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Metal oxide nanoparticles as alternate antibacterial agents against some common pathogens

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The present work aims at the green synthesis of metal oxides of zinc, iron and copper using the aqueous extract of *Terminalia bellerica* as a reductant as well as a stabilizer. The successful formation of the metal oxide nanoparticles was confirmed by UV-Vis spectroscopy. Thus prepared metal oxide nanoparticles were characterized employing Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, x-ray diffraction spectroscopy, high-resolution transmission electron microscopy, scanning electron microscopy and energy-dispersive x-ray spectroscopy. We used these nanoparticles to demonstrate their antibacterial efficacy against some common standard bacterial pathogens including *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC-6538), *Bacillus subtilis* (MTCC-441), *Escherichia coli* (ATCC-8739) and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (ATCC-43816) to find their plausible use as an alternate weapon to fight against multi-drug resistant superbugs.

Biography

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