

Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles from *Caryota urens* Against Dengue Causing Vector *Aedes aegypti*

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Abstract

In the recent past application of synthetic pesticides used to control mosquito-borne diseases like Zika, dengue, and filariasis. However, the vectors become resistant to chemical insecticide and few botanically-derived compounds. A plant producing compounds often show higher mortality against disease-carrying vectors. This study described that *Caryota urens* synthesizing silver nanoparticles shows the highest mortality against dengue causing vector *Aedes aegypti* vector. Synthesized nanoparticles were characterized by UV-Visible Spectroscopy, XRD and TEM. At a different concentration of nanoparticles from *C. urens* applied against various instars of *A. aegypti*. Ovi position deterrence of *A. aegypti* also described with a different concentration in that the highest concentration of *C. urens* shows increasing activity. Therefore, this study concluded that plant-producing nanoparticles are eco-friendly and safe for humans.

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INTRODUCTION

Mosquitoes act as a disease-causing vector it outbreaks the disease throughout the world. Mosquito is often observed everywhere because of improper maintenance of the drainage system specifically in rainy seasons, ponds, ditches and rice fields. This environment provides a favorable breeding place for mosquitoes (Komalamisra *et al.*, 2005). Among the worldwide showed mosquitoes, more than a hundred species can transmit several diseases in humans and other vertebrates (Rueda, 2008). Mosquitoes can spread malaria, dengue fever, yellow fever, filariasis, Japanese encephalitis, and chikungunya to humans and creates allergy in humans. Gradually mosquito transforms dengue from one person to another in the way of biting infected persons (Das *et al.*, 2003; Nour *et al.*, 2009).

In lateral years, the application of chemical insecticides to control mosquito vectors and their program has been limited. Because of the demand for new insecticides, cost-effective synthetic insecticides, the sustainability of environment concern, public health and non-target peoples, their non-biodegradable environment, increased rate of biological expansion through organization and insecticide conflict on a global exfoliation (Ghosh *et al.*, 2012). The man-made or synthetic insecticides has been dramatically increased condition to make control of various pest and disease in agricultural areas as well as disease carrying mosquito vector in urban area. In another side, the utilization of these synthetic insecticides has been represented the highest level of the resistance between the mosquitoes (Mahyoub *et al.*, 2016).

This has necessitated the research demand and exploitation of eco-friendly, biodegradable and cheap cost endemic methods for mosquito control, which is employed with minimum handle by individuals and communities from a specific perspective (Kumar *et al.*, 2012). There is provoking concern in research for bioactive compound against various pest from natural origins (Mickymaray S, Alturaiiki, 2018; Mickymaray, 2019; Mickymaray and Al Aboody, 2019 Ganesan *et al.*, 2020; Al Aboody and Mickymaray, 2020) as they do not develop any contrary consequences on the non-target organisms and are biodegradable persists a exceed research problem for research

related with substitute mosquito control (Redwane *et al.*, 2002).

In previous research eshasde scribed the potential of plant crude extracts, derived compounds and essential oils against larval stages of the mosquito. However, its diligence of botanical extracts in the field is even to be determined (Kannaiyan *et al.*, 2012; Mickymaray *et al.*, 2016). Nevertheless, biological reduction of heavy metals would be profitable for the emergence of impertinent, non-toxic, and eco-friendly nanoparticles; the synthesized silver nanoparticles are naturally hydrophilic, disseminate uniformly in water, stable, and had substantial larvicidal activity (Amer and Mehlhorn, 2006; Abdul Rahuman *et al.*, 2008).

Nanoparticles comprises of more dimensions with the range of 100 nm or below have absorbed great maintenance because of their strange and captivating attributes (Kato 2011). Recent research focused that synthesized that nanoparticles have been highly explored for various properties like anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial activity (Johnston *et al.*, 2010). Recently they are several increased number of plant-borne compounds have been researched for their efficiency and extracellular synthesis of nanoparticles, which exhibits the potential activity against mosquitocidal properties in atmospheric condition (Benelli, 2016).

Novel research in application nanoparticles makes great attention of researchers, which is involving the extensive utilization, and development of nanotechnology in various fields like electronics, material sciences, drug development, and disease diagnosis. The exploitation of green synthesis of aqueous crude plant extracts and microorganism are processing the synthesis of nanoparticles is developing in nanotechnology (Roopan *et al.*, 2013). The application of crude plant extract, bacteria, and fungi for the biosynthesis of metal nanoparticles like silver, gold and oxide extends various profits like eco-friendly and characteristic for pharmaceutical and biomedical properties as they do not apply any toxic chemicals in the synthesis of nanoparticles (Aboody, 2019; Yang-Ke *et al.*, 2019; Prabakar *et al.*, 2013)

Many biological systems, such as that of fungi, algae, bacteria, and plants have been studied

for the biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles (Balaji *et al.*, 2009; Krishnaraj *et al.*, 2010; Philip, 2010). These synthesized nanoparticles are reported to have several beneficial activities. The larvicidal activity of cobalt nanoparticles synthesized by *Bacillus thuringiensis* against *Anopheles subpictus* and *Aedes aegypti* (Diptera: Culicidae) was studied by Marimuthu *et al.*, (2013).

Nevertheless, plant and plant-derived nanoparticle synthesis can be beneficial compared to other methods to control larvicidal activity. The reaction rate for the synthesis of nanoparticles is very high, eco-friendly and not harmful to Non-target organisms. (Naik *et al.*, 2014). Economically the exhaust of the fresh inflorescence of *C. urens* useful to prepare various fermented products (Namoff *et al.*, 2011). It also renders potent fibre, woody stems for building fabrics and starch has been extracted from the coconut pith. In Asian countries, stem starch of *C. urens* plays a role as a major food source between tribal peoples (Ranasinghe *et al.*, 2012). Therefore, the present work was carried out in search of new microbial and mosquito control agents. With the information gained from the previous reports, silver nanoparticles were synthesized from the plant species *Caryota urens* and antimicrobial activities AgNPs against soil pathogens and their larvicidal activity against mosquito larva were studied.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sample collection

C. urens were freshly collected from in and around Tamil Nadu, India. The *C. urens* were cleaned; shade dried and makes fine powder by mixer or grinder. *C. urens* powder was allowed into soxhlet with methanol. Extracts from soxhlet were used for further experiments.

Characterization of synthesized silver nanoparticles

Methanolic extract of *C. urens* mixed with silver nitrate (1mM) solution and kept at room temperature and the changes were observed in the UV-Vis spectrophotometer and reaction was observed from the range of 300-700 nm. For XRD analysis of *C. urens* samples, nanoparticles were placed and surfaced on the X diffraction grid and the results of XRD were observed at 40 KV. *C. urens* synthesized nanoparticles size was affirmed by microscopic results.

Insect Bioassay

C. urens synthesized nanoparticles were determined with dengue causing vector *A. aegypti*. *A. aegypti* at third in star were ordered into a container with various concentrations 4, 8, 12, 16 and 20 ppm of *C. urens* silver nanoparticle. For experiments, 20 mosquito larvae per dose were employed and these experiments were replicated. Mortality was observed every 24 h. The percentage of mortality was detected by using the formula



Fig. 1. External morphology of *C. urens* and nanoparticle synthesis.

(1) and corrections for natural mortality when essential were done by using Abbott's (1925) formula (Revathi *et al.*, 2013).

$$\text{Percentage of mortality} = \frac{\text{No. of dead larvae}}{\text{No. of larvae introduced}} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

The data from the mortality after correction were presented to probit analysis to calculate effective concentration (EC_{50}). The data were analyzed with analysis of variance (ANOVA) by Minitab software (Chandrasekaran *et al.*, 2014).

Ovi position deterrence index

From various concentrations of *C. urens* silver nanoparticles with rearing food in 16 and 20 ppm containers to find out the concentration covered for the experiments with *A. aegypti*. The female *A. aegypti* were afforded between treated and control containers. During the experiments, the sets of female larvae were continued separately for two days in cages measuring 25×25×30 cm.

After the treatment period, the laid eggs were calculated, the ovi position deterrence index was determined as followed by the formula

$$\text{ODI} = \frac{Nt - Ns}{Nt + Ns} \times 100$$

RESULTS

Characterization of biosynthesized nanoparticle

C. urens samples were fine pulverized and observed the synthesized the silver nanoparticle. The UV visible spectroscopy analysis as checked the formation and stability of synthesized silver nanoparticles in *C. urens* methanol extracts (Fig.2). After the addition of silver nitrate, the solution becomes brown color, ensued that the presence of bionanoparticles (Fig. 1). The synthesized nanoparticles were observed from the range between 450-500nm. The SPR optical density was extremely reasonable to the size and shape of synthesized nanoparticles.

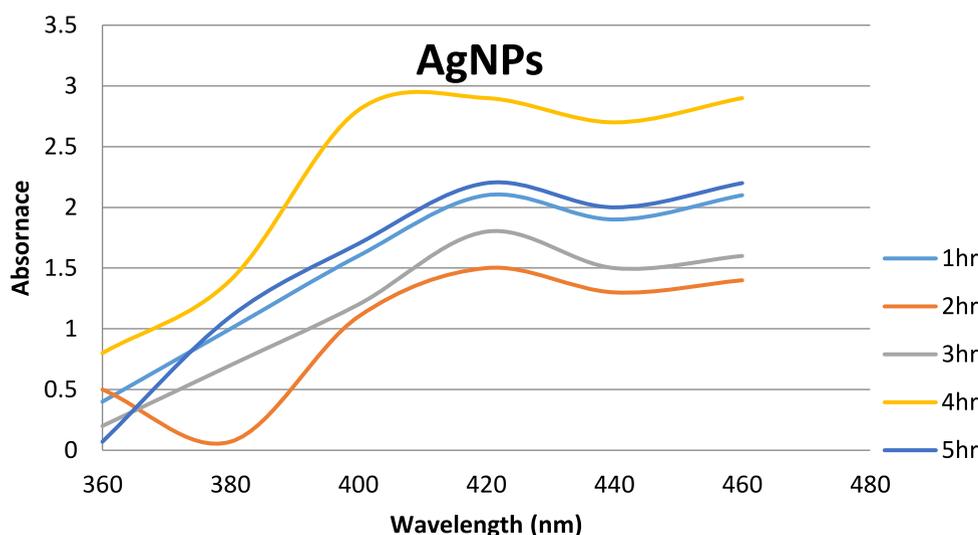


Fig. 2. UV-Vis Spectrometer analysis of *Caryota urens* silver nanoparticles

Transmission Electron Microscope

The microscopic observation of synthesized silver nanoparticles from *C. urens* was showed (Fig. 3). The size of synthesized bionanoparticles is 30 nm and 5-60nm sized nanoparticles are spread widely observed. The maximum particles are spherical, and rectangles in shape were observed. Plant bioactive compounds from *C. urens* are responsible for the establishment of several shapes of synthesized nanoparticles.

XRD

XRD pattern of *C. urens* synthesized silver bionanoparticles, observed hits from spectrum results range from 20° to 90°. XRD results observed that crystal-like silver structures have been compared with the standard chart, which is released by the Joint Committee on Powder Diffraction Standards. It observes differently concentrated rings furnished for the planes observed for crystalline particles (Fig. 4).

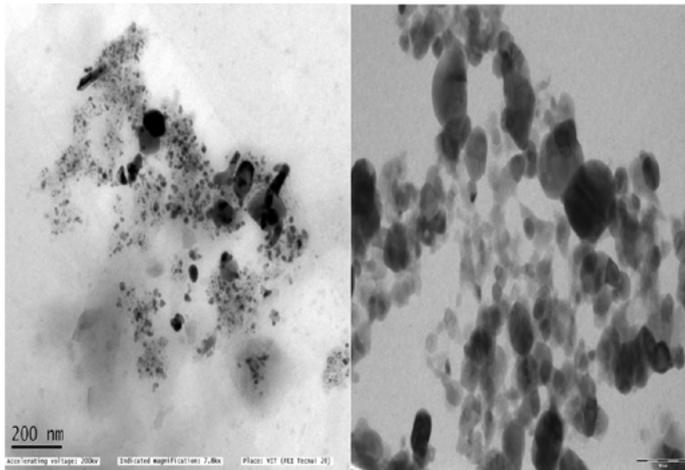


Fig. 3. Transmission electron microscopy analysis for *Caryota urens* silver nanoparticle

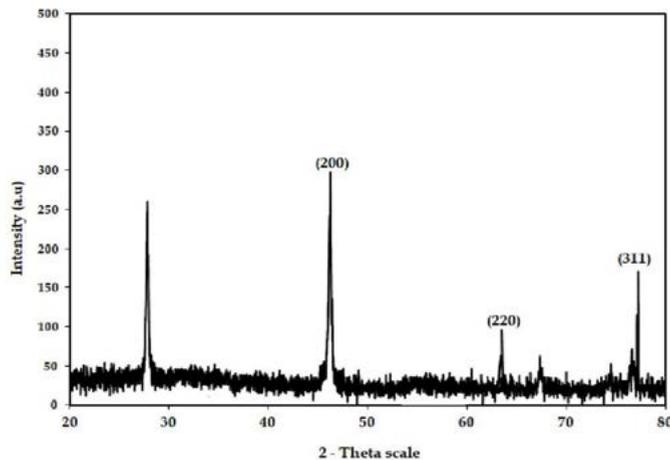


Fig. 4. XRD analysis for *Caryota urens* silver nanoparticles

Bioassay

The bioassay results were observed through the mortality of mosquito larva and the effective percentage was observed (Fig. 5). This mortality rate of the experiments was observed that *C. urens* synthesized nanoparticle is increased level for mosquito control. The increased concentration of silver nanoparticles ($F = 23.5$; $df = 5$; $P \leq 0.001$) exhibited the mortality rate against *A. aegypti*. At 4 and 8 ppm, lower concentrations were also exhibited the deformed growth of larva and malformation of adult (Fig. 6).

OVI assay

Ovi positional assay importantly modified in increased concentration of *C. urens*



Fig. 5. Mortality of silver nanoparticles synthesized from *Caryota urens* different concentration with different instars

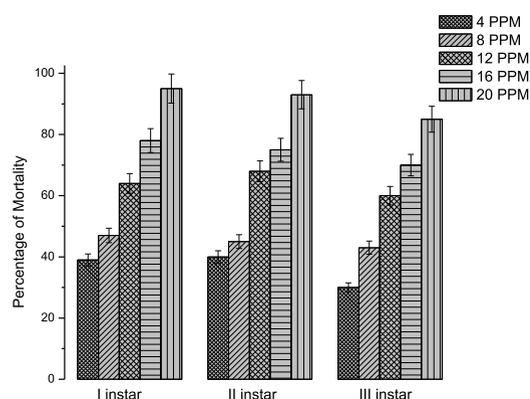


Fig. 6. Percentage mortality of crude from *Caryota urens* different concentration with different instars

bionanoparticle against *A. aegypti* ($F = 43.35$; $df = 5$; $P < 0.0001$). In the present study, results represent the utilization of bionanoparticles disturb the mechanism of mosquito feeding and physiological reactions (Fig.7).

DISCUSSION

Uninterrupted research in recent days to identify bioactive compounds from botanical extracts, so far nearly 39 plant were assessed for their insecticidal properties. In these findings compared with previous findings with Arecaceae family insecticidal activities showed increased activities (Ortiz de Elguea-Culebras *et al.*, 2018).

In recent decades, disease-carrying mosquitoes in nearly all developing countries have dispersed and conveyed about the infections which causing endangering life and debilitating diseases. Uninterrupted utilization of synthetic or man-made insecticides for disease-causing vector control amends the non-targetable biological arrangements. So diligence of substitute systems like biological control factors is the most necessary (Dhanasekaran and Thangaraj, 2013; Gomathi *et al.*, 2019).

Nerium oleander extracts synthesized silver nanoparticles were formulated against malarial vector *Anopheles stephensis*, these silver nanoparticles affect the larvae it causes the restlessness, sluggishness of vector, and finally the larvae became paralysis lead to death (Roni *et al.*, 2013). *C. nucifera* and *C. urens* coir excerptions have been employed as a contracting and cresting

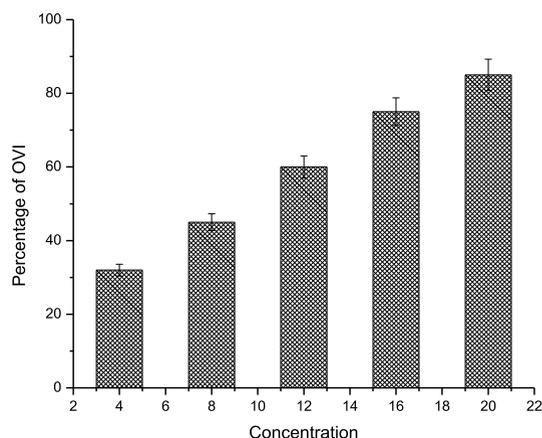


Fig. 7. Ovi position deterrence assay for silver nanoparticle from *Caryota urens* with different concentrations

factor for the synthesis of silver nanoparticles. Therefore this study direct to formulate the simple and efficacious method for preparation of bionanoparticles at room temperature (Roopan *et al.*, 2013)

Several plant extracts and plant-derived compounds exhibited increased larvicidal against various insect pest including stored pest. Nanoparticles from these traditional plants showed high mortality rate insect pest and it also proved from several researchers effective against *C. cephalonica* (Isman, 2005). In other studies also revealed that silica nanoparticle exhibited highly effective insecticidal activity against *C. cephalonica* showed that increased mortality during the experiments (Vani and Brindhaa, 2013).

Several mode of action has been developed against insects and their control. Most of the insecticides have detoxification proeperty through certain mechanism in the insects fat body. This increased insect resistance problems in the insect control management has been viewed as the major problem to eradicate various insect vectors, because of this contrary effects of synthetic and chemical pesticides on environment and human health aimed to develop novel eco-friendly insecticides form living organism and insect growth regulators. (Mayoub *et al.*, 2016).

After the application of silver nanoparticles, nanoparticles penetrate the insect exoskeleton and interact bind into proteins and nucleic acids in intracellular space, after that it denatures the organelles and decreases the

cellular functions finally leads to death (Jiang *et al.*, 2015; Benelli, 2016; 2018). Biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles is recent well-developed research exhibiting various activities like anti-cancer, antimicrobial, and anti-insecticides. Lately, proper exhibitor of biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles leads to disease-causing vector larval death. The present study shows due to the application of nanoparticle into insect pests increases the mortality rate.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, biosynthesized silver nanoparticles using *C. urens* methanolic extracts harmless to non-toxic organisms and the non-toxic advance in formulating the larvicidal activity against *A. aegypti*. It is one of the costs efficacious methods may very applicable against mosquito control, the agricultural field, and biomedical applications.

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DATA AVAILABILITY

All datasets generated or analyzed during this study are included in the manuscript

ETHICS STATEMENT

This article does not contain any studies with human participants or animals.

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