

# Synthesis Of Selenium Nanoparticles

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## ABSTRACT

Selenium is a trace micronutrient that is necessary for human, animal, and microbial health. Many academics have recently become interested in selenium nanoparticles (SeNPs) due to its biocompatibility, bioavailability, and low toxicity. keywords: selenium , nanoparticles ,XRD,SEM. As a result of their increased bioactivity, selenium nanoparticles are widely used in a variety of biological applications. Physical, chemical, and biological approaches can all be used to make selenium nanoparticles. The organically generated SeNPs, on the other hand, are more compatible with human organs and tissues.

Many studies have looked at the impact of size, shape, and the technology used to synthesize them on their applicability in biological systems.

This article examines the numerous synthesis processes used to make them, as well as their biological applications, including as the treatment of fungal, bacterial, and parasite infections, cancer, and diabetes.

They can also be used as chemopreventive, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant agents.el.

## Keywords:

Nanoparticles, selenium , XRD .

## Introduction:

Nanotechnology is a growing branch of current science that focuses on the design, manufacture, and operation of particle formations by sizes reaching from 1 to 100 nm.

Wide application used nano science such as medical services, skincare, food industry, environmental safety, machine design, photonic, biomedical sciences, chemical plants, electronics, space industries, drug / gene, power science, optoelectronic devices, analytical chemistry, charge transfer transistors, light emitters, non - linear optical devices, and photo-electrochemical devices, optoelectronics, photocatalyst, single electron transistors, light emitters, nonlinear optical devices, and series of pictures.

There exists a rising demand to design environmentally friendly synthesis techniques that do not employ harmful compounds. Green synthesis methods include made by mixing polyoxometalates, carbohydrates, Tollens, microbiological, and irradiation procedures, which have advantages over standard processes that involve environmentally harmful chemical agents[1-10].

The selection of a solvent medium and enviromentally nontoxic decreasing and stabilizing agents are the most essential variables in green Nanoparticle synthesis[11-15] .

Nanoscience and technology have exploded in popularity in recent years, owing to both the advent of new ways for synthesizing

nanomaterials and the availability of tools for classification and manipulation of nanoparticles. Understanding the principles of nanoscale chemistry and physics, as well as the know-how to commercialize nanoparticles, is required for their production. Nanoparticle manufacturing can be divided into two categories: top-down and bottom-up. The former reduces the size of a substance from large to nanoscale, whereas the latter creates nanomaterials from the atomic level up.

Many metals are important for the health of humans; one of these is selenium. It can be synthesized by several methods: physical, chemical, and biological. Selenium is found in two forms: organic and inorganic, as crystalline and amorphous in nature [16-19].

Chemical reduction of inorganic selenium forms as precursors is the most widely utilized approach for producing SeNPs.

However, residuals of these compounds limit the pharmacological and medical applications of the produced SeNPs.

## Material and Methods

### Materials

sodium tetrahydridoborate ( $\text{NaBH}_4$ ) 98%, and sodium selenite ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SeO}_3$  98%) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Without a purification process, these known concentration compounds were used.

#### a- Production of Se nanoparticles

SeNPs were synthesized from a reduction of sodium selenite by sodium borohydride. Briefly, 1.7 g of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SeO}_3$  was added to 50 mL of  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (0.1M) as an additional dropwise to sodium selenite solution with stirring at 200 °C. Selenium nanoparticles were formed after the addition of  $\text{NaBH}_4$ .

A change in color in the reactant mixture from pure white to pure orange may be seen. All of the solutions were produced in a sterile environment with double distilled water and a sterile closet. After that, the fluid was centrifuged at 12000 rpm to capture the selenium nanomaterials [20-25].

## Results & Discuss

### Characterization of the Synthesis Se

In this study, sodium borohydride was used to synthesize monodisperse SeNPs with biocompatibility and good reducing characteristics using a simple wet chemical technique. In aqueous media, the selenium oxyanion ( $\text{SeO}_3^{2-}$ ) was produced. Selenium was converted to elemental selenium when this solution reacted with sodium borohydride to give  $\text{Se}_0$ .

Figure 1 shows the Se nanoparticles' distinctive absorption peak. The presence of a strong peak at 265 nm, as well as the colloidal dispersion's bright orange color, demonstrates the production of Se nanoparticles. The spherical form of the nanoparticles was revealed by scanning electron microscopy analysis of the purified samples (Fig. 1b). The nanoparticles were 35.6 ± 7.5 nm in size, according to SEM analysis using Image J software.

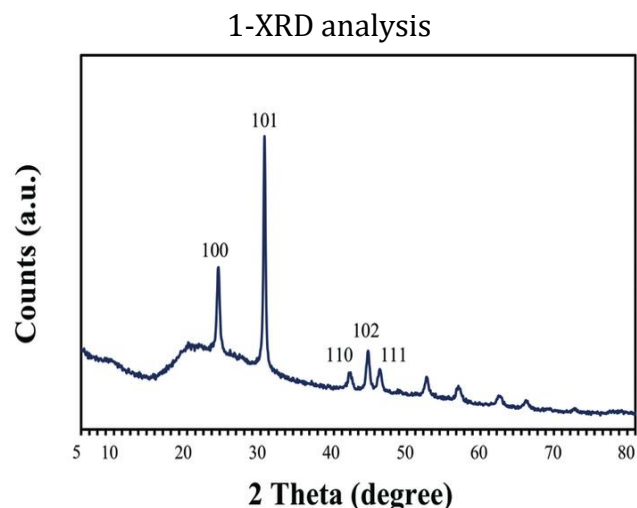


Figure 1 : XRD of selenium

The crystal structure and composition of the synthesized nanoparticles were characterized by XRD in the range of 10-90° and produced as shown in Fig. 5. The sharp and narrow peaks were noticed, and impurity peaks were not observed, suggesting the formation of high purity and well-crystallized SeNPs. The selenium peaks centered at  $2\theta$  of 23.5°, 29.7°, 41.4°, 43.6°, 45.4°, 51.7°, 55.9°, and 61.5° corresponded to the crystal planes of (100), (101), (110), (102), (111), (201), (112), and (202) of JCPDS card No. 06-362 standard. The SeNPs having hexagonal structure were successfully formed, and the lattice constants were  $a = 4.36 \text{ \AA}$  and  $c = 4.95 \text{ \AA}$  as per JCPDS card No. 06-362 standard. The

peak intensities of (100) and (101) planes were enhanced and suggested that the SeNPs has

been favoring to grow along the (202) direction [26-30].

## 2- The SEM analysis

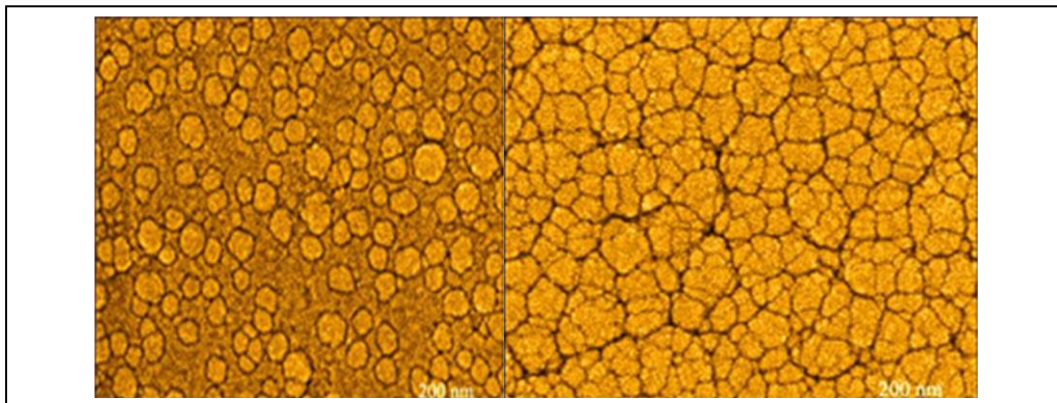


Figure 2: SEM of selenium

Figure (2) display the Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) photograph for nano selenium, where sodium selenite has been used in its preparation as the starting material at a temperature of 300 oC. The morphological investigation of the prepared Se powder took place by means of scanning electron microscopy (SEM). As presented in Fig. 2, the estimation for the average size of Se particles would be about 50- 80 nm. The SEM image illustrates the homogeneity and agglomeration of the powder.

## 4 .Conclusion

In this study, SeNPs were synthesized using vitamin C as reducing and stabilizing agent by hydrothermal technique. The vitamin C was determined to play an effective role as reducing agent in controlling the size of particles. The technique employed here is very simple, inexpensive and eco-friendly. Different characterization techniques such as Uv-vis,, XRD and SEM support the structure, size and crystallinity of selenium nanoarticles, indicating that SeNPs could be a promising candidate for wide range of applications.

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