**The Role of Silver (Ag) Nanoparticles synthesis by *Penicillium spp* against the Toxicity of *Echinococcus Granulosus* in Adult Albino Male Rats**

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**Abstract**

The aim of the study was to synthesize Ag nanoparticles by using filamentous fungus *Penicillium sp.*. The fungal culture was isolated from the soil samples collected from agriculture fields in Kirkuk city. The synthesis of silver nanoparticles was investigated by X-ray diffraction peaks were measured at (101), (200) and (202) respectively, and scanning electron microscopy.

The present study was designed to indicated the role of Ag nanoparticles synthesis by *Penicillium spp* against toxicity of *Echinococcus granulosus*. The present study used twenty adult albino male rats that distributed at random to following teams (each group consist five rats); management group received ad libidium, second group injected with 2.5 X 10\(^3\) of *Echinococcus granulosus* protoscolices third group injected with protoscolices and treated with 50 mg/kg AgNanoPs, fourth group injected with protoscolices and treated with 100mg/kg AgNanoPs. The results show high important exaggerated (P < 0.05) in levels of MDA (malondialdehyded) and important decrease (P < 0.05) in levels of glutathione (GSH) and catalasce compared with management group. While, after used AgNPs with *Echinococcus granulosus*, the results indicated non-significant changes (P < 0.05) in MDA, GSH and catalase also showed non-significant changes (P < 0.05) compared with control group. histological study show decrease in numbers of spermatogonia and spermatocytes with absent of spermatid. While, after using AgNPs the testis in third and fourth groups appear semi-normal. It had been ended that AgNanoPs has been potential role against toxicity of *Echinococcus granulosus* in rats male.

**Keywords:** Ag nanoparticles; Echinococcus granulosus; testis.

**Introduction**

Cystic Echinococcosis (CE) is one of the most important zoonotic helminthic diseases throughout the world (1). The larval stage of the *Echinococcus granulosus* leads to hydatidosis (2). Adult worms live in the small intestine of canids as definitive hosts with a high prevalence in the world (3, 4). Intermediate hosts include humans as well as cows, sheep, camels, horses et al that acquire the infection by oral uptake of tapeworm eggs. once intake by appropriate host and sequent passage through abdomen and intestinal, the oncosphere brute become activated, penetrate the tissue layer, enter to the blood stream and body fluid vessels and area unit disseminated within the body. once associate indefinable time period, E. granulosus metacestodes area unit shaped (1, 5). Nano-biotechnology is presently one among the foremost dynamic disciplines of analysis in modern material science whereby plants and totally different plant merchandise ar finding an important use within the synthesis of nanoparticles (NPs) (6, 7). in nano-biotechnological analysis, AgNPs have received important attention owing to their distinctive physical chemical, biological properties, and since of their pertinence in natural philosophy, optics and drugs (8). Among diverse nanaoparticles, Ag nanoparticles because various properties like chemical change,, chemical science conduction and antimicrobial activity, are often employed in completely different applications like biomedicine, agriculture, icon chemicals and food chemistry (9, 10). The present study was designed to indicate the role of green Ag nanoparticles againsted toxicity of *Echinococcus granulosus*. 
Materials & Method

Animal model

In this study twenty adult male albino rats, (wt 225-275 gm with age 4-6 month) obtained from Technical college/ North Technical University, and unbroken on customary pellete diet for week to insure its normal.

Isolation sample

Soil samples were obtained from town of city. For soil suspension preparation, CaCO3 was treated with one: 1 weight / weight and incubated in brooder at thirty seven ° C for four days. For drying functions, a series of ten - so took 0.5 milliliter of dilutions 10-3,10.4 and placed in sterile Petri dishes and poured within the middle of the sterile PDA and fluid to (50-45) m and stirred the dish to homogenize the soil answer with the middle of the plant so incubated for 6-4 days when uninflceted the isolates and diagnosing, looking on.

Preparation of fungal biomass and composition of silver nanoparticles

The fungal fungus was prepared by taking a tablet of the clean, pure fungal colony using a 7 mm sterile veneer hole, where the developing colony edges were punctured on the fungal growth plate and placed in a 100 mL conical flask of the liquid MYPG medium where it was quietly placed to the disc on the center surface After a period of time, the disk stabilized on the surface of the liquid medium, and then placed in the incubator at 26 ° C for 5-7 days to obtain a mat with different weights. After the fungus was nominated the fungal mass using the filter paper (Whatman filter paper NO 1) And then rinsed thoroughly with distilled water to remove the residue of the medium. The fungal flask was then placed in a conical flask containing 100 ml of distilled water and left for 72-24 hours in the incubator.

Echinococcus granulosus

hydatid cysts were collected and obtained from infected sheep livers. They were put in plastic bags, and transported to the Department of biological science, school Technical, North Technical University, wherever protoscolices were isolated from livers in keeping with (12) technique. Protoscolices indicates the fertility of hydatid cyst and it’s were counted according to method cited by(13). cyst and it’s were counted in keeping with technique cited by (13). The viable protoscolices for parasite were counted in one ml from supernatal supported the formula : Viability in 1 metric capacity unit = variety of protoscolices in (10 µl) × one hundred.

Experimental design

Twenty adult male albino rats were used and divided as follow (each groupe consist 5 rats):

- management group: rats were received normal pellet diet just for seven days so killed.
- Positive group rats injected with protoscolices, and so killed.
- Third group rats injected with protoscolices and treated with 50mg/kg Ag NanoPs for month, and so killed.
- Fourth group rats injected with protoscolices and treated with 100mg/kg Ag NPs for month, and then killed.

Prepare of blood solution

The blood collection from rats by internal organ puncher, below anaesthesia, and place in check tubes. After clotting, the tubes were activity for ten min to get sera. The bodily fluid was taken and hold on by deep phase transition till used.

Homogenization

Testis samples were removed immediately and the put in glass dish contents 0.9% NaCl buffer for washing and removed the blood. To oxidative stress factors determination, 10% from organ weight was dissolved with buffer (PH 7.4) and the organ tissue was crashed
by use ceramic mortar. Then mixture was centrifugation for 10 min. Supernated was taken and stored by deep freezing till used (14).

Measurements

Plasma Peroxidation levels (MDA), Glutathione (GSH) and Catalase

MDA (malondialdehyde), was measured based on the quantitative chemical analysis reaction with thiobarbituric acid (TBA) exploitation photometer (15). GSH level calculable by mixed two.3 cubic centimeter buffer with zero.2ml of the sample and so side zero.5ml of 5,5-dithio-bis-(2-nitrobenzoic acid) (DTNB).The mixture was analyzed by spectrophotometer(16). Catalase was measured by using the procedure of Biovision-USA kits.

Histological study

testis biopsies were soft on 4mm punch and 2% xylocaine was used as an anesthetic. The biopsies were mounted in 10% formalin, habitually processed and embedded in paraffin sections that were stained with hematoxylin and fluorescent dye and examined under the microscope.

Statistical Analysis

the info were analyzed employing a applied math Minitab program. A applied math distinction between the suggests that of the experimental teams was analyzed exploitation a way analysis of variance (ANOVA). Results

Isolation and identification of Penicillium sp.

Fungal cultures were isolated from the soil samples collected from varied agricultural lands in kirkuk city. The fungus isolates were characterised on the premise of colony characteristics and microscopic look (17). genus Penicillium sp colonies appeared as velvety and fissure with inexperienced color on personal organiser medium plates. Reverse aspect of the colony was yellow in color. Results are displayed in Figure 1. Microscopic identification of the plant isolates was performed by LPCB mounting. genus Penicillium sp. appeared as extremely branched mycelium part, septal hyphae. Conidiphores up on the mycelium part and conidiospores were unreal.

Figure 1: Colony morphology of the Penicillium sp. isolate

Charaterization of silver nanoparticles Color amendment Cell free filtrate of Penicillium sp. was mixed with caustic resolution and incubated in dark in rotary shaker. Samples showed modified in color from virtually colourless to brown, this is often a transparent indication of the formation of silver nanoparticles within the reaction mixture. The intensity of the color was accumulated throughout the amount of incubation. the looks of brown color was because of the excitation of surface plasmon vibrations(18).

X-Ray differentiation analysis

The XRD pattern therefore clearly shows that the conductorNO3 nanoparticles fashioned by the reduction of Ag ions by fungus genus sp are crystalline in nature (Figure 2). Our results similar output was obtained by (19, 20)

Figure (2) XRD of silver nanoparticles mistreatment genus Penicillium sp.

Scanning Electron Microscope

The dried silver nanoparticles were obtained by action at 10000 rev for twenty mts. the scale and form of the silver nanoparticles biosynthesized was studied by SEM as in figure 3.
Oxidative stress (MDA) & antioxidant parameters (GSH and catalase) in testis

The levels of MDA (2.18 ± 0.37), GSH (0.139 ± 0.025) and enzyme catalase (0.46 ± 0.07) in second group show high significant changes (P < 0.05) compared with management rats (1.24 ± 0.11; 0.276 ± 0.043 and 1.16 ± 0.02 respectively). The levels of MDA (1.38 ± 0.2; 1.27 ± 0.16 respectively), GSH (0.252 ± 0.031; 0.294 ± 0.052 respectively) and catalase (1.03 ± 0.04; 1.11 ± 0.03 respectively) in third and fourth groups show non-significant changes (P < 0.05) compared with management rats as shown in table (1).

Table (1): The levels of MDA, GSH and CAT in testis

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<td>Third group</td>
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Figure (3): SEM image of silver nanoparticles.

Figure (4): testis of control group show spermatogonia (SPG), spermatocytes (SPC) and gamete (SPD). H&E X400.
Histological study

The sections that prepared with control group that show normal in normal structure of spermatogonia, spermatocytes and spermatids as shown in figure (4). The sections that prepared from third and fourth groups show a semi-normal structure spermatogonia, spermatocytes and spermatids as shown in figure (5).

Discussion

The results of present study increased in levels of MDA and decrease in levels of glutathione (GSH) and enzyme catalase in second group that infected with *E. granulosus* With decrease in numbers of spermatogonia and spermatocytes. The results is in agreement with (21) who referred that the infection with *Echinococcus granulosus* lead to elevated the levels of MDA, where found the mean +/- SD of MDA levels of patients with *Echinococcus granulosus*(21). On the other hand, (22) referred that *E. granulosus* lead to decrease in numbers of spermatogonia and spermatocytes that is in agreement with present study (22). About the treatment and the role of AgNPs, many study show the ability of AgNPs as antimicrobial against different bacteria (*S.aureus*, *E.faecalis*, *Pseudomonas* and *E.coli*) (23). The bactericidal activity of nanoparticles is associated with alternative ways by direct react with microbial cells or effect on metabolic process lepton transport from biological process that inhibits respiratory chain enzymes or interferes through covering porousness to phosphate and protons(24) .Finally, the present study show after using AgNPs decrease in MDA and increase levels of GSH and catalase suggest the possibility of using Ag NPs as an anti-oxidant agent by inhibition the formation of free radicals and scavenging all species of (ROS) (25).

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