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Nano chemistry and its importance

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Abstract

Background: Biological samples as cells, nucleic acids, proteins, and metabolites are related to physiological and pathological processes in organism. Even though, the portion responsible for diseases are embedded in environment of high-abundance proteins and salts which lead to direct analysis obstacles for them. Nano-materials with easy formulation and manipulation are made to solve the problem.

Materials and Methods: Data are extracted from online databases including Science direct, PubMed and Google Scholar from 2013 till 2022. Then eligibility of reference lists was assessed.

Results: AuNPs and magnetic graphene nanocomposites are signal amplification immune sensors for tissue polypeptide antigen detection. AuNPs SPCE and silver nanoparticles loaded nanohydroxyapatite used for apolipoprotein-A1 detection. For squamous cell carcinoma antigen detection, a Sandwich-type EC immunosensor was created. As immunosensing probes, poly(o-phenylenediamine) (POPD)/Au nano-composite and poly(vinylferrocene-2-aminothiophenol) (poly (VFcATP))/Au nanocomposites are utilized for detecting CEA and AFP, respectively. For detecting tumor markers, PEC serves as immunosensors. When it comes to detecting of viruses, bacteria, and toxins, gold nano-particles (AuNPs) are becoming increasingly popular.

Aim of the study: Within the scope of our research, we wanted to evaluate the formulation of novel nanomaterials for the detection of certain elements in biological samples.

Keywords: Immunosensing probes, poly(o-phenylenediamine), nanocomposites

Introduction

Lately, determination regarding metals ions and organic species and quantification of their concentration in biological as well as environmental samples have achieved important concern (Jin *et al.*, 2012) [23]. Analytical methods have limitations of low sensitivity because of interferent(s) with other elements in the matrix samples (Namieśnik, 2002) [42]. The concentration of trace elements is too low to be detected by traditional analytical instruments (Hashemi *et al.*, 2018) [15]. Solid phase microextraction (SPME) and solid phase extraction (SPE) processes are utilized for the purpose of facilitating enrichment of elements (Souza-Silva *et al.*, 2015) [51].

Based on the study by Hashemi *et al.* (2018) [15], biological samples such as hair, urine, blood, and plasma consist of a complex matrix of the organic and inorganic moieties such as amino acids and salts, and the presence of relevant analyte has been found in insufficient amounts. Which is why, prior to the instrumental detection, there is a high importance in isolating and improving target compounds from complex matrix. This is due to the fact that analytes or interferences' concentration level is rather low. SPE as well as SPME have been considered superior pretreatment procedures for extracting and evaluating various analytes from a wide range of biological media.

According to Lara and Perez-Potti (2018) [28], nanomaterials are objects that range in size from one nanometer to one hundred nanometers. According to Kim *et al.* (2014) [26], they have the ability to offer both chemical and physical features due to their compact dimensions, which allow them to offer a substantial surface area to volume ratio. The continuous advancements that have been made over the course of the last decade have made it possible to make them in a wide range of chemistries, shapes, and core compositions.

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Managing the design of NPs to suit drug delivery (Gao *et al.*, 2017) ^[10], imaging (Chowdhuri *et al.*, 2016) ^[6], and diagnostics (Pelaz *et al.*, 2017) ^[46] is a field that is developing in fields, like cancer and diagnosis and treatment of cancer as well as several pathologies, like autoimmune diseases.

Materials and Methods

Strategy

We assessed online databases including Science Direct, PubMed and Google Scholar from 2013 till 2022. We also reviewed the literature using the following Key words Nano, Nano-materials, Nanoparticles, biological samples, determination, and detection. We assessed the titles and abstracts of all papers recognized from this search for applicability. The references of related articles were also searched to identify eligible papers, if paper was theoretically related to our review, we then investigated eligibility of all paper. Finally, we assessed the eligibility of reference lists.

Study eligibility

Our inclusion criteria were those papers or studies which described synthesis and preparation of nanomaterials and used it in biological samples characterization. All study designs were considered. Results of cross-sectional and cohort study designs. We excluded unpublished reports, theses.

Results and Discussion

Immune sensors based on nanomaterials

Electrochemical immunosensing is a simple, easily operated, low cost, highly sensitive and accurate analysis method for tumor marker detection.

Carbon Nanomaterials

Carbon containing nanomaterials like graphene (Xu *et al.*, 2015) ^[69] and carbon nanotubes, offer large surface-to-volume ratio, excellent mechanical property, as well as conductivity. They could be substituted by organic moieties in different sites in their structures. Wang *et al.*, (2015) ^[56] utilized a new nanomaterial which bear AuNPs and magnetic graphene that used for discovery of tissue polypeptide antigen (TPA). Yang *et al.*, (2017) ^[43] described nitrogen-doped graphene (NG) as highly streptavidin-functionalized group that can be applied to EC immunosensing for detection of CEA. Lai *et al.*, (2018) ^[27] confirmed that by mentioning that the biofunctionalized NG detected large number of antibodies because of large surface area. Zhang *et al.*, (2016) ^[74] used multiwalled carbon nanotubes as a sensor for latent membrane protein 1 detection.

Noble Metal Nanomaterials

Gold, silver and platinum are noble metals (Wang *et al.*, 2017) ^[59]. AuNPs, due to excellent heat and electrical conductivity, its high electron density, good biocompatibility was commonly employed in sensors to augment their electron transfer ability (Jolly *et al.*, 2017) ^[24]. According to Wang *et al.* (2015) ^[56], silver NPs loaded with nanohydroxyapatite (Ag-nHAP) and AuNPs modified SPCE were successfully utilized in the detection of apolipoprotein-A1 (ApoA1). Squamous cell carcinoma antigen (SCCA) detection was accomplished by Liu *et al.* (2016) ^[37] through the utilization of a sandwich-type EC immunosensor that contained noble metal.

Polymer Nanomaterials

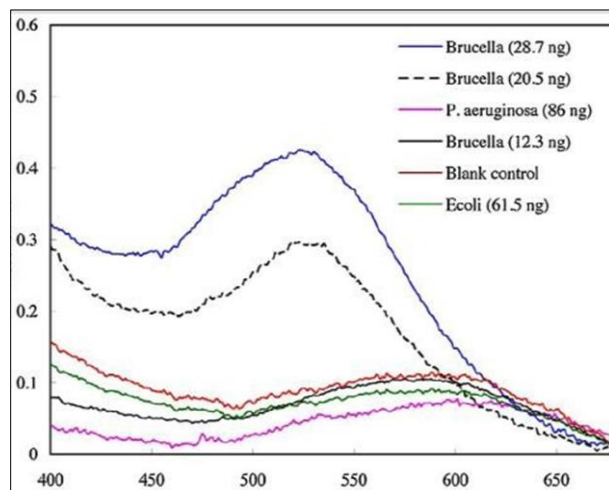
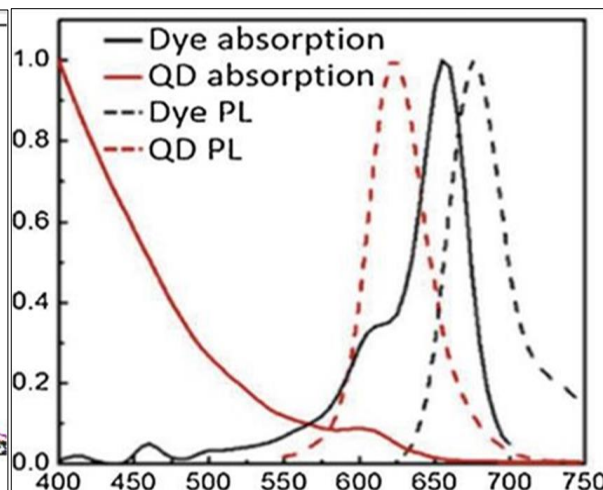
According to Niu *et al.* (2017) ^[43], and Yuan *et al.* (2015) ^[72], polymer nanomaterials, such as polyaniline, hyperbranched polymers, and polypyrrole are reported to have simple synthesis, exceptional redox-activity, easy synthesis, and good cell and biocompatibility. The researchers Liu *et al.* (2015) ^[38] created nanomaterials consisting of poly(o-phenylenediamine) (POPD)/Au and poly(vinylferrocene-2-aminothiophenol) (poly(VFcATP))/Au. These nanomaterials retained immunosensors for detecting the AFP and CEA in an instantaneous manner.

PEC Immunosensors Based on Nanomaterials

PEC sensors are type of analytical tools depend on light converting character to electricity. The improvement of photoactive materials for manufacturing immunosensors for detection of tumor markers is becoming more and more.

Detection of biological threat agents

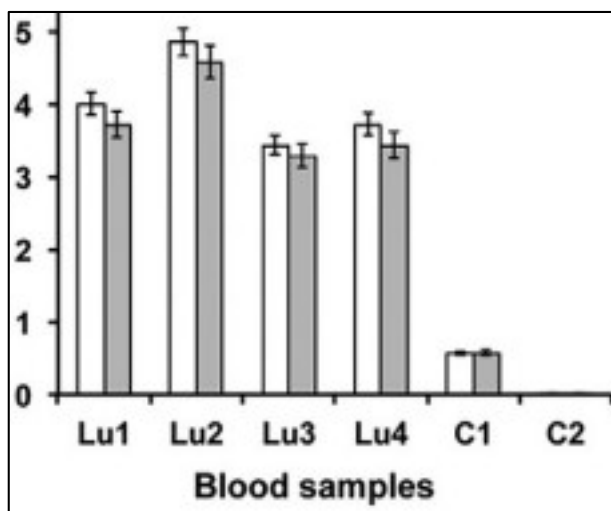
According to Rowland *et al.* (2016) ^[48], detecting viruses, bacteria, and toxins is a practice that frequently makes use of AuNPs. The size of the AuNPs ranged from 2 to 100 nanometers, and they exhibited a phenomenon known as LSPR, which resulted in exceptional optical absorption capabilities. The analyses can be completed in any time between one and ten minutes. According to Rowland *et al.* (2016) ^[48], it is simple to modify by modifying the surface functional group to other elements, DNA sequences, or antibodies. According to Algar *et al.* (2011) ^[1], coating AuNPs with reactive ligands makes it possible to use covalent attachment of DNA, proteins, and antibodies. This could be accomplished through methods such as NHS- ester, maleimide-thiol, carbodiimide coupling (EDC), cycloaddition (click) chemistry, as well as non-covalent methods such as biotin or NTA or passive adsorption. In the case of Brucella species, complementary oligonucleotide was utilized in cell examination (Sattarahmady *et al.*, 2015) ^[50]. In a case of M. tuberculosis carbon nano-tubes, complementary oligonucleotide impedance was utilized.

(Sattarahmady *et al.*, 2015) [50](Lee *et al.*, 2015) [30]

Circulating tumor cells

When it comes to immunoaffinity approaches, nanomaterials that are based on antibodies are utilized quite frequently. On the surface of cancerous cells, there are, in most cases, distinct markers. Epidermal receptor 2 (HER-2) is discovered in high concentrations in ovarian, breast, and gastric cancers. Epithelial cell adhesion molecule (EpCAM) is also found in high concentrations in various epithelial cancers (Munz *et al.*, 2009) [41]. Glypican-3 (GPC3) has been demonstrated to be present in hepatocellular carcinoma, among other cancers (Ismail, 2010) [22]. There are a lot of benefits that come along with selecting the functional groups of the antibodies produced by these particular markers with a high affinity.

According to Li *et al.* (2015) [31], Hammond and his colleagues were successful in constructing a biodegradable nanofilm composed of alginate and poly (allylamine hydrochloride). Taking into consideration a healthy sample as the control group, Stott *et al.* (2010) [53] chose lung cancer cells (H-1650 and H-1975) to use as model samples. In accordance with the findings of earlier research, they discovered that the number of CTCs that were identified in a sample of lung cancer ranged between 2.50 to 5.90 in 1 milliliter.



CTCs from blood samples of lung cancer with the use of biodegradable nano-film. The number of the CTCs that

have been captured as well as released through biodegradable nano-film.

Low-abundance ordinary proteins/peptides

In Hong *et al.*, (2018) [18] study, they prepared DMSNs@PDA-Ti4p and proved that it revealed high sensitivity and high selectivity. In HeLa cell extracts, DMSNs@PDA-Ti4p exhibited enrichment specificity of 96.30% and detected 993 multi- and 1429 mono-phosphopeptides.

MOAC-based nanomaterials

A different method of separation technology is known as metal oxide affinity chromatography, or MOAC for short. Recent years have seen the development of several methods for the production of nanomaterials based on TiO₂. In the year 2017, Hong and his team developed magnetic nanomaterials by using Fe₃O₄ as the core, TiO₂ as the middle layer, and NiO as the outermost layer. When compared to Fe₃O₄-HeTiO₂, which only recognized 837 phosphopeptides with a lower enrichment specificity of 60.2%, Fe₃O₄@HeTiO₂@f-NiO was able to detect 972 phosphopeptides with 91.90% of enrichment specificity from HeLa cell extracts. This was a significant improvement.

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Carboxyl functionalized materials the key benefit of carboxyl functionalization is the high adsorption of elements. Fathi *et al.*, (2017) [9] synthesized graphene contain groups which detect Cr in water. A SiO₂ covering was utilized by Wang *et al.* (2020) [60] for the purpose of Cd adsorption. The capability of poly-m-phenylenediamine

(PmPD) coated carboxyl-functionalized MNPs to adsorb aspartic acid was demonstrated by Wu *et al.* (2017) [34]. Core-shell composite of NH₂-Fe₃O₄-NTA has been instrumental in detection and adsorption of Cu (II) and Sb (III), as reported by Hao *et al.* in 2019 [14].

The amino functionalized magnetic sorbents: Nonkumwong *et al.*, (2016) [44] stated that amine-functionalized ferrite MNPs with surface modifier (ethanolamine) and MgFe₂O₄ efficiently detect Pb (II) in water. In their 2018 study, Ghasemi and colleagues demonstrated that the combination of MNPs, dioctyl phthalate (DOP), and TETA produced a sorbent that was able to remove zinc (II) from aqueous solutions. Wanna *et al.*, (2016) [63] utilized polymethyl methacrylate onto the iron oxide nanoparticles' surface as well as polyethylene glycol diamine, which resulted in materials with great performance in Co (II), Hg (II), Cu (II), and Pb (II) removal. This is in line with the findings that they obtained.

Polyaniline (PANI) modified MNPs

He *et al.*, (2020) [16] Se and Te were extracted using polyaniline modified MNPs as the extraction medium. For the purpose of Cr detection, magnetic sorbents have been utilized (Wei *et al.*, 2017) [64]. The adsorption of Au and Ag ions has been accomplished by Zhao *et al.* (2018) [18] through the utilization of poly(1-vinylimidazole) (PVIM).

Mercapto functionalization

According to Kanatzidis and Manos (2016) [39], sulfhydryl functionalization is well-known for its attraction to various elements, including Cd, Pb, and Hg, as well as noble metals. According to Aljerf (2018) [2], the increased electronegativity of sulfur causes sorbents that include sulfur to have a stronger affinity to trace elements than sorbents that contain enzymes that contain amino groups. Thiol group Zhu *et al.*, (2017) [75] selected γ -MPTS sulfhydrylation reagent for functionalization of Fe₃O₄@SiO₂, attaining Hg adsorption. Huang *et al.*, (2012) [19] stated that similar sorbents were used in Se elements analysis. Wang *et al.* (2018) [27] got effective Cr removal from water samples by nano-magnetic semi-siloxane sorbent of Fe₃O₄-POSS-SH. Anbia, & Rahimi, (2017) [4] in their study achieved entire adsorption of Pt by magnetic cellulose material, functionalized by thiourea and glycerol methacrylate. Odio *et al.*, (2016) [45] have synthesized a magnetic sorbent that adsorb Pb and Cd. Other post-functionalization methods: Wang *et al.*, (2020) [60] got adsorption and analysis of Ti by preparing phosphoric acid functionalized MNPs (Fe₃O₄@SiO₂@GMA-PO₄). Additionally, Yang *et al.* (2019) [17] used organophosphorus materials to eliminate U from water. Ionic liquid-encapsulated nanomaterials was used by Davudabadi Farahani, & Shemirani (2012) [8] for of Cd and Pb adsorption. It is reported that Fe₃O₄@SiO₂@TiO₂ sorbent and used analyzing Zn, Cd, Cu, and Pb (Habla *et al.*, 2016) [13]. Similarly, natural magnetic resin was used as sorbent for Cd, Pb and Cu extraction (Soylak & Erbas, 2018) [52].

Adsorption mechanism

Since N-containing functionalized sorbents have good binding effects with some of the trace elements like Bi, Pb, and Cu, they have complicated adsorption. Guo *et al.* (2014) [12] confirmed that N on amino group has the capacity to

bind lead. It has been demonstrated that materials with amino functionalization could be mixed with Cu and Sb (Hao *et al.*, 2019) [14]. Furthermore, as a sorbent for the removal of Hg, chitosan/cellulose composite sponge was created (Zhang *et al.*, 2019) [73].

S-containing functionalized sorbents can be particularly combined with Hg and Ag, which enable them to take part in their analyses. Wang *et al.*, (2018) [27] assessed thiol-functionalized magnetic materials ability in adsorption of Cr.

O-containing sorbent has high electronegativity so it can be used as general sorbent. Moreover, Liu *et al.*, (2013) [36] mentioned that ability of magnetic titanate composite nanomaterials to adsorb Pb is due to Pb binding to O in the structure of the titanate

Electrostatic adsorption: Al-suhaybi *et al.*, (2020) [3] synthesized AGPA- functionalized phthalic acid-coated magnetic nano-particles for the adsorption of Pb. Pb adsorption return to electrostatic effect. Moreover, carbon materials that contain metal oxides can adsorb trace elements by electrostatic effects (Kazak & Tor, 2020) [25]. It is also mentioned that CeO₂-MoS₂ used for removing Pb in water (Li *et al.*, 2019) [34].

Other adsorption forces: Adsorption can appear due to ion exchange (Kazak & Tor, 2020) [25] or ion diffusion (Yang *et al.*, 2019) [17]. Wang *et al.*, (2019) [14] mentioned that bentonite-chitosan was used in removal of Cs⁺ in water. (Kazak & Tor, 2020) [25] used carbon materials prepared from red mud for Pb adsorption.

Conventional magnetic solid phase extraction: it was used in separation and pre-concentration of trace elements in sample solution (Xie *et al.*, 2014) [68]. Lately, conventional MSPE was commonly used in trace element analysis in the drinking waters (Huang *et al.*, 2010) [20], river/lake waters (Munonde *et al.*, 2017) [40], industrial wastewater (Li *et al.*, 2015) [31], tea waters (Leal *et al.*, 2018), and urine blood samples. Wierucka, & Biziuk, (2014) [65] mentioned that MNPs have quick elution kinetics and large specific surface area which is advantageous in extraction methods. Peng *et al.*, (2017) [47] utilized sulfur-magnetic carbon material for Hg²⁺ determination in environmental waters. Besides, Chen *et al.*, (2019) [5] synthesized ZnFe₂O₄ carbon nano-tubes for analyzing earth elements in the environmental samples. Interestingly. Munonde *et al.*, (2017) [40] used Fe₃O₄@MnO₂, Al₂O₃@AAPTMS MNPs for Cr extraction from environmental waters. Li *et al.*, (2011) [35] applied MNPs functionalized by mercapto group in analysis of trace metals.

Conclusion

In traditional methods, detecting biological sample elements can be achieved with excellent but these techniques are usually slow and require time consuming steps of sample preparation and laboratory conditions. Detection of these trace elements is of great concern. Many immunogenic protocols depend on the dispersability of nanomaterials to lessen assay time. Another use of nanomaterials was as a detection way in biological samples to attain lower limits of detection that couldn't be reached by traditional protocols. The multiplicity and diversity of nanomaterials and conjugate biochemistries promote sustained advance in bioagent detection accommodation in the laboratory, or in complex matrices.

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