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Massive Progress of Green Synthesized Silver Nanoparticles in Cancer Application

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Nanobiotechnology has become one of the hottest sections in nanoscience allowing the utilization of multiple nanoplatforms for a variety of biomedical technologies and applications. These nanoparticles play an effective role in solving several scientific dilemmas and in assisting in treating diverse diseases over the recent years due to their unique physicochemical features along with their higher delivery ability of cargoes into diseased targets [1]. Amongst these nanoparticles, silver nanoparticles (AgNPs), are metal-based nanoparticles possessing remarkable characterizations, for instance, good conductivity, comparatively lower toxicity, chemically structured stability, and potentially therapeutic option as antimicrobial, anticancer, or anti-inflammatory activity [2]. AgNPs are mainly synthesized by different biological, chemical, photochemical, electrochemical methods [3]. There are numerous biological principles of AgNPs synthesis, while the difference among them is due to the source of the biological route. Moreover, some microorganisms and plant extracts have been employed for biological AgNPs synthesis (AgNPs Biogenethesis) to ensure higher degree of AgNPs efficacy and safety. Interestingly, biogenic AgNPs have possessed a great impact as an antimicrobial candidate against gram-positive, gram-negative bacteria and several viruses such as herpes simplex virus, hepatitis B virus, and human immunodeficiency virus, thus this makes AgNPs have powerful capability to exert their cytotoxic activity for combating the diseases [4]. On the other hand, biogenic AgNPs have taken the researcher's and scientist's considerations either alone or in combination, for ameliorating the unfavorable toxicities results of conventional

chemotherapies [5]. These serious side effects which are related to using chemotherapy include cardiovascular disturbances, whole-body fatigue, multidrug resistance, and high relapse rate.

Alternatively, various research has shown positive results on the recruitment of biogenic AgNPs as a prospective anticancer agent paving a new way for therapeutic directions in the field of cancer medications [6]. AgNPs could disturb the function of mitochondria by the stimulation of reactive oxygen species production and induce the synthesis of ATP [7]. A study on different human breast cancer and lung cancer cell lines has demonstrated that AgNPs could induce significant inhibition of cancer cell proliferation and growth [8]. Another in vitro study indicated robust cytotoxicity of biogenic AgNPs against various cancer cells [9]. Furthermore, several studies have mentioned the possibility of AgNPs to suppress glioblastoma cells and induce mitochondria-related apoptosis through activation of JNK pathway and ROS production in NIH3T3 cells [10,11]. Recently, a few research have revealed the incidence of oxidative hepatocellular damage caused by the induced cytotoxicity of accumulated AgNPs [12]. Excessive ROS production has been regarded as one of the most important mechanisms for cellular apoptosis induced by AgNPs treatment either at lower concentrations or exposure to shorter incubation time [13].

Green Synthesis and Anticancer Activity of Silver Nanoparticles

At the present, there are a lot of limitations in using the chemical approach for AgNPs synthesis via adding hazardous



reducing agents which pose a massive menace to the global ecosystem [14]. From all various approaches of AgNPs synthesis, green synthesis direction is represented as the most eco-friendly, sustainable, economic, and reliable [15]. Lower cost, higher safety for host health and an eco-friendly exogenous environment without the dire need for high pressure, high temperature, or toxic materials during the fabrication process are important advantages of this direction [16]. Harnessing non-hazardous materials, for example, plant extracts and microorganisms e.g., bacteria, fungi, and algae for biogenic AgNPs synthesis [17]. Comparatively, higher biocompatibility and non-complicated procedure when the utility of plant candidates in the fabrication of AgNPs make them better competitors than microbial ones, particularly for biomedical therapeutics [18]. The potential anticancer activity of synthesized AgNPs from *Heliotropium bacciferum*, banana leaves, and *Mangifera indica* seed have been shown significantly on HCT-116, MCF7, Siha, Hela cell lines, respectively [19,20]. In colon cancer cell lines e.g., HCT-116 and HCT 15, the spherically biogenic AgNPs shaped ones have been harnessed with 5-80nm and 5.5-100µg/mL in ranges of size and IC50 values, respectively [21,22]. Moreover, there were diverse shapes of biogenic AgNPs such as spherical, cuboidal, and pentagonal in the case of MCF-7 breast cancer cell lines, with 5-90 nm in size range and 3.04-250µg/mL in IC50 values [23,24]. Further studies mentioned the noticeable variation in IC50 values of biogenic AgNPs depending on dose of utilized extract [25,26]. In the case of the Siha cell lines, these biogenic AgNPs were triangular and hexagonal-shaped ones with a 1-20nm size range and ≤4.25µg/mL in terms of IC50 value [24]. However, biosynthesized AgNPs were spherical shaped ones and 5-125nm in size with several ranges in terms of IC50 value according to sort of plant extracts and AgNPs fabrication method [27].

It is strongly believed that these types of AgNPs will be massively applied as a promotive anticancer component in upcoming years along with the flourishing nanomedicine-based global market to anticipate the futuristic advances in cancer therapy.

Conflict of Interest

There is no conflict of interest.

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