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# Assessment of anti bacterial, anti inflammation and wound healing activity in Wistar albino rats using green silver nanoparticles synthesized from *Tagetes erecta* leaves

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#### Abstract

Silver nanoparticles synthesized from plant material have superior bioactivities. The purpose of this current study was to synthesis, characterize and to explore the bioactive efficacy of silver nanoparticles (Ag-NPs) using aqueous leaf extract of *Tageteserecta*. The biosynthesized Ag-NPs were characterized using ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), X-ray diffraction and Scanning electron microscopy. Ag-NPs were studied for in-vivo anti-inflammatory and wound healing activities performed in female Wistar albino rats. UV –Vis absorption spectrum of the *T.erecta* leaves extract was obtained at 428nm due to excitation of surface plasmon vibration in nanoparticles and confirms the synthesis of silver nanoparticles. The FTIR analysis showed the presence of sulfate, alkene and alcohol in the AgNP of *T.erecta*leaves. The average crystallite size of AgNP synthesized was found to be 27.2 nm. The spherical silver grain of 15.5 nm average size has been depicted with high-resolution scanning electron microscopy. Maximum activity (15mm) of *T.erecta* leaves silver nanoparticles was observed against *Salmonella typhi* (15mm) followed by *Escherichia coli* (12mm). Ag-NPs exhibited significant wound healing activity and anti-inflammatory activity in carrageenan-induced paw volume tests performed in female Wistar albino rats. Colloidal Ag-NPs can be synthesized by simple, nonhazardous methods, and biosynthesized Ag-NPs using *T.erecta*leaves extract have significant therapeutic properties. This work evidently confirmed that silver nanoparticles mediated *T.erecta* could be considered as a potential source for anti-inflammatory and wound healing drug.

**Keywords:** Anti-inflammatory activity, Bactericidal activity, Green synthesis, Silver nanoparticles, *Tagetes erecta*, Wound healing activity

#### INTRODUCTION

Silver nanoparticles are extensively applied as nanomedicine in the field of pharmacology, cardiology, dermatology, dentistry, Anti-inflammatory, disease detection, diagnosis, drug delivery, biomaterials and devices coatings. They also act as wound healing as well as antimicrobial agents (Jasminka Talapkoet al., 2020, Burduset al., 2018, Baygar et al., 2018, Wang et al., 2017). Currently, due to their broad-spectrum of antimi-

crobial activity they are applied in the medical field such as in regeneration materials (Burduset al., 2018), wound dressings, artificial implantation, antitumor drug carriers (Haider and Kang 2015, Liao et al., 2019), antibacterial vaccines, implantable medical devices (Wang et al., 2017) and also improve the development of textile and food product. In day to day life many silver-based air/ waters filtration, animal husbandry, textile materials, food packaging, etc. are used (Deshmukh et al., 2019). Silver nanoparticles significantly used in therapy rather than diagnostic procedures due to their antimicrobial action (Mathur et al., 2018). Many scientific studies have proven the bactericidal and inhibitory activity of silver on pathogenic microorganisms (Dakalet al., 2016). Silver is effectual against a variety of microbes like bacteria, viruses and fungi. Hence silver has an advantage and enormous scope of activity over the majority of other antimicrobials (Mcdonnell and Russell 1999). The efficient activity of silver nanoparticles depends on their dimension, shape, colloidal state, charge, concentration, and surface coatings (Wei et al.,2015). Small diameter (10 and 15 nm) Ag nanoparticles have greatest antimicrobial activity than the larger diameter (50 nm) (Beythet al., 2015, Shang et al., 2014). Wound management is an important factor in medical care due to traumatic injuries and the increasing incidence of chronic wounds such as diabetic ulcers, varicose ulcers, and pressure sores, and aging populations who exhibit less wound healing capacity (Blacklowet al., 2019, Mihai et al., 2019). Biopolymers in combination with nanoparticles which has potential antimicrobial, antibacterial, and anti-inflammatory activities, promote wound healing mainly in diabetic foot ulcers management (DFUs), which is still considers as an enormous problem and also increases the amputation rates and medical costs (Vijayakumar et al., 2019). The AgNPs with highest percentage can reduce wound size increased collagen deposition, few macrophages, tissue edema, and more fibroblasts in albino rats (Kumar et al., 2018). Silver NPs (14 nm) coated bandages eradicated bacterial growth, reduced inflammation, scarring and accelerated the healing process (Cameron et al., 2018). Acceleration in the wound healing process and improvement in the wound contractions in thermally injured mice were achieved by the application of biosynthesized AgNP based ointments (Gong et al., 2018). Silver used in the dentistry field for the treatments of orthodontic, endodontic, restorative, prosthetic, periodontal. Along with that, silver has anti-caries (tooth decay) effect and antitumour effect on oral cavities. In dermatology field, silver is used for acne, eczema, fungal infections etc., for variant skin conditions. Silver nano dressings have the qualities of regenerative, effective, astringent and caustic potential. Also, AgNPs are applied in cardiology because of their antibacterial and anti-thrombogenic properties (Jasminka

Talapko et al., 2020).

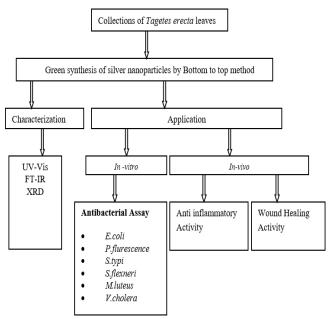
Green synthesis of silver nanoparticles has advantages over the chemical and physical method as it is moneyspinning, eco-friendly, one-step method, easily scaled up for large-scale synthesis and does not require high pressure, energy, temperature and toxic chemicals for production(Abdul Ghani and Amin 1997, Kumar and Yadav 2009, Devendra Jain and Kothari 2014, Adebayo et al., 2014, Shabnum Shaheen et al., 2017). Using microorganisms and enzyme have been sugeco-friendly gested possible alternatives (Mohanpuria et al., 2008). The plants or plant parts extract, which act as reducing and capping agents for nanoparticles synthesis, are more advantageous over other biological processes (Valli and Vaseeharan 2012), because they eliminate the elaborated process of culturing and maintaining of the cell, and can also be scaled up for large-scale nanoparticle synthesis (Saxena et al., 2012). Different parts of plant materials such as extracts (Mubarakali et al., 2011), fruit (Prathna et al., 2011), bark (Satishkumar et al., 2009), paddy husk (Reenal and Iruthayakalaiselvam, 2015), fruit peels (Bankar et al., 2010) root (Ahmad et al., 2010) and callus(Nabikhan et al., 2010) have been studied so far for the synthesis of silver, gold, platinum and titanium nanoparticles in several sizes and shapes (Gopinath et al., 2012).

Tagetes species are used in different areas like medicines, cosmetic preparation. Flowers have different colors and different fragrance. It has a strongly aromatic essential oil (Tagetes oil). It has quercetagetin, a glucoside of quercetagetin, phenolics, syringic acid, methyl-3, 5-dihydroxy-4-methoxy benzoate, guercetin, thienyl and ethyl gallate, terpines, carotenoids and other important phytochemical constituents. Also useful in fevers, epileptic fits (Ayurveda), astringent, stomachic, carminative, scabies, liver complaints and eyes treatments. The leaves are treated against piles, muscularpain, kidney troubles, ulcers, and also has following activity such as Anti-bacterial, Anti-microbial, hepatoprotective, Insecticidal, Mosquitocidal, Nematicidal, Wound healing, Anti-oxidant, Analgesic and Larvicidal (Dixit Priyanka et al., 2013).10 to 90 nm spherical and hexagonal and irregular in shape Tagetes flower silver nanoparticles were synthesized and confirmed the presence of silver metal by getting maximum peak at 430 nm in UV-visible spectrum and performed its antimicrobial potential against Gram positive (Staphylococcus aureus and Bacillus cereus), Gram negative (Escherichia coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa) bacteria and fungi (Candida glabrata, Candida albicans, Cryptococcae neoformans) (HemaliPadalia et al., 2014). Synthesized polydispersed, spherical silver nanoparticles of 20-50 nm, with the average size of 30 nm using Tagetes leaves crude extract (Umesh et al., 2019).

The presents investigation provides a simple, ecofriendly approach of sliver nanoparticles synthesis using *Tagetes* leaves extract and its bactericidal, antiinflammatory and wound healing activity in female Wistar albino rats.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**Experimental design:** The experimental design is indicated in Fig.1.



#### Green synthesis of silver nanoparticles

Tagetes leaves were collected and washed with tap water, followed by double distilled water to remove waste materials. 10g of the fresh sample was mixed and boiled with 100mL of double distilled water for 3 mins. After 10 mins, the extracts were transferred into conical flask and filtered thrice with Whatman No.1 filter paper to remove particulate matter for getting clear solution and stored 4°C refrigerated for further experiments. 0.02mmol aqueous solution of silver nitrate was prepared by adding 0.0338g of the silver nitrate in the 100mL double-distilled water.5 ml extract was mixed with 10ml aqueous silver nitrate solution under normal condition. The test tubes were sealed using cotton plugs and observed the colour change. The distinct colour change of the silver nitrate solution from colourless to grey colour after the reduction process indicates the formation of silver nanoparticles (Saxena et al., 2012).

#### Characterizations of synthesized silver nanoparticles

Synthesized silver nanoparticles were confirmed by UV - Vis spectrophotometer at the wavelength of 250-600 nm (CHEMILINE CL – 1320 Spectrophotometer). Fourier transforms infrared (FTIR) spectrophotometer (Model (Shimazdu, India) was used to characterize the

functional Group and composition of AgNP at a range of 4,000 to 400 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The suspension was subjected to centrifugation twice at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes each for collecting nanoparticles. After discarding the supernatant, the pellet was washed with 1 mL of doubledistilled water for removing the unwanted biological materials and then centrifuged twice, followed by drying on a watch glass at room temperature. The final Ag-NPs were stored at 4°C for further studies (Hemali et al., 2015). Phase formation of Silver nanoparticles was characterized by X-ray diffraction. Films of colloidal silver nanoparticle formed on Si (III) substrates by drop coating were used for X-ray-diffraction (XRD) study. The data were obtained using (RIGAKU – MINLFEEX – 600). The fine structure of the compound was identified using the formula,

D=Κλ/βcosθ

 $\lambda$  – Is the x-ray wavelength

 $\beta$  – Is the full width at half maximum (FWHM) and

 $\theta$  – Is the diffraction angle)

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) analysis was carried out using a JEOL JSM-6390 model at 20 kV. A thin carbon-coated film of the sample was formed by placing a small amount of sample on the copper grid. After removing extra moisture using blotting paper, the sample film on the SEM grid was dried under a mercury lamp for 5 minutes prior to analysis (Hemali *et al.*, 2015).

# Bactericidial activity of synthesized silver nanoparticles (Disc Diffuction Method, Heatly, 1944)

Invitro anti-bacterial activity was assayed by the Disc diffusion method, for Escherichia coli (ATCC25922) Micrococcus luteus (DSM1790), Solmonella typi (B10827), Bacilus cereus (M10) and Pseudomonas flurescences (AH2). Test pathogens supplied by the Basic Biomedical Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy. A 0.3ml amount of synthesized silver nanoparticles was applied to 4mm sterile disc. In the same way for control 0.3ml of amikacin was soaked in sterile disc. Both the discs were allowed to dry at room temperature. Pathogenic bacterial strains were inoculated in sterile broth and incubated at 37°C for 24 hrs. Pathogens were swabbed and placed on the surface of sterile petri dishes in 20ml of solidified nutrient agar. The control and the experimental discs were placed in the sterile solidified nutrient agar petri plates to assess the effect of extracts on pathogens. These agar plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 hrs and the antibacterial activity was measured accordingly based on the inhibition zone around the disc. Each synthesis of silver nanoparticles were tested thrice for confirmation of activity.

#### **Animal study**

The experimental female Wistar albino rats (120–150gm) were acclimatized for 1 week prior to experi-

mentation. They were reared in polypropylene cages with sterile husk materials and fed with a standard pellet diet and water. They were raised under the controlled environmental conditions of 23°C±2°C and relative humidity of 55%±10% on a 12-hour light/dark cycle. The animal experimental protocols used in this study were recognized by Govt. of Tamilnadu, approved by the Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi and Use Committee of SankaralingamBhuvaneshwari College of Pharmacy at Anaikuttam, Sivakasi (Ref:SBCP/2020-21/CPCSEA/IAEC/I(3)/F16/151) and followed the norms prescribed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Committee, Government of India, NewDelhi.

#### **Anti-inflammatory activity**

The anti-inflammatory activity of biosynthesized Ag-NPs was evaluated in Wistar albino adult female rats using the standard carrageenan-induced paw edema method in vivo condition (Winter et al., 1962). The experimental animals were randomly divided into Four groups (n=4). Group I-Positive control (Water only), Group II-Standard Diclofenac 20mg/kg. Group III-TLSNP 200mg/kg, Group IV-TLSNP 400mg/kg. They were fasted overnight with free access to water prior to treatment. All mice were given carrageenan (10 mg/kg; Hi-Media, Mumbai, India) to induce inflammation. Standard Oral administration of Diclofenac and biosynthesized Ag-NPs was performed 30 minutes before the carrageenan injection in the right hind paws of experimental mice. And then, Plethysmometer (Plethysmometer (Panlab, LE7500, USA) was used to measurethe volume of the paw at intervals of 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 hours for analyzing the anti-inflammatory activity of Ag-NPs in vivo condition. The change in paw volume was taken as actual oedema volume. The percent of inhibition was calculated using the formula:

Percentage of inhibition=100(1-Vt/Vc) ...... Eq.1 Where Vt is the increase in paw volume of rats treated with the sample drug and Vcis the increase in paw volume of the positive control group.

#### Wound healing activity

In this experiment, animals were categorized into four groups (n=4) and fed with normal food and water. Each Group contained four animals for the test. Group I- Positive control (simple ointment), Group II-Negative control (Povidone-iodine ointment), Group III-TLSNP 5% (Tagetes leaves silver nanoparticles), Group IV-TLSNP 10% (Tagetesleaves silver nanoparticles). All the experiment animals underwent the following dorsal surgery procedure. The animals were anaesthetized, followed by an injection of 2,2,2- Tribromoethanol, Aldrich, 25mg/100g body weight through intraperitoneal injection. After removing the hair from the dorsal skin of the animal, 15mm diameter size of the wound was made. Povidone-iodine was used as a topical anti-infective in

the control animal. The wound received topical application of silver nanoparticles. Immediately after surgery, 0.4ml of veterinary pentabiotic was given to all the animals via intra-muscular. The effectiveness of the sample is studied by measuring the reduction in the diameter of the wound in all the animal belonging to four different groups on 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> day.

#### Statistical analysis

All experiments were performed with groups of four animals each and the results were expressed as mean  $\pm$  the standard error. All data were analyzed using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences 17.0 software (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### Visual observations of synthesized nanoparticle

The colour of the solution changed from brown colour depending on the extract concentration indicating silver nanoparticles formation as the colour change observed was due to excitation of surface Plason vibration in the silver nanoparticles. Silver nanoparticles exhibited brown colour in an aqueous solution due to excitation of surface plasmon resonance. On mixing the *Tagetes* leaves extract with an aqueous solution of the silver ion complex, a change in the colour from light green to brown precipitate was obtained after 2 minutes of incubation with silver nitrate (Fig. 2). The fresh suspension of Lemon (*Citrus aurantifolia*), Orange (*Citrus sinensis*) and Tomato (*Solanumly copersicum*), was yellowish brown colour (Anil Ramdas Shet et al., 2015).

### Characterizations of synthesized nanoparticles

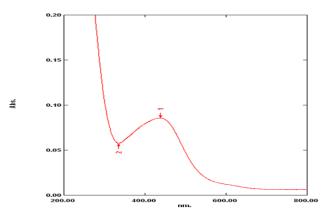
Ultraviolet spectroscopy is an indirect method to examine the bioreduction of AgNP from an aqueous AgNO<sub>3</sub> solution. UV–Vis absorption spectrum of the *Tagetes* leaves extract was obtained at 428nm due to the excitation of surface plasmon vibration in nanoparticles and confirm the synthesis of silver nanoparticles (Fig. 3). The concentration of the olive leaf extract increases, the absorption peak gets more sharpness and blue shift was observed from 458-441 nm (Kahalil *et al.*, 2012)

#### FT-IR analysis

In FTIR analysis of *Tagetes* leaves silver nanoparticle, the following prominent bands of absorbance were observed at 1380cm<sup>-1</sup>, 885cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1100cm<sup>-1</sup>, 2840cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1566cm<sup>-1</sup> correspond to S=O, C=C, C=O,C-H and C=C stretching vibrations of sulfate, alcohol, and alkene are present in the *Tagetes* leaves extracts. They acted as both capping agent as well as stabilizing agent (Fig. 4). The Ag nanoparticles synthesized using olive leaf extract, the FT-IR band observed at 3409cm<sup>-1</sup> characteristic of the O-H and C=O stretching modes for the OH and C=O groups



**Fig. 2.** Green Synthesis of silver nanoparticles from Tagetes leaves extract. **Note:** A = Tagetes leaves extract before adding  $AgNO_3$ , B = Silver Nitrate solution., C = Tagetes leaves extract after 20 min of incubation.



**Fig. 3.** UV-Vis spectrum of Tagetes leaves silver nanoparticles recorded at room temperature.

possibly of oleutropin, apigenin-7-glucoside and luteolin -7-glucoside nanoparticles synthesized using olive leaf extract, theFT-IR band observed at 3409cm<sup>-1</sup> characteristic of the O-H and C=O stretching modes for the OH and C=O groups possibly of oleutropin, apigenin-7-glucoside and luteolin-7-glucoside (Kahalil *et al.*, 2012).

### XRD analysis

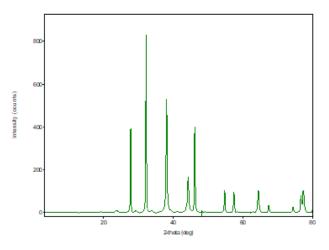
Three Bragg's reflections were observed in the XRD pattern in the 2θ range at 38.1, 77.4, 46.4, 44.6 and 64.5, which correspond to the miller indices of (111), (311), (200), (200) and (220) respectively. Hence, these XRD patterns thus clearly indicated the well crystalline AgNPs formed and it is well-matched to their standard JCPDS values. In general, the width of XRD peaks is related to crystallite size. The Debye–Scherrer equation was used to determine the average crystallite

diameter from half width of the diffraction peaks:

D =  $(k\lambda)/(\beta\cos\theta)$  ......Eq-2 Where, D is mean crystallite size of the powder;  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of Cuk $\alpha$ ;  $\beta$  is the full width at half-maximum;  $\theta$  is the Bragg diffraction angle; and k is a constant. The (111) plane was chosen to calculate crystalline size. From the Debye–Scherrer equation, the average crystallite size of AgNP synthesized is found to be 27.2 nm (Fig. 5).



**Fig. 4.** FT-TR spectra for Tagetes erecta leaves extract reduced silver nanoparticles.



**Fig. 5.** XRD pattern for Tagetes erecta leaves extract reduced silver nanoparticles.

#### **SEM** analysis

Fig. 6. shows the SEM images of (a) low and (b) high magnifications of as-prepared green synthesized silver nanoparticles (AgNPs). The images clearly show that the AgNPs were mostly agglomerated spherical nanoparticles and different size distribution with an average diameter value of about 15.5 nm. The morphology of the agglomerated nanoparticles surfaces has great impact on the biological applications.

# Antibacterial activity of synthesized *T.erecta* leaves silver nanoparticles

Effect of *Tagetes* leaves silver nanoparticles against selected human pathogen was analyzed. Maximum activity of *Tagetes* leaves silver nanoparticles was observed against *S.Typhi* (15mm) followed by *E.Coil* (12mm). While minimum activity (8mm) was observed against *M.Luteus* followed by *B.cereus*(9mm) and *P. fluorescens*(9mm) (Fig 7 and Table 1). Biosynthesized Ag-NPs had antimicrobial activity against *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae*, and *B. cereus* (Prasad et al.,

2011). Earlier studies have also demonstrated the antibacterial effects of Ag-NPs against *S. aureus*, *Pseudomonas* sp. and *E. coli* (Fabrega *et al.*, 2009a, Fabrega *et al.*, 2009b, Shahverdiet *al.*, 2007, Panacek*et al.*, 2006, Sondi and SalopekSondi 2004).

The diameter of the wound was reduced to 7mm in providone-iodine treated animal whereas it is 10 and 11mm in TLSNP 5% and TLSNP 10% respectively. During 20<sup>th</sup> day, the wound was completely cured in providone-iodine treated animals (Table 2). The albino rats were treated with higher percentage of AgNPs

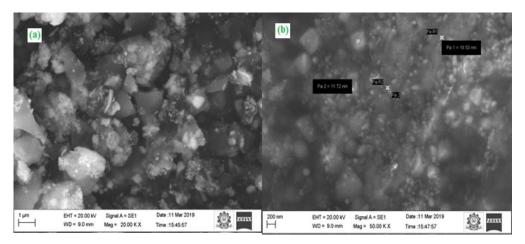
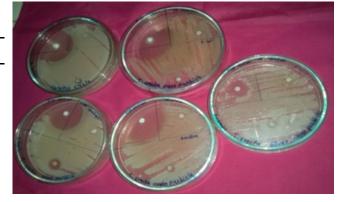


Fig. 6. SEM image of (a) High magnification of silver nanoparticles and (b) low magnification of silver nanoparticles.

**Table 1** Effect of *Tagetes erecta* leaves extract silver nanoparticles against selected human pathogen .

S. NO	Pathogens	PC	NC	TLSNP
1	M.Luteus	40mm	5mm	8mm
2	S.Typhi	37mm	6mm	15mm
3	E.Coli	40mm	6mm	12mm
4	B.Cereus	35mm	6mm	9mm
5	P.fluorescens	43mm	5mm	9mm

**Note:** PC- Positive Control., NC-Negative control., TLSNP-Tagetes Leaves Silver Nano Particles.

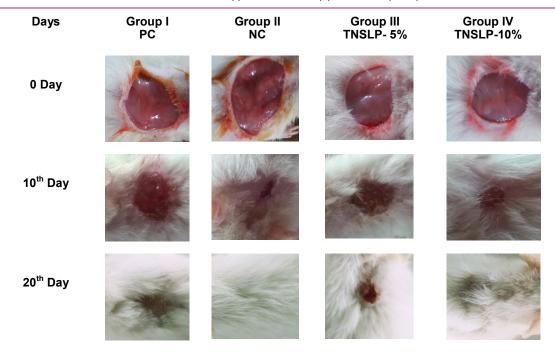


**Fig. 7.** Effect of Tagetes erecta leaves extract silver nanoparticles against selected human pathogen.

**Table 2** Wound healing Activity of synthesized silver nanoparticles.

Animal Group	Toologo	Remaining of Original Excision wound area (mm²)				
	Treatment	0 Day	10 <sup>th</sup> Day	20 <sup>th</sup> Day		
Group-I	PC	515.05 ± 8.6787	405.975 ±31.6338	218.025 ±34.3466		
Group-II	NC	512.775 ±12.7440	177.375 ±9.3770	26.95 ±7.6776		
Group-III	TLSNP 5%	515.7 ±7.4815	407.1±18.5982	276.7 ±11.7688		
Group-IV	TLSNP 10%	512.775 ±13.1386	202.85 ±5.7049	77.925 ± 10.9998		

Note: PC-Positive Control (simple ointment)., NC-Negative Control (Povidine iodine ointment)., TLSNP-Tagetes Leaves Silver Nano Particles.



**Fig. 8.** Wound Healing Activity of synthesized silver nanoparticles **Note:** PC-Positive Control (simple ointment)., NC-Negative Control (Povidine iodine ointment)., TLSNP-Tagetes Leaves Silver Nano Particles.

showed reduced wound area due to increased collagen deposition, few macrophages, tissue edema, and more fibroblasts (Kumar *et al.*, 2018).

#### **Anti-inflammatory activity**

Inflammation, proliferation, and tissue remodeling are wound healing processes. The wound stimulates inflammation and releasing of pro-inflammatory cytokines. With the help of macrophages granulations, tissue formation and angiogenesis are taking place during proliferation. Tissue remodeling process consists of the removal of damaged tissue and remodeling of extracellular matrix (Frankova et al., 2016). Nanosilver treatment has played a important role in wound healing (Tian et al., 2007, Wong et al., 2009, Pothireddy et al., 2016, Pourali and Yahyaei 2016, Pourali et al., 2016, Orlowski et al., 2018). Short term inflammation caused

by stimulation has been found to accelerate the healing process (Frankova *et al.*, 2016, Orlowski *et al.*, 2018). In the present study, both doses of silver nanoparticles exhibited anti-inflammatory activities by inhibiting oedema. A high reduction in the oedema formation observed in the animal group which were treated with Standard Diclofenac 20mg/kg followed by TLSNP 400mg/kg and TLSNP 200mg/kg (Table 3).

#### Conclusion

Colloidal Ag-NPs can be synthesized by simple, non-hazardous methods, and biosynthesized Ag-NPs using *Tagetes* leaves extract had significant therapeutic properties. This work evidently confirmed that silver nanoparticles mediated *Tagetes* could be considered a potential source for anti-inflammatory and wound healing drugs.

**Table 3.** Anti-inflammatory Activity (mm<sup>2</sup>) of synthesized silver nanoparticles.

Animal Groups	Dosage	0hrs	1hrs	2hrs	3hrs	4 hrs
Group I	Control	0.1425±0.011	0.165±0.038	0.1925±0.037	0.225±0.03	0.23±0.0365
Group-II	Standard Diclofenac 20mg/kg	0.1725±0.059	0.12±0.0432	0.0775±0.044	0.035±0.041	0.0225±0.019
Group-III	TLSNP 200mg/kg P.o	0.1725±0.052	0.145±0.047	0.1275±0.041	0.115±0.047	0.1125±0.055
Group-IV	TLSNP 400mg/kg P.o	0.19±0.036	0.14±0.036	0.1±0.036	0.0575±0.034	0.05±0.043

Note: TLSNP-Tagetes Leaves Silver Nano Particles.

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