



Antimicrobial Activity of Calix[4]pyrrole-entrenched Silver Nanoparticles and Its Application as Colorimetric and Spectrophotometric Sensing of L-Histidine

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ABSTRACT

A calix[4]pyrrole tetrahydrazide functionalized silver nanoparticles (CPTPH-AgNPs) coupled with colorimetric findings were prepared. In the variety of essential amino acids, it detected the L-Histidine exclusively with an LOD of 6.1 μ M and LOQ of 18.5 μ M. The CPTPH-AgNPs were exhibited the SPR spectrum at 408nm, which further characterized with TEM, EDEX and SAED in that they show the monodispersed spherical morphology of AgNPs with 13 \pm 2nm size. The antimicrobial potential of CPTPH-AgNPs towards *Gram-positive* bacterial-*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Gram-negative* bacteria-*Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and fungi-*Aspergillus niger* was evaluated.; in which it is found to give reasonable response comparable to standard antibiotic drugs.

Keywords: Calix[4]pyrrole, Silver nanoparticles, Metal nanoparticles, Supramolecular chemistry.

INTRODUCTION

Because of their wide applicability in biology and therapeutics, the design, production, and functionalization of metal nanoparticles have piqued the interest of many researchers in recent years. Especially, gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) and silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) are highly efficient materials for the last few decades for their physical, optical and size-relevant properties¹. To achieve nano-sized entities; various approaches are been utilized among which chemical reduction is a widely employed method, utilizing various reducing

agents and surfactants which impart stability to NPs and offer separation which disables the acts of aggregation between them² is the current interest of researchers worldwide. The major challenge before the nano-chemists are to make very stable and tunable-sized nanoparticles with expedient properties of employability.

The combination that fulfils the above criteria are metal nanoparticles encapsulated using the calix[4]pyrrole which created the excited and emerging new class of compounds in the last decade³. Calix[4]pyrrole functionalized metal



nanoparticles had sought the attention of chemists due to its inherent void and web-like structure⁴, equipping it for various roles, notably in the field of nanotechnology providing the two-fold application of reductant and stabilizing agent for metal ions which opens the doors of numerous applications ranging from catalysis⁵ to sensing⁶.

Sensing the different small molecules, anions, and cations⁷ is important for their significant contribution to the environment, living organisms and industries⁸. From the catalogue of small molecules, amino acids play a vital role in the human body and are the main building blocks of numerous proteins⁹. In the sub-class of amino acids, the essential amino acids are those which are not generated endogenously in the human body, are Threonine, Tryptophan, Phenylalanine, Valine, Lysine, Histidine, Leucine, Methionine and Isoleucine¹⁰. In this index, the Histidine (or L-Histidine) is having unique roles in the human body and its metabolisms including, as a pH buffer due to its imidazole ring (pKa varies from 6.0 to 7.1)¹¹, metal ion chelation with some cations, especially with an iron of haemoglobin¹², it demonstrates the antioxidant activity by scavenging the reactive nitrogen and reactive oxygen entities¹³, producing histamine in the body¹⁴ other than that L-histidine is having roles in industries as an antioxidant for preserving milk powder and added to feed of cow cereals and supplements¹⁵ and pharma industries producing a nutritious product from it¹⁶. WHO has suggested that 10 mg/kg per day L-Histidine in the diet of adults¹⁷ justifies the theoretical rationale of its recommendations based on its distinct chemical characteristics and physiological roles¹⁸. Chronic renal disease can be linked to low L-Histidine levels, which contributes to L-Histidine metabolism instability and irregularities in the proportions of essential byproducts including histamine¹⁹ on the other hand high concentration of L-Histidine leads to poor memory, depression, weakness, headache and nausea, affecting the tastes and smell severely²⁰.

Hence, the detection of L-Histidine is very crucial by means of biology, clinical chemistry and industrial perspective. Significant work has been put into incipient techniques for detecting L-Histidine including; fluorescent probes, electrochemical sensing, mass spectrometry, atomic spectrometry, electrophoresis, voltammetry, amperometry,

chromatography and resonance light scattering²¹⁻²². Although, these methods have produced extremely precise and focused findings, at the same time they are cumbersome, laborious, demanding sophisticated instrument as well as requires expensive solvents, reagents and desired conditions, more volume of samples with large lab space. Thus, the above constraints and barriers have led the researchers to design and develop new colorimetric, naked-eyes detectors with micro-concentrations of samples and on-sight results.

In the present study, very stable silver nanoparticles (CPTPH-AgNPs) are synthesised using the calix[4]pyrrole tetrapropanehydrazide as a reducing and stabilizing agent which acts as a nano-sensor selectively and sensitively for L-Histidine amongst other targeted amino acids by colorimetry and spectrophotometry. Moreover, it exhibited anti-microbial activity.

EXPERIMENTAL

Chemical and Reagents

All the amino acids, levulinic acid, boron trifluoride ethyl etherate, hydrazine hydrate and silver nitrate were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. The other solvents, reagents and chemicals were analytical reagent grade obtained from a local chemical supplier and used without further purification. REMI-2 MLH Magnetic stirrer was used for the synthesis steps. TLC plates were fluorescent active (F-254) provided by Merck. Micropipette (100-1000 μ L) was obtained by Microlit (Lucknow, India). All the glass wares used in experiments were precisely calibrated and washed two times with double distilled water.

Instruments

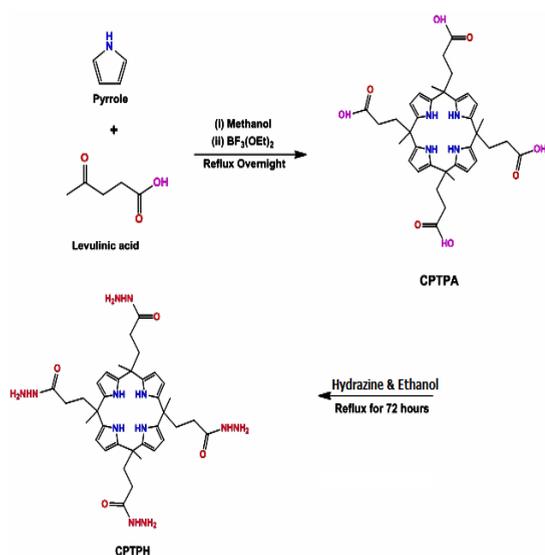
A 97 VEEGO equipment was used to determine uncorrected melting points (VEEGO, Mumbai, India). Bruker FT-IR ALPHA-II was used to calculate each compound's infrared spectra (expressed in cm^{-1}). The SHIMADZU UV-1900 device was used for UV-Visible studies. version 18.0.0.231 (4029) version of ChemDraw Professional software was used to construct the chemical names and chemical structures of compounds. To examine the morphology of the fabricated AgNPs, the JEOL model JEM-2100 TEM machine was used to generate images. Proton (^1H) and Carbon (^{13}C) NMR spectra

were obtained employing DMSO as a solvent on Bruker ASCENDTM 400 instrument. The mass spectrum was measured on SHIMADZU Nexera 2020.

Synthetic Procedures of Compounds and Silver Nanoparticles

Synthesis of calix[4]pyrrole tetrapropionic acid (CPTPA)

The carboxylic acid functionalized calix[4]pyrrole (CPTPA) was synthesized according to slight modification in a previously reported procedure²³ using $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ acid-catalyzed condensation of pyrrole with levulinic acid. The modified detailed procedure is, the addition of 1.16 mL (10 mmol) levulinic acid and 0.67 mL (10 mmol) of freshly distilled pyrrole to 30 mL of methanol was made completed dropwise. After stirring in an ice bath for two hours in a nitrogen environment, $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ was dropwise made to add to the aforesaid mixture for 15 min and left to reflux overnight. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched with ice-cold water (3x25 mL). To this triethylamine was added to remove any unreacted acid. The dark brown precipitations were then quickly filtered and made soluble to diethyl ether and passed through the Na_2SO_4 bed to make it moisture-free and then isolated using hexane (3x10 mL) to get free-flowing powder. This dark brown powder is purified using column chromatography, which obtained the off-white solution allowed for concentration under a vacuum which eventually gave off-white powder (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Synthesis of CP Acid and CP Hydrazide

Off-white Solid (78% yield), m.p. 205°C, FT-IR (KBr disk): 3273, 2936, 1714, 1475, 1163, 1041 in $1/\text{cm}$. ^1H NMR (400-MHz, DMSO): $\delta=1.48$ (s, 12H, CH_3), 1.92 (t, 8H, CH_2), 2.13 (t, 8H, CH_2), 5.73 (d, 8H, C-H, ArH); 10.17 (m, 4H, Pyrrolic NH), 11.94 (s, 4H, COOH). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): $\delta=175.59$, 139.48, 105.30, 42.49, 29.74, 28.90, 24.12. ESI-MS m/z : 661.00 ($\text{M}+1$)⁺ for Chemical Formula: $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8$.

Synthesis of calix[4]pyrrole tetrapropanehydrazide (CPTPH)

The CPTPH was previously reported utilizing ester functionalized calix[4]pyrrole (CPTM)²⁴⁻²⁵. Here, the same supramolecular species was synthesised using a modified approach from acid functionalized calix[4]pyrrole. The comprehensive updated process is described as; the 0.20 g (0.30 mmol) CPTPA was made soluble in ethanol and 1.25 mL (25 mmol) hydrazine hydrate was added dropwise for 20 min and stirred under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 hour. After that, The mixture vortexed for 48 hours. The synthesis progress was inspected periodically, using thin layer chromatography. To obtain the crude product from the reaction mixture, it was quenched with frigid water. On quenched, a powdery substance appeared and dispersed in the mixture, that was centrifuged at 5000 RPM three times, resulting in the settlement of fine powder at the bottom of the tube which was collected and washed with de-ionized water (3x25 mL) and recrystallized in hot methanol gave pale yellow powder. This powder was isolated by employing *n*-hexane (3x10 mL). This CPTPH (Scheme 1) was then purified using column chromatography.

White Solid (60% yield), m.p. 202°C, FT-IR (KBr disk): 3277, 2968, 1610, 1267, 1166, 1039 in $1/\text{cm}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): $\delta=1.74$ (s, 12H, CH_3), 2.09 (t, 8H, CH_2), 2.27 (t, 8H, CH_2), 4.10 (s, 8H, NH_2), 5.73 (d, 8H, C-H, ArH); 8.89 (t, 4H, NH), 9.36 (s, 4H, Pyrrolic NH). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta=169.90$, 141.92, 107.30, 43.50, 32.53, 31.20, 25.90. ESI-MS m/z : 717.42 ($\text{M}+1$)⁺ for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{52}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_4$.

Synthesis of calix[4]pyrrole tetrapropanehydrazide functionalized silver nanoparticles (CPTPH-AgNPs)

A highly stable AgNPs were synthesised in a one-pot procedure, employing tetrapropanehydrazide

calix[4]pyrrole holding four -NH-NH₂ arms and used as a reducing and capping agent. All the glass wares were carefully scrubbed with freshly prepared aqua-regia and afterwards rinsed with de-ionized water before drying for two hours in a 105°C oven. In the usual protocol, 50 mL of 1.0 mM silver nitrate was brought to boiling. Drop-wise addition of 10 mL of CTPH ligand was accomplished to the boiling AgNO₃ solution and stirred vigorously; within 15 min, colour of the solution turned yellow to colourless, signifying the generation CTPH capped AgNPs. Following this, the solution was stirred continuously at 600 RPM for 4 h at ambient temperature. The solution was then stored at 4°C for further experiments.

Upon successfully preparing CTPH-AgNPs, the SPR spectrum was recorded on a UV-Visible spectrophotometer, with a characteristics peak at 408nm (Fig. 2) signified the spherical shape of silver nanoparticles.

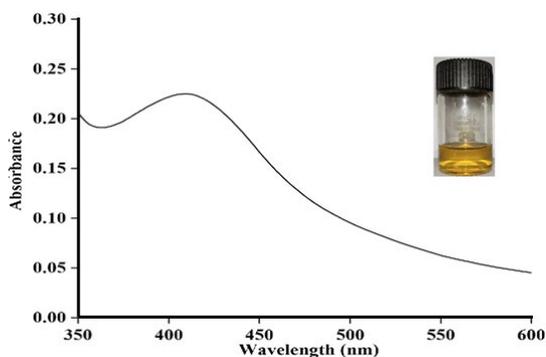


Fig. 2. UV-Visible spectrum of CTPH-AgNPs (SPR peak)

Stock solution preparation for spectrophotometry

Essential amino acids were chosen for the colorimetric and spectrophotometry assay in the present study. The stock solution of CTPH-AgNPs (0.0053%) and amino acids (1.0 μmol/L) i.e. Threonine, Tryptophan, Phenylalanine, Valine, L-Lysine, L-Histidine, L-Leucine, Methionine and Isoleucine were prepared in methanol, from the stock solutions, 2.5 mL of each amino acid solution mixed with 2.5 mL of CTPH-AgNPs, enables the effective concentration of 0.5 μmol/L. After proper mixing, each glass tube was taken for the spectrophotometric assays.

Optimization study of CTPH-AgNPs

The aggregation of CTPH-AgNPs was assessed by varying the pH (4.0 to 10.0) utilizing

0.1 M HCl and 0.1 M NaOH. CTPH-AgNPs were found to be stable at pH 7.0 (Fig. 3(a)), but aside from that, they tended to aggregate after a few hours even when they were sonicated. The CTPH-AgNPs were proved to be stable for 30, 60, 90 and 120 days with minute modification in the SPR band (Fig. 3(b)). The CTPH-AgNPs were investigated for temperatures ranging from 10° to 50°C, the SPR peak was intact from 10° to 30°C and slight deviation occurred for 40° and 50°C (Fig.3(c)). From these analytical studies, it was inferred that CTPH-AgNPs were found stable at pH 7.0 and 10° to 30°C. Hence, all other interrogations were conducted using the same criteria of pH and temperatures.

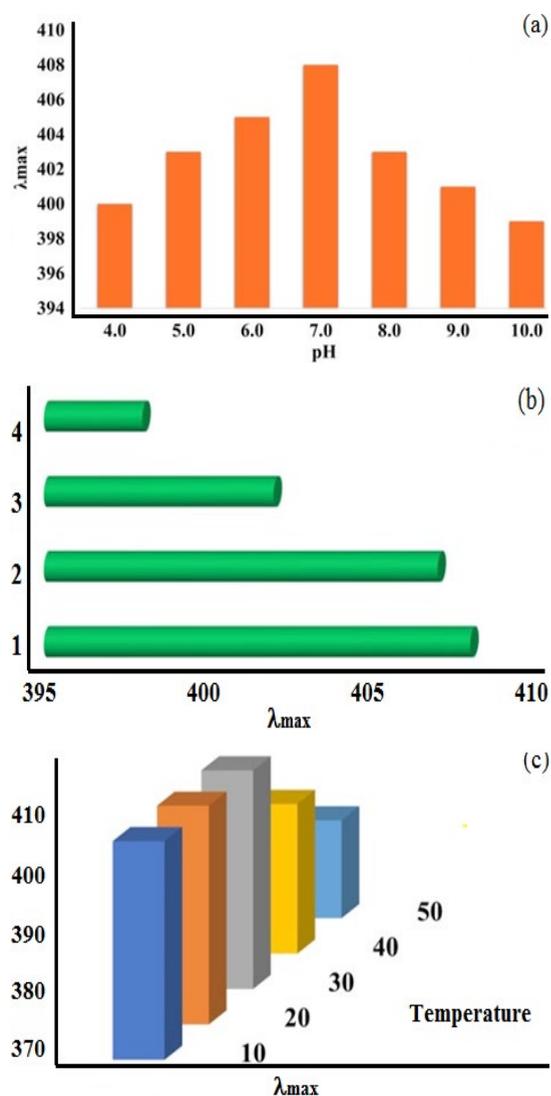


Fig. 3. Optimization study of CTPH-AgNPs: (a) pH vs Wavelength, (b) Days vs Wavelength, (c) Temperature vs Wavelength

Antimicrobial action of CPTPH-AgNPs

The calix[4]pyrrole tetrahydrazide functionalized silver nanoparticles (CPTPH-AgNPs) were studied as an antimicrobial agent against various micro-organisms cultures (Table 1).

Method

The disc diffusion method i.e. Agar diffusion study was used for the antimicrobial action having a disc size of 6mm²⁶⁻²⁷.

Concentration of compounds

DMSO as a solvent was utilized to prepare the stock solution of each compound. The amount for the study was determined in increments of 25, 50, 75, and 100% per disc. As a standard, Hi-media antibacterial drugs, chloramphenicol (10 µg/disk) and amphotericin-B (100 units/disk) were humidified using the optimal volume of water.

Table 1: Cultures used in the Antimicrobial assay

Culture name	Strain name	Reference of strain
Gram-positive bacteria	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	MTCC1430/ATCC12600
	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	MTCC121/ATCC6051
Gram-negative bacteria	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	MTCC448/ATCC9637
	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	MTCC1934/ATCC10415
Fungi	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	MTCC514/ATCC10581

MTCC: The Microbial Type Culture Collection and Gene Bank (MTCC), CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology, Sector 39-A, Chandigarh-160036, INDIA.

Media for microbial assay

Nutrient agar (Hi-media) in g L⁻¹ was the microbial medium being used for *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and *Escherichia coli*. Sodium chloride,5, beef extract 10, peptone 10 (all solutions in g L⁻¹) at pH 7.2. Potato dextrose agar was used as a microbiological medium for *Aspergillus niger* fungus (all ingredients of Hi-media) with composition; (in g L⁻¹) potatoes infusion 200, Dextrose 20, Agar 15 and pH 5.6±0.2 (at 25°C).

Characterization of CPTPH-AgNPs

For various kinds of applications and studies, the different types of AgNPs with distinct sizes and shapes are synthesized. Nowadays, the design of nanoparticles is done in such a way that it satisfies the needs of applications successfully and completely. So, in the current research, the CPTPH-AgNPs were prepared with aim of sensing of analyte and its activities against microbes, which requires a spherical shape of AgNPs with SPR should have appeared between the range of 400 to 500nm in UV-Visible spectroscopy. The result achieved was in good agreement with according to aim, the SPR spectra appeared at 408nm, and the colour of the nano-colloid solution was yellow (Fig. 2). Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) results (Fig. 4(a), (b)) have confirmed the nano-silver of size 13±2nm, monodispersed, and possessing the spherical shape. SAED, i.e. Selected Area Electron Diffraction pattern (Fig. 4(c)) shows bright spots which imply to crystalline nature of CPTAH-AgNPs. The Energy Dispersive X-ray (EDX) findings (Fig. 5) asserted the silver element is present in the sample

of colloid solution. All the above data corroborated that the yellow colloidal solution embraced the silver nanoparticles with a size around 13 to 15nm, SPR spectra at 408nm and crystalline elemental silver in it.

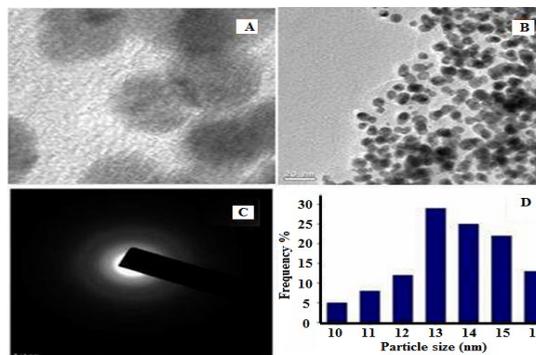


Fig. 4(A, B). TEM images at 5nm and 20nm scale, (C) SAED, and (D) Particle size distribution of CPTPH-AgNPs

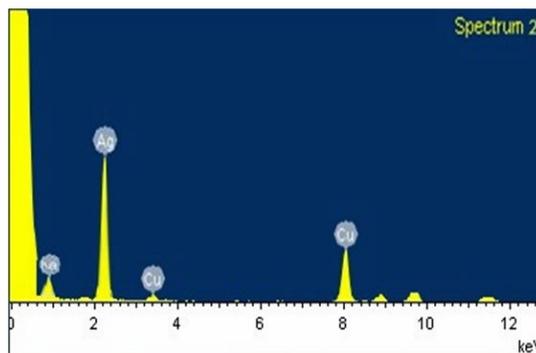


Fig. 5. Energy dispersive X-ray of CPTPH-AgNPs

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Mechanism of formation of CPTPH-AgNPs

The interaction chemistry at the nano-level is still in the development stage and researchers are putting their best efforts to discover the whole process without error. Although, some past computational studies over this point can be endorsed and can be reached to the conclusion on the mechanism of formation nanoparticles by the account of; (i) The formation of silver nanoparticles can be explained by the fact that when CPTPH is applied as a reducing and stabilizing agent, the carbonyl oxygen and eight nitrogen of hydrazide are accessible to give electrons to the silver ions (Ag^+) of AgNO_3 ²⁸. (ii) The stabilizing behaviour of CPTPH can be attributed to the intermolecular hydrogen bonding between ligand and metal atoms due to the proximity of ligand and its intactness over the surface of metal atoms which restrict the conformational flexibility of ligand²⁹. (iii) The ligand-to-metal charge transfer plays a very crucial role in the formation of AgNPs³⁰. Apart from the above markings, the size, shape, area, electronic structure as well as the local electrolytic environment affect the capping actions of ligands and formation of nanoparticles and their stability³¹. Thus, the point to draw from the above discussions is that the successful formation of stable CPTPH-AgNPs is the result of non-covalent interactions.

Colorimetry assay of L-Histidine

2.5 mL (1 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) solution of each amino acid; i.e. Threonine, Tryptophan, Phenylalanine, Valine, L-Lysine, L-Histidine, L-Leucine, Methionine and Isoleucine were mixed separately with 2.5 mL of CPTPH-AgNPs in different glass tubes. For 10 min, all solution blends in glass tubes were incubated at room temperature, to observe any visual change in the colour. After 10 min, except L-Histidine, all other solutions were found to have the same yellow colour of CPTAH-AgNPs colloid (Fig. 6). The glass tube of CPTPH-AgNPs+L-Histidine exhibited colourless solution as seen in the 8th bottle in Fig. 6. The transformation of colour from yellow to colourless of metal nanoparticles in the visual assay can be associated either with aggregation or reduction in the size of metal nanoparticles³². It is reported that when analytes have greater interactions with metal nanoparticles it pulls away the capping ligand from the surface of nanoparticles and leaves behind the bare nanoparticles in the solution³³ which causes the shift

in the SPR spectra. The concentration of analytes also affects the capping actions on the surface of metal nanoparticles³⁴. Evidently, in the spectrophotometric titrations, it was observed that with high concentrations of L-Histidine colour disappear (Fig. 7) and that was observed in SPR spectra too.

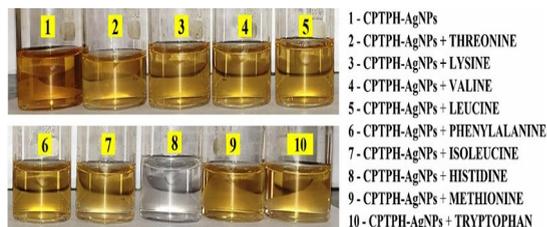


Fig. 6. Colorimetric Sensing of CPTPH-AgNPs with various amino acids



Fig. 7. Colorimetric results of CPTPH-AgNPs on addition of different amounts of L-Histidine

Spectrophotometric study

UV-Visible study of different Amino Acids with CPTPH-AgNPs

Various amino acids were taken for spectrophotometric evaluation, in the whole class of this study, only L-Histidine was turned out to be demonstrated the peculiar peak (Fig. 8) along with colorimetric outcome from yellow to a colourless solution. The experimental outcomes propose the mechanism of sensing involved the electrostatic interactions of L-Histidine towards AgNPs³⁵, subsequently the CPTPH ligand molecules detached from the surface of AgNPs and eventually gave rise to disappearance of SPR band and rectilinear appearance L-Histidine band. Studies in this regard also suggested the reduction in dielectric constant i.e. alteration of electronic environment surrounding the nanoparticles³⁶ and spatial increase between particles³⁷ resulting in modification of SPR band. Thus, it can be summarized that the CPTPH-AgNPs were particularly selective and sensitive for the L-Histidine amongst other amino acids.

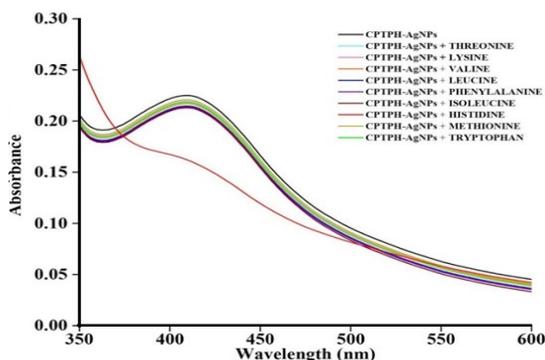


Fig. 8. UV-Visible spectra of CTPH-AgNPs with various amino acids

Spectrophotometric Titration of CTPH-AgNPs with varying concentrations of L-Histidine

Various concentrations of L-Histidine were admixed with CTPH-AgNPs solution and SPR spectra were recorded. The reduction in intensity of SPR band was noticed when 5.0 μM to 25.0 μM of L-Histidine were added in an increment manner (Fig. 9). As L-Histidine concentrations increased by 5.0 μM to 25.0 μM the colour of the CTPH-AgNPs was started to change from yellow to colourless. Thus, the decrement in absorbance is attributed to the change in the chemical and physical environment near the nanoparticles' surface³⁸. It is imperative to highlight that since there is no confirmation of the explicit amount of functionalization sites of calix[4] pyrrole on the surfaces of the silver nanoparticles, the current work precludes the determination of

the association constant³⁹. Using the calibration curve of concentration vs absorbance, the Limit of Detection (LOD) was obtained 6.1 μM employing the $\text{LOD}=3.3\times\sigma/S$ expression and Limit of Quantification (LOQ) was found to be 18.5 μM using expression $\text{LOQ}=10.0\times\sigma/S$; (σ =standard deviation of the absorbance and S =slope of the curve)⁴⁰.

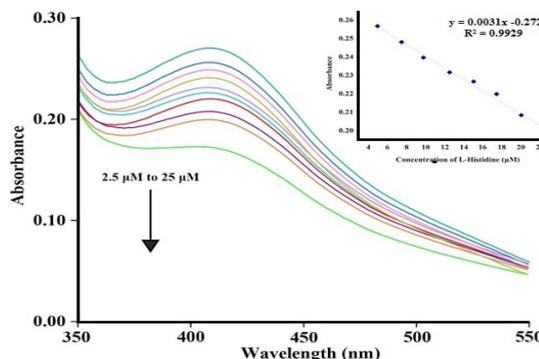


Fig. 9. Spectrophotometric Titration of CTPH-AgNPs with increasing concentration of L-Histidine, and linearity curve in inset

Antimicrobial activity

The medicinal use of colloidal silver extends back to pre-historic India, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Phoenicia, and pre-Columbian civilizations⁴¹. Since the time of Charaka, centuries ago, silver and silver-based compounds were used in Indian medicines for therapeutic purposes⁴². In recent times silver nanoparticles are used widely in the field of medicine to overcome pathogenic attacks.

Table 2: Results Antimicrobial testing (Disc Diffusion Assay)

Sr. No	Code of Sample	<i>S. aureus</i> (in mm)	<i>B. subtilis</i> (in mm)	<i>E. coli</i> (in mm)	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (in mm)	<i>A. niger</i> (in mm)
1	1 (25%)	-	-	09.00	11.00	-
2	1 (50%)	-	-	11.00	11.00	-
3	1 (75%)	09.00	10.00	12.00	13.00	-
4	1 (100%)	11.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	-
5	Chloramphenicol	18.00	22.00	27.00	25.00	N.A.
6	Amphotericin B.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	10.00

Diameter in mm calculated by Hi antibiotic Zone Scale '-' indicates no inhibition of zone, N. A. is Not applicable

Numerous antibacterial actions have been reported, irrespective of the fact that the precise mechanism behind the antibacterial activity of silver nanoparticles still seems to be uncertain. In the reported postulate, it has been proposed that AgNPs have the potential to liberate silver ions, electrostatic attraction towards the sulphur and phosphorous of DNA, which causes the deactivation of DNA replication of microbe and eventually kills it⁴³. In

another report, it was stated that, upon adhering to the cell surface, silver nanoparticles can aggregate in pockets that develop on the cell walls and AgNPs accumulation can induce cell membrane cleavage⁴⁴.

Penetration of AgNPs in bacterial cell wall modifies the structure of cell membrane which imparts denaturation of it was also suggested in one of the reports⁴⁵. The synthesised CTPH-

AgNPs were studied with *S. aureus* and *B. subtilis*, *P. aeruginosa* and *E. coli* and fungi; *A. niger* using the disc diffusion method as discussed earlier in the methods. CTPH-AgNPs have shown plausible antimicrobial activities towards *Gram-positive* and *Gram-negative* species and not showing any inhibition for *A. niger* (Table 2), but it may be active for other fungi. The study was undertaken with standard antibiotic medicines Chloramphenicol and Amphotericin B.

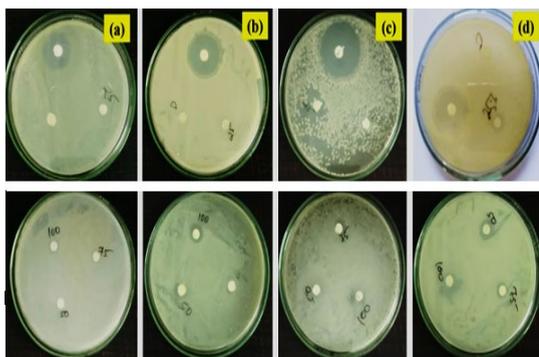


Fig. 10. Antimicrobial action of CTPH-AgNPs against the (a) *S. aureus*, (b) *B. subtilis*, (c) *E. coli*, and (d) *P. aeruginosa*

CONCLUSION

L-Histidine is a multifunctional essential amino acid, possessing a variety of applications from the human body to pharmaceutical industries, was detected by the functionalized silver nanoparticles selectively and sensitively along with colorimetric results possessing LOD of 6.1 μM and LOQ of

18.5 μM . As prepared stable CTPH-AgNPs were characterized with UV-Visible spectrophotometer having SPR band at 408nm, TEM outcomes demonstrated good monodispersed 13 \pm 2nm size AgNPs, having spherical morphology. SAED and EDEX results manifested the crystalline structure with elemental silver. The AgNPs were found to be stable for 120 days and in optimization studies they show 408nm of absorbance at pH 7.0, and SPR band was intact in the range of temperature range from 10 $^{\circ}$ to 30 $^{\circ}$ C. The CTPH-AgNPs colloid solution was assessed against the different microbes incorporating *Gram-positive*, *Gram-negative* and fungi, amongst which fair outcomes were attained for bacterial species.

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