

# A Review on Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles and Their Applications

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## ABSTRACT

Nanotechnology allocate with the production and usage of material with nanoscale dimension, nanoparticles are large surface area to volume ratio and thus very specific properties. Zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticles had been in current studies due to its large bandwidth and high exciton binding energy and it has prospective applications such as Antimicrobial activity, Antioxidant activity · Cytotoxic activity, Photocatalytic degradation's magnetic and chemical properties that are significantly different from those of bulk counterpart. The aims of this review to provide a comprehensive view on structural, synthesis and electrochemical properties of the ZnO nanoparticles, which were synthesized by different methods.

**Key Words:** ZnO nanoparticle, method, characterization, applications

## INTRODUCTION

Nanomaterials call “a wonderful technology”. It controlled to crystalline nanomaterials (less than 100nm), can demonstrate atomic habits owing to their broad surface area that results from greater surface energy and a wider range of valence and conductive range split into nuclear dimensions [1]. A green chemical method for the synthesis of metal and metallic oxide NPs was intended to decrease the toxicity of the environment. The application of dangerous toxic products in physicochemical synthesis subsequently appeared to be toxic and environmentally non-biodegradable [2]. NPs have been built into different manufacturing, food, chemical, storage and other industries that require the strategy of its synthesis to be green and environmentally friendly [3]. Due to multiple interesting and special characteristics, NPs are synthesized worldwide. ZnO is regarded as one of the finest metal oxides in all metal oxides. Due to its distinctive optical and electric characteristics, it can be used on a nanoscale [4,5]. It is one of the toughest material and widely used in health product formulation. Different chemical techniques for synthesizing ZnO NPs have been suggested, i.e. vapour transport, process of rainfall, Zinc response, etc. [6]. ZnO has huge applications in different fields among the metal oxides NPs e.g. the sensing of optical, gas and magnetic [7], their exclusive catalytic, magnetic and electronic properties have been widely researched and have been studied [8]. ZnO is a widely recognized n-type semiconductor with band gap (3.37eV) and has strong binding energies (60 meV) [9-10]. For the smaller Nano sized particles, Zn- ion accumulation is high, where Zn from ZnO micro particles were exposed to less [11-12]. For the biosynthesis of ZnO NPs Zinc acetate [13-15] and Zinc nitrate [16-18] are two mainly investigated substrates. Green NPs synthesis with plant extracts is becoming increasingly important in chemical synthesis. Plant extract acts as bio template plants for nanoparticle synthesis. The techniques are mostly used for synthesis of metal nanoparticle are chemical precipitation [19-20], hydrothermal [21-23], sol-gel [24] and electrochemical and photochemical reduction [25-,26]. One of the primary applications of ZnO NPs is their use as an efficient drug delivery system [27-28]. Several studies have recently used ZnO NPs as a

drug delivery mechanism in multiple diseases. It has been shown that this nanoparticle can target certain drugs to different cells and tissues. In the packaging of foodstuffs, ZnO NPs have been used and several matrices and techniques have been reported for integrating ZnO in these matrices and are included in the packaging system, without interference with the food-protective effects [29]. Nanoparticles biosynthesis is a method used for the synthesis of biomedical nanoparticles applications. This is a competitive, healthy, environmentally friendly and renewable solution[30]. Green synthesis includes fungal, algae and bacterial synthesis. These synthesized NPs demonstrate increased catalytic activity and restrict the application of costly and toxic chemicals.

## Experimental and computational details

TABLE

| S. N O | METAL | SIZE          | SHAPE           | METHODS         | CHARACTERIZATION                                 | APPLICATION                                                              | REFERENCE                                             |
|--------|-------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | ZN    | 0.452 $\mu$ m | Rod - shape     | Green synthesis | EDX, XRD, FTIR,SEM                               | Antibacterial activity                                                   | NurulIzwanieRasli Et al (2020) <sup>31</sup>          |
| 2      | ZN    | 15 to 50 nm   | Spherical shape | Green synthesis | FTIR, XRD, SEM, and TEM, UV-Visible spectroscopy | Antibacterial Activity                                                   | Basheer Ahmed Fahimmunisha et al (2020) <sup>32</sup> |
| 3      | ZN    | 30.34 nm      | Spherical shape | Green synthesis | UV, FTIR, PSA, XRD, XPS, and TEM                 | anti-biofilm activity                                                    | K. Saravanakumar et al (2020) <sup>33</sup>           |
| 4      | ZN    | 32-40 nm      | Spherical shape | Bio-synthesized | SEM with EDAX, TEM, UV-Vis, FTIR, PL             | Antimicrobial activity , anti-cancer activity,Photocatalytic Degradation | M.Nilavukkarasi et al (2020) <sup>34</sup>            |
| 5      | ZN    | 5 to 18 nm    | Spherical shape | Green synthesis | FTIR, TEM SEM, XRD                               | antibacterialactivity                                                    | A.M. Awwad et al (2020) <sup>35</sup>                 |
| 6      | ZN    | 40 nm         | Spherical shape | Green synthesis | UV-Visible spectroscopy EDX, XRD, FTIR, SEM      | antibacterial activity, anticancer activity                              | K.Shreema et al (2020) <sup>36</sup>                  |
| 7      | ZN    | 52-70 nm      | Spherical shape | Green synthesis | FTIR, SEM, TEM, UV-Visible spectroscopy          | antifungal activity                                                      | Hilal Ahmad Et al (2020) <sup>37</sup>                |
| 8      | ZN    | 40 and 50 nm  | Hexagonal shape | Biosynthesized  | PXRD, EDX, TEM, UV-                              | antifungal activity                                                      | Abdolhossien Miri et al (2020) <sup>38</sup>          |

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|----|----|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|    |    |                 |                                  |                     | Visible spectroscopy and FESEM                                |                                             |                                                               |
| 9  | ZN | 36 nm           | Rod shape                        | Biosynthesis        | UV-Visible spectroscopy, XRD, TEM                             | Antimicrobial activity                      | Dina E.El-Ghwas et al (2020) <sup>39</sup>                    |
| 10 | ZN | 35 and 129 nm   | round-shaped                     | Green synthesis     | UV-Visible spectroscopy, FTIR, XRD and AFM                    | Antifungal activity                         | Teles Souza JM et al (2019) <sup>40</sup>                     |
| 11 | ZN | 60-80 nm        | Spherical shape                  | Green synthesis     | UV-Visible spectroscopy XRD, SEM and EDAX, FTIR spectroscopy. | Antibacterial Activity                      | Agarwal Happy et al (2019) <sup>41</sup>                      |
| 12 | ZN | 50 nm           | Spherical shape                  | Green synthesis     | SEM, TEM, FTIR, XRD, UV-Visible spectroscopy                  | Antimicrobial activity                      | Cui-Ping Gong et al (2019) <sup>42</sup>                      |
| 13 | ZN | 20 – 40 nm      | Spherical shape                  | Green synthesis     | FTIR, TEM FESEM, XRD                                          | Anti-angiogenesis; anti-inflammatory        | GhasemRahimi Kalateh Shah Mohammed et al (2019) <sup>43</sup> |
| 14 | ZN | 30-57 nm        | Hexagonal shape                  | Green synthesis     | FESEM, EDX, XRD, UV-Visible spectroscopy                      | antibacteriaactivity                        | Raja Adibah Raja Ahmad Et al (2019) <sup>44</sup>             |
| 15 | ZN | 50.6 to 61.7 nm | Spherical shape                  | microwave-assisted  | FESEM, FTIR, XRD                                              | antibacteriaactivity                        | Nurulmira Ahmad Yusof et al (2019) <sup>45</sup>              |
| 16 | ZN | 80.1 to 90 nm   | rod-like shaped                  | Sonochemical method | TEM, XRD, FTIR, SEM                                           | Antibacteriaactivity                        | Roberta C et al (2019) <sup>46</sup>                          |
| 17 | ZN | 12.63 nm        | Spherical shape                  | Green synthesis     | XRD, TEM, SEM                                                 | antibacterial activity, anticancer activity | S.Shahid et al (2019) <sup>47</sup>                           |
| 18 | ZN | 24 nm           | Spherical shape hexagonal shaped | Green synthesis     | UV-Visible spectroscopy FTIR, XRD SEM,EDAX, TEM               | Biocompatibility anti-inflammatory          | H. Agarwal et al (2019) <sup>48</sup>                         |

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| 19 | ZN | 25 nm        | Spherical shape           | Green synthesis | FTIR, XRD, SEM, TEM, UV-Visible spectroscopy        | Antimicrobial activity, Antioxidant                            | Ashraf Ahmadi Shadmehris et al (2019) <sup>49</sup> |
| 20 | ZN | 66.25 nm     | Irregular Spherical shape | Biosynthesis    | FTIR, XRD, SEM, TEM, UV-Visible Spectroscopy        | Antimicrobial activity, Antioxidant, cytotoxic activity        | Huzaifa Umar et al (2019) <sup>50</sup>             |
| 21 | ZN | 20-130 nm    | Rod shaped                | Green synthesis | XRD, FE-SEM, EDX, FTIR                              | Antibacterial agents Antioxidant activity · cytotoxic activity | DevarajBharathi et al (2019) <sup>51</sup>          |
| 22 | ZN | 20 nm        | Spherical shape           | Green synthesis | UV-Visible spectroscopy SEM,TEM, FTIR, XRD,         | Antimicrobial activity                                         | D. Wang et al (2018) <sup>52</sup>                  |
| 23 | ZN | 50 to 500 nm | Pseudo spherical          | Green synthesis | UV-Visible spectroscopy, XRD, TEM FTIR              | Antimicrobial activity                                         | Manjaribarsainya et al (2018) <sup>53</sup>         |
| 24 | ZN | 10 to 90 nm  | rectangular shape         | Green synthesis | UV-Visible spectroscopy XRD,XPS, SPR, FESEM, EDAXSS | Antimicrobial activity,                                        | Mehrdad Khatami et al (2018) <sup>54</sup>          |
| 25 | ZN | 2 to 10 nm   | Spherical shape           | Green synthesis | UV-Visible spectroscopy, TEM, SEM, XRD, FTIR        | Antibacterial Activity                                         | Syed MdHumayun Akhter et al (2018) <sup>55</sup>    |

**Nurullzwani Rasli (2020) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs using Aloe vera plant extract by green process. The total number of particles (18-618)  $\mu\text{m}$  with a rod-shaped outline was also demonstrated to be Antibacterial activity. **Basheer Ahmed Fahimmunisha (2020) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs with Aloe sococritine leaf extract by green process. The scale of nanoparticles is spherically shaped between 15-50 nm and shows Antibacterial activity of ZnO nanoparticles. **Kandasamy Saravanakumar (2019) et al** reported T-ZnO and T- $\beta$ -D-Glu-ZnO NPs with medium size spherical shape 30.34 nm and in vivo analysis of their antibody. There has been examination of Antibacterial activity. **M. Nilavukkarasi (2019) et**

al synthesized ZnO-NPs with the spherical form ranging from 32-40 nm by the green process. ZnO nanoparticles demonstrates Antimicrobial, Anticancer and Methylene blue photodegradation. **Akl M. Awwad (2020) et al** synthesized the average ZnO-NPs produced were 5-18 nm using aqueous fruit plant extracts by green process. ZnO-NPs are a spherically efficient antibacterial agent and are considered a possible addition to toxic chemicals. **k. Shreema (2020) et al** measured ZnO-NPs at around 40 nm of spherical form. Zinc oxides may also be able to predict the potential for anticancer activity against human osteosarcoma cell line (MG63). The green synthesis of ZnO-NPs is also recorded through the green process using *Evolvulus* leaf extract. **Hilal Ahmed (2020) et al** synthesizing ZnO-NPs by a green method of spherical shapes with dimensions from 52-70 nm and also showing the Antifungal activity. **Abdolhossien Miri (2020) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs using the *Prosopis farcta* fruit extract by green method, hexagonalizing ZnO-NPs ranging from 40-50 nm. The Cytotoxic and Antifungal activity was demonstrated. **Dina E.ElGhwa (2020) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs by green methods. Nanoparticles with rod type ranged in diameter from 11.6-43.97 nm and exhibit antimicrobial activity. **Jessica Maria Teles Souza (2019) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs by a green process. The size of nanoparticles varies from 35-129 nm and is spherical in shape. Antifungal activity against parapsilosis is demonstrated by the synthesized nanoparticles. **Agarwal Happy (2019) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs using *Cassia alata* plant extract by green process also reported the average size of the synthesized NPs is 60-80 nm and spherical in shape. This study has also demonstrated the excellent antibacterial potential of ZnO-NPs through growth curvature analysis and bactericidal nanoparticles activity. **Cui-Ping Gong (2019) et al** synthesized green model ZnO-NPs with an average size of 50 nm and a spherical shape. Efficient production of biofilm against bacterial pathogens was developed. **Ghasem Rahimi Shammed (2019) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs with the extract of *Hyssopus officinalis*. The synthesized nanoparticles demonstrate Anti-inflammatory agents and Anti-angiogenesis activity with an average spherical shape size with 20-40 nm. **Nuru Amira Ahmad Yusof (2019) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs with the help of partially-microwave heat have been successful. ZnO nanoparticles were distributed uniformly in 50.6-61.7 nm range, with spherical shapes. Nanoparticles of chitosan/ ZnO have been shown to be inhibited by bacteria. **Robert C. Desouza (2018) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs from the ZnO process. Rod-like particles range from 80.1-90 nm. Strong antibacterial activity was observed with the Sonochemical ZnO-NPs. **S. Sahid (2019) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs with *Eucalyptus globules* leaf extract using a green process. The spherical form of the NPs is 12.63 nm. Cytotoxic and Antioxidant substances have also been identified. **Happy Agarwal (2019) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs using Pinnate leaf extract of the average crystalline size 24 nm with a spherical shape. It has been also shows Antiviral activity. **Ashrafahmadi Shadmehar (2019) et al** synthesizes ZnO-NPs by biosynthesis process which is evenly distributed over the surface of the graphene without aggregation. Antibacterial and Antioxidant activity is seen in medium size of 25 nm and spherical types. **Huzaifa Umar (2019) et al.** synthesized ZnO nanoparticles with a spherical size range of 66.25 nm in diameter with antimicrobial and antioxidant activity. **Devraj Bharathi (2018) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs with 20-130 nm rod formation. Synthesized nanoparticles with good Antibacterial activity against positive gram and negative gram bacteria are assisted by biophlavonoid rutin. **Dongyan Wang (2019) et al** synthesized ZnO-NPs which was effective through a safe, easy and green path. The TEM picture showed the spherical form with 20 nm diameter. Gram-positive and Gram-negative Anti-microbial effects were studied for ZnO-NPs and the discodification technique was used to examine yeast. **Manjari Barsainya (2018) et al** synthesizes nanoparticles with extract of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. The TEM images of ZnO-NPs display pseudo-sphere morphology with a particle size range of 20-100 nm. The function of the Antimicrobial is also demonstrated. **Mehrdad Khatami (2018) et al** synthesized ZnO NPs with green synthesis,

the synthesized nanoparticles of rectangular shape ranging from 10-90nm. The antimicrobial applications of zinc oxide nanostructure are demonstrated. **SyedMdHumayun Akhter (2018)** et al. synthesized ZnO NPs by Swertiachirayit leaf extract. TEM micrographs reveal that the particles are nearly spherical. The antibacterial effects of gram-negative ZnO NPs are in the range of 2-10nm.

### Result

Due to its several characteristics, ZnO NPs provides incredible opportunities in potential applications of Antimicrobial, photocatalytic, antifungal, antibacterial, anticancer. Encouraging advancement in researching ZnO NPs has been accomplished and discussed in this paper. An additional significant natural and synthetic methods have been introduced for large-scale applications to attain a wide range of programmable structures for the construction of reconfigurable architectures.

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