Supplementary Materials

**Article**

**Effect of Plant Extracts on the Characteristics of Silver Nanoparticles for Topical Application**

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Table S1. Physicochemical characterization of AgNPs prepared under different conditions

| Ag NP          | Property | size (nm) | PDI   | ζ-potential (mV) | Zdev  | size (nm) | PDI   | ζ-potential (mV) | Zdev  | size (nm) | PDI   | ζ-potential (mV) | Zdev  |
|----------------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Dittany        |          | 189.60 ±  | 0.25 ± | −25.40 ± 0.82   | 4.47 ±| 112.45 ±  | 0.25 ±| −24.83 ± 0.19   | 6.27 ±| 117.40 ± 3.54 | 0.39 ±| −18.47 ± 0.38   | 5.16 ±|
|                |          | 0.93      | 0.01  | 0.04            | 15.49 | 0.00      | 0.09  | −27.53 ± 9.33   | 6.48 ±| 150.50 ± 4.81 | 0.39 ±| −21.85 ± 1.15   | 5.19 ±|
| Sage           |          | 288.70 ±  | 0.26 ± | −20.80 ± 0.44   | 5.19 ±| 209.45 ± 4.64 | 0.24 ±| −22.30 ± 3.21   | 5.77 ±| 199.30 ± 0.00 | 0.23 ±| −19.22 ± 0.82   | 6.09 ±|
|                |          | 3.83      | 0.01  | 1.24            | 4.35  | 0.07      | 0.39  | −28.67 ± 1.18   | 4.35  | -         | -     | -               | -     |
| Sea buckthorn  |          | 292.75 ± 36.6 | 0.28 ±| 0.07  | 0.39  | -         | -     | -               | -     | -         | -     | -               | -     |
| Calendula      |          | -         | -     | -               | -     | -         | -     | -               | -     | -         | -     | -               | -     |
Table S2. Stability study of AgNPs

| Time  | Size (nm) | PDI  | ζ-potential (mV) | Zdev  |
|-------|-----------|------|------------------|-------|
| 1     | 81.58 ± 9.54 | 0.302 ± 0.026 | −29.26 ± 0.76 | 8.75 ± 1.32 |
| 8     | 81.31 ± 8.33 | 0.303 ± 0.026 | −21.78 ± 1.03 | 7.48 ± 1.71 |
| 15    | 78.72 ± 7.81 | 0.300 ± 0.020 | −23.79 ± 1.54 | 8.06 ± 1.39 |
| 30    | 79.27 ± 7.84 | 0.327 ± 0.059 | −26.76 ± 2.57 | 7.99 ± 1.84 |
| 60    | 80.35 ± 7.34 | 0.294 ± 0.006 | −23.19 ± 4.08 | 7.29 ± 1.41 |
| 90    | 77.10 ± 7.79 | 0.310 ± 0.04  | −22.99 ± 0.50 | 8.01 ± 1.37 |
| 120   | 79.32 ± 8.09 | 0.320 ± 0.04  | −27.28 ± 1.69 | 8.36 ± 1.13 |
| 1     | 110.79 ± 14.41 | 0.347 ± 0.071 | −28.10 ± 1.74 | 6.97 ± 1.57 |
| 8     | 109.33 ± 10.34 | 0.318 ± 0.013 | −24.27 ± 1.90 | 5.56 ± 0.75 |
| 15    | 112.84 ± 11.83 | 0.363 ± 0.058 | −23.18 ± 1.27 | 5.53 ± 1.00 |
| 30    | 112.87 ± 5.22 | 0.322 ± 0.022 | −25.17 ± 2.39 | 5.94 ± 1.21 |
| 60    | 115.30 ± 5.51 | 0.354 ± 0.045 | −24.22 ± 3.56 | 5.07 ± 0.30 |
| 90    | 114.33 ± 6.21 | 0.360 ± 0.039 | −23.20 ± 1.48 | 5.60 ± 0.94 |
| 120   | 110.77 ± 6.20 | 0.348 ± 0.029 | −22.90 ± 3.19 | 5.61 ± 0.40 |
| 1     | 134.13 ± 6.10 | 0.281 ± 0.006 | −25.63 ± 0.87 | 4.99 ± 0.18 |
| 8     | 130.67 ± 4.74 | 0.291 ± 0.017 | −23.20 ± 1.10 | 5.47 ± 0.23 |
| 15    | 130.57 ± 4.29 | 0.301 ± 0.038 | −23.87 ± 1.17 | 5.02 ± 0.38 |
| 30    | 133.03 ± 2.60 | 0.300 ± 0.033 | −26.19 ± 4.13 | 5.25 ± 0.78 |
| 60    | 137.23 ± 6.14 | 0.270 ± 0.016 | −27.60 ± 3.11 | 4.81 ± 0.22 |
| 90    | 130.00 ± 2.54 | 0.282 ± 0.010 | −23.17 ± 2.31 | 4.73 ± 0.34 |
| 120   | 133.30 ± 12.66 | 0.285 ± 0.020 | −26.16 ± 5.44 | 4.98 ± 0.31 |
| 1     | 285.63 ± 16.38 | 0.252 ± 0.031 | −28.96 ± 1.12 | 5.47 ± 1.45 |
| 8     | 309.23 ± 40.57 | 0.289 ± 0.044 | −31.23 ± 5.46 | 4.85 ± 0.54 |
| 15    | 349.47 ± 32.19 | 0.333 ± 0.082 | −30.66 ± 2.18 | 4.35 ± 0.08 |
| 30    | 311.87 ± 52.92 | 0.303 ± 0.078 | −30.62 ± 3.05 | 5.93 ± 1.99 |
| 60    | 272.93 ± 10.23 | 0.249 ± 0.016 | −29.51 ± 2.86 | 4.62 ± 0.17 |
| 90    | 303.87 ± 18.35 | 0.373 ± 0.070 | −29.54 ± 16.43 | 4.53 ± 2.84 |
| 120   | 336.77 ± 113.55 | 0.268 ± 0.056 | −17.14 ± 22.25 | 4.22 ± 0.47 |
| 1     | 142.85 ± 93.27 | 0.403 ± 0.054 | −16.94 ± 14.04 | 5.88 ± 2.38 |
| 8     | 130.01 ± 45.10 | 0.342 ± 0.016 | −22.90 ± 2.17 | 8.76 ± 4.06 |
| 60    | 138.30 ± 67.74 | 0.398 ± 0.035 | −22.61 ± 19.83 | 7.68 ± 2.64 |
| 90    | 160.40 ± 22.91 | 0.551 ± 0.206 | −17.05 ± 2.90 | 10.35 ± 0.24 |
| 120   | 148.90 ± 60.95 | 0.480 ± 0.169 | −15.74 ± 7.82 | 6.11 ± 1.00 |
Table S3. SAED patterns of AgNPs.

| d-spacing (nm) | Miller index |
|---------------|--------------|
|               | Dittany | Sage | Sea buckthorn | Calendula | NaBH₄ |
| 0.2838        | 0.2804   | -    | -             | 0.2323    | 0.2359 |
| 0.2400        | 0.2400   | 0.2322 | 0.2398        | 0.2323    | 0.2359 | Ag (111) |
| 0.2088        | 0.2040   | 0.2043 | -             | 0.204     | 0.204  | Ag (200) |
| 0.1453        | 0.1463   | 0.1467 | 0.1466        | 0.1446    | -      | Ag (220) |
| 0.1234        | 0.1257   | -    | 0.1244        | 0.1244    | -      | Ag (311) |
| 0.1915        | 0.1960   | 0.1975 | -             | -         | AgCl (220) |
| 0.1603        | -        | 0.1642 | -             | -         | AgCl (222) |
Table S4. Concentration (μg/ml) of the elements in the receptor compartment of Franz cells (mean ± SD)

| Element | Dittany       | Sage         | Sea buckthorn | Calendula   | NaBH₄       |
|---------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| P       | 196.88 ± 16.94 | 189.77 ± 2.40 | 192.89 ± 20.69 | 195.19 ± 14.05 | 251.91 ± 24.81 |
| Cl      | 3102.01 ± 50.38 | 3045.68 ± 141.84 | 3217.00 ± 122.83 | 3082.32 ± 179.31 | 3542.41 ± 314.80 |
| K       | 104.61 ± 13.33 | 95.83 ± 1.40 | 91.41 ± 7.99  | 89.14 ± 6.59  | 116.53 ± 11.08   |
| Ca      | 4.24 ± 0.62   | 2.54 ± 0.24 | 2.84 ± 0.57  | 2.24 ± 0.35  | 5.64 ± 1.64    |
| Mn      | 0.02 ± 0.04   | 0.00 ± 0.00 | 0.00 ± 0.00  | 0.00 ± 0.01  | 0.01 ± 0.01    |
| Fe      | 0.05 ± 0.03   | 0.16 ± 0.12 | 0.06 ± 0.03  | 0.03 ± 0.01  | 0.06 ± 0.06    |
| Cu      | 0.01 ± 0.01   | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 0.01 ± 0.01  | 0.00 ± 0.00  | 0.00 ± 0.00    |
| Zn      | 0.13 ± 0.05   | 0.23 ± 0.03 | 0.21 ± 0.09  | 0.12 ± 0.00  | 0.37 ± 0.05    |
| Br      | 0.70 ± 0.09   | 0.67 ± 0.02 | 0.52 ± 0.05  | 0.40 ± 0.03  | 0.64 ± 0.03    |
| Ag      | 0.00 ± 0.00   | 0.00 ± 0.00 | 0.00 ± 0.00  | 0.00 ± 0.00  | 0.00 ± 0.00    |
Figure S1. UV/Vis spectrum and absorbance peak of (a) Dittany, (b) Sage, (c) Sea buckthorn, (d) Calendula and (e) NaBH₄ AgNPs.
Figure S2. UV/Vis spectrum of (a) Dittany, (b) Sage, (c) Sea buckthorn and (d) Calendula AgNPs synthesized at RT in the dark (I) or under light (II)
Figure S3. Color change of the dispersions during the reaction under light for the synthesis of AgNPs derived from the extracts (a) Dittany, (b) Sea buckthorn, (c) Sage, (d) Calendula at RT (I) or with heating at 50 °C (II) after 1, 3, 5 and 24h.
Figure S4. UV/Vis of the Calendula AgNPs synthesized under light and heating at 50–60°C for 2 h.
Figure S5. Study of the synthesis of Dittany AgNPs monitoring the intensity of the absorbance of the reaction mixture (a) without or (b) with heating, (c) the alteration of absorbance over time, (d) the mean size (column) and PDI (line) and (e) the ζ-potential of the nanoparticles prepared without (■) or with (■) heating at predetermined time points.
Figure S6. Study of the synthesis of Sage AgNPs monitoring the intensity of the absorbance of the reaction mixture (a) without or (b) with heating, (c) the alteration of absorbance over time, (d) the mean size (column) and PDI (line) and (e) the ζ-potential of the nanoparticles prepared without (■) or with (■) heating at predetermined time points.
Figure S7. Study of the synthesis of Sea buckthorn AgNPs monitoring the intensity of the absorbance of the reaction mixture (a) without or (b) with heating, (c) the alteration of absorbance over time, (d) the mean size (column) and PDI (line) and (e) the ζ-potential of the nanoparticles prepared without (■−) or with (●−) heating at predetermined time points.
Figure S8. Study of the synthesis of Calendula AgNPs monitoring the intensity of the absorbance of the reaction mixture (a) without or (b) with heating, (c) the alteration of absorbance over time, (d) the mean size (column) and PDI (line) and (e) the ζ-potential of the nanoparticles prepared without (■) or with (■) heating at predetermined time points.
Figure S9. Comparison of the alteration of the UV/Vis absorbance of (a) Dittany, (b) Sage, (c) Sea buckthorn and (d) Calendula AgNPs at every time point with (●) or without (■) heating (*: p < 0.05 **: p < 0.005).

Figure S10. FT-IR spectra of Calendula AgNPs (---), Calendula extract (---) and NaBH₄ AgNPS (---), in the spectral area (a) 2500 – 4000 cm⁻¹ and (b) 500 – 2000 cm⁻¹. The shift of the main peak maximum is shown.