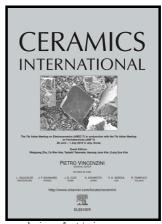
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A comparative study

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**Abstract:** 

In this report, Cu<sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles were synthesized by solgel using eco-friendly aloe

vera extract and citric acid separately and their properties were discussed. Structural, Functional,

morphological, magnetic properties of the samples were characterized using X-ray diffraction

(XRD), Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR), Transmission electron microscopy (TEM), Vibrating

sample magnetometer (VSM). XRD exhibited the samples have single phase cubic spinel with

average size of 46.4nm and 35.45nm. Two characteristics bands of ferrite were confirmed by

FTIR. TEM indicated different morphology of the samples with some regularity. VSM data

showed that higher coercivity for the sample prepared by aloe vera extract.

Key words

Ni-Cu ferrite; Citrate; Aloe vera; Ferromagnetism

**Introduction:** 

In recent times, spinel ferrites precisely have fascinating magnetic properties, and making

them a noticeable group in magnetic materials because their subsequent applications are used in

many interdisciplinary areas [1].

In inverse spinel copper ferrite (CuFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) structure, Cu<sup>2+</sup> ions and half of the Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions

occupy octahedral sites and the surplus Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions reside in tetrahedral sites. Morphology, particle

size, defects in surface, and temperature affect the magnetic properties of ferrite nano particles.

Hence it is essential to mention that the design of magnetic nanoparticles for different

applications involves careful estimation of size modification, on its magnetic properties [2].

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