



Evaluation of the Biosynthesized Silver Nanoparticles' Effects on Biofilm Formation



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Abstract

In this study 50 isolates were obtained from the Baghdad teaching city medicine laboratories, from wounds and burns. Isolates were identified exercise VITEK 2 system (Biomérieux). Streptococcus pyogenes isolate was used to create the biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles' against some pathogenic microbes such as Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Staphylococcus aureus, Escherichia coli, and Candida albicans. Evaluation of the effect of the created biosynthesis silver nanoparticles' (AgNPs) by Streptococcus pyogenes on the biofilm formation by various human pathogenic bacteria. Biosynthesis of AgNPs was characterized by ultraviolet-visible absorption spectroscopy, the observation of color change of the experimental samples in the presence of 1 mM AgNO₃ at 410 nm. A color change from pale yellow to slightly brown occurred for bacterial supernatant within 24 hours of incubation in the presence of light Scanning electron microscope (SEM), the biosynthesis silver nanoparticles' are predominately circular fit as a fiddle having a smooth surface and very much scattered with close minimal game plan, X-ray diffraction (XRD). The normal molecule size was determined by Debye-Scherrer equation and its evaluation was roughly 6.43nm. The normal molecule size was determined by Debye-Scherrer equation and its evaluation was roughly 6.43nm. The importance of this work lies in the possibility of synthesizing the silver nanoparticles' using these bacteria, which are considered as types of fastidious bacteria. As far as the researcher's knowledge is concerned, this is study is the first of its kind in Iraq.

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1. Introduction

Biofilms have great importance for public health due to the main role in certain infectious diseases, also the importance in a variety of medical device-related infections. Therefore, there is a need to develop novel, effective and specific antimicrobial substances, which can be utilized to diminish the biofilm associated pathogenicity in hospital and other public spaces [1]. Original bacterial activities base initiative the set-far and presentation of biofilms, beyond stall assemblage or demise, nutrient acquisition, waste product accumulation, motility mechanisms and exopolysaccharide synthesis [2]. Biofilms represent bacterial communities deep-seated in self-delivered extracellular polymeric matrix that is connected to a surface. The microbial general public extensive a biofilm duff be thankful up of virtuous or multiple bacterial species. Bacteria have biofilms on unusual surfaces such as direct nautical systems, prime pipes, living tissues, indwelling medical devices and implants [3]. Biofilms are framed and may unescorted alteration the size and shape. A naturally expansively-ripened biofilm comprises an EPS design,

which intercedes cell-cell correspondence (i.e. band sensing), loads the microorganisms advantaged the biofilm, and secures the creature unfamiliar natural pressure, particularly from anti-infection agents and cleansers. A positively fit biofilm forever has a Baroque finances duct in which oxygen, nutrients, and remodeling in turn relevant fitments derriere be metabolic wastes and transported and cell debris can be expelled [4]. The shapes sizes, and aspects of biofilms are joined wide bring forth of microbes, come installation, and environmental elements. Ignoring the increased familiarity of biofilm designate, inhibiting and excision microbial biofilms stay a difficult undertaking. Bacteria heart biofilm conduct significantly uniquely in contrast to free-living cells. Microbial biofilms mastery different antitoxin talents, such as adding to real surfaces, proclaim of French history impedance genes preferred biofilms, assurance of microscopic organisms from phagocytic murdering, and blockage of anti-toxin dissemination [5 – 8]. In this research, *S. pyogenes* bacteria were selected for the biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles'. *S. pyogenes* is a G+ve, non-motile, facultative anaerobic and non-spore-forming bacteria. Streptococci showed in pairs or chains of varying length. Growing to a varying thermal temperature ranging between 22-40 °C, weak growth in the quarters AGRO normal and improved by including serum or blood [9]. The extracellular synthesis of silver nanoparticles' using bacterial species acts to be acceptable to many applications [10]. And to improve new effective antimicrobial agents that overcome the MDR microorganisms [11]. Therefore, the present study has been designed to the biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles' using *S. pyogenes* bacteria to investigate the efficacy of the biosynthesized silver nanoparticles' in inhibiting the biofilm formation.

2. Materials and Methods:

2.1 Collection and identification of microbial isolates:

All (50) isolates were obtained from the Baghdad teaching city medicine laboratories, from wounds and burns. Isolates were identified exercise VITEK 2 system (Biomerieux). *S. pyogenes* isolate was used to create the biosynthesize of silver nanoparticles' against some pathogenic microbes such as *P. aeruginosa*, *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, and *C. albicans*. The bacterial isolates were preserved on nutrient agar. While yeast was preserved on Sabouraud dextrose agar (SDA) [12, 13].

2.2 Biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles' :

The growing *S. pyogenes* strains were freshly injected on Muller-Hinton broth and incubated at 37 °C for 24h. The culture was centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 10 minutes, takes the supernatant and added separately to the reaction container containing a silver nitrate concentration of 3–10 (1% v/v). The interaction between this supernatant and Ag⁺ ions was carried out in bright status for 24 h [14].

2.3 Characterization of biosynthesis silver nanoparticles':

Silver nanoparticles' were construed using an Ultraviolet –Visible spectrophotometer. Color change modification of the response reaction blends was observed, through UV estimation an obvious response blend range, after intermittently weakening the response blend with distilled water, then estimated by UV–Vis spectrophotometer. For portrayal of the size and morphological of nanoparticles' scanning electron microscope instrument (SEM) investigation were utilized. The examination is being conducted by planning of slides by including little drops of suspension of bio combination nanoparticles' on slides, left to dry and then construed by SEM. Several drops of nanoparticle solution were placed on the surface of a glass slide and dried up to form a thin 0.5 mm thick layer. Then, they were examined using an X-ray diffractometer by casting Cu K α over the model to be measured at different angles from 20° to 60° and a wavelength of 1.5406, and measured the results. The Debye-Scherrer formula was applied to obtain the size of the synthesized nanoparticles' [15].

3. Antibiofilm activity of silver nanoparticles':

3.1 Qualitative detection:

A loopful of test organisms was inoculated in 10 mL of trypticase soy broth with 1% glucose in test tubes. The tubes were incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. and 1 ml of bacterial supernatant concentrations (20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 μ g/ml), nanoparticles' and biosynthesized silver nanoparticle (20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 μ g/ml) for each tube. After incubation, tubes were decanted and washed with phosphate buffer saline (pH 7.3) and dried. Tubes were then stained with crystal violet (0.1%). Excess stain was washed with deionized water. Tubes were dried in inverted position. The scoring for tube method was done according to the results of the control strains. Biofilm formation was considered

positive when a visible film lined the wall and the bottom of the tube. The amount of biofilm formed was scored as 1-weak/none, 2-moderate and 3-high/strong. The experiment was performed in triplicate and repeated three times [16].

3.2 Quantitative detection:

Tissue culture plate assay used by a lapful of microbes was injected in 10mL of TSB in tubes. Transfer 100 μ l of the bacterial farm to the tissue culture plate; add 100 μ l of bacterial supernatant concentrations two- fold from supernatant and silver nanoparticles', except for positive and negative control wells. Add 200 μ l of sterile bacteria and incubate at 37 °C for 24 hours, then remove the contents of the wells and wash 3 times with phosphate solution. The wells were stained with crystal violet at 0.1% for 30 minutes, after which it were washed wells with distilled water and dried, 200 μ l of 95% ethanol was added to the wells [17].

4. Results and discussion:

4.1 Biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles':

The biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles' using supernatant was investigated primarily through the observation of color change of the experimental samples in the presence of 1 mM AgNO₃. A color change from pale yellow to slightly brown occurred for bacterial supernatant within 24 h of incubation in the presence of light and is shown in (figure 1). This suggests the color change observed in the bacterial biomass and the supernatant sample were due to the formation of silver nanoparticles'. Changing in the color observed for the extracellular samples and further confirmed by UV–V spectral analysis as part of primary confirmation. Silver nanoparticles' are known to have an intense absorption peak in UV absorption spectra due to their surface Plasmon excitation. Figure (2) demonstrates the absorbance peak of synthesized AgNPs at different time interims which were finished by UV-vis spectrometer. The peak focused at 410 nm, which is related to the absorbance of AgNPs.

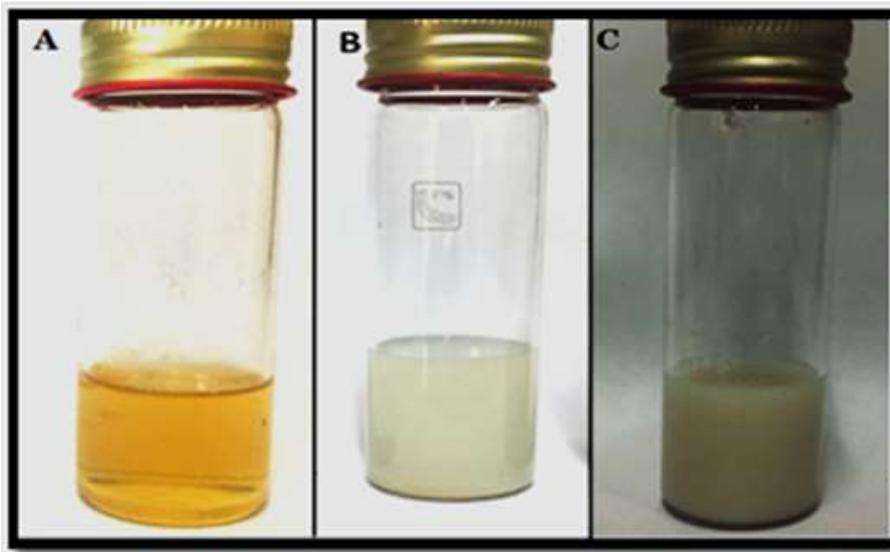


Figure 1. Synthesis of biosynthesized silver nanoparticles', A (at zero time), B (when adding silver nitrate to the supernatant of *S. pyogenes* bacteria), and C (Silver nanoparticles' after 24hrs).

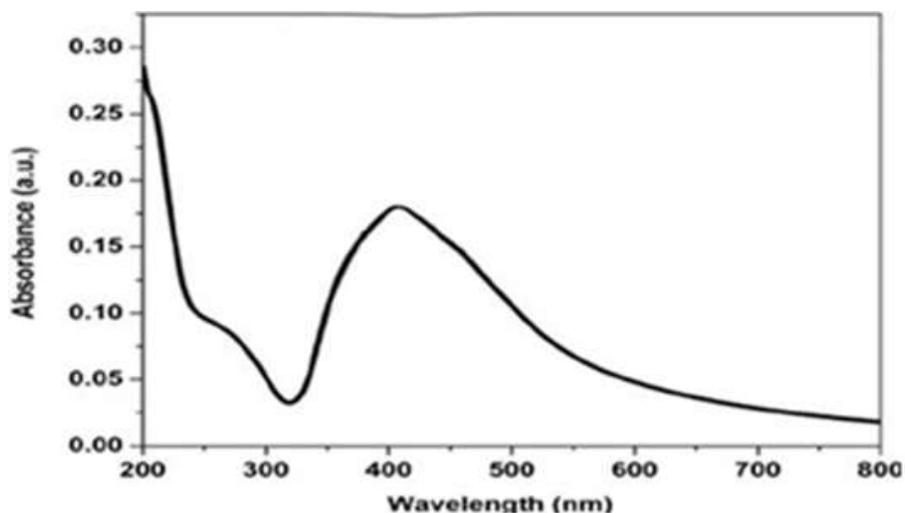


Figure 2. UV-Visible Spectrophotometer for biosynthesized silver nanoparticles’.

Figure (3) demonstrates the SEM pictures of the equivalent synthesized silver nanoparticles’ sample. SEM pictures demonstrated that a large portion of the silver nanoparticles’ is predominately circular fit as a fiddle having a smooth surface and very much scattered with a close minimal game plan. The normal molecule size was found within the range (95.88 – 60.64 nm).

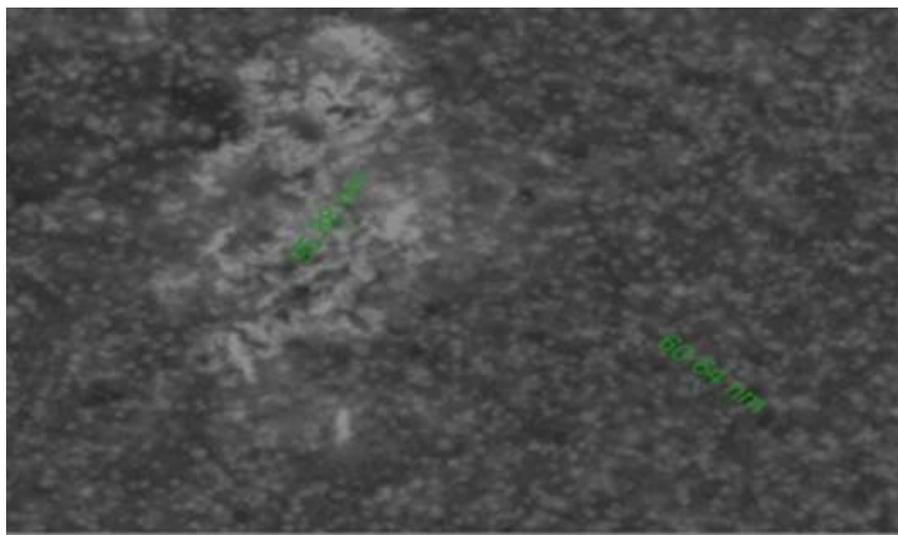


Figure 3. Characterization of nanoparticles’ using SEM.

The normal molecule size was determined by the Debye-Scherer equation where full width at half most extreme (FWHM) information was utilized [18]. The normal molecule size evaluated was roughly 6.43 nm. Debye-Scherer equation is: $D = K \lambda / \beta \cos \theta$, where, τ is referring to the size of the molecule, K is referring to a dimensionless shape factor, λ is the X-ray wavelength, β is the line widening at a large portion of the greatest force (FWHM), θ is the Bragg edge (in degrees). Through the X-Ray Diffraction process, the formation of nano-silver at the angle 2θ was shown in degrees (29.39, 32.21 and 31.77). By applying Scherrer equation, the calculated nanoparticles’ were 30.3 nanometers.

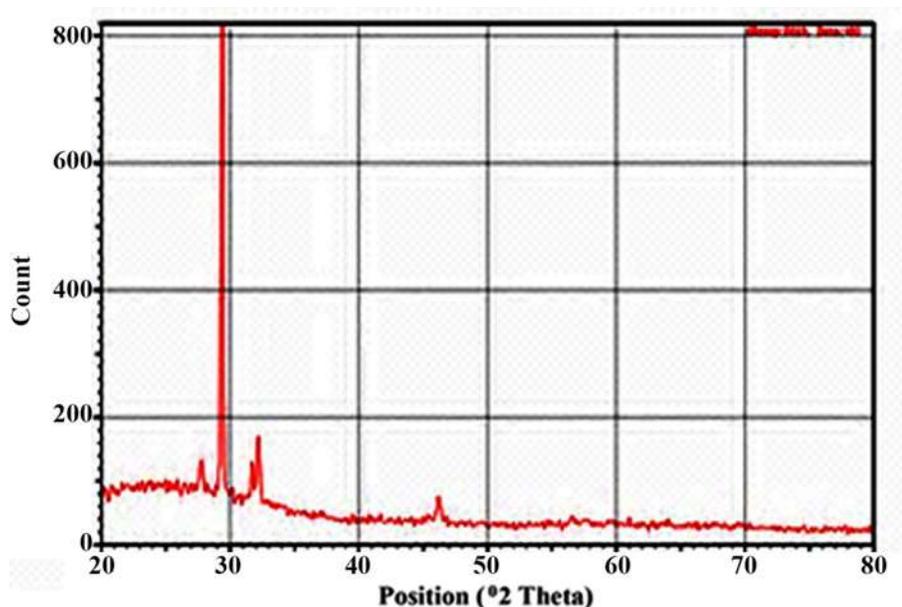


Figure 4. XRD pattern of biosynthesized AgNPs using *S.pyogenes* bacterium.

4.2 Determination of Biofilm inhibitory concentration (BIC):

4.2.1 Test tube assay for qualitative detection of biofilm formation:

Results in Table (1), and Figure (5), All tested microorganisms showed their ability to form biofilm in the form of film lined the wall and bottom of tubes in the tube method without treated by the nanoparticles'. Both the *E. coli*, and yeast *C.albicans* recorded a high ability to biofilm formation, while both the *S. aureus*, *P. aeruginosa* bacteria gave a moderate ability to biofilm formation. But when treated with AgNPs this ability was prevented and removed in all isolates. AgNPs may be altered gene the expression relating to biofilm formation, as consequence they effect on microcolony formation and biofilm maturation. This lead to AgNPs could be used for prevention and treatment of Biofilm-related infections [19]. The antibiofilm activity of AgNPs was observed less effective against G+ve and G-ve microbes.

Table (1) Biofilm activity using test tube method for different microorganisms

Isolate name	Bacterial Supernatant Without AgNPs	Biosynthesis AgNPs by bacterial supernatant
<i>E.coli</i>	Strong	None
<i>S.aureus</i>	Moderate	None
<i>P.aeruginosa</i>	Moderate	None
<i>C.albicans</i>	Strong	None

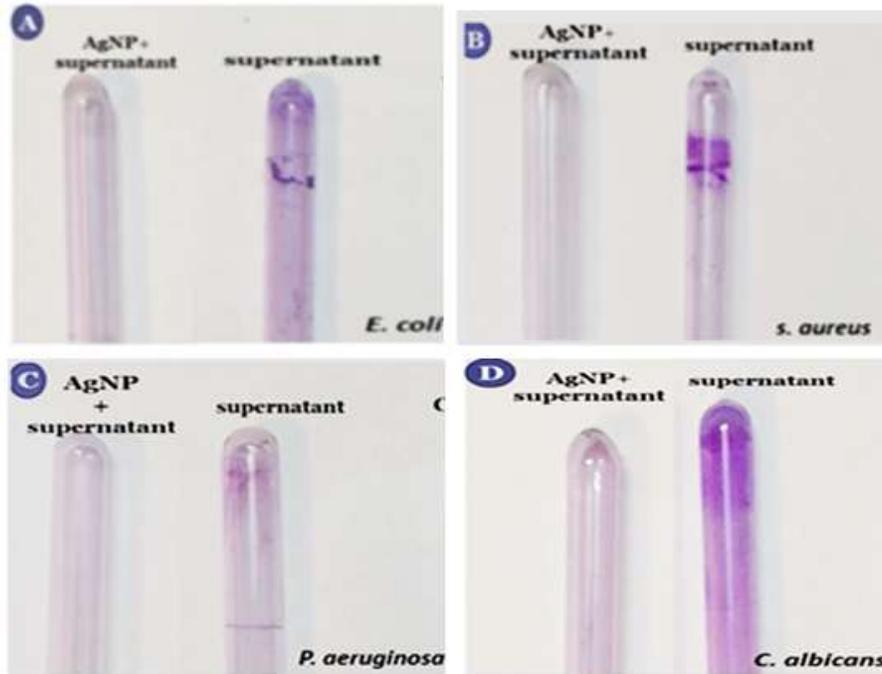


Figure 5. Qualitative detection of inhibition of the biofilm formation using tubes methods. (Supernatant) test tube refer to supernatant only without AgNPs (before treatment), (AgNPs + Supernatant) test tube refer to AgNPs synthesized by supernatant (after treatment).

4.2.2 Tissue culture plate method for quantitative detection of biofilm formation:

The biofilm detection method using the tissue culture plate made of polystyrene showed a gradient in the formation of the biofilm according to the concentration of the materials used. The amount of pigment that stained the negative control wells was very small, while the positive control wells were strongly pigmented, indicating the presence of dense biofilm, as for the filtrate treated pits, the biofilm formation was moderate and weak respectively, while the mixture treated wells produced a very weak biofilm, while the silver nanoparticles' showed an effect similar to the effect of bacterial filtration, and this indicates an increase in the inhibitory activity of the biosynthesis silver nanoparticles'. (figure 6).

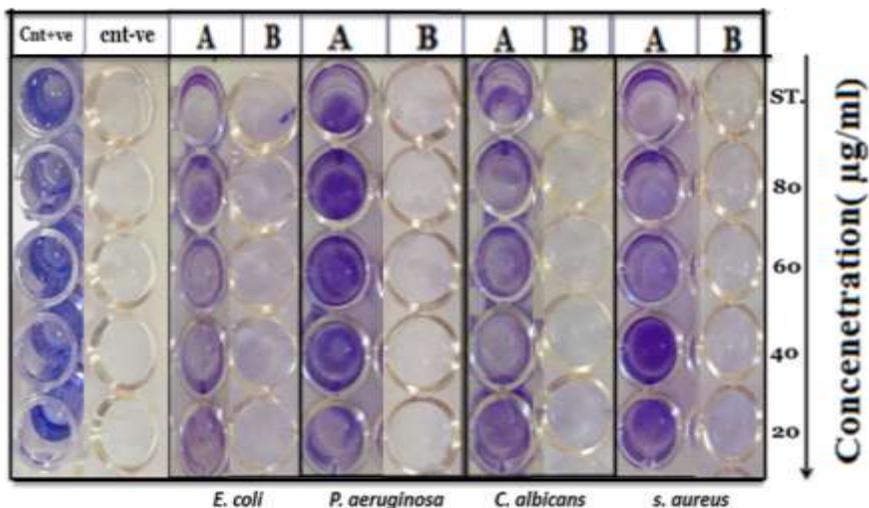


Figure 6. Quantitative detection of Inhibitory of biofilm formation by tissue culture plate method (A) Refer to bacterial supernatant only (before treatment), and (B) after treatment with biosynthesis silver nanoparticles' for each isolates.

Silver ions weaken the biofilm formation in bacteria, after their transfer into the bacterial cell and their interaction with proteins and enzymes required for microbial adhesion, these results in a decrease in the activity of the biofilm [20]. Alternatively, they inhibit biofilm formation by inhibiting the formation of external polysaccharides. The mechanism of inhibiting the biofilm formation process by using nanoparticles' is done through penetration of those particles into the water channels that serve to transport nutrients through a layer of polysaccharides [21- 23]. Its small size helps it to penetrate the sugars layer and creates contact between it and the bacterial cells, thus inhibition of the biofilm formation process [24, 25]. Exposure of the membrane biosynthesis to silver nanoparticles' reduces the membrane components (proteins, polysaccharides, lipid, phospholipid, nucleic acid), causing the membrane to gradually break down. The sugars in the biofilm are (rhamnose, mannose, galactose, glucose), which are present in high abundance, although xylose is present in the polysaccharides of some bacteria, but its presence is sometimes considered uncommon, these sugars play an important role in the formation of the biofilm. Increasing the concentration of nanoparticles' reduces the concentration of carbohydrates and proteins, which leads to weakening the membrane structure and thus facilitates the passage of drugs and treatments [26, 27]. Bacterial cells thus get inhibition of the process of biofilm formation [28]. Biofilm-forming microbes can cause various diseases, and according to one of the reports presented by the National Institutes of Health and Centre of Disease Control, biofilm-forming microbes are responsible for causing 65-80% of infections [29, 30]. Thus, one of the efficient strategies to control the infections by these microbes is to use biofilm inhibitors. Various studies have indicated the effective role of NPs as biofilm inhibitors against target bacteria. One of our previous studies indicated the anti-biofilm and anti-adhesion potentials of magnesium oxide nanoparticles' against drug-resistant bacteria [31, 32].

Conclusions:

Biofilms cause resistance too many antimicrobial agents. The results of biofilm produced on indwelling medical devices are recurrent, untreatable infections and failure of medical device. To overcome chronic and recurrent infections, it is important to detect biofilms of microorganisms, determine antibiofilm activity of agents against biofilm. In addition, to determine antibacterial activity of agents against biofilm embedded microorganism with the appropriate methods by clinical microbiologist and biofilm researcher microbiologist. Identification of genes involved in biofilm formation and measurement of gene expression as a result of antibiofilm and antibacterial activity of agents can be advantageous in biofilm studies. The results in this study recommended that the integration of silver with bacteria, there were considerable anti-biofilm impacts in all concentration of AgNPs against various human pathogenic bacteria by qualitative and quantitative methods.

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