

**GREEN SYNTHESIS OF ZNO-NPS USING ROSEMARY LEAVES****Bayan Hilweh, Hiba Soliman and Muaaz Mutaz Alajlani\***

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Zinc oxide nanoparticles (ZnO NPs) are the second most common metal oxide, owing to their low cost, safety, and ease of preparation. ZnO NPs have been discovered to have unique properties, indicating their potential for usage in a variety of therapies. Because Zinc oxide is one of the nanomaterials that has sparked significant research interest, numerous strategies for producing it have been developed. A special emphasis has been placed on the green synthesis of nanoparticles (NPs) for two reasons: one is to investigate the benefits of synthesis from natural sources, and the other is to make such products as environmentally friendly as possible. Biosynthesized Zinc oxide

nanoparticles (ZnO-NPS) have been effectively shown with Zinc acetate dehydrated working as the precursor and an aqueous extract of rosemary leaves functioning as both reducing and stabilizing agents. The nanoparticles size was measured to be approximately 850 nm and zeta potential technique used to determine the stability and charge of Zinc oxide nanoparticles have shown the efficacy of Green synthesis of Zinc oxide nanoparticles. To conform to green chemistry principles and impart a healthy environment, the synthesis was free of solvents and surfactants.

**KEYWORDS:** Nanoparticles, Rosemary, Zinc Oxide, Green Synthesis.**1. INTRODUCTION**

Biotechnology is the utilization of living organisms and their elements in manufacturing processes and products. It is not an industry in and of itself, but rather a significant technological advancement that will have a significant future impact on a wide range of industrial sectors. Nano-science is the study of events that occur at the nanoscale in materials.<sup>[1]</sup> The modification of matter in such a way that any of its dimensions fall inside the nanoscale range (i.e., 1-100 nm) is characterised as nanotechnology. Nanomaterials

(NMs) are these tiny chemical substances.<sup>[2]</sup> NMs have special characteristics that may be tuned to fit their application due to their enormous surface area and size. Furthermore, the distinct shape, size, and structure of NMs influence their toughness, reactivity, and other properties.<sup>[3]</sup> Zinc oxide nanoparticles, a member of the large family of metal oxide nanoparticles, have been employed in a variety of cutting-edge applications such as electronics, communication, sensing, cosmetics, environmental protection, biology, and the pharmaceutical industry.<sup>[4-8]</sup> Green synthesis involves the use of plant extract, fungi, bacteria, and microorganisms to create zinc oxide nanoparticles. The green synthesis of nanoparticles lowers the possibility of pollution and does not generate waste byproducts that are detrimental to the environment.<sup>[9,10]</sup> There are various advantages to preparing ZnO NPs utilizing plant extract-assisted synthesis techniques. These advantages include a one-pot synthesis method, the lack of extra chemical reagents and solvents, and a cheap cost.<sup>[11]</sup> In fact, (*Rosmarinu officinalis*) rosemary is an aromatic medicinal and valuable plant from the Labiate family. Despite being a Mediterranean native, it can be grown all over the world due to its hardiness.<sup>[12]</sup> Its small green leaves are used to treat jaundice, hepatitis, circulatory, and cardiovascular diseases.<sup>[13,14]</sup> Bioactive components in rosemary leaf extract can play an important role in nanoparticle capping and stabilization.<sup>[15]</sup> The goal of this study was to green synthesize ZnO NPs using rosemary leaves extract and study distribution size and stabilization.

## 2. METHOD AND MATERIALS

### 2.1. Preparation of rosemary leaves extract

Rosmary (*Rosmarinu officinalis*) collected from local garden and 10 grams was washed three times with distilled water and one time with 95% ethanol in water to remove remaining microorganism contamination on leaf surface. Leaves were dried in an oven at 70°C for 24h. The dried leaves were grinded into powder. The aqueous extracts of the sample were prepared by boiling the powder leaves in 100 ml of distilled water at 80°C for 1h stirred continuously using a magnetic stirrer at 600 rpm. The filtered extract was used in the experiment.

### 2.2. Biosynthesis of ZnO Nanoparticles

The ZnO NPs were made by extracting the leaves of the rosemary plant. 50 mL of rosemary leaf extract, 50 ml of 0.45 M Zinc acetate dehydrate, and 40 ml of 0.45 M NaOH were combined while being stirred in batches. The mixture was then continuously stirred for 150

min at a speed of 600 rpm using a magnetic stirrer, that led to the formation of yellow precipitate. The contaminants were then removed from the precipitates by filtering and washing them many times with distilled water and ethanol before drying them for one hour at 100 °C. Using a mortar and pestle, the resulting powders of light-yellow color were homogenized, finely crushed, and prepared for further characterizations.

### 2.3. Particle size of ZnO Nanoparticles

Different methods are used to achieve the intended NP size because size has an impact on a nanoparticulate drug delivery system's effectiveness. The drug loading, stability, and release of an NP product are all impacted by NP size and size dispersion.<sup>[16]</sup> The biological destiny, in vivo drug dispersion, toxicity, and drug targeting are also influenced by these characteristics. research on cell absorption.<sup>[17]</sup> The surface area of a particle and its size directly relate, and this relationship again affects the rate of medication release. Smaller drug particles are more likely to be found at or close to the formulation's surface, increasing the surface area of the formulation and increasing the drug release rate. Larger particles contain more drug because of the big core that surrounds them, allowing for a steady and prolonged release of the drug.<sup>[18]</sup> Using dynamic light scattering (DLS), also known as photon correlation spectroscopy or quasi-elastic light scattering, is the most commonly used technique today for determining particle size and distribution pattern. the particle size distribution of ZnO NPs was studied. The nanoparticles were dispersed in water and well mixed before measurement. in triplicate, each sample was measured.

### 2.4. Zeta-potential of ZnO Nanoparticles

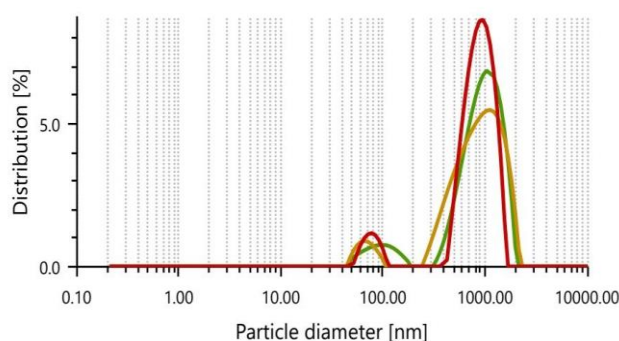
Zeta potential (ZP) refers to the surface charge of the particles. The degree of repulsion between close and similarly charged particles in the dispersion is indicated by ZP. The repulsion force prevents particle aggregation. As a result, ZP is a useful parameter. To forecast the stability of solid lipid nanoparticle dispersions. According to the literature,<sup>[19]</sup> zeta potential values greater than 30 mV are beneficial. Physical stability is provided by voltages above 60 mV. Temporary physical stability is represented by a value of 20 mV; however, values ranging from -5 mV to +5 mV are acceptable. Indicates rapid aggregation. For surfactants with low molecular weight and pure electrostatics This is correct in terms of stabilization. However, this is not true for high molecular weight stabilizers, which work primarily through steric stabilization. In this case, a zeta potential of 20 mV or less can

provide adequate physical stability.<sup>[19]</sup> To examine stability of ZnO nanoparticles were suspended in water and mixed well before analysis.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1. Particle size

There are various strategies to modify particle size distribution (and thus coagulation): Sonification with a stabilizer (for example, sodium hexametaphosphate hexamethyl).<sup>[20]</sup> Size distribution of the zinc oxide nanoparticles in aqueous and was carried out at 25 °C in a standard monodispersed medium maintained at a viscosity of 0.892 m Pa · s by using DLS. The graphs of the samples are shown in Figure 1, the size of the nanoparticles is 850 nm approximately.



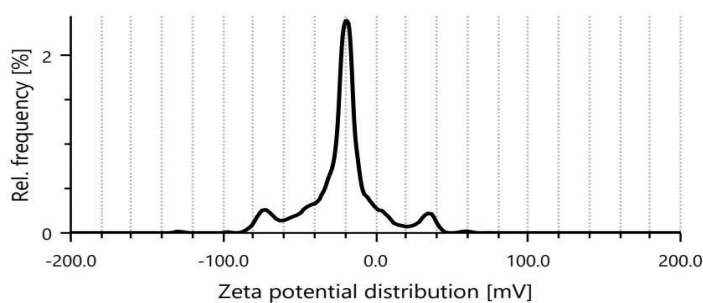
Statistics table

Name	Hydrodynamic diameter [nm]	Polydispersity index [%]	Peak 1 [nm]	Peak 2 [nm]	Peak 3 [nm]	Transmittance [%]	Diff. coeff. [ $\mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ]
Mean value	858.1	28.2	965.1 (Intensity)	81.08 (Intensity)	-(Intensity)	0.0	0.6
Standard deviation	43.98	2.5	50.57 (Intensity)	14.40 (Intensity)	-(Intensity)	0.0	0.0
Rel. standard deviation	5.13	8.69	5.24 (Intensity)	17.76 (Intensity)	-(Intensity)	7.5	5.3

**Figure 1: Size distribution of ZnO Nanoparticles.**

#### 3.2. Zeta-potential

The value of the zeta potential (−30 mV to +30 mV) suggests the potential stability of the NPs. The produced NPs are shown in Figure 2 with a Zeta potential value of −21mV, which clearly shows that they are relatively stable.

**Result**

Mean zeta potential	-21.1 mV	Mean intensity	608.6 kcounts/s
Standard deviation	0.5 mV	Filter optical density	3.8586
Distribution peak	-18.9 mV	Conductivity	0.051 mS/cm
Electrophoretic Mobility	-1.6476 $\mu\text{m}^2\text{cm/Vs}$	Transmittance	9.0 %

**Figure 2: Zeta-potential of ZnO Nanoparticles.**

#### 4. CONCLUSION

A green technique using rosemary plant leaf extract has been used to effectively create zinc oxide nanoparticles. The findings showed that the rosemary plant's leaf extract is an excellent option for producing ZnO nanoparticles using a green manufacturing process.

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