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Bio-Synthesized Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles Using Plant Extracts

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Abstract: In this day and age, nanoparticles have become one of the essential needs of society in various sectors such as development. Another applications have the potential to be used with ZnO, therefore the development can improve the quality of nanoparticles to make them more specific. Synthesis procedures should avoid the use of harmful chemicals to ensure that the environment is maintained. The green biosynthesis method is a simple procedure where the plants used are easy to find and where the methods used are safe. In this paper, a brief overview of the Zinc Oxide Nanoparticle ZnO method is used to identify the shape, size and characteristics found in plant abstracts such as coriander, brinjal and banana peel. The unresponsive effect of temperature on ZnO during the experiment can change the size, shape and characteristics. To determine the characteristics of the plant abstract, machines such as XRD, FESEM and UV-Vis were used in this experiment.

Keywords: Green Synthesis, Biosynthesis, Zinc Oxide (Zno), Plant Extract, Nanoparticles

1. Introduction

Zinc oxide (ZnO) appears as one of the potent inorganic multifunctional nanoparticles. ZnO structured material fits well in optics, photonics, and electronics, based on its application. ZnO is found in a large variety of products, including make-up, nail products, infant lotions, bath soaps, and foot powder. The application of modern nanoparticles is excellent because nanotechnology contains the design, implementation of materials, and characterization, devices, and processes with the size and shape of particles arranged in a nanometric scale. Because of their excellent nano part properties such as higher chemical reactivity, comprehensive research has been carried out to synthesize and refine

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nanomaterials in the nano-measuring scheme. Relative to physical or chemical approaches, biological processes synthesize microorganisms of nanoparticles[1].

2. Materials and Methods

2.1 Experiment Methodology

In this experimental methodology, the overall process that will be conducted as mentioned to produce a ZnO nanoparticles. The process will be contained the raw material use, the apparatus and equipment were used, preparation of plant extract, synthesis of ZnO nanoparticles and the characterization of ZnO nanoparticles. There will be explain briefly based on the experimental methodology process of ZnO nanoparticles.

2.2 Materials

There are materials in this analysis that were used to prepare the ZnO solution, as shown in table 1. For the production of ZnO solutions, zinc acetate dehydrate (Zn AC), distilled water (H2 O) and plant extract were used.

Table 1: List of raw material used to synthesis ZnO.

Material	Molecular Formula	Weight Molecule (g/mol)	Density (g/mL)
Zinc acetate dehydrate (ZnAC)	Zn (CH ₃ COO) ₂ 2H ₂ O	219.50	1.84
Distilled water	H ₂ O	18.02	1.000

2.1.1 Preparation of Plant Powder

Zinc acetate was used for the synthesis of nanoparticles as a precursor material. The plant such as brinjal, coriander and banana peel are thoroughly washed with distilled water while biosynthesizing ZnO nanoparticles using plant extract. These plants are then evenly cut and then dried into small pieces.



Figure 1: Example of plant powder from banana peel.

2.1.2 Preparation of Aqueous Plant Extract

The extract preparation requires weighing a certain volume of the dried sample and then boiling it with distilled water. Mortar and pestle samples were ground well using de-ionized water. The plant extract blend has been heated with a medium flame. This solution was filtered after cooling and placed in a refrigerator for further studies.



Figure 2: Example of coriander extract.

2.1.3 Biosynthesis of ZnO Nanoparticles

After the powder from the plant extract is produced 4g of zinc acetate is put in 125 ml of the extract solution in a standard experiment for the preparation of ZnO nanoparticles using plant extract, and the resulting solution is stirred for 15 min, then placed in a water bath shaker for around 1h at approximately 30°C to 65°C. The incubation time allows the color of the mixture to change to yellow, which implies the formation of nanoparticles of ZnO. The solution will change from light brown to pale and deep yellow. Then the resulting precipitate was collected, followed by drying for 6 h at 150 °C. For further tests and characterizations, the resulting product was stored at 5°C.

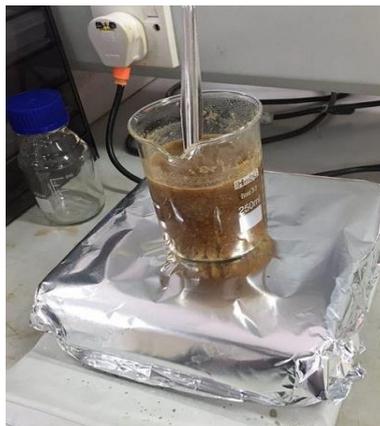


Figure 3: The magnetic hot plate stirrer machine to prepare extract and mixture solution.

2.2.2 Characterization of ZnO Nanoparticles

Characterization and analysis of ZnO NPs can be done in more detail using modern and technological machines. ZnO NPs can be characterized using machines such as UV-visible spectrometer, X-Ray Diffraction (XDR), and FESEM. ZnO nanoparticles were measured by X-ray diffraction (XRD), surface morphological details were performed using Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (FESEM), light absorption spectra were recorded using ultraviolet (UV-vis) visible spectroscopy and the type of compound was determined.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Secondary Data Review on Biosynthesis ZnO NPs

After performing ZnO nanoparticle experiments, a powder from ZnO nanoparticles was successfully produced. To prove the presence of characteristic ZnO nanoparticles in each extract studied, it requires several analyses to detect the characteristics present within the extract. Among the analysis used are XRD, FESEM, and UV-Vis. Previous studies from other researchers were wont to analyse the characteristic of ZnO NP. From there, different characteristic comparisons of ZnO nanoparticles within the extract using XRD, FESEM, and UV-Vis were evaluated.

3.2 Result of X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) analysis

The XRD pattern of the coriander leaf samples in figure 3.2 is obvious and therefore the diffraction peaks are narrow, indicating that the synthesized product features a greater crystallization advantage and therefore the influence of experimental conditions on nucleation and crystal growth. The prominent peaks correspond to (hkl) values of (100), (002), (101), (102), (110), (103), (112), and (201). These plane values are closely matched with the wurtzite structure of ZnO [31]. Additionally, no characteristic peaks aside from the ZnO appear which successively specify the high purity of our sample. The typical crystalline size of nanoparticles was estimated using the Debye-Scherrer formula [32], $D = 0.89 \lambda / \beta \cos\theta$, where, λ (1.54 Å) is that the wavelength of X-ray, θ being Bragg's diffraction angle and β is that the full width at half maximum[2].

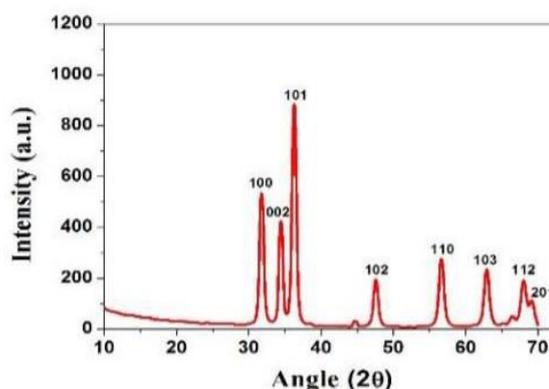


Figure 3.2 XRD pattern of ZnO from coriander extract.

The XRD pattern of the synthesized ZNP from *L.nobilis* leaves shows clearly the crystal structure for the synthesized nanoparticles in figure 3.3. A pointy diffraction peak is observed at Values 2θ 31.46, 34.29, 36.33, 47.51, 56.50, 62.84, 67.79 and 76.83 degrees. This peak is indexed as (100), Diffractions (002), (101), (102), (110), (103), (112), and (202) the respective lattice planes confirming the hexagon wurtzite structure for synthesized nanoparticles. This pattern corresponds to the quality peaks indicated by the International Diffraction Data Center. The typical measure of ZNP is calculated from the very best strong peak (101) using Debye – Scherer equation below,

$$(D=k\omega)/\beta\cos\theta$$

XRD analysis showed a mean measure (21.49, 25.26 nm) for nanoparticles using zinc acetate and zinc nitrate as their respective precursors. Details of XRD analyses are given in Table 2. The particle size of the synthesized ZNP is approximate accept as true with the previous findings[3].

Table 2: Details of XRD analysis for the synthesized ZNPs

Sample ^a	d-spacing (Å)	FWHM ^b	Estimated crystallite size (nm)
A	2.47093	0.349	25.26
B	2.46305	0.295	29.48

^aSynthesized ZNPs by *L. nobilis* leaves aqueous extract and A: zinc acetate; B: zinc nitrate.

^bFull width at half maximum.

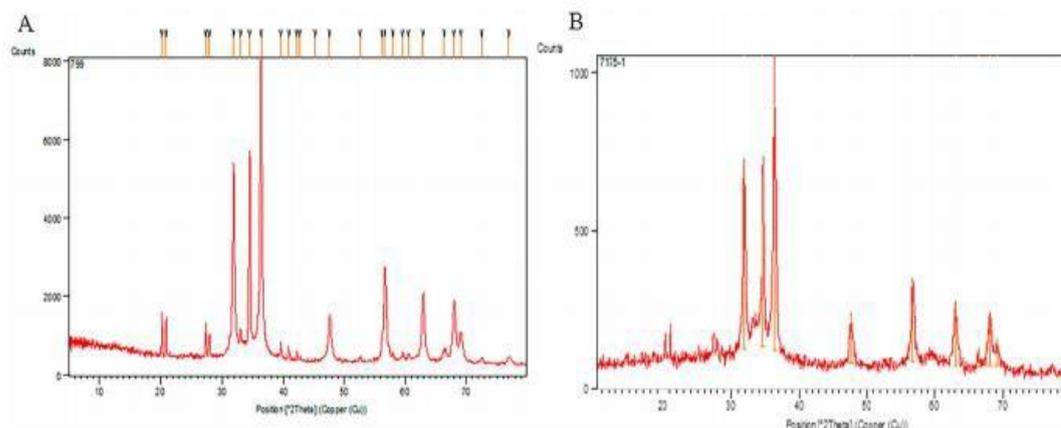


Figure 3.1: XRD result for the synthesized ZNPs by (A) zinc acetate and bay leaves extract; (B) zinc nitrate and bay leaves extract as precursors

Figure 3.4 shows the XRD diffraction pattern of ginger ZNO nanoparticles. It is found that there exists strong diffraction peak with 2θ values of 31.83°, 34.42°, 36.27°, 47.48°, 56.52°, 62.70°, and 66.81° like the crystal planes of (100), (002), (101), (102) (110), (200), and (201) respectively. All diffraction peaks of the sample correspond to the characteristic hexagonal wurtzite structure of flowers of zinc nanoparticles ($a=0.315\text{nm}$ and $c=0.529\text{nm}$). Similar, X-ray diffraction pattern. The typical particle size of ZnO NPs is often estimated using the Debye-Scherer equation, which provides a relationship between peak broadening in XRD and particle size that's demonstrated by the subsequent equation.

$$d = k\lambda / \beta\cos\theta$$

Where d is that the particle size of the crystal, k is Scherer's constant (0.9), λ is X-Ray wavelength (0.15406nm), β is that the width of the XRD peak at half height and θ is that the Bragg diffraction angle. Using the Scherer equation, the typical crystalline size of ZnO NPs is found to be 24.5 nm. Diffraction patterns like impurities are found to be absent. This proves that pure ZnO nanoparticles were synthesized [4].

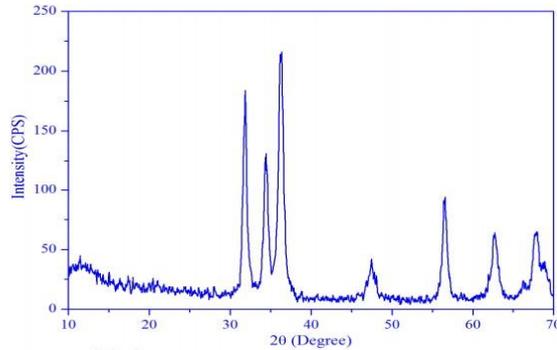


Figure 3.2: XRD pattern of synthesized ZnO nanoparticles using dry ginger

3.2 Result of Ultraviolet-visible Spectrometer (UV-vis)

Tea leaves are used to describe electromagnetic radiation, such as light, as a wave phenomenon with a wavelength or frequency. The absorption maxima was seen at 338nm in Figure 3.5, which displays the UV-Vis spectra of the as-synthesised nanoparticle. It shows that it is moving towards the spectrum's line [5].

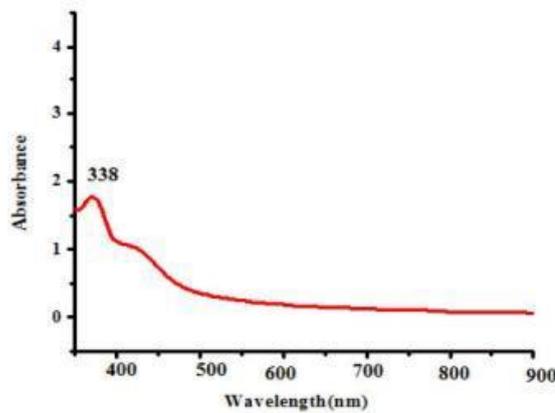


Figure 3.5: UV-vis pattern of ZnO Nanoparticles Tea Leaves

Fig. 3.6(a) shows the UV-Vis absorption studies of ZnO nanoparticles from atalantia monophylla observed at the wavelength of 300–1000 nm. In Fig. 3.6(a) ZnO features a wide selection absorption value and powerful absorption peak at 352 nm. Reported on the absorbance spectra of ZnO nanoparticles which were recorded between 330 nm and 370 nm. The above findings were supported by our studies. Fig. 3.6(b) demonstrates the PL spectrum of ZnO nanoparticles. The spectrum was taken at the excitation wavelength of 360 nm. A robust emission peak was recorded at 410 nm which is that the characteristic PL emission peak of ZnO nanoparticles. The height at 410 nm originates from the recombination of free exciting through an exciting or due to intrinsic defects like oxygen and zinc interstitials. The narrow blue emission band around 484 nm is usually attributed to the radiative recombination of a photo-generated hole with an electron occupying the oxygen vacancy[6].

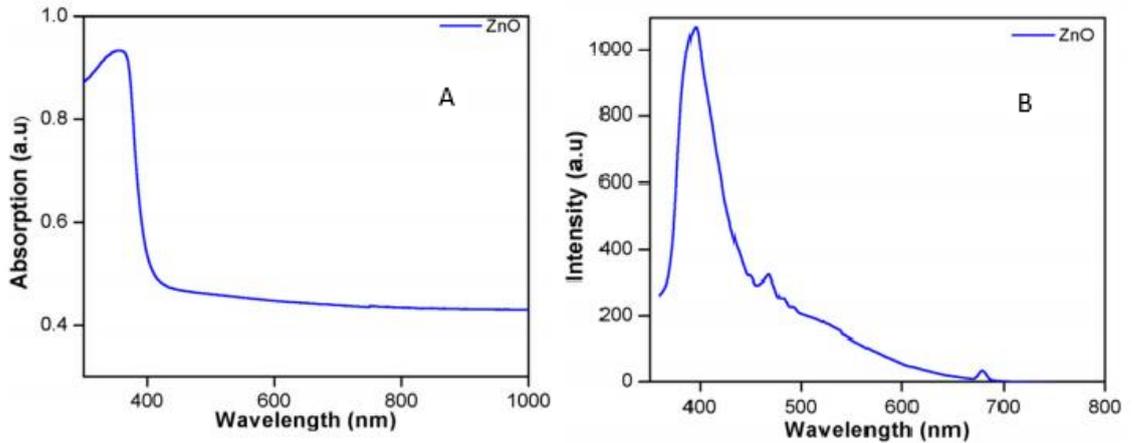


Figure 3.6: (A) UV-Vis absorption spectrum of ZnO, nanoparticles. (B) Fluorescence studies of ZnO nanoparticles

The UV-visible absorption spectrum is an important technique for checking the validity of the synthesized material. Zinc oxide nanoparticles usually show broad peaks in the range of 300-800 nm. ZnO nanoparticles synthesized from *G. pentaphylla* leaf extract showed a strong absorption peak at 351 nm (Fig. 3.7a) simulating with previous reports. The photoluminescence (PL) spectra of ZnO nanoparticles are shown in Figure 3.7b. The spectrum was recorded with excitation at 300 nm and the photoluminescence peak was observed at 348 nm and the characteristic PL emission of ZnO nanoparticles was also observed. In addition, PL studies helped evaluate the synthesized nanoparticles for their purity [7].

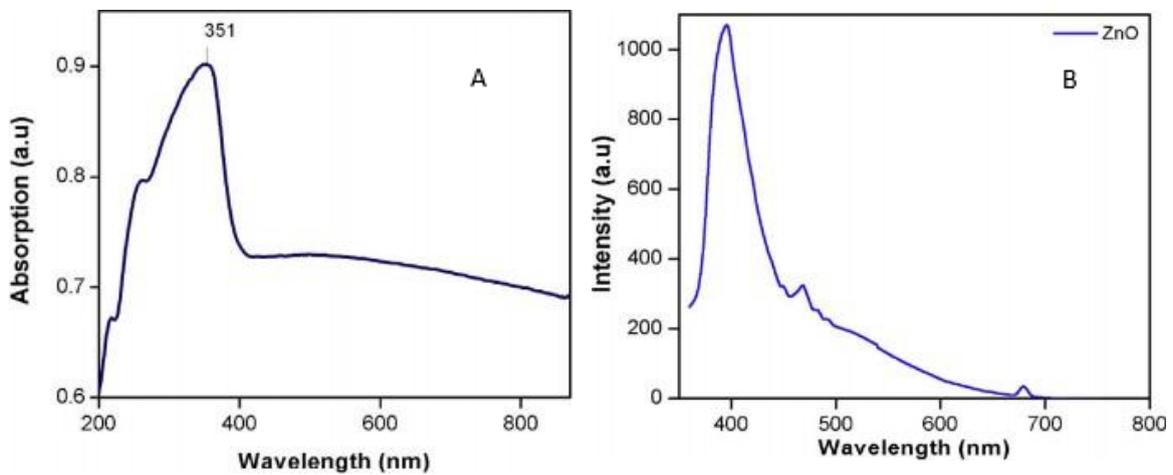


Figure 3.7: (A) UV-Vis spectrum of ZnO nanoparticles, (B) Fluorescence studies of ZnO nanoparticles XRD analysis

3.3 Result of Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (FESEM)

Figure 3.8 shows FESEM micrographs of ZnO nanoparticles from limes extract synthesized at 90°C for 3 hours at 0.05 M, 0.10 M, 0.15 M, and 0.20 M, respectively. Zinc acetate in Figure 3.8a, the uneven surface morphology is often clearly seen from rock bottom concentration, and no particles are formed in Figure 3.8b. When the concentration of Zn within the citrus extract increased to 0.10M, it might be seen that the particles accumulated there, and therefore the diameter of the precise particles varied from 0.15mm to 0.35mm. Figures 3.8c and 3.8d show that the particles are uniform and have an honest nanostructure. The form of ZnO nanoparticles is usually round in shape. From SEM images of ZnO synthesized at 0.15 M and 0.20 M, it appears uniform with a structure around 100 nm [8].

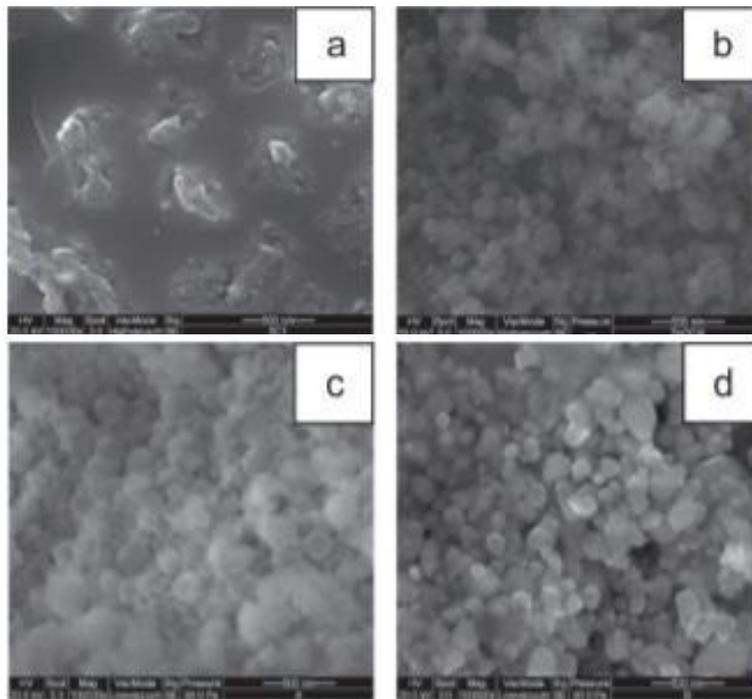


Figure 3.8: FESEM image of ZnO particle synthesized using zinc acetate at concentrations of (a) 0.05M, (b) 0.10M, (c) 0.15M (d) 0.20M

The FESEM image of ZnO NPs was shown in Figure 3.9. Because varied amounts of walnut leaf extract and zinc acetate were employed, the results were not consistent. Different structures and sizes of ZnO NPs were created. When the zinc acetate concentration was 20 mm, spherical ZnO NPs with diameters ranging from 45 nm to 65 nm developed and agglomerated (Fig. 3.9A). Each particle was made up of several smaller particles, however at the lowest concentration of zinc acetate (2 mm), a ZnO flower shape with sizes ranging from 95 to 150 nm formed (Fig. 3.9B). Surface morphology and little size of spherical ZnO NPs are due to sequential core production within the high concentration of zinc acetate at the time of reduction of zinc ion. But at the low concentration of zinc acetate, a limited number of core created then core growth happened and ZnO nanoflower created with large size. It must be noted that larger particles are created thanks to crystal growth. Chemical ZnO NPs had an uneven surface shape and a larger size than bio-ZnO NPs (Fig. 3.9C) [9].

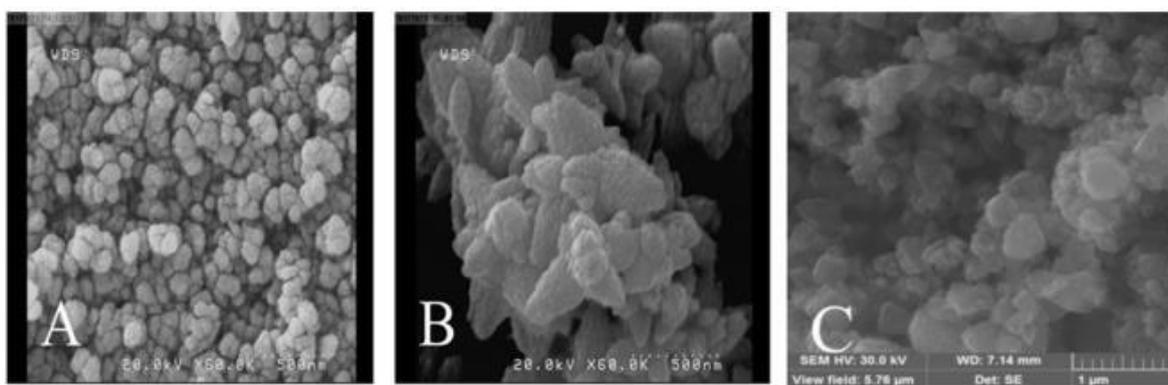


Figure 3.9: FESEM image of ZnO (A): spherical ZnO NPs at 500nm scale (B): ZnO nanoflower at 500nm scale; its shaped larger particle due to crystal growth (C): Chemical ZnO at 1μm scale; particles showed irregular surface morphology

Scanning microscopy was used to look at the morphology of the produced nanoparticles. Figures 4 (a) and (b) depict the surface morphology of zinc nanoparticle flowers from *Ixora coccinea* at various magnifications. FESEM images show that the majority of the round-shaped nanoparticles formed within the diameter range of 80 - 130 nm [10].

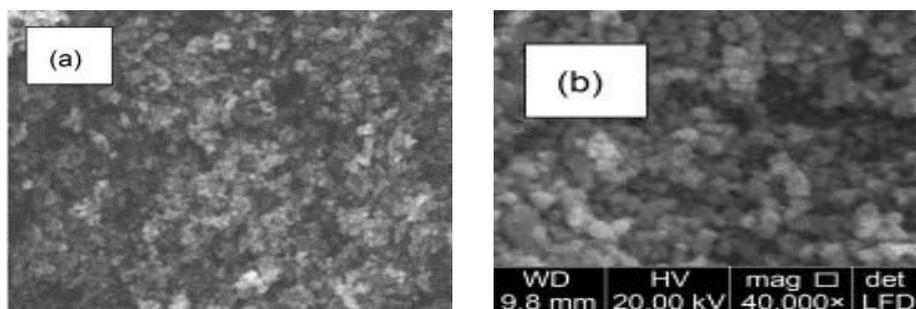


Figure 3.10: (a) And (b) FESEM image of the synthesized ZnONPs Ixora Coccinea

4. Conclusion

Since we all know, nanoparticles are commonly used in industries such as health, science, and the textile industry. During the study and observations, we focused on the process of ZnO nanoparticles where it is seen to be safe to use and good for preserving the environment and it is also non-toxic. The biosynthesis of ZnO nanoparticles occurs due to antimicrobial activity where it is needed to prevent and avoid the occurrence of problems or harm to humans. Another benefit of ZnO biosynthesis nanoparticles is their non-toxic and benign character; additionally, the cost-effective and simple synthesis method encourages more research in the green field of synthesis.

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