

## Preparation of Cupric Oxides Nanoparticles for Antibacterial Applications

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**Abstract :** This study reports to prepare cuprous oxide (Cu<sub>2</sub>O) particles with different dimension and shape for evaluating the antibacterial applications. In the preparation of Cu<sub>2</sub>O, the surfactant, cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB), was used as templates to modulate the size of the prepared Cu<sub>2</sub>O particles. Furthermore, ammonia water was used for adjusting the pH environment that four different shapes of particles including cubic, spherical, octahedral, and star-like Cu<sub>2</sub>O were synthesized. The physical characteristics of Cu<sub>2</sub>O particles were evaluated by scanning electron microscope (SEM), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), X-ray diffraction (XRD), UV/VIS spectrophotometer, and zeta potential meter/particle size analyzer (ZetaPALS). The resistance to bacteria was investigated against *Escherichia coli* (E. coli) and *Staphylococcus aureus* (S. aureus) by applying the synthesized Cu<sub>2</sub>O particles that the qualitative analyses were facilitated by measuring the inhibition zone on Agar plate.

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