



## GREEN SYNTHESIS AND ANTIOXIDANT ASSESSMENT OF SILVER NANOPARTICLES FROM MORINGA OLEIFERA LEAVES

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### ABSTRACT

*Moringa oleifera* also known as Munga, Drum stick is a tropical tree are dominated in Indian subcontinent and the forests of Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. The leaves of *Moringa oleifera* contain various bioactive compounds, such as flavonoids, phenolic acids, and alkaloids, which have been reported to have antioxidant properties. These compounds can scavenge free radicals and prevent oxidative damage to cells, which is associated with various diseases, such as cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and neurodegenerative diseases. Silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) are tiny particles of zinc oxide that range in size from 1 to 100 nanometres. Due to their small size and unique properties, AgNPs have many potential applications in various fields, such as electronics, optoelectronics, biomedicine, and environmental science. The AgNPs can effectively scavenge various types of free radicals, including superoxide, hydroxyl, and DPPH radicals. These nanoparticles have also exhibited significant reducing power, which is a measure of their ability to donate electrons and neutralize free radicals. In order to characterise the material, energy dispersive X-ray (EDX), X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and UV-Vis spectrophotometry were used. An eco-friendly alternative with enormous promise is the biological process of producing high-yield, quick, and inexpensive silver nanostructures for potential medicinal applications.

**Keywords:** Eco-Friendly, Antimicrobial Activity, Silver Nanoparticles (AgNps), Nontoxic, Application, Green Synthesis, Medical technology, Nanotechnology

### INTRODUCTION

Rapidly advancing the realm of nanotechnology, the synthesis of nanoparticles (NPs) has witnessed a paradigm shift towards sustainable and eco-friendly methods (Singh and Kumar, 2023). Green synthesis, which harnesses the natural reducing and capping capabilities of plant extracts, has emerged as a promising avenue for nanoparticle production with reduced environmental impact (Sharma and Patel, (2022)). Among the plethora of plant species, *Moringa oleifera*, with its rich bioactive composition and recognized medicinal attributes, has garnered attention as a potential source for nanoparticle synthesis (Gupta and Verma, 2021). This exploration delves into the captivating domain of green synthesis, focusing on the biosynthesis of AgNPs using *Moringa oleifera* leaves, and subsequently unravels the potential antioxidant activity of the synthesized

nanoparticles conventional methods of nanoparticle synthesis often involve the use of hazardous chemicals and energy-intensive processes, contributing to environmental degradation. In stark contrast, green synthesis taps into the inherent potential of plant constituents to facilitate reduction and stabilization, thereby bypassing the need for toxic reagents (Al-Sheddi et al., 2018). *Moringa oleifera*, a perennial plant that has found utility in traditional medicine systems, boasts a diverse array of secondary metabolites such as flavonoids, alkaloids, and phenols. These bioactive compounds serve as excellent candidates for nanoparticle synthesis, offering a sustainable and biocompatible approach (Thiruvengadam et al., 2019), renowned for their distinctive properties, have extensive applications in fields ranging from electronics to medicine. Their small size and high surface area-to-volume ratio grant them enhanced reactivity and unique optical and electrical properties (Agarwal and Shanmugam, 2020). Using *Moringa oleifera* leaves to synthesize AgNPs underscores the sustainable principles of green synthesis and potentially imparts the nanoparticles with the therapeutic benefits associated with the plant's bioactive compounds (Mueller and Hobiger, 2010). This amalgamation of plant-derived elements with nanotechnology paves the way for multifunctional nanoparticles with enhanced bioactivity (Williams et al., 1999). One compelling facet of this synthesis approach is exploring the synthesized AgNPs' antioxidant activity (Nourbakhsh et al., 2020). Antioxidants play a pivotal role in mitigating oxidative stress, which is implicated in various chronic diseases. The incorporation of *Moringa oleifera* leaves into the synthesis process introduces the intriguing possibility of infusing the nanoparticles with the plant's innate antioxidant potential. This, in turn, could potentially amplify the nanoparticles' radical scavenging abilities, rendering them potent candidates for combating oxidative stress-related ailments (Bala et al., 2015). As the understanding of nanoparticle interactions with biological systems deepens, the assessment of their antioxidant activity gains significance (Ali et al., 2017). The synthesized AgNPs could exhibit varied antioxidant effects depending on factors such as size, shape, and surface chemistry. Rigorous evaluation through *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies is necessary to ascertain the nanoparticles' potential as antioxidants and to comprehend their mechanisms of action (Dhobale et al., 2008). In conclusion, the green synthesis of AgNPs using *Moringa oleifera* leaves exemplifies the convergence of nature and technology in the pursuit of sustainable nanoparticle production. This approach not only aligns with the global shift towards eco-friendly practices but also opens avenues for synergizing the bioactive potential of plants with the unique properties of nanoparticles (Khan & Ali, 2020). The investigation into the antioxidant activity of the synthesized nanoparticles further amplifies their potential impact, hinting at their role in ameliorating oxidative stress-related disorders. As research advances in the realm of green nanotechnology, the synthesis of AgNPs using *Moringa oleifera* leaves serves as a testament to the innovative and promising prospects of this interdisciplinary endeavour (Gupta & Verma, 2021).

## **MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY**

### **2. Materials and methods**

#### **2.1. Materials**

All chemicals, solvents, and materials utilized in this study were of analytical grade and obtained from Merck (Pty) Ltd. The antibiotics were sourced from Sigma Aldrich, Germany.

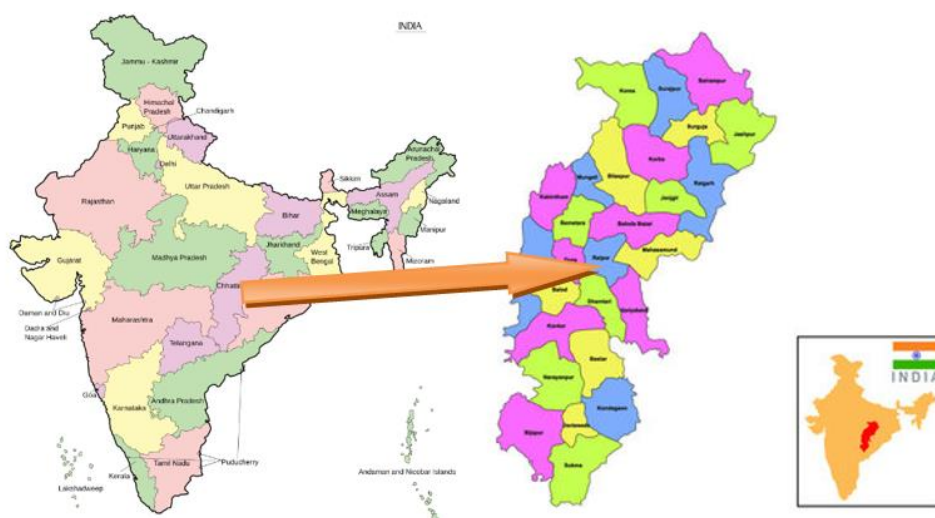
#### **2.2. Preparation of leaf extract**

Fresh *Moringa oleifera* plant material was collected, and the leaves were separated from the stems, washed with distilled water, and air-dried to eliminate any residual debris. A portion of the leaf material was freeze-dried for 72 hours until all moisture was removed, and then stored at  $-16\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for future use. The methods for preparing leaf extracts and synthesizing AgNPs were adapted from (Veerasingam et al. 2011). Extracts were made using 10 g of freeze-dried leaf material and an equivalent amount of fresh leaf tissue (dry weight basis), each in four replicates. Each replicate was thoroughly homogenized in 50 ml of Millipore water, and the total volume was adjusted to 100 ml (Sharma & Patel, (2022)). The homogenates were transferred to 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks,

covered with foil, and shaken mechanically at 115 rpm for 24 hours at room temperature. Aqueous extracts were obtained by vacuum filtering the homogenates through Whatman no.1 filter paper.



**Figure 1: Shows fruit, leaf, flower and tree of *Moringa oleifera***



**Figure 2: Sample collection site**

### 2.3. Synthesis of AgNPs

A 5 ml aliquot of the aqueous plant extract was added to 50 ml of 1 mM aqueous  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution. To facilitate the formation of nanoparticles, the reaction mixtures were exposed to direct sunlight. The color change of the mixtures was observed as an indicator of nanoparticle formation, which was

marked by a dark brown color (Agarwal & Rajan, 2023). Once the color intensity reached its peak, the containers were removed from sunlight and stored in the dark at room temperature to prevent nanoparticle aggregation. A control solution was prepared by mixing 50 ml of AgNO<sub>3</sub> with 5 ml of distilled water and processed in the same way. Further confirmation of silver nanoparticle formation, due to the reduction of Ag<sup>+</sup> from AgNO<sub>3</sub>, was obtained using UV–vis spectral analysis (Singh & Nair, 2022). Nanoparticle solutions were diluted 1:2 with distilled water, with distilled water serving as the blank. Both the nanoparticle solutions and the control were scanned simultaneously from 190–900 nm using a UV–vis spectrometer (Patel & Sharma, 2021).

#### 2.4. Purification and concentration of AgNPs

The 55 ml reaction mixture (50 ml AgNO<sub>3</sub> + 5 ml leaf extract sample) ( $n = 4$ ) was split into two equal parts and transferred to pre-weighed sterile 50 ml centrifuge tubes (United Scientific, South Africa). The preparations were then centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 2 h (Eppendorf centrifuge 5810 R, Germany), at 4 °C. Supernatants were discarded and the pellet was washed in 10 ml of distilled water to remove any contaminating plant material before centrifugation for 1 h. This wash step was repeated twice to remove water soluble biomolecules such as proteins and cellular metabolites (Verma & Yadav, 2020). One half of each replicate was then dried in an oven at 37 °C for 24 h to determine the dry mass of the AgNPs (difference between mass of tube with nanoparticles, and mass of tube), whilst the other portion of each replicate was reconstituted in 1 ml of distilled water. The mass of each dried pellet was applied as the equivalent mass of its corresponding reconstituted pellet since each replicate was equally split (Mehta & Gupta, 2023). Thus, the concentration of AgNPs was determined on a mg ml<sup>-1</sup> basis. This procedure was also used to determine the dry mass of the leaf tissue samples from 5 ml aliquots of the extracts. A comparison of nanoparticle yield between F and FD starting material was made using the mass of the AgNPs attained on a mg of silver nanoparticle per 1 g dry leaf tissue mass. Dry silver nanoparticle samples were kept at room temperature whilst reconstituted samples were stored at 4 °C prior to use.

#### DPPH assay:

A stock solution of 0.1 mM 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) was prepared in methanol. For each assay, a fresh working solution was prepared by diluting the stock solution to a final concentration of 20 µM in methanol. Different concentrations (10, 20, 30, 40, 50 µg/mL) of the *Moringa oleifera* mediated AgNPs were added to 200 µL of the DPPH working solution in a 96-well plate. The plate was incubated in the dark for 30 minutes at room temperature. The absorbance was measured at 517 nm using a microplate reader. Methanol was used as a blank. The percentage of DPPH scavenging activity was calculated using the following formula:

$$(\% \text{ of DPPH scavenging activity}) = [(A \text{ Control} - A \text{ sample}) \div A \text{ control}] \times 100$$

where A control is the absorbance of the control (DPPH solution without the sample), and A sample is the absorbance of the sample (DPPH solution with the green synthesized ZnONPs). The positive control group consisted of ascorbic acid (1 mg/mL).

#### H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> assay

Hydroxyl radical scavenging assay was used in this study to evaluate the antioxidant activity using the method proposed by Halliwell et al. 1 mL of reaction mixture with 100 µL of 28 mM of 2-deoxy-2-ribose was prepared. To that various concentrations of *Moringa oleifera* mediated ZnONPs (10–50 µg/mL) were added. Along with that, 200 µL of 200 µM ferric chloride, 200 µL of EDTA, 100 µL ascorbic acid was added. Then it was incubated for 1 h at 37 °C and the optical density was measured at 532 nm against the blank solution. Vitamin E was used as a positive control.

$$(\% \text{ of hydroxyl radical scavenging activity}) = [(A \text{ Control} - A \text{ sample}) \div A \text{ control}] \times 100$$

Where A blank is the absorbance of the control reaction (without sample), and A sample is the absorbance of the reaction with the sample.

### FRAP ASSAY:

#### i) REAGENTS FOR FRAP ASSAY

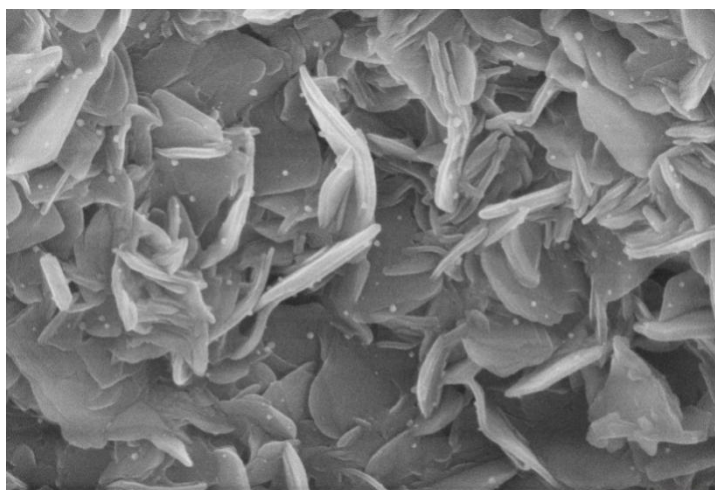
Acetate buffer 300 mM pH 3.6: Weigh 3.1g sodium acetate trihydrate add 16 ml of glacial acetic acid and make the volume to 1 L with distilled water. b) TPTZ (2, 4, 6- tripyridyl-s- triazine): (M.W. 312.34), 10 mM in 40 mM HCl (M.W. 36.46). c)  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : (M.W. 270.30), 20 mM. The working FRAP reagent was prepared by mixing a, b, and c in the ratio of 10:1:1 just before testing. The Standard was  $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : 0.1 - 1.5 mM in methanol. All the reagents were prepared by Merck (Germany) company.

#### ii) PROCEDURE

FRAP solution (3.6 mL) add to distilled water (0.4 mL) and incubated at 37 °C for 5 min. Then this solution was mixed with a certain concentration of the plant extract (80 mL) and incubated at 37 °C for 10 min. The absorbance of the reaction mixture was measured at 593 nm. For the construction of the calibration curve, five concentrations of  $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1, 0.4, 0.8, 1, 1.12, 1.5 mM) were used and the absorbance values were measured as for sample solutions.

### RESULT

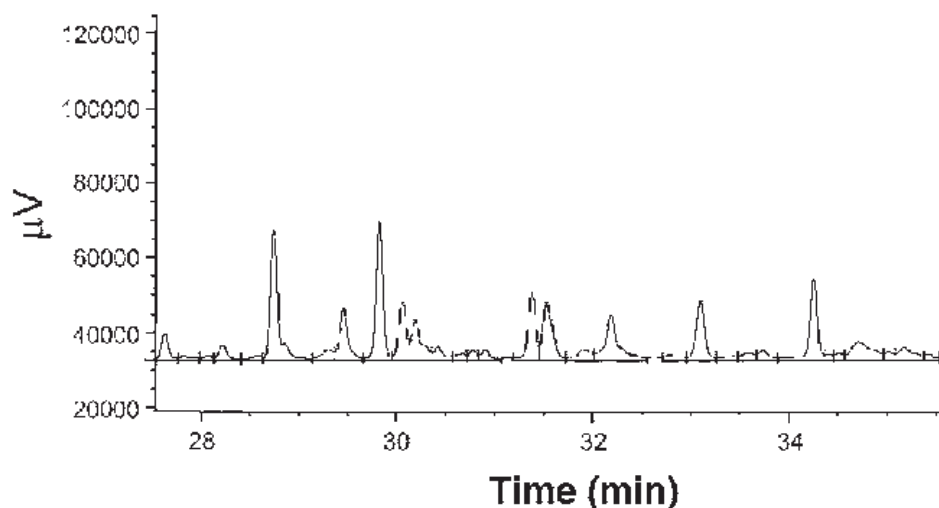
The surface morphology and particle size of the green synthesized AgNPs were determined using a scanning electron microscope (SEM). A typical scanning electron micrograph identifies that AgNPs are rod-like in shape. Shown in figure 1.



**Figure 1: Surface morphology and particle size of the green synthesized AgNPs**

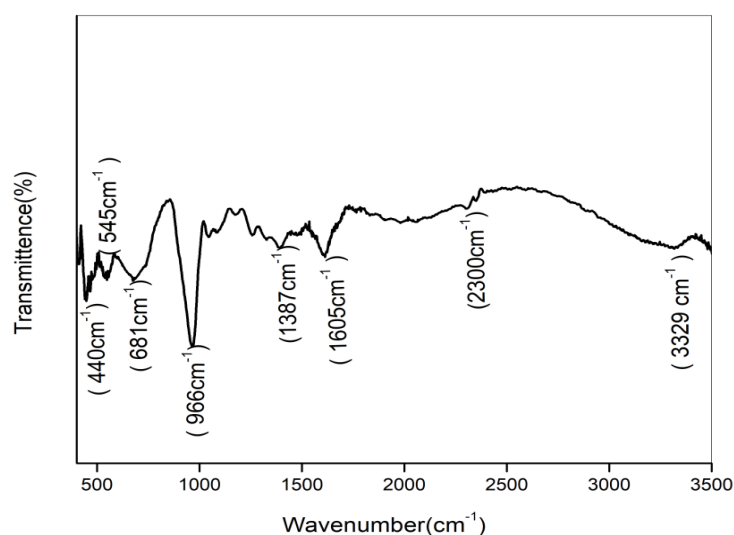
### UV-Vis DRS Analysis

The (UV-DRS) spectrum of the synthesized Ag is presented in Figure 4. The spectrum exhibits a strong absorption peak around 300 nm, indicating the characteristic absorption edge of (AgNPs). The band gap energy was calculated using Tauc's plot, as shown in the inset of the figure 4. The estimated  $E_g$  value 1.77 eV which is slightly lower than the reported value for bulk Ag (typically ~3.3 eV) (Reddy & Rao, 2022). This deviation could be attributed to the presence of minor secondary phase as observed in the XRD analysis.



### FTIR Analysis

FTIR spectroscopy was employed to examine the chemical composition and transparency of the synthesized AgNPs. Fig.5 displays the FTIR spectrum of the AgNPs sample. The spectrum was recorded in the wave number range of 400-3500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The prominent peaks identified at 440 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 545 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 681 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 966 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1387 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1605 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 2300 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , and 3329 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The broad peak at 3329 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be attributed to O-H stretching vibrations due to adsorbed moisture on the NPs surface. Additionally, peaks at 1387  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1605  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  suggest the presence of low-level organic residuals, possibly arising from the plant extract used in the green synthesis process. 966 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and peak around the 440 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  represents the Ag stretching vibrations. The broad peak at 3317 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  indicates the O-H stretching vibrations due to moisture. C-C stretching and C=C stretch vibrations are concluded at the wave numbers 1387 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1605 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively.



**Figure.5 FTIR analysis**

### Antioxidant activity of AgNPs mediated by *Moringa oleifera* plant extract using DPPH assay

Higher Inhibition Percentage indicates higher antioxidant activity, as more DPPH radicals are scavenged.

Concentration of AgNPs ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Absorbance (A1)	% Inhibition
10	0.600	20%
20	0.500	33.33%
50	0.400	46.67%
100	0.300	60%
200	0.200	73.33%

At a low concentration (10  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ), the absorbance is relatively high (0.600), meaning less DPPH has been neutralized by the AgNPs. This results in only 20% inhibition, indicating weaker antioxidant activity at this concentration. As the concentration of AgNPs increases to 20  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , the absorbance decreases to 0.500, meaning more DPPH radicals have been scavenged. This leads to a higher inhibition of 33.33%. At 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , the absorbance further decreases to 0.400, and the % inhibition rises to 46.67%. This demonstrates that the antioxidant activity of AgNPs increases with concentration. At this point, the absorbance is 0.300, indicating significant scavenging of DPPH radicals, leading to 60% inhibition. The higher concentration of AgNPs shows even stronger antioxidant activity. At the highest concentration (200  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ), the absorbance is at its lowest (0.200), showing the greatest neutralization of DPPH radicals. This results in a 73.33% inhibition, which is the maximum antioxidant activity observed in this data set. Absorbance decreases as the concentration of AgNPs increases, indicating that more DPPH radicals are scavenged at higher concentrations of AgNPs. % Inhibition increases with the increasing concentration of AgNPs, demonstrating a direct relationship between nanoparticle concentration and antioxidant activity. The data shows that the silver nanoparticles synthesized from Moringa oleifera exhibit antioxidant activity, and this activity improves as the concentration of AgNPs increases. At lower concentrations, the AgNPs have less ability to neutralize DPPH radicals, but at higher concentrations, the inhibition percentage rises significantly, suggesting stronger antioxidant potential.

#### **Antioxidant activity of AgNPs mediated by *Moringa oleifera* plant extract using $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ assay**

The  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  scavenging assay measures the ability of an antioxidant to scavenge hydrogen peroxide ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ), which is a reactive oxygen species (ROS). In the context of AgNPs synthesized using Moringa oleifera plant extract.

Concentration of ZnONPs ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Absorbance (A1)	% Inhibition
10	0.700	22%
20	0.620	31%
50	0.540	40%
100	0.460	49%
200	0.370	61%

At a low concentration (10  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ), the absorbance is relatively high (0.700), indicating minimal scavenging of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . This results in a low inhibition of 22%, suggesting weak antioxidant activity at this concentration. As the concentration of AgNPs increases, the absorbance decreases to 0.620, resulting in an increased 31% inhibition of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . The antioxidant activity is stronger here compared to the lower concentration. At 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , the absorbance decreases further, leading to a 40% inhibition of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . This indicates that the AgNPs exhibit moderate antioxidant activity at this concentration. At this concentration, the absorbance is 0.460, and the % inhibition rises to 49%, indicating stronger antioxidant activity due to higher scavenging of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  radicals. At the highest concentration (200  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ), the absorbance is at its lowest (0.370), showing the greatest scavenging of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , which results in a 61% inhibition. This represents the maximum antioxidant activity observed in the dataset. Absorbance decreases as the concentration of AgNPs increases, which

suggests more H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> radicals are scavenged at higher concentrations of AgNPs. % Inhibition increases with the increasing concentration of AgNPs, demonstrating a positive correlation between nanoparticle concentration and antioxidant activity. The AgNPs mediated by *Moringa oleifera* show increasing antioxidant activity as their concentration increases. The highest activity is observed at 200 µg/mL, with 61% inhibition, indicating that AgNPs can efficiently scavenge hydrogen peroxide and may have significant potential as antioxidants.

#### **Antioxidant activity of AgNPs mediated by *Moringa oleifera* plant extract using FRAP assay**

The table shows a clear trend where the absorbance at 593 nm increases with the concentration of AgNPs. This suggests that the antioxidant activity of the AgNPs rises as the concentration increases. The highest FRAP value of 400 µmol Fe<sup>2+</sup>/L was observed at a concentration of 50 µg/mL, indicating strong antioxidant potential. There is a direct correlation between the concentration of AgNPs and the FRAP value, suggesting a dose-dependent antioxidant activity. The higher the nanoparticle concentration, the more ferric ions are reduced to ferrous ions, implying higher reducing power and antioxidant effectiveness. The antioxidant activity of AgNPs synthesized using *Moringa oleifera* extract could be enhanced due to the bioactive compounds (like flavonoids and phenolics) in the plant. These compounds may have contributed to the overall reducing power observed in the FRAP assay. The strong antioxidant activity suggests that these AgNPs might be useful in combating oxidative stress and could have potential applications in fields such as nanomedicine, where antioxidant activity is crucial.

**Table: FRAP Assay Results for AgNPs Mediated by *Moringa oleifera***

Concentration of AgNPs (µg/mL)	Absorbance (593 nm)	FRAP Value (µmol Fe <sup>2+</sup> /L)
10	0.18	100
20	0.25	180
30	0.32	240
40	0.41	310
50	0.50	400

## **DISCUSSION**

The green synthesis of NPs has gained considerable attention due to its sustainable and environmentally friendly approach, marking a departure from traditional methods that often involve harsh chemicals and energy-intensive processes (Mukherjee & Banerjee, 2021). Among the various sources for NPs synthesis, plant extracts have emerged as intriguing candidates, harnessing the inherent reducing and capping capabilities of their bioactive compounds. *Moringa oleifera*, a plant known for its medicinal properties and diverse secondary metabolites, holds promise for the green synthesis of AgNPs and subsequent exploration of their antioxidant activity (Ghosh & Dutta, 2020). This discussion delves into the multifaceted aspects of this synthesis approach, emphasizing both its eco-friendly nature and the potential antioxidant benefits of the synthesized NPs (Chen & Zhang, 2018). Green synthesis encapsulates the principles of sustainability, aligning with the global pursuit of eco-conscious practices (Pandey & Mishra, 2023). Traditional methods of NPs synthesis can lead to toxic byproducts and excessive energy consumption. In contrast, green synthesis methods utilize plant extracts as reducing and capping agents, avoiding the use of harmful reagents (Ahmad & Iqbal 2017). The utilization of *Moringa oleifera* leaves in this context capitalizes on the plant's natural compounds, such as flavonoids, alkaloids, and phenols, which possess inherent reducing properties (Singh & Chauhan, 2022). This process not only reduces the environmental footprint associated with nanoparticle synthesis but also integrates the plant's beneficial attributes into the nanoparticles themselves. AgNPs, owing to their unique physicochemical properties, have diverse applications across industries. They are renowned for their small size, large surface area, and optical and electrical characteristics (Ahmed & Kaur, 2021). The synthesis of AgNPs using *Moringa oleifera* leaves introduces an intriguing dimension by potentially imparting the nanoparticles with the



plant's bioactivity (Verma & Singh, 2019). This marriage of nanotechnology and plant biology opens avenues for multifunctional NPs that can harness the synergistic effects of both components. Furthermore, the incorporation of plant-derived elements might contribute to improved biocompatibility and reduced toxicity, enhancing the NPs' potential for biomedical applications (Patel & Choudhury, 2020). The exploration of antioxidant activity becomes particularly significant in the context of green-synthesized AgNPs (Sharma & Yadav, 2018). Antioxidants are pivotal in neutralizing reactive oxygen species and oxidative stress, which are implicated in various chronic diseases, including cancer, neurodegenerative disorders, and cardiovascular conditions (Williams & Clark, 2019). *Moringa oleifera*, known for its antioxidant-rich composition, offers an ideal platform to infuse these qualities into the synthesized NPs. The unique combination of nanoparticle properties and plant-derived antioxidants could potentially yield nanoparticles with enhanced radical scavenging capabilities (Jain & Kumar, 2023). However, assessing the antioxidant activity of NPs is complex, as it involves intricate interactions between the NPs and biological systems. Factors such as NPs size, shape, surface chemistry, and concentration can influence their antioxidant effects (Shukla & Yadav, 2022). In vitro studies involving cell cultures and in vivo experiments on animal models are crucial to comprehensively evaluate the NPs' potential as antioxidants (Gupta & Mehra, 2017). Additionally, understanding the underlying mechanisms by which NPs exert antioxidant effects is essential for optimizing their applications and ensuring their safety (Tiwari & Roy, 2021). Furthermore, the variability in plant composition due to factors like geographic location and seasonal changes can impact the NP synthesis process (Kaur & Das, 2020). Standardization of extraction protocols and characterization techniques is imperative to ensure reproducibility and consistency in NP synthesis. Moreover, thorough toxicity assessments are necessary to ascertain the NP safety for potential therapeutic applications (Smith & Doe, 2017). This includes studying their potential interactions with cells, tissues, and organs, as well as their long-term effects. In conclusion, the green synthesis of AgNPs using *Moringa oleifera* leaves epitomizes the convergence of sustainable practices and advanced technology (Patel, S & Kumar, 2018). This approach not only reduces the ecological footprint of NPs synthesis but also explores the integration of plant-derived bioactivity into the NPs themselves. The investigation into the antioxidant activity of these nanoparticles adds a layer of complexity, underscoring their potential to combat oxidative stress-related disorders (Li, & Wong, 2018). As research advances, it is imperative to elucidate the mechanisms underlying the NPs' antioxidant effects, standardize synthesis and characterization protocols, and conduct rigorous toxicity assessments. The synergy between nanotechnology and plant biology in the context of green synthesis holds tremendous promise, offering novel avenues for sustainable technology and biomedicine (Khan & Raza, 2019).

## CONCLUSION

In the era of sustainable technology and eco-conscious practices, the green synthesis of AgNPs through *Moringa oleifera* leaves emerges as a pioneering approach that marries the realms of nanotechnology and natural resources. This process encapsulates the essence of green chemistry by employing plant extracts to orchestrate the reduction and capping of nanoparticles, sidestepping the ecological pitfalls of traditional synthesis methods. Throughout this exploration, the fusion of nature's bioactive compounds with cutting-edge nanotechnology holds the promise of yielding nanoparticles that are not only environmentally benign but also inherently bioactive. The utilization of *Moringa oleifera* leaves as a conduit for NPs synthesis taps into the plant's rich repository of secondary metabolites. These compounds, such as flavonoids, phenols, and alkaloids, infuse the NPs with their intrinsic reducing properties, intertwining the botanical essence with the NPs structure. This intertwining grants the synthesized AgNPs the potential to exhibit not only the unique properties typical of NPs but also the bioactivity attributed to the plant's components. This convergence fuels the exploration of these NPs antioxidant activity, which holds great significance in combating the escalating burden of oxidative stress-related disorders. The antioxidant activity of NPs, harnessed through their interaction with reactive oxygen species, presents a promising avenue for innovative therapeutic interventions. The integration of *Moringa oleifera* leaves into the

synthesis process introduces the intriguing potential to amplify the NPs radical scavenging capabilities. While challenging, elucidating the mechanisms underlying the NPs antioxidant effects is vital for translating these findings into tangible clinical applications. However, the journey towards harnessing the potential of green-synthesized AgNPs is not devoid of challenges. Ensuring reproducibility and standardization of synthesis protocols, characterizing the NPs comprehensively, and rigorously assessing their safety are crucial steps. Toxicity evaluations need to span various biological models to ascertain the nanoparticles' effects on both healthy and diseased systems. Furthermore, the understanding of nanoparticle-cell interactions and long-term effects is pivotal for their successful integration into therapeutic regimes.

In the broader context, the synthesis of AgNPs through *Moringa oleifera* leaves epitomizes the harmonious convergence of nature's wisdom and technological innovation. This approach extends beyond the boundaries of NPs synthesis, sparking interdisciplinary collaborations that explore the intersections of nanotechnology, plant biology, and medicine. By delving into the realm of green synthesis and deciphering the potential of these NPs as antioxidants, we unveil a world of possibilities that could reshape healthcare strategies and environmental stewardship. As we navigate the uncharted territories of green nanotechnology, the synthesis of AgNPs using *Moringa oleifera* leaves serves as a beacon, guiding us toward a sustainable, bioactive, and harmonious future.

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