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Data on the role of starch and ammonia in green synthesis of silver and iron oxide nanoparticles

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ABSTRACT

Green synthesis of nanoparticles by using starch has recently attracted considerable attention due to their biodegradability, non-toxicity, and cost effectiveness. The data presented in this article are related to the article entitled "Evaluation of antibacterial activity of Ag/Fe₃O₄ nanocomposites synthesized by using starch" (Ghaseminezhad and Shojaosadati, 2016) [1]. Here, Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles and silver nanoparticles were synthesized by using starch under alkaline condition. Hydrodynamic diameter of starch and starch coated silver nanoparticles were determined under heat treatment and different pH. This data also display absorbance peak of silver nanoparticles synthesized by starch under different pH conditions (6.5, 8, and 10). Iodometric titration confirmed that both components of starch (amylose and amylopectin) can adsorb on the surface of Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles.

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How data was acquired	UV–visible absorption spectra of samples were obtained by a double beam UV–visible spectrophotometer (Cary 100, Varian) at a resolution of 1 nm in the range 200–800 nm. The size distribution and average size of samples were determined by dynamic light scattering (DLS) (Malvern, UK).
Data format	Analyzed
Experimental factors	Synthesis of Ag and Fe ₃ O ₄ nanoparticles by using starch under alkaline condition
Experimental features	Effect of pH on starch and silver nanoparticles synthesized by starch. Evaluation of absorption of starch component on Fe ₃ O ₄ nanoparticles.
Data source location	Chemical Engineering Faculty, Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran, Iran.
Data accessibility	Data are available with this article.

Value of the data

- Data regarding the heat and alkaline treatment on starch structure will be useful for size-controlled synthesis of nanoparticles by starch.
- Investigation of affinity of starch components (amylose and amylopectin) to adsorb on Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles will be useful to exploit the mechanism of the nanoparticle formation.
- The importance of ammonia concentration in silver nanoparticles synthesized by starch. It can change pH and the number of electron to reduce silver ions.

1. Data

The data display the characterization of starch and silver nanoparticles synthesized by starch under different condition. Also, UV–vis spectra of Fe₃O₄ NPs, supernatant and starch with iodine are demonstrated.

2. Experimental design, materials and methods

2.1. Materials

Soluble starch from potato, AgNO₃, FeCl₃·6H₂O, FeSO₄·7H₂O, NH₃·H₂O, potassium iodide, and iodine were purchased from Sigma Aldrich.

2.2. Heat and alkaline treatment of starch

Starch molecules were analyzed under heat treatment (at 95 °C for 20 min) with or without subsequent alkaline treatment by DLS. During the heating process, the starch granules first swell and then burst, the semi-crystalline structure is lost and the smaller amylose molecules start leaching out of the granules. Fig. 1(a) shows the hydrodynamic diameter of starch particles after heat treatment at 95 °C for 15 min. The poor DLS result is because of non-spherical shape of amylose and amylopectin chains and too polydispersity. As shown in Fig. 1(b), hydrodynamic diameter and size distribution of starch particles decreased by adding ammonia (pH 10) which could be related to hydrolyze amylose and amylopectin chains under alkaline medium [1,2].

2.3. Evaluation of starch adsorption on Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles

Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles were synthesized according to the modification procedure previously reported [3]. Briefly FeCl₃·6H₂O (1.49 g) and FeSO₄·7H₂O (0.765 g) were added to 200 ml of the starch

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