150 rpm. First, second and third samples were removed after 24, 72 and 96 hr, respectively, for using in synthesis of silver nanoparticles.

For each sample, the biomass is recovered by decantation-centrifugation. Then the biomass washed extensively with fresh distilled water to remove any undesirable traces of the medium. The harvested biomass then re-suspended in 250 ml Erlenmeyer conical flask containing 100 ml fresh distilled water at pH 12. To this solution for each sample AgNO₃ (0.1m mol) was added in the presence of cells. After 24 hr the solution filtered (the filtration process was proceeded using filter paper Whitman No.1) to remove the cells and then subjected to U.V-Vis spectrophotometer.

Preparation of silver nanoparticles using biomass filtrate (supernatant):

The yeast cells from 72, 96 hr incubation period for each yeast strain are recovered from each sample by decantation-centrifugation. Then the biomass washed extensively to remove undesirable traces of the medium. The washed biomass then re-suspended in 250 ml Erlenmeyer conical flask containing 100 ml fresh distilled water and the pH adjusted to pH 12 and then kept in a shaker incubator at 30±2°C at 150 rpm for interval times 72 ,96 hr and then each sample centrifuged to remove the biomass by decantation-centrifugation.

The filtrate (supernatant) prepared is being used in the synthesis of silver nanoparticles as the following:

(0.1m mol) AgNO₃ was added to the supernatant (biomass filtrate) and kept for 24 hr. After 24 hr the samples for each strain show change in color and then subjected to U.V-Vis.

Preparation of silver nanoparticles using biomass and the biomass removed from silver nanoparticles preparation reaction medium after 30 min from addition of AgNO₃ to the reaction medium (the reaction preceded in the absence of biomass from the reaction medium)

For each yeast strain inoculation was done into two replicates by adding 1 ml from 7 days old culture. 1 ml biomass was inoculated into two duplicate 250 ml Erlenmeyer conical flasks containing 50 ml of fermentation medium, and then incubated on a shaker incubator at 30±2 °C at 150-200 rpm for time intervals. First and second samples were removed after 72 and 96 hr, respectively, for using in synthesis of silver nanoparticles.

For each sample, the biomass is recovered by decantation-centrifugation. Then the biomass washed extensively with fresh distilled water to remove any undesirable traces of the medium. The harvested biomass then re-suspended in 250 ml Erlenmeyer conical flask containing 100 ml fresh distilled water at pH 12. To this solution for each sample AgNO₃ (0.1m mol) was added in the presence of cells. After 30 min the solution filtered (the filtration process was proceeded using filter paper Whitman No.1) to remove the cells and then subjected to U.V-Vis spectrophotometer after 24 hr.

Instruments for characterization

The reduction of metal ions was routinely monitored by visual inspection of the solution, as well as, by UV-Visible light spectroscopy spectra and Transmission electron spectroscopy (TEM).

Ultra violet-visible (UV-Vis) spectra

Ultra violet-visible (UV-Vis) spectra has been proved to be quite sensitive to the formation of silver colloids because silver nanoparticles exhibit an intense absorption peak due to the surface plasmon excitation (it describes the collective excitation of conduction electrons in a metal). Silver nanoparticles were recorded in spectrophotometer from 300 to 700nm. The filtrate without adding silver nitrate was used as a blank.

Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM)

Particle size and shape were obtained with a JEOL-JEM-1200. Specimens for TEM measurements were prepared by dissolving a drop of colloid solution on a 400 mesh copper grid coated by an amorphous carbon film and evaporating the solvent in air at room temperature. The average diameter of the silver nanoparticles was determined from the diameter of 100 nanoparticles found in several arbitrariness chosen areas in enlarged microphotographs.

Results and Discussion

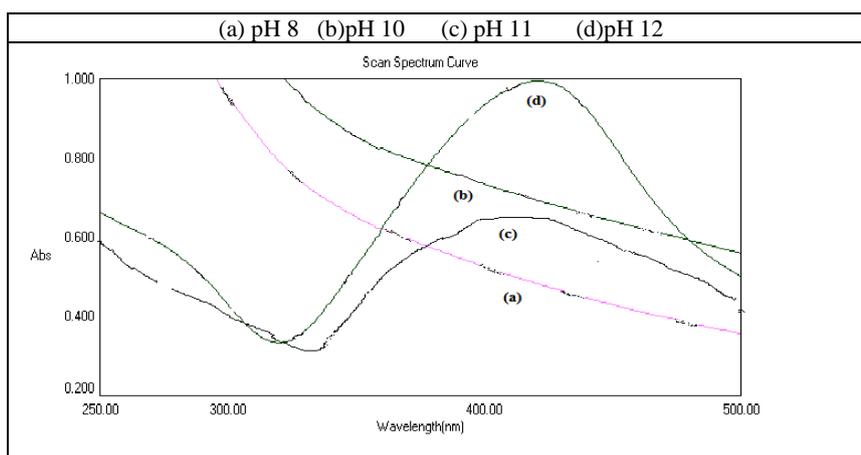
Preparation of silver nanoparticles using biomass

Study of the effect of pH on the process of the synthesis of silver nanoparticles

Figure 1 shows the effect of pH on stability of silver nanoparticles solution synthesized extracellularly by using the biomass of yeast strain *Saccharomyces*

cerevisiae (Baker's yeast) presented in 100 ml fresh distilled water. The pH of the biomass solution was adjusted to different values 8, 10, 11 and 12 using diluted solutions of NaOH (0.1N). After that 0.1 m mole of AgNO_3 was added to the biomass solution and vessels were kept under ambient conditions $\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 hr.

The results obtained from the figure indicate the following: (a) Increasing the pH of the biomass solution is accompanied by appreciable changes in the absorbance intensity, (b) the intensity of the absorbance bands increases by increasing the pH up to 12, (c) the color and UV-Vis spectra indicate that there is no reaction before the pH range 10-12, increasing the pH up to 11 is accompanied by improvement in the extent of reduction with broaden plasmon peak and shifted to higher wavelength *ca* 440 nm, (d) when the pH of 12 is targeted the bands become stronger and symmetrical, with a pronounced bell shape at wavelength of 410 nm, a band which could be assigned to the plasmon resonance of silver nanoparticles.



Reaction conditions: 100 ml of biomass solution, 0.1 m mole AgNO_3 ,
Temperature $\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$, Duration of 24hr.

Fig.1. The UV-Vis spectra of silver nanoparticles prepared by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast) at different pHs .

Obviously, from the data showed in Fig.1 the extreme stability of the Ag° nanoparticles is attained at higher pH (11-12) but at lower pH (8-10), the broadening of the absorbance with red shift of absorbance maxima is observed indicating the aggregation of particles. This could be attributed to the capping proteins secreted by the yeast strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. The so secreted proteins are sufficient enough for the formation of silver nanoparticles at higher pH. At lower pH on the other hand, the protein structure gets affected and the protein gets denatured and loses its activity.

Based on the above, it can be concluded that the proteins secreted by the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, in solution for capping of silver nanoparticles are stable in alkaline pH but not in acidic pH. This depicts the efficiency of the secreted proteins and enzymes as stabilizing and reducing agents in alkaline medium.

Study of the effect of the three different yeast strains incubation period on the synthesis of silver nanoparticles

For each yeast strain the effect of the incubation period was studied by the variation in the incubation period intervals 24, 48, 72 and 96 hr.

Figure 2 represents the U.V-Vis spectra for the AgNps solution prepared using the yeast strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast), *Geotrichum candidum* and *Rhodotorula glutinis* by the variation in the incubation time 24, 48, 72 and 96 hr.

From Fig.2, it is obvious that the best results obtained for the silver nanoparticles synthesis is 72 hr incubation period for the three strains.

Preparation of AgNPs by the use of biomass has a real defect as the formed AgNPs attached to the cell wall of biomass which decrease the resultant AgNPs solution concentration. In order to avoid this lack in yield biomass filtrate (supernatant) will be used in AgNPs synthesis.

Preparation of silver nanoparticles using biomass filtrate (supernatant) For yeast strain Saccharomyces cerevisiae (Baker's yeast)

Figure 3a represents the UV-Vis spectra of silver nanoparticles prepared using yeast strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* for incubation period 72 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 96 hr in 100 ml distilled water. Then biomass removed by decantation-centrifugation. After that 0.1 m mole AgNO_3 is added to the prepared filtrate (supernatant), temperature $\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$, Duration of 24 hr. After 72 hr from addition of (0.1m mol) AgNO_3 , the same solution re-subjected to U.V-Vis spectroscopy (Fig.3b) which shows that the solution of silver nanoparticles formed by this condition is not stable. Coagulation occurred to the formed nanoparticles by time. This indicates that there is lack in the capping protein.

Figure 4a represents The UV-Vis spectra of silver nanoparticles prepared using yeast strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* for incubation period 96 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 72 hr in 100 ml distilled water. Then biomass removed by decantation-centrifugation. After that 0.1 m mole AgNO_3 is added to the prepared filtrate (supernatant), temperature $\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$, duration of 24hr. After 72 hr from addition of (0.1m mol) AgNO_3 the same solution re-subjected to U.V-Vis spectroscopy (Fig.4b).

Figure 4 shows that the formed solution still stable by time and there is no change in the U.V-Vis spectra results.

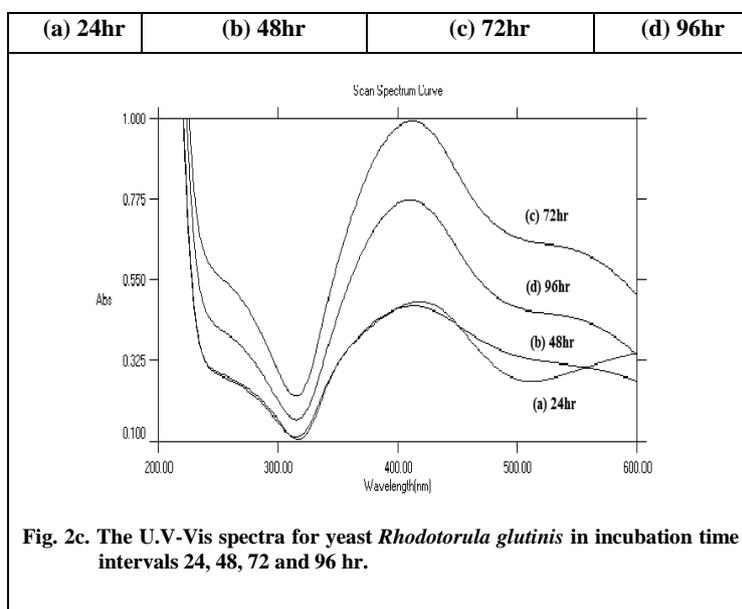
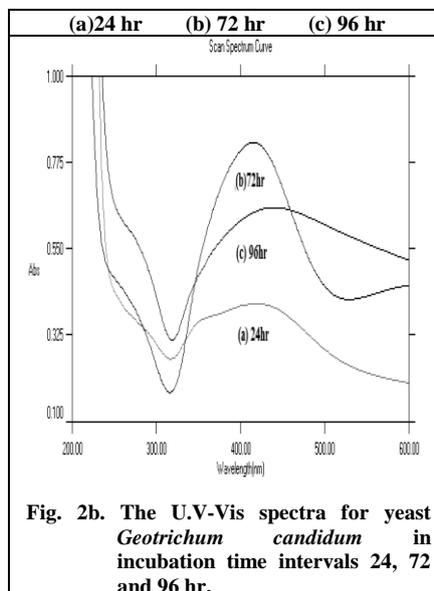
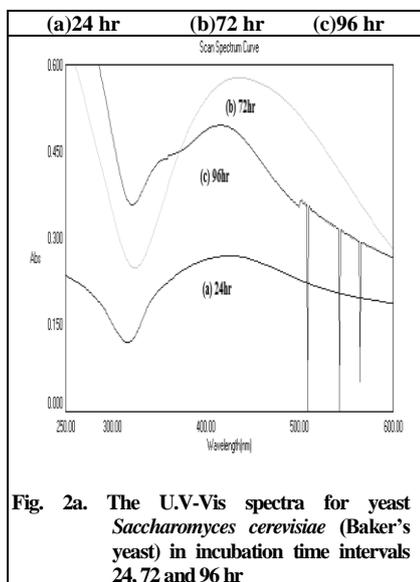
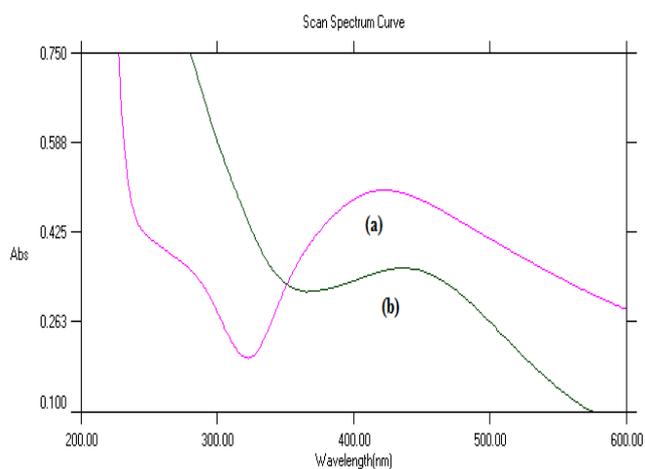
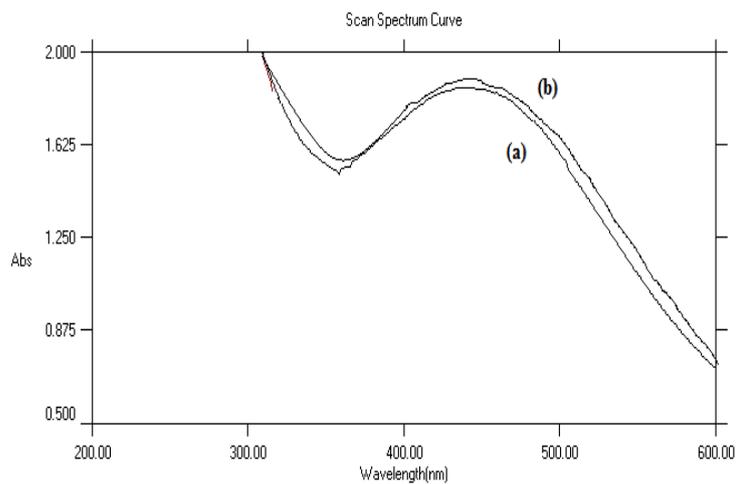


Fig. 2. Study of the effect of the three different yeast strains incubation period on the synthesis of silver nanoparticles.



Reaction conditions: 0.1m mole AgNO_3 , Temperature $\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$, pH 12 .

Fig.3 The UV-Vis spectra recorded as a function of time; for the biomass filtrate of yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* for incubation period 72 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 96 hr.



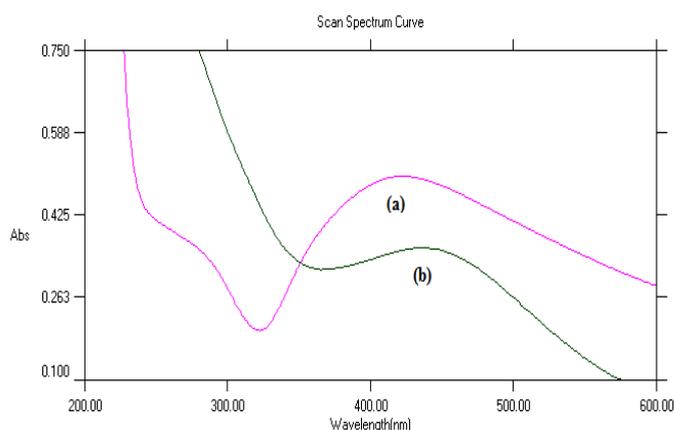
Reaction conditions: 0.1m mole AgNO_3 , Temperature $\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$, pH 12 .

Fig. 4. The UV-Vis spectra recorded as a function of time; for the biomass filtrate of yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* for incubation period 96 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 72 hr.

From Fig.3 and 4 for the yeast strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* in the formation of silver nanoparticles AgNps by using biomass supernatant (in the absence of biomass from the reaction medium) the best results obtained for incubation period 96 hr and the biomass harvested and re-suspended for 72 hr in 100 ml distilled water at pH 12 then (0.1 m mol) AgNO_3 added.

For yeast strain Geotrichum candidum

Figure 5a represent the UV-Vis spectra of silver nanoparticles prepared using yeast strain *Geotrichum candidum* for incubation period 72 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 96 hr in 100 ml distilled water. Then biomass removed by decantation-centrifugation. After that 0.1 m mole AgNO_3 is added to the prepared filtrate (supernatant), Temperature $\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$, Duration of 24hr. After 72 hr from addition of (0.1m mol) AgNO_3 , the same solution re-subjected to U.V-Vis spectroscopy. The following (Fig. 5) shows shifting of the peak to higher wavelength from 441 (nm) to 466 (nm) from that in Fig.5b. The solution of silver nanoparticles formed by this condition is not stable as coagulation occurred to the formed nanoparticles by time.

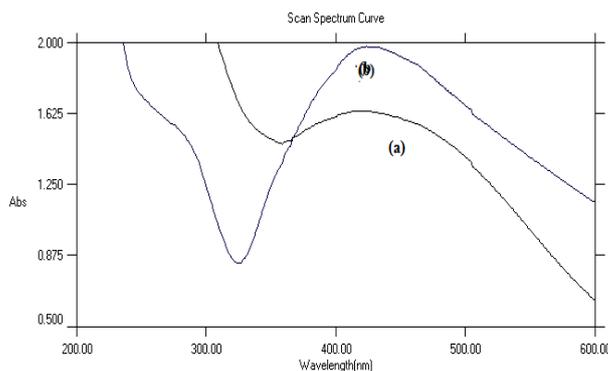


Reaction conditions: 0.1m mole AgNO_3 , Temperature $\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$, pH12 .

Fig. 5. The UV-Vis spectra recorded as a function of time; for the biomass filtrate of yeast *Geotrichum candidum* for incubation period 72 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 96 hr.

Figure 6a represents the UV-Vis spectra of silver nanoparticles prepared using yeast strain *Geotrichum candidum* for incubation period 96 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 72 hr in 100 ml distilled water. Then biomass removed by decantation-centrifugation. After that 0.1 m mole AgNO_3 is added to the prepared filtrate (supernatant), Temperature $\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$, Duration of 24hr. After 72 hr from addition of (0.1m mol) AgNO_3 , the same solution re-subjected

to U.V-Vis spectroscopy (Fig.6b). Figure 6 shows that in this condition the reaction (reduction of Ag^+ to AgNps) needs more time to be done.



Reaction conditions: 0.1m mole AgNO_3 , Temperature~25°C, pH 12.

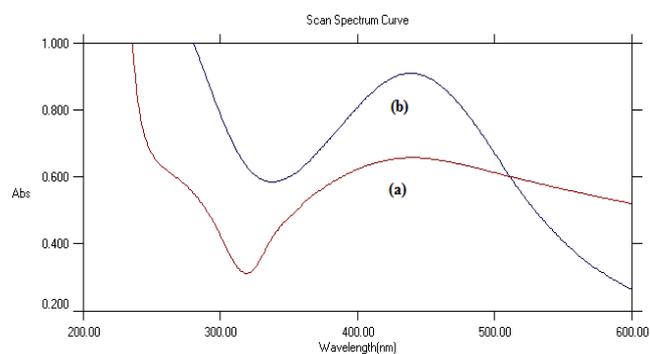
Fig. 6. The UV-Vis spectra recorded as a function of time; for the biomass filtrate of yeast *Geotrichum candidum* for incubation period 96 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 72 hr.

For yeast strain Rhodotorula glutinis

Figure 7a represents the UV-Vis spectra of silver nanoparticles prepared using yeast strain *Rhodotorula glutinis* for incubation period 72 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 96 hr in 100 ml distilled water. Then biomass removed by decantation-centrifugation. After that 0.1 m mole AgNO_3 is added to the prepared filtrate (supernatant), temperature ~ 25°C, Duration of 24 hr. After 72 hr from addition of (0.1m mol) AgNO_3 , the same solution re-subjected to U.V-Vis spectroscopy (Fig. 7b). Figure 7 shows that in this condition the reaction (reduction of Ag^+ to AgNps) needs more time to be done.

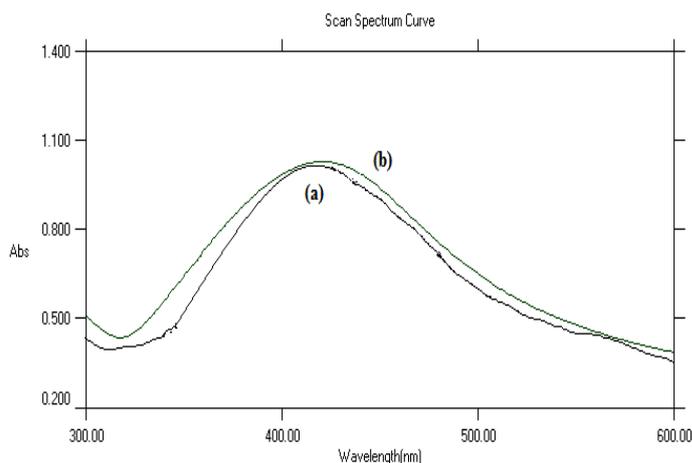
Figure 8a represents the UV-Vis spectra of silver nanoparticles prepared using yeast strain *Rhodotorula glutinis* for incubation period 96 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 72 hr in 100 ml distilled water. Then biomass removed by decantation-centrifugation. After that 0.1 m mole AgNO_3 is added to the prepared filtrate (supernatant), Temperature ~25°C, Duration of 24 hr. After 72 hr from addition of (0.1m mol) AgNO_3 the same sample re-subjected to U.V-Vis (Fig.8b). From the data showed in Fig. 8 it is clear that there is no change in the solution by time (solution is stable by time).

Preparation of AgNPs by biomass filtrate (supernatant) is very sophisticated as it needs much more time and several processing steps besides the obtained yield is less than that obtained by the use of biomass .



Reaction conditions: 0.1m mole AgNO_3 , Temperature~25°C, pH 12.

Fig. 7. The UV-Vis spectra recorded as a function of time; for the biomass filtrate of yeast *Rhodotorula glutinis* for incubation period 72 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 96 hr.



Reaction conditions: 0.1m mole AgNO_3 , Temperature~25°C, pH 12.

Fig. 8. The UV-Vis spectra recorded as a function of time; for the biomass filtrate of yeast *Rhodotorula glutinis* for incubation period 96 hr and the biomass re-suspended for 72 hr.

Preparation of silver nanoparticles using biomass and the biomass removed from silver nanoparticles reaction medium after 30 min from addition of AgNO_3 to the reaction medium (the reaction preceded in the absence of biomass from the reaction medium)

Figure 9a-c represents The U.V-Vis spectra for yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast), *Geotrichum candidum* and *Rhodotorula glutinis*, respectively after incubation period 72 hr and the cells removed from the reaction medium after 30min from the addition of (0.1m mol) AgNO_3 .

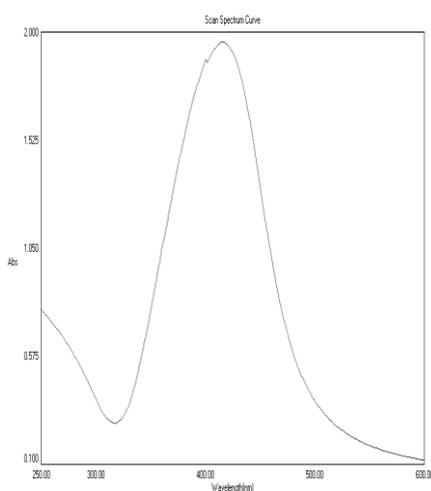


Fig.9a. The U.V-Vis spectra for yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast) in incubation time in 72 hr and the cells removed from the reaction medium after 30min from the addition of AgNO₃.

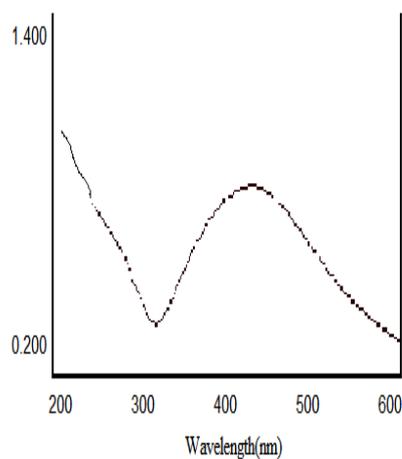


Fig.9b. The U.V-Vis spectra for yeast *Geotrichum candidum* in incubation time 72 hr and the cells removed from the reaction medium after 30min from the addition of AgNO₃.

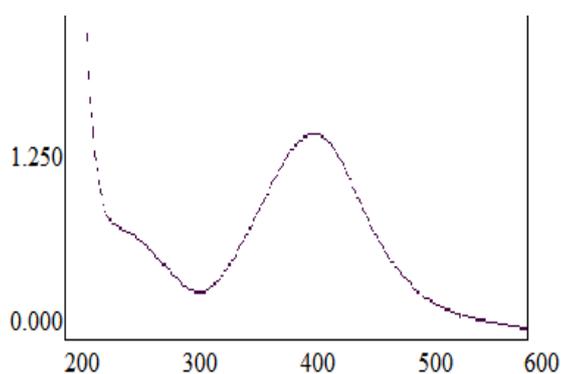


Fig. 9c. The U.V-Vis spectra for yeast *Rhodotorula glutinis* in incubation time 72 hr and the cells removed from the reaction medium after 30min from the addition of AgNO₃.

Fig.9. U.V-Vis spectra of AgNPs solution prepared by the third technique for the three yeast strains.

Figure 10a and b show the TEM micrograph and the particle size and particle size distribution, respectively, using 1 ml from 7 days old culture of yeast strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast), incubation period was 72 hr, addition of AgNO_3 done in the presence of cells. Biomass removed before the reaction done (after 30 min).

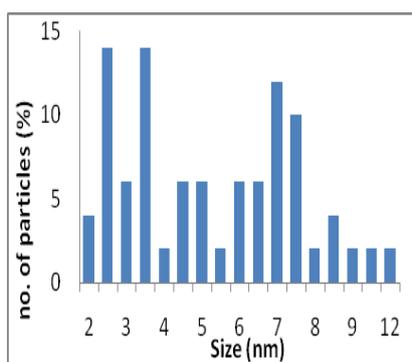
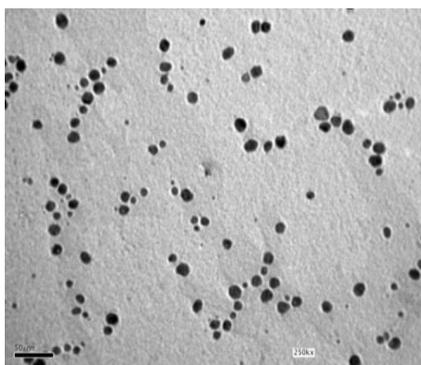


Fig.10a. TEM image of silver nanoparticles formed using 1 ml from 7 days old culture of yeast strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast), incubation period was 72 hr, addition of AgNO_3 done in the presence of cells. Biomass removed before the reaction done (after 30 min).

Fig.10b. Histogram showing the particle size and particle size distribution of silver nanoparticles prepared using 1ml mole silver nitrate in 1 ml biomass of yeast strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast) suspended in 100ml fresh distilled water .

Figure 10 (a) TEM picture, (b) the histogram of AgNPs prepared by the third technique for yeast strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast).

Figure 11a and b show the TEM micrograph and particle size distribution, respectively, using 1 ml from 7 days old culture of yeast strain *Geotrichum candidum*, incubation period was 72 hr, addition of AgNO_3 done in the presence of cells. Biomass removed before the reaction done (after 30 min).

Figure 12a and b show the TEM micrograph and particle size distribution, respectively, using 1 ml from 7 days old culture of yeast strain *Rhodotorula glutinis*, incubation period was 72 hr, addition of AgNO_3 done in the presence of cells. Biomass removed before the reaction done (after 30 min).

Synthesis of AgNPs using these three yeast strains (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Geotrichum candidum* and *Rhodotorula glutinis*) by this technique is much promising as it gives high yield of AgNPs concentration, is very easy to handle, does not need long time and gives small AgNPs size range (1.5-20nm).

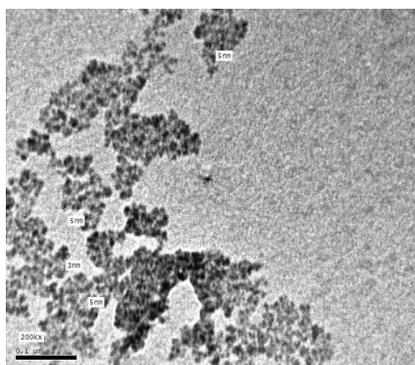


Fig. 11a. TEM image of silver nanoparticles formed using 1 ml from 7 days old culture of yeast strain *Geotrichum candidum*, incubation period was 72 hr, addition of AgNO_3 done in the presence of cells. Biomass removed before the reaction done (after 30 min).

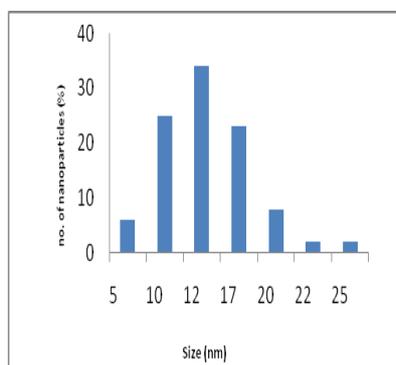


Fig. 11b. Histogram showing the particle size and particle size distribution of silver nanoparticles prepared using 1 ml mole silver nitrate in 1 ml biomass of yeast strain *Geotrichum candidum* suspended in 100ml fresh distilled water.

Fig.11. (a) TEM picture, (b) the histogram of AgNPs prepared by the third technique for yeast strain *Geotrichum candidum*.

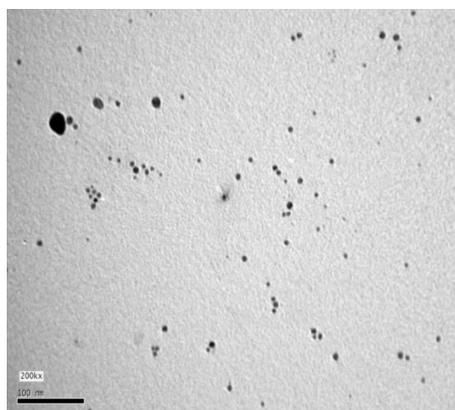


Fig. 12a. TEM image of silver nanoparticles formed using 1 ml from 7 days old culture of yeast strain *Rhodotorula glutinis*, incubation period was 72 hr, addition of AgNO_3 done in the presence of cells. Biomass removed before the reaction done (after 30 min).

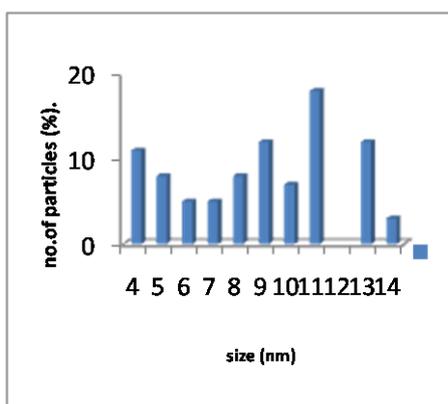


Fig. 12b. Histogram showing the particle size and particle size distribution of silver nanoparticles prepared using 1 ml mole silver nitrate in 1 ml biomass of yeast strain *Rhodotorula glutinis* suspended in 100ml fresh distilled water

Fig.12.(a) TEM picture, (b) the histogram of AgNPs prepared by the third technique for yeast strain *Rhodotorula glutinis*.

Conclusion

In comparison, the preparation of AgNPs by the use of biomass has a real defect as the formed AgNPs attached to the cell wall of biomass which decreases the resultant AgNPs solution concentration, preparation of AgNPs by biomass filtrate (supernatant) is very sophisticated as it needs much more time and several processing steps beside the obtained yield is less than that obtained by the use of biomass.

For the previous reasons the third technique was applied to avoid both the lack in the resultant yield and longer time and several steps.

The results from the third technique indicated that it is the best way for the preparation of AgNPs by the used three yeast strains as it gives high yield of AgNPs concentration, is very easy to handle, does not need long time and gives small AgNPs size range (1.5-20nm).

From our investigations, the three yeast strains are promising in the biosynthesis of AgNPs, from TEM micrograph, the particle size and particle size distribution results, we found that the yeast strain a *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast) is the best candidate.

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دراسة أنسب الظروف البيولوجية لتحضير دقائق الفضة في حجم النانو باستخدام بعض الخمائر

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