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Abstract

Nowadays research is widely going on copper oxide nanoparticles because of their excellent physicochemical, antibacterial, and anticancer properties. In the present study color of the solution changes upon the addition of 5 mM copper sulphate and further changes after gallic acid was added to the cell filtrate of *Proteus mirabilis* (ATCC-299906). The gallic acid coated copper oxide nanoparticles (GA-CuONPs) were further characterized by UV-Visible spectrophotometry, FTIR, SEM, EDX, TGA, DSC, and TEM showed particles are spherical in shape and size ranges from 17 to 45 nm. The antibacterial study revealed that GA-CuONPs were sensitive to Staphylococcus aureus with inhibition zone 18.5 ± 7.7 while least sensitive to Escherichia coli with inhibition zone 13.0 ± 2.3 . The GA-CuONPs showed IC₅₀ value at 106.88 \pm 1.33 μ g/ml against PANC-1 cells while less toxic towards 3T3-L1 cells with IC₅₀ 255.36 \pm 0.86 μ g/ml through MTT assay. Apoptosis study revealed cell shrinkage, chromatin condensation and membrane blebbing. PANC-1 cells showed 68.85% DCF expression of ROS while cells cycle got arrested in Sub GO/G1 and G2/M phase. Furthermore, 41.38% mitochondrial membrane potential ($\Delta \psi m$) damage and extensive DNA damage was observed. Therefore, GA-CuONPs could become a promising anticancer agent in the field of biomedicine and cancer therapy.