

Green synthesis of copper oxide nanoparticles using *Macrocystis pyrifera* free-biomass extract

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Abstract

The need to carry out research focused on novel ecological protocols has increased exponentially, motivated by the common aim to reduce toxic by-products drawback from chemical and physical methods. Amongst different living organisms studied as potential candidates for the synthesis of metallic nanoparticles, algae biomass is presented as a novel and easy-to-handle. We evaluate the influence of reaction parameters in the synthesis of copper nanoparticles (Cu-NPs) using *Macrocystis pyrifera* free-biomass non-boiled (FBNB) extract. Response surface methodology (RSM) based on a central composite design (CCD) was used to evaluate the following independent variables for nanoparticle formation in the extract: X1: CuSO₄ concentration; X2: pH; and X3: temperature. Their effects were assessed on synthesized Cu-NP average size distribution, zeta potential, and polydispersity index (PDI) by dynamic light scattering (DLS). Shape, size, and elemental mapping at a microstructural level were measured by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) with energy dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDS). Results from CCD showed that predicted optimal reaction conditions for Cu-NP formation using *M. pyrifera* extract were 2.2 mM CuSO₄ concentration, pH 8, and incubation at 25,5°C, obtaining an average size distribution, Z potential and PDI of 121 nm, -23.5 mV and 0.3, respectively. This work demonstrated that *M. pyrifera* extract is a feasible biomass for the synthesis of Cu-NPs and that the control of the reaction parameters can determine the nanoparticle characteristics..

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