

## Effect of the addition of silver nanoparticles on the biological activity of thiocarbohydrazone derivatives

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### Abstract

Thiocarbohydrazone (TCH) derivatives [(II), (III) and (IV)] were prepared and characterized by X-RAY diffraction (XRD), infra-red spectrum (FTIR). Also silver nanoparticles was prepared by chemical reduction and characterized by X-RAY diffraction (XRD), infra-red spectrum (FTIR), atomic force microscope (AFM) and scanning electron microscope (SEM). Thiocarbohydrazone derivatives were functionalized with silver nanoparticles by sonication. The pure and functionalized TCH derivatives were used to study the biological activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria. The functionalized compounds with Ag nanoparticles have more Inhibition effect against *Staphylococcus aureus* than unfunctionalized compounds due to the small size and high surface area of Ag nanoparticles.

**Key words:** Thiocarbohydrazone derivatives, Silver nanoparticles, SEM, XRD, Biological activity.

### 1. Introduction

Nanotechnology is a new type of science that refers to understand and control the properties of materials at the nano-scale, one nano-meter (one billionth of meter) is the dimension of a small molecule. At this level, matter exhibits diverse and often amazing properties and the borders between established scientific and technical disciplines fade <sup>(1)</sup>. Nanoparticles are a nano structures have a wide class of substances (metals, semiconductors, superconductors, magnetic materials, biomaterials, polymers, water soluble inorganic and organic compounds <sup>(2)</sup>. All these types of nanoparticles (NPs) are a materials with sizes vary between the order of one nanometer to several tens or hundreds of nanometers. Some times more than 100 nano as found in nano cluster<sup>(3)</sup> with many variable features as size, shape, surface charge and narrow size distribution<sup>(4)</sup>.

One of the important nanoparticle is silver nanoparticles which have widely and significance antibacterial effect. The amazing features of these articles require a large number of pathogenic bacteria, including antibiotic-resistant strains, as well as many viruses and parasites. The nano silver has an antibacterial pesticide longer the privilege of a deadly virus, terrible natural antibiotic and several miracle cures source <sup>(5-10)</sup>.

The medical properties of silver have been known for many years. Silver-based compounds are used in many antimicrobial applications. Nanoparticles have been known to be used for many physical, biological, and pharmaceutical applications therefore, many researches have found that using silver nanoparticles as pharmaceutical or using it as base material to prepare many drugs <sup>(11)</sup>.

Nanoparticles-based compounds usually have better or different qualities as antibacterial than the bulk material of the same element. This could be attributed to high size to volume ratio which found in nanomaterials. In the case of silver nanoparticles-based compounds the antibacterial effect is greatly enhanced due to tiny size that causes immense surface area relative to volume. Therefore very small amounts of silver Nanoparticles-based compounds can lend antimicrobial effects to hundreds of square meters of its host material <sup>(7)</sup>.

### 2- Experimental part

#### 2.1. Materials:

All chemicals including hydrochloric acid (HCl), silver nitrate (AgNO<sub>3</sub>), hydrazine monohydrate (N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O), carbon disulphide (CS<sub>2</sub>), pyridine (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), sodium triacetate, trephthaldehyde, phthalic anhydride, were of analytical grade are used as received without further purification except aniline.

#### 2.2 .Instrumentation:

All infra-red spectra of nanomaterials were recorded by (65 FT-IR Perkin Elmer Spectrophotometer). The prepared materials were characterized by x-ray diffraction using (Shemadzu – XR – 6000) device with Nickel - Copper filter for the x-ray radiation (Cu K $\alpha$ ,  $\lambda$  = 1.5406 Å). Atomic Force Microscope (AFM) type PHYWE was used to study the surface of the nanoparticles.

#### 2.3 .1 Preparation of Materials:

##### 2.3 .1. Preparation of Silver Nanoparticle:

Silver nitrate solution of 0.17 g of AgNO<sub>3</sub> in 100 ml of distilled water was boiled and 0.103 g of sodium acetate in 10 ml of distilled water was added to it <sup>(12-14)</sup>.

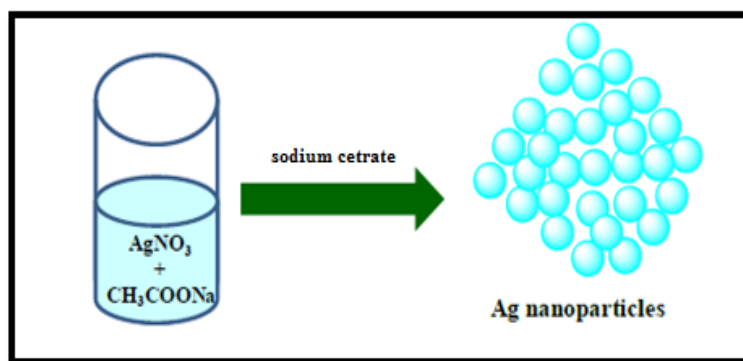
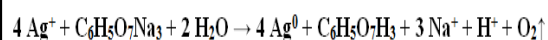


Fig (1): Preparation of Silver Nanoparticle

The equation of reaction could be expressed as follows:



#### Equation (1): Preparation of Silver Nanoparticle

##### 2.3.2 Preparation of compound (I):

20 ml of hydrazine hydrate was added drop wise to 5 ml of carbon disulphide ( $\text{CS}_2$ ). This mixture was refluxed for 30 minutes, until yellow-white precipitate was formed. The yellow-white precipitate was washed in ethanol, recrystallized in distilled water until white crystals were formed, dried it in  $70^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 hours<sup>(15, 16)</sup>.

##### 2.3.3. Preparation of compound (II):

A mixture of 1.06 g of TCH and 1.44 g of  $\text{CS}_2$  were refluxed with 10 ml of pyridine for 2 hours. Then the solution was kept in the room temperature for 1 hour. The precipitate was pale yellow prisms recrystallized

from warm water. The products was pyridinium salt which crystal.

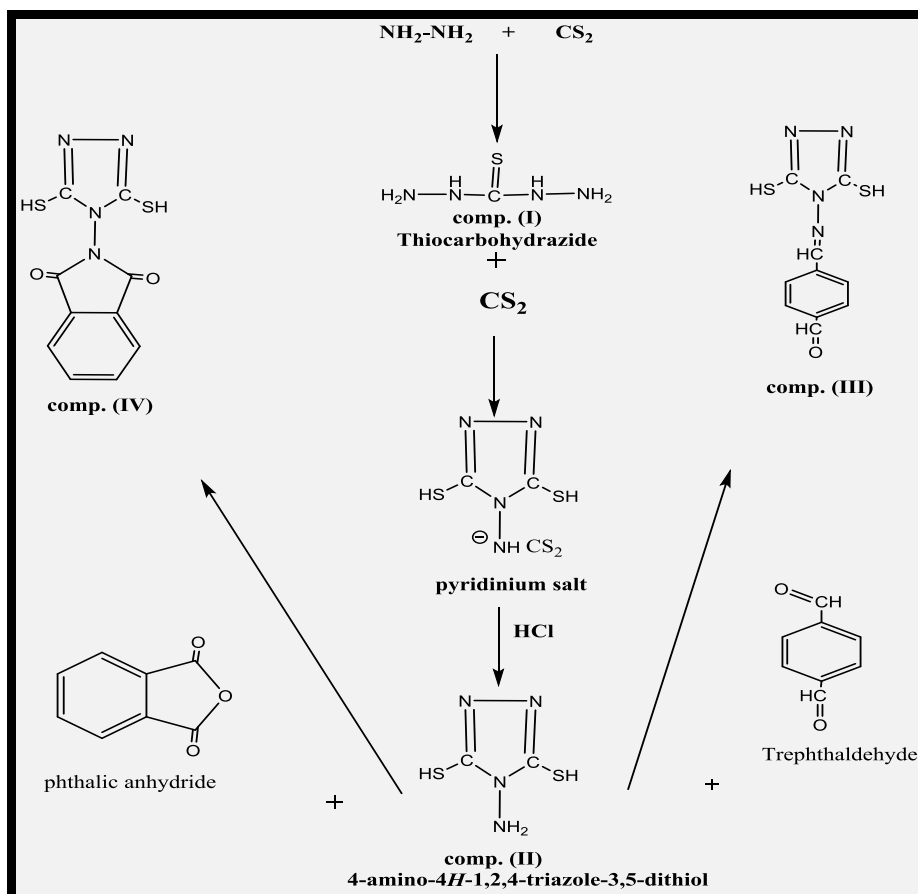
1 g of pyridinium salt was dissolved in 10 ml in hot distill water and 1.5 ml of concentration. HCl was added drop wise and the mixture was stirred 30 minutes and filtered, recrystallized in 1N HCl until yellow crystals were formed, dried at  $70^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 hours.

##### 2.3.4. Preparation of compound (III):

The ethanolic solution of compound (II) (0.58 g in 15 ml), was mixed with the ethanolic solution of trephthaldehyde (0.67 g in 15 ml) acidified with three drops of glacial acetic acid and refluxed for 5 hours at  $75^\circ\text{C}$  and left overnight. The product was filtered and washed by water, dried at  $70^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 hours.

##### 2.3.5. Preparation of compound (IV):

0.348 g of compound (II) and 0.444 g of phthalic anhydride were refluxed in (25 ml) of glacial acetic acid for 5 hours, then the solution was kept at room temperature overnight. The product was filtered, washed by water and dried at  $70^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 hours.



Scheme (1): preparation of comp. [(I), (II), (III) and (IV)]

### 2.3.6. Preparation of [compound (II), compound (III) and compound (IV)] functionalized with Silver nanoparticles:

0.5 g of compound (II) dissolved in 25 ml of ethanol with stirring; 0.05 g of silver nanoparticles was added to the above solution. The mixture was sonicated for 10 hours; the product was filtered directly and left the solute 3 days to remove the solvent. The yield is compound (II) functionalized with Silver nanoparticles.

Compound (III) and compound (IV) functionalized with Silver nanoparticles were prepared according to the method in (2.3.6).

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. FTIR characterization:

#### 3.1.1. FTIR of Thiocarbohydrazide (compound I):

Thiocarbohydrazide spectrum Figure 2 showed peaks at  $1531, 755$  and  $1490\text{cm}^{-1}$  which are associated for N-H wagging, bending and C-N stretching vibration, respectively. The bands of the characteristic (C=S) stretching were observed at  $1286$  and  $933\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The band in  $3305\text{cm}^{-1}$  is due to N-H stretching vibration, and the bands at  $3274$  and  $3204\text{cm}^{-1}$  are due to  $\text{NH}_2$  stretching vibrations.  $1639$  and  $1142\text{cm}^{-1}$  bands are assigned to the  $\text{NH}_2$  bending and wagging vibrations (17, 18).

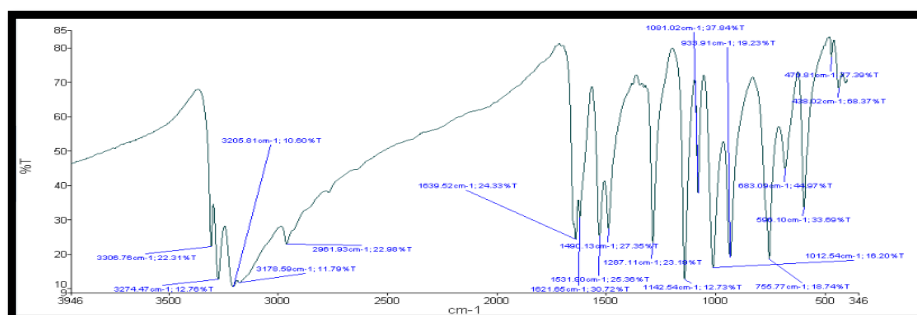


Fig (2): FTIR of comp. (I).

#### 3.1.2. FTIR of compound (II) and compound (II) functionalized with Silver nanoparticles:

The infrared spectra of these compounds show in figure 3. The double band at  $3278, 3146\text{cm}^{-1}$

assigned to  $\text{NH}_2$  stretching vibration. These diagnostic bands are:

$1608\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $1259\text{cm}^{-1}$  assigned to  $\text{NH}_2$  bend and C-N stretching vibration respectively. Weak band

at  $1458\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assigned to N-N  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  stretching vibration, while the band at  $2791\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is attributed to the mercaptan group (S-H).

On the other hand, the change in  $\text{NH}_2$  beaks sites and decrease the intensity of all beaks shows that the silver nanoparticles was coordinate with the organic compound.

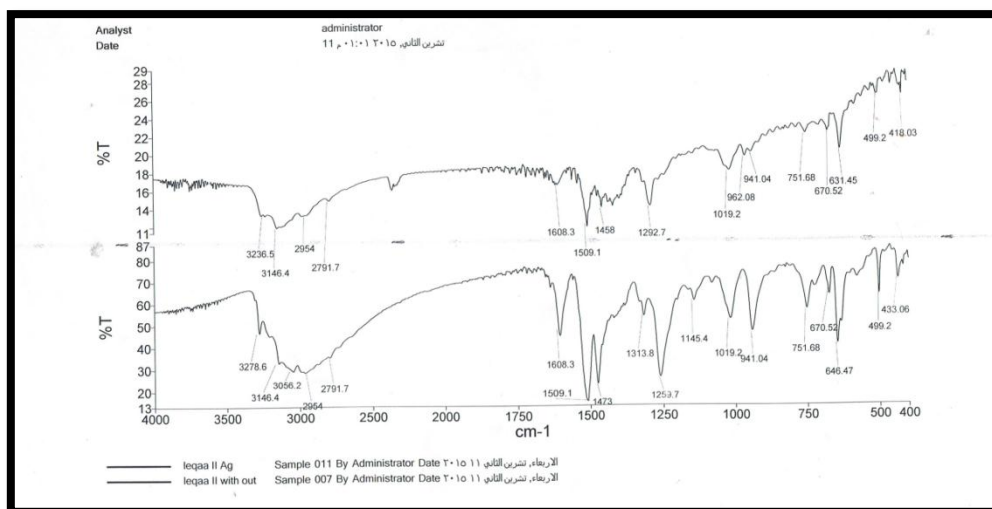


Fig (3): FTIR of compound (II) and compound (II) with Ag NPs.

### 3.1.2. FTIR of compound (III) and compound (III) functionalized with Silver nanoparticles:

Figure 4 shows the peak at  $2752\text{ cm}^{-1}$  corresponding to the vibrations of S-H and  $1602\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the stretching of C=N. While the band at  $835\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is

attributed to the bending vibration of C-H aromatic ring. The bands at  $3278$  and  $3146\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of  $\text{NH}_2$  disappear, moreover, the new bands at  $3152$  and  $1671\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are attributed to the N-H and C=O respectively.

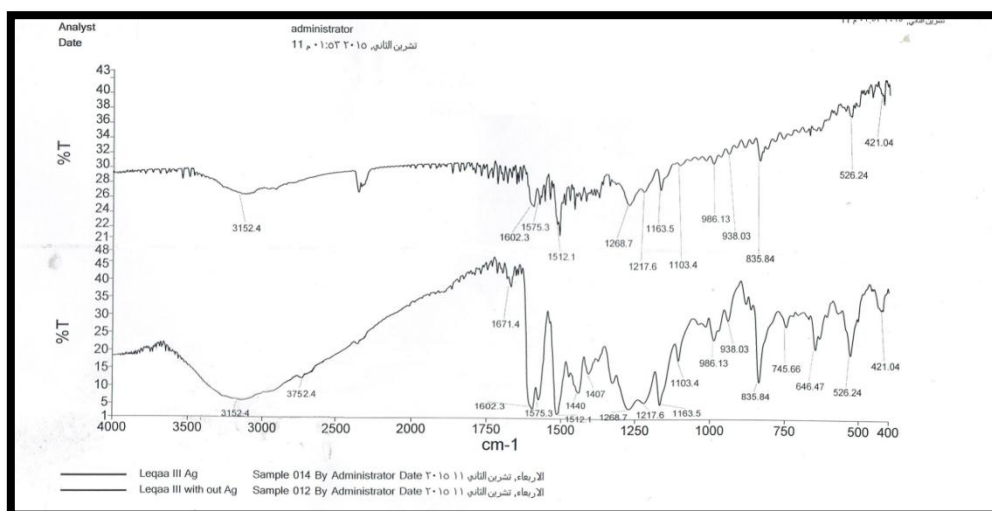


Fig (4): FTIR of comp. (III) and comp. (III) with Ag NPs.

### 3.1.2. FTIR of comp. (IV) and comp. (IV) Functionalized with Silver nanoparticles:

Figure 5 show bands at  $3278$  and  $3146\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of  $\text{NH}_2$  disappear, moreover, the new bands at  $1605$  and  $1701\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are attributed to the N-N and C=O, respectively.

The band at  $2791\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is attributed to the mercaptan group (S-H), the absorption peak at  $1262\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are correspond to the stretching vibrations of C-O of group.

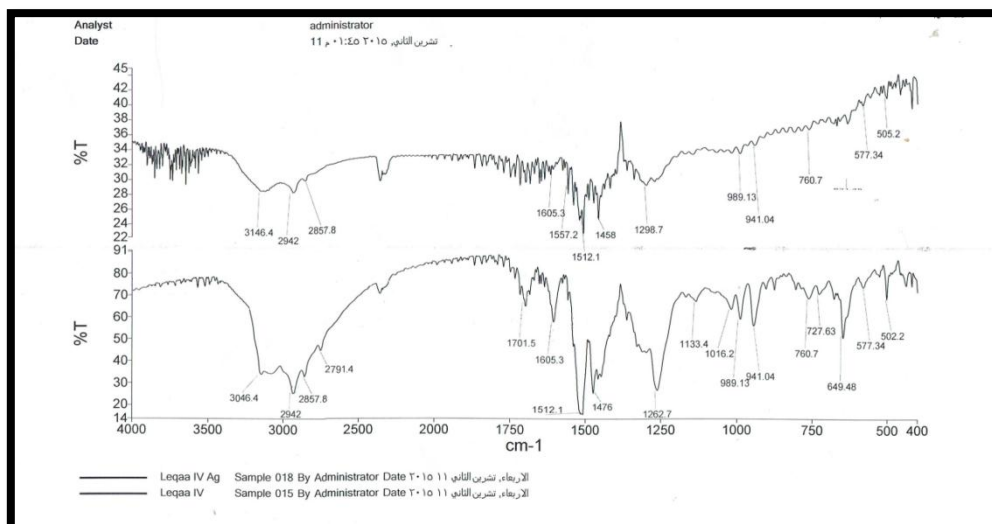


Fig (5): FTIR of comp. (IV) and comp. (IV) with Ag NPs.

### 3.2. X-Ray Diffraction Characterization (XRD):

#### 3.2.1. XRD of Silver nanoparticles:

Figure 6 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of silver nanoparticles. The diffraction pattern shows four

sharp and well defined diffraction lines at  $2\theta = 37.6^\circ$ ,  $43.34^\circ$ ,  $65.5^\circ$  and  $76.3^\circ$ . From the peaks at  $2\theta = 37.6^\circ$ , by using Deby- Scherrer equation, the average size was found to be  $46.3 \text{ nm}$ <sup>(19,20)</sup>.

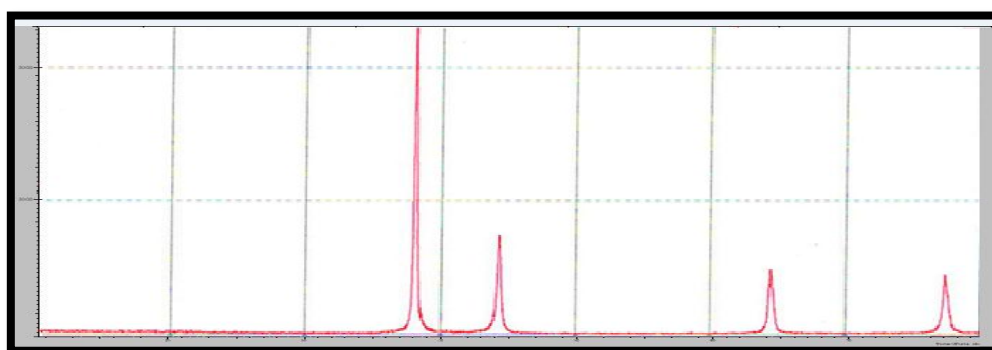


Fig (6): XRD of Silver nanoparticles

#### 3.2.2. XRD of [compound (II), compound (III) and compound (IV)] functionalized with Silver nanoparticles:

Throughout XRD characterization in figures 7, 8 and 9, silver nanoparticles peaks were in the same region but with different intensities. In addition, new peaks

were noticed. This could explain the formation of Ag-thiocarbohydrazide derivatives and indicate the formation of new-Thiocarbohydrazide derivatives with silver nanoparticles.

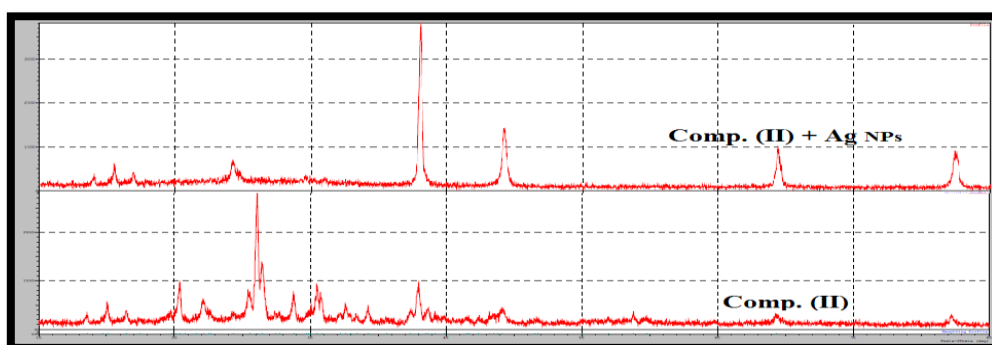


Fig (7): X-RD of comp. (II) Functionalized with Silver nanoparticles



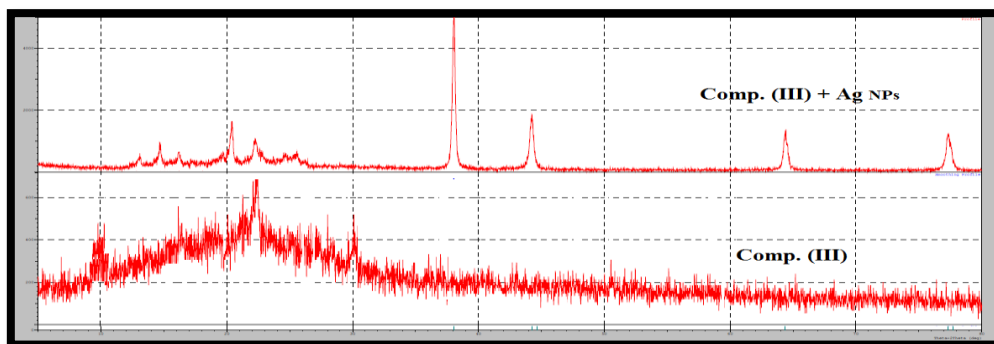


Fig ( 8 ): X-RD of comp. (III) Functionalized with Silver nanoparticles

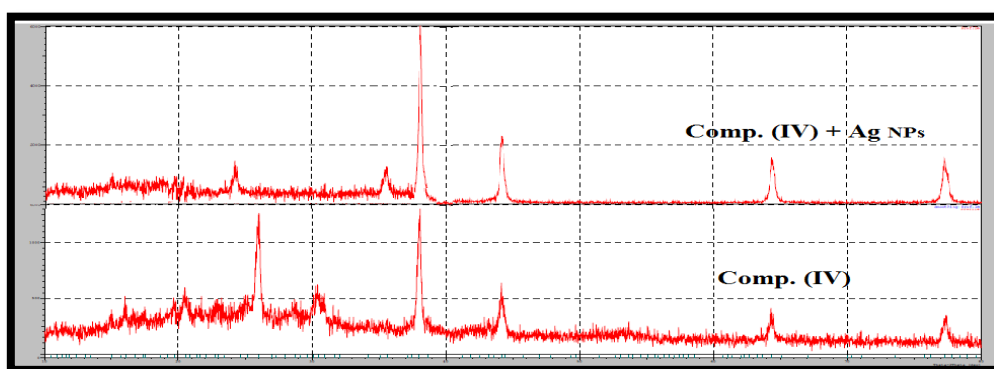


Fig ( 9 ): X-RD of comp. (IV) Functionalized with Silver nanoparticles

### 3.3 Atomic Force Microscope (AFM):-

It is important to study the topography of the materials in nanoscale and to know the morphology and surfaces for the nanoparticles. AFM

investigations of pure silver nanoparticles in figure [10]. The AFM measurements show the size equal to 43.1 nm of the region.

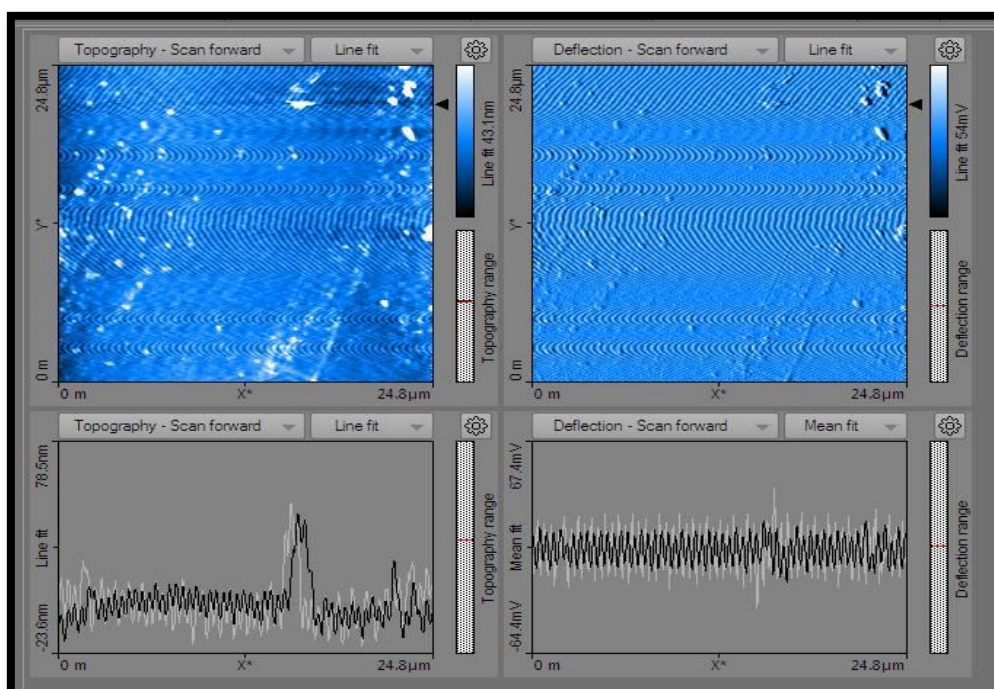


Fig (10): AFM image of silver nanoparticles.

### 3.4- Scanning electron Microscope (SEM):

The scanning electron microscopy shows the

following images in micro scale for silver nanoparticles.

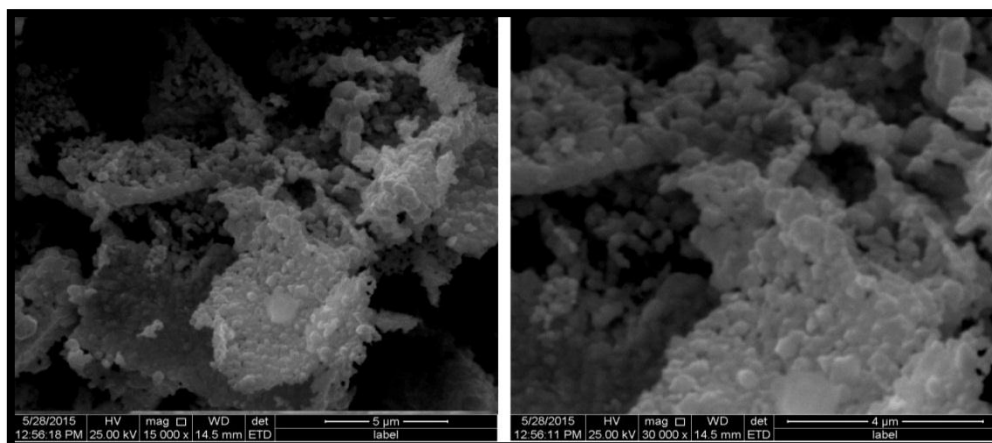


Fig (11): SEM images of silver nanoparticles in microscale

#### 4. The Biological Activity

These compounds were dissolved in 5 ml DMSO in order to prepare 0.2 M to study the inhibition biological activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*. The biological activities have been studied using [compound (II), compound (III) and compound (IV) dissolved in DMSO] and its composites with Ag nanoparticles after dissolved in DMSO. The functionalized compounds with Ag nanoparticles gave good positive result against *Staphylococcus aureus* than unfunctionalized compounds as shown in table 1. These results indicate that the Ag nanoparticles promote the biological activity of

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organic compounds and this could be attributed to the small size and high surface area<sup>(21-25)</sup>.

**Table (1): The results of the biological activity of organic compound and their derivatives with Ag nanoparticles.**

No.	Compounds	Distance (mm)
1	DMSO	----
2	compound (II)	9.5
3	compound (III)	7
4	compound (IV)	10
5	Compound (II) with Ag NPs	18
6	Compound (III) with Ag NPs	23
7	Compound (IV) with Ag NPs	27.4

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## تأثير إضافة دقائق الفضة النانوية على الفعالية البايولوجية لمشتقات الثايوكاربوهيدرازيد

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### الملخص

حُضرت مشتقات الثايوكاربوهيدرازيد [(II), (III) and (IV)] وتم تشخيص هذه المركبات بتقنية الاشعة تحت الحمراء وبتقنية حيود الاشعة السينية. كما تم تحضير دقائق الفضة النانوية بالاختزال الكيميائي وقد شخّصت هذه الدقائق بتقنيات حيود الاشعة السينية ومجهر القوة الذرية والمجهر الالكتروني الماسح. وقد تم مفاعلة المركبات الثلاثة على دقائق الفضة النانوية عن طريق الموجات فوق الصوتية ثم استخدمت هذه المركبات النقية و المحتوية على الفضة النانوية في دراسة الفعالية البايولوجية ضد بكتريا المكورات العنقودية (*Staphylococcus aureus*) وقد وجد بأن المركبات المحتوية على الفضة النانوية هي الاكثر تثبيط لهذه البكتريا وذلك كونها حاوية على دقائق الفضة النانوية التي تمتاز بصغر حجم هذه الدقائق ومساحتها السطحية العالية.

**الكلمات الدلالية:** مشتقات الثايوكاربوهيدرازيد, دقائق الفضة النانوية, حيود الاشعة السينية, الفعالية البايولوجية.