

Antimicrobial and Structural Investigation of Green Synthesized ZnO Nanostructures from *Bougainvillea glabra* Leaves Extract

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Abstract: The aim of this study is to develop the environmentally friendly green synthesized ZnO nanostructures. Green synthesis approaches are acquiring importance due to their environmentally safe, versatility, cost-effectiveness, simplicity and efficiency in large scale synthesis. Plants extract consist of numerous biochemical and phytochemical compounds that serve as capping and reducing agent that facilitates the production of non-toxic nanoparticles that are useful for pharmaceutical and biological applications. The goal of this study to see how bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) and parasites reacted to an unrefined concentration of locally available plants, *Musa paradisiaca* (flower) and *Bougainvillea glabra* (bloom), in vitro (*Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Aspergillus niger*). In the present study, the extract of *Bougainvillea glabra* was used for the synthesis of ZnO nanoparticles. Zinc oxide is a magical substance because of its wide range of applications and ability to be manufactured in a variety of morphologies and with a variety of properties. Zinc oxide's small particles have a deodorizing and antimicrobial impact. The biosynthesized zinc oxide nanostructures may provide a viable approach in the bio-clinical field. Zinc oxide has a wide range of uses, including cosmetics, optical, food packaging, piezoelectric, beautifiers, and gas detection. In addition to these uses, zinc oxide nanostructures are used in biological applications such as anticancer therapy.

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1. Nanotechnology

Nanotechnology deals with materials with a nanoscale measurement ranging from 1 to 100 nanometers. Although our understanding of the human body at the molecular and nanoscale scale has greatly increased, pharmaceutical options for treating severe illnesses like cancer and autoimmune have lagged. One of the primary phases in nanotechnology is to improve eco-friendly interaction for the synthesis of nanoparticles. Green synthesis of nanoparticles is the advancement of nanobiotechnology. It is a minimal effort, climate amiable, nontoxic, and huge scope up the measure. For the bioreduction of gold particles to nanoparticles in this study [1], *Bougainvillea glabra* leaf extract was used. Green nanotechnology is a sector with a

massive spotlight at present for the large purpose of encouraging the assembling of nanotechnology-based gadgets which can be eco-accommodating and more at ease for all creatures, with maintainable commercial enterprise reasonability. The green synthesis of metallic nanoparticles receives excellent attention because of their unusual optical, artificial, photochemical, and digital houses. Metal nanoparticles, particularly respectable metals, have mostly been considered given their solid optical retention in the noticeable district brought about by the aggregate excitation of free-electron gas [2].

2. Nanoparticles

Nanomaterials are gaining popularity due to their unique

characteristics, such as a large surface area and strong response activity. The use of nanoparticles in plant development and disease management is a relatively new approach that has been investigated. Nanomaterials on higher plants have been reported to have both beneficial and harmful impacts. Many modern-day cosmetic products include zinc oxide nanoparticles as a significant component due to its remarkable optical absorption properties and biocompatibility. Furthermore, bacteria have evolved resistance to antibiotics as a result of repeated usage. This circumstance clearly

necessitates the development of novel antibacterial chemicals based on sophisticated metallic nanoparticles, such as zinc oxide [3].

Herbs and spices play a crucial role in the environmentally friendly synthesis of various metal and metal oxide nanoparticles. Metal nanoparticles such as selenium, silver, and gold, as well as metal oxide nanoparticles such as ZnO, ZrO₂, CuO, TiO₂, Al₂O₃, AgO, and CdO, are used for a variety of medical, environmental, and agricultural applications figure 1 [4].

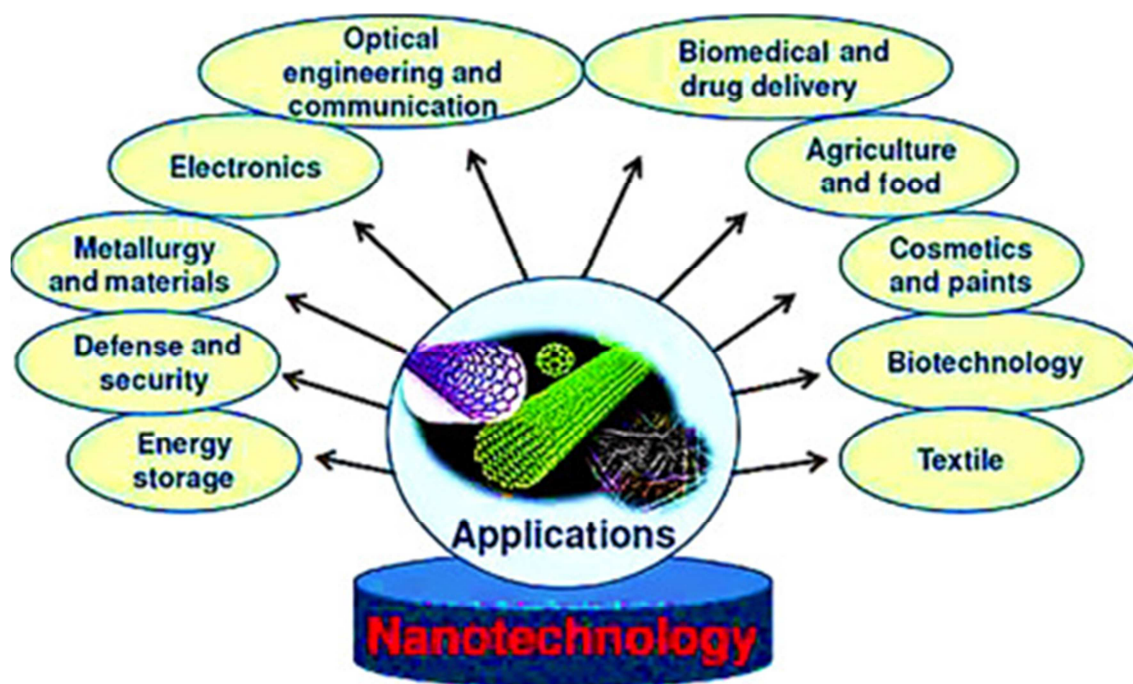


Figure 1. Applications of nanoparticles in different fields [5].

3. Classification of Nanoparticles

We can classify the nanoparticles into many types according to many properties:

- 1) Nanoparticles made of carbon.
- 2) Nanoparticles made of polymers.
- 3) Ceramics NPs.
- 4) Semiconductor NPs.
- 5) Metal NPs.
- 6) Lipid-based Nanoparticles etc [6].

4. ZnO Nanostructures

In the form of zinc oxide, zinc oxide nanoparticles are a well-known material that has been widely used in medical applications. Zinc oxide is a magical substance because of its wide range of applications and ability to be manufactured in a variety of morphologies and with a variety of properties. Zinc oxide's small particles have a deodorizing and antimicrobial impact, which is why it's utilized in a range of products including cotton cloth, rubber, and food packaging [7].

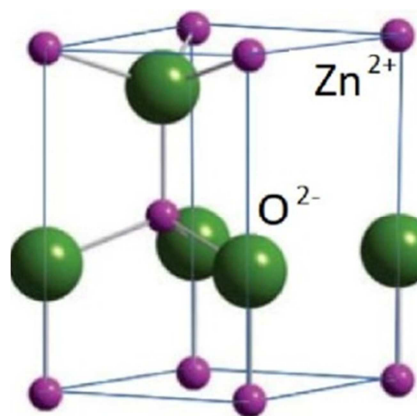


Figure 2. Wurtzite structure of ZnO.

In today's Nano biotechnology, the utilization of biopolymers for the construction of different nanomaterial's is of significant interest [8]. A simple, novel, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly approach for the production of ZnONPs (zinc oxide nanoparticles) using carrageenan as a marine biopolymer has been devised. The use of carrageenan as a settling agent during the sol-gel process before

calcination at high temperatures to create zinc oxide nanoparticles is suggested in this work. Powder X-beam diffraction PXRD, transmission electron microscopy TEM, Fourier Transform Infrared FTIR, and ultraviolet (UV) [9] imaging were utilized to display the generated zinc oxide nanoparticles. The circular form of zinc oxide nanoparticles integrated at various temperatures was shown by TEM images and molecular size circulations. The use of XRD to study the effective synthesis of zinc oxide nanoparticles with high purity and crystalline nature indicated that zinc oxide nanoparticles with high purity and crystalline nature may be efficiently amalgamated. The UV-obvious spectra revealed zinc oxide ingestion pinnacles in the region of 367 and 377 nm, while FTIR analysis revealed zinc oxide groups in the range of 403 to 447 cm^{-1} . The biosynthesized zinc oxide nanostructures may provide a viable approach in the bio-clinical field. Zinc oxide has a wide range of uses, including cosmetics, optical, food packaging, piezoelectric, beautifiers, and gas detection. In addition to these uses, zinc oxide nanostructures are used in biological applications such as anticancer therapy. Carrageenan is used as a settling specialist in the current study to manufacture zinc oxide nanostructures using a green mix method. Warm degradation at various temperatures was used to successfully mix zinc oxide nanostructures. The goal of this study was to investigate the physicochemical properties of green zinc oxide nanostructures using a simple method [10].

ZnO metal ion is a crucial cofactor in several biocatalyst that take part in cellular activities in a biological system. According to certain research, zinc oxide has an important function in the defensive system of the host, and preventing cancer cell start and development. When zinc oxide nanoparticles combine with cell membrane lipids, they produce reactive oxygen species (ROS) and have greater toxicity against cancer cells in vitro. The nanoscale zinc oxide can physically attach to the surface of bacteria, resulting in the target bacterium's death [11].

Biogenic zinc oxide nanostructures were tested for microbiological properties against medically relevant infections. Ampicillin was utilized as an antibacterial control medication in this study. The zinc oxide nanomaterial's minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values were also shown. Furthermore, a zone inhibition experiment was carried out using the agar well diffusion method to confirm that the applied zinc oxide materials inhibited bacterial growth [12].

The cation released by the biosynthesized zinc oxide nanostructures are easily trapped by the negatively charged bacterial cell wall. These nanoparticles attach to membrane phosphor lipids, and lipid peroxidation begins after an interaction with the hydroxyl radical and the production of reactive oxygen species (ROS). Protein efflux from the bacterial cell is the result, and bacterial growth is substantially inhibited as a result of the severe damage to the bacterial cell membrane and genetic material [13]. Zinc oxide nanoparticles have previously been discovered to interact substantially with bacterial cell walls, resulting in cell disintegration. For the

production of zinc oxide nanomaterials with various structural and morphological characteristics, a variety of physical and chemical methods have been successfully investigated. As the need for zinc oxide nanoparticles grows, it's important to look at easy, environmentally friendly to existing procedures. Despite their diverse characteristics, zinc oxide nanoparticles are rarely used in biosensors [14].

The plant was subjected to several natural tests, each of which revealed distinct significant organic activities, including as diabetic patients in the fight against hyperlipidemia. *Bougainvillea spectabilis* which was accomplished by tissue culture and the use of unusual groupings of plant development controllers, has been used in a variety of research studies. Knowledge on phytonutrients is appealing not only in terms of exposing new ways of monetary materials like Alkaloids, Tannins, oils, gums, and so on, but also in terms of revealing new wellsprings of monetary materials such as Alkaloids, Tannins, oils, gums so on [15].

5. Taxonomy

It is advancing rapidly. It is evergreen and does not drop its leaves. Its growing tendency is freely wandering and, for the most part, looks like a shrub or a woody Liane. *B. Glabra* can reach a height of 7 meters. The plant's stem is smooth without hairs or lights haired at times, and it has swinging branches with 5 to 15 mm long bowed axillary spines. Leaves are replacement, biaxial, bristly, glabrous, and pivotally acclaim, commend rectangular to curved, 5 to 13 4 to 7 cm on a 1 cm long stem. The leaves are cretaceous and shaded dull green. Blossoms are insignificant and include male and female components (sexually unbiased) [16]. They come in three-bloomed cymose units with eye-catching colorful papery. The tips are acutely pointed or sharply pointed, and the bases are cordate. Although the tone is purple or fuchsia, other tones such as red, orange, and pick can also be observed. Blossoms have aThe perianth tube is 1-3 cm long and extends basally, plainly estimated, and insufficiently. Umamaheswari has accounted for the antibacterial movement of *Bougainvillea spectabilis* leaves in vitro [17].

Table 1. Taxonomical Classification of *Bougainvillea glabra* [18].

| Kingdom: | Plantae |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Subkingdom: | Tracheobionta |
| Superdivision: | Spermatophyta |
| Division: | Anthophyta |
| Class: | Magnoliopsida |
| Subclass: | Caryophyllidae |
| Order: | Caryophyllales |
| Family: | Allioniaceae |
| Genus: | <i>Bougainvillea</i> |
| Species: | <i>B. glabra</i> |
| Binomial name | <i>Bougainvillea glabra</i> |

6. Phytochemical Composition

Phytochemicals are utilized for their fundamental

applications. There is a similarly significant need to look through the reasonable wellspring of such phytochemicals which can be utilized topically as sanitizers fundamentally as emergency treatment dressing, before being treated by enlisted clinical specialists. This examination means to discover one such sanitizer from the leaf concentrates of a typical plant-like *Bougainvillea spectabilis* which can be utilized as an ethanolic remove (color) [19]. It has been seen to impede the development of a typical gram-negative organic entity like *E.coli* and a gram-positive organic entity like *M. aureus*, giving sufficient time for the patients to be moved for treatment by proper medications. Herbal flowers are subjected to qualitative and quantitative phytochemical examination. The first qualitative and quantitative tests were carried out on *Bougainvillea glabra* leaves to determine the presence or absence of positive bioactive chemicals. The basic screening was carried out using Sofowara's standard procedures [20].

Phytochemicals are plant-derived bioactive compounds that have been linked to the prevention of chronic illnesses in humans. A wide scope of natural mixtures is created by plants. The greater part of them doesn't participate straightforwardly in being developed and developed. Such mixtures are called optional metabolites. Instrument and elements of a large number of such mixtures are still not known. Then again essential metabolites like acyl lipids, amino acids, phytosterols, natural acids, and nucleotides can be found on the whole plant and are answerable for metabolic exercises that are crucial and commonly apparent [21].

The chemical composition of the *Bougainvillea* genus has been widely researched. The phytochemical studies were carried out to identify distinct types of components using extracts of various polarities extracted from stems, leaves, or bracts with or without flowers, bark stems, and roots of the species. Chemical substances for species or hybrids might be isolated, identified, and elucidated. The Marvin software was known for drawing chemical complex structures [22].

Polyphenols, carotenoids, and the basic cancer prevention agent nutrients like nutrient C and nutrient E are among the phytochemicals that can add to the all-out cancer prevention agent, limiting TAC of plant food kinds. The minerals, however, are far from the only compounds that may have an impact on a shopper's well-being. There are one kind of a phytochemical found in plant meals types that have a beneficial outcome at the soundness of patron and need further examination. Those phytochemicals might be to be had in confined portions but is probably essential to the well-being of the client. Phytochemical profiling of methanol extricates recognized an aggregate of twenty auxiliary metabolites and the significant mixtures had a place with flavonoids, phenolics, and alkaloid subordinates [23]. The discoveries of cell reinforcement examine uncovered the methanol concentrate to display more grounded cancer prevention agent (except

phosphomolybdenum) exercises. Additionally, the methanol extricate showed the most elevated butyrylcholinesterase and urease restraint [24].

Alkaloids are essentially nitrogenous chemicals found in nature. They can be found in flowering plants. Alkaloids can be classified into three groups based on their structure and precursors. Amino acid alkaloids are compounds that are generated from amino acids, are alkaloids in the genuine sense of the word. These alkaloids have a nitrogen atom in a heterocyclic ring, e.g. Nicotine is a stimulant. The indole ring structure is an example of an alkaloid ring structure. Alkaloids can be found in the root, rhizomes, leaves, aerial stem, seeds, and bark. Ajmaline salt, atropine, caffeine, morphine, vincristine, and vinblastine are among the ingredients. Alkaloids have antiarrhythmic, anticholinergic, stimulant, and other therapeutic properties, analgesic, anti-cancer etc [25].

It's a type of natural alkaloid that comes from plants. Apomorphine is a morphine derivative that has been manufactured. Apomorphine cures Parkinson's disease, which is characterized by a lack of control or trace movement. For erectile dysfunction Takeda has developed an apomorphine sublingual form to treat incapacity. The production of morphine from Papever somniferum was restricted by Friderich Serturner in 1804 [26].

Quinine is a chemical derived from the bark of the cinchona tree. Many medical uses, such as fever reduction, anti-inflammatory, and painkilling qualities, have been described. It was a simple malaria cure. It is now utilized for a variety of purposes. Plasmodium falciparum infection in various circumstances. A pharmacist from France Cinchona officinal is bark was used to extract quinine. It was utilized by people in the areas of the Amazon region. Quinine was utilized generally to recuperate and treatment of fevers and chills around there [27].

Flavonoids are a good source of polyphenolic material. Flavonoids may be found in two different linkage types: freestyle and O-glycosides. Around 2000 flavonoids have been discovered, with 25% of them being found in freestyle. Flavonoids have a standard system consisting of 15-carbon bones with 2 phenyl adornments A and B and a heterocyclic band C. C6-C3-C6 is the same abbreviation as the system. Flavonoids can be sorted by the IUPAC classification into Flavonoids or bioflavonoid Isoflavonoids dependent on 3-phenylchromen - 4 - one (3-phenyl-1,4-benzopyrone) Neoflavonoids, given 4-phenylcoumarine (4-phenyl-1, 2-benzopyrone) system [28].

Flavonoids have a yellowish tint to them. They have antithrombotic, relaxing, and antagonistic to negatively susceptible properties. Flavonoids are also a protective agent for the stomach mucosa and a component of improvement promoting work. Quercetin and luteolin are two flavonoids that make up a part of the flavonoids. Amentoflavone and robusta flavones are included in bioflavanones [29].

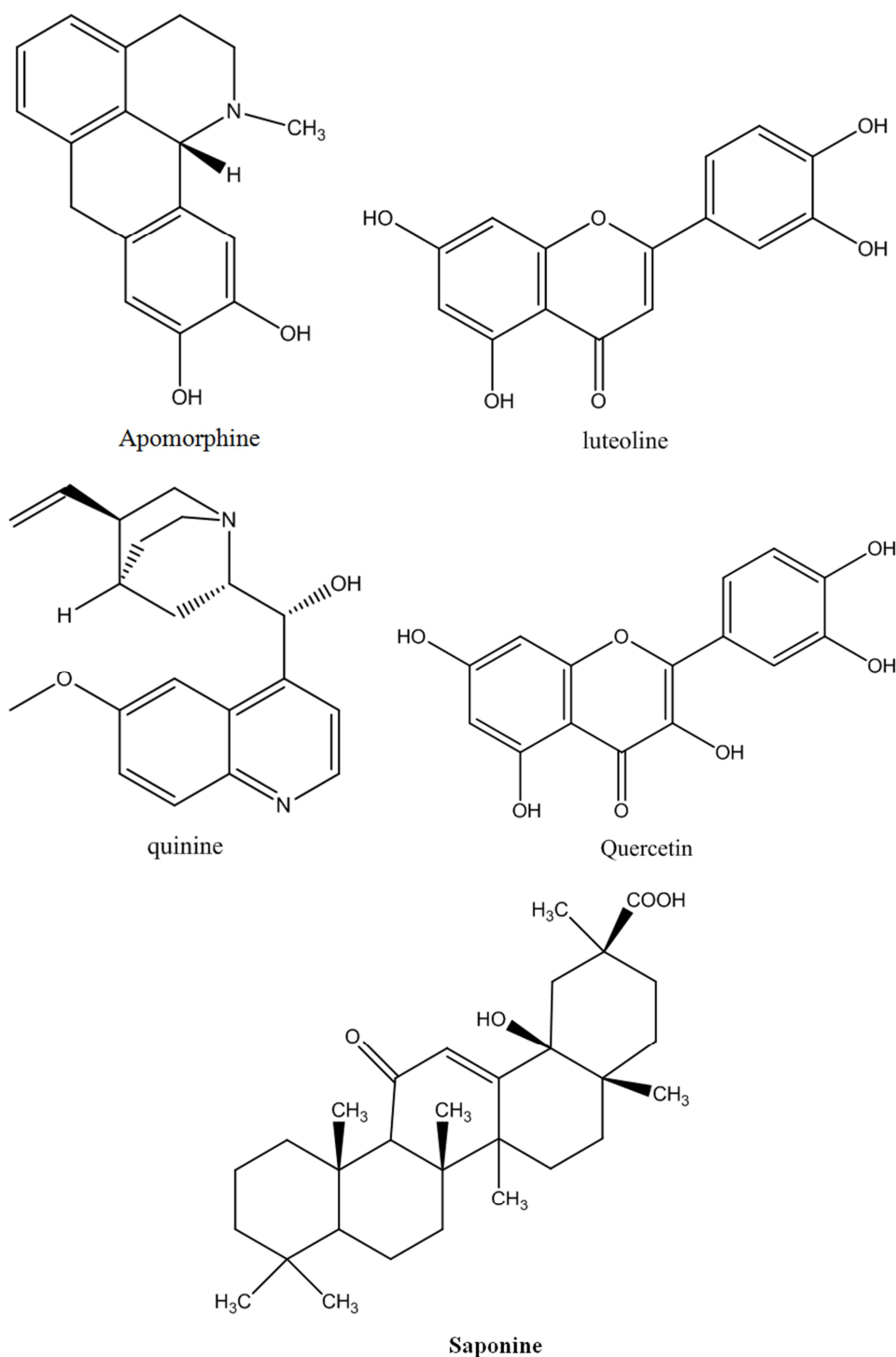


Figure 3. Phytochemicals of *Bougainvillea glabra* leaves extract.

In the early age, vincamine was used to treat cardiac problems. It protects against ischemia and hypoxia, as well as acting as a brain enhancer. Because of the potential of its cells to act as a cancer prevention agent, several workouts such as serotonergic, noradrenergic, and dopaminergic are enhanced. It's also regarded as a vasodilator on the periphery and an antiaging specialist [30].

Pilocarpine is made from the *Pilocarpus jaborandi* (Rutaceae) plant. It was FDA approved in 1994 and is used to treat dry mouth. Dry mouth is caused by the side effects of

head and neck cancer treatments, and it is used to control the concentration of salt and chloride through the action of sweat organs. In 1998, a treatment plan for Sjogren syndrome an immune system illness that the salivary, and lacrimal organs, was approved [31].

Saponins are additional metabolites with potential health benefits. Saponins are divided into two types based on the location of glycone or sapogenin: steroidal pentacyclic triterpenoids and tetracyclic triterpenoids. Saponins are commonly found in dicotyledonous mixtures. Monocots, such

as Liliaceae and Dioscoraceae family members of the plant kingdom, produce some of the most important steroidal saponins. Soybeans, vegetables, tea, green spinach, glucose beet, cereal, stew sweet peppers, aubergine, tomato seeds, and alliums asparagus, for example, all contain saponins. They are mostly used in the food processing industry. Saponins include sapogenin-containing glucosides such as triterpenoids or steroids, as well as saccharides such as glucose, arabinose, galactose [32], or glucuronic corrosive. Glycyrrhizin (glycyrrhizinic corrosive (15) + glucuronic corrosive) found in *Glycyrrhiza glabra* is an example of leguminous saponins. Saponins are incomparably foam-producing middlemen and are therefore fantastic to use in cleaning products, shampoos and conditioners, creams, and cutting goods. They're also great for using with regular toothpaste. They serve as a future administrator who establishes a level of resistance to phyto-microbes such as organism [33].

7. Biomedical Applications

Bougainvillea glabra has important applications. Traditional Mandsaur practitioners have employed 'choicy' to treat diarrhea, cough, and sore throat, lower stomach acidity, a dried plant tea for blood vessels and leucorrhea, and a stem tea for liver disease. Leaves are the most common material utilized. The leaf of *Bougainvillea glabra* Choicy contains alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, saponins, and proteins, among other things. Insecticidal, anti-inflammatory, anti-diarrhea, anti-hyperglycemic, anti-ulcer, and antibacterial activities are claimed to be present in the leaves of *Bougainvillea glabra* Choicy [34]. Coughing is treated using the species *Bougainvillea buttiana*, *Bougainvillea glabra*, and *Bougainvillea spectabilis* in herbal medicine. Asthma, bronchitis, and dysentery are all treated with *B. glabra*. In a tiny number of patients, it is used to treat stomach pain, rust, pimples, and blackheads [35]. Other respiratory diseases treated with *Bougainvillea spectabilis* include snoring, lung discomfort, fever, and bronchitis. There is no study on the historical use of these *Bougainvillea* species and hybrids in medicine in the literature. The hybrid *B. buttiana* was confused for *B. buttiana* because both are distributed and recorded in León, Mexican, and that both are being used to cure cough and whooping cough. They calculated that 97.3 percent of essential oil is made up of 38 compounds, with the major components being 21.8 percent methyl salicylate, 8.3 percent terpinolene, and 9.7 percent ionone [36].

7.1. Antioxidant Activity

Plants include a vast number of medicines that belong to many categories, antispasmodics, emetics, anti-cancer, anti-microbial, and other drugs are examples. According to the WHO, traditional medicine, mostly plant medicines, is still used by 80 percent of the population in poor nations for basic health care. As a result, there is a need to investigate the antioxidant effects of herbs. Antioxidants inhibit oxidation even at low concentrations, and so serve a range of physiological functions in the body. Antioxidants are

available in both synthetic and natural forms. Synthetic antioxidants such as BHT and BHA have recently been connected to human health concerns. As a result, in recent years there has been an increase in, the quest for an effective, non-toxic natural molecule with antioxidative action has increased [37]. The goal of this research is to learn more about the antioxidant activities of *Bougainvillea glabra*, a beautiful, floriferous, and hardy shrub. Plants as antioxidants have recently sparked renewed interest in their medicinal potential in decreasing free radical-induced tissue damage. In the hunt for new antioxidants, several plant species have been studied [38].

7.2. Antifungal Activity

The goal of this study was to see how bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) and parasites reacted to an unrefined concentration of locally available plants, *Musa paradisiaca* (flower) and *Bougainvillea glabra* (bloom), in vitro (*Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Aspergillus niger*). The agar circle dissemination technique was used to regulate the inhibitory effect of both test plants. Both the flowers suppress the test life forms, thus they split [39]. The *Musa paradisiaca* floral concentration generated larger zones of *Candida* spp. inhibition than the *Bougainvillea glabra* bloom. The inhibitory fixation of the concentrates was also evaluated. The findings show that all these flowers are a fascinating source of antimicrobial and antifungal specialists [40].

7.3. Antimicrobial Activity

The antibacterial activity of *B. glabra* hydroalcoholic concentrate was influenced by the existence or absence of a zone of impediment and its distance in millimeters, as well as the least bactericidal fixation [41].

7.4. Anticancer Activity

Bougainvillea glabra, a well-known and widely distributed enhancing plant in India, as well as other areas of the globe, has been shown to offer a variety of therapeutic qualities, including anthelmintic, diabetic, antiviral, and insecticidal activity. The current investigation has been carried out to focus and analyze the antibacterial and anticancer activity of the plant extract. By using the circular dispersion method, we tested the hydro-alcoholic concentration of *Bougainvillea glabra* leaves against yeast, gram +ve microscopic organisms, and gram -ve microbiological strains. A comparable technique was used to evaluate its most severe bactericidal movement. The yeast utilized in the study was *Candida albicans*, and the microorganisms furthermore, we used chloramphenicol as the usual antibacterial medicine and Fluconazole as the antifungal medication [42].

7.5. Cytotoxic Activity

The cytotoxic activity of *Bougainvillea glabra* leaves was investigated using an unrefined methanolic concentration. The cytotoxicity of each of the plant's concentrates was determined

using a saltwater shrimp nauplii lethality test. The lethality bioassay for brackish water shrimp is a simple and quick method for determining cytotoxic movement. It modest furthermore, requires modest quantities of test materials. 10 nauplii were divided into three imitates of each grouping of the methanolic leaf extract, and the poisonousness was determined using the LC50 (lethality fixation) method. The

mortality of brine shrimps was measured over 24 hours, the number of enduring saline solution shrimps was counted, and the LC 50 was calculated. It demonstrates that the concentration is toxic even at low doses. Further investigation is planned to focus on the concentration of acute and chronic poisonousness, as well as their safe application to individuals [43].

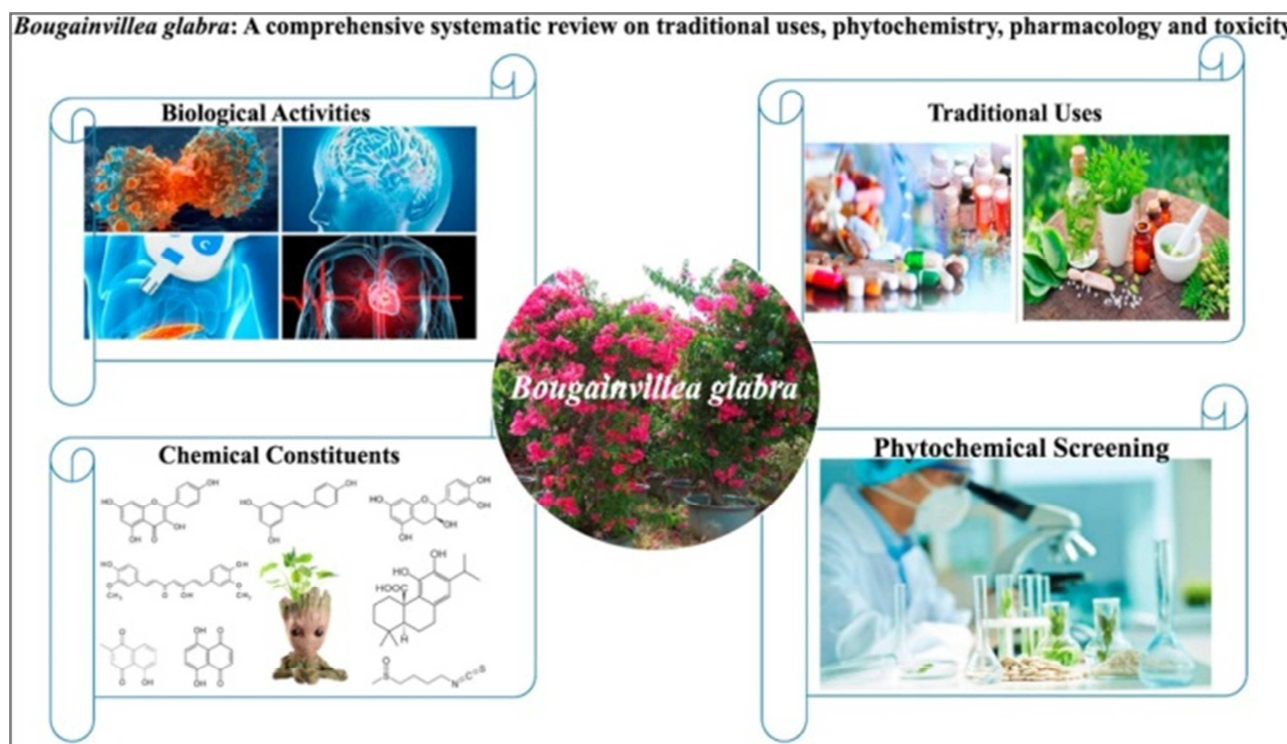


Figure 4. A comprehensive systematic review on traditional uses, pharmacology, phytochemistry and toxicity.

8. Conclusions

Green method was used to synthesize ZnO nanoparticles by utilizing *Bougainvillea glabra* leaves. Plant extract provides stabilizing and capping agents and calcinations temperature were also checked for the production of ZnO. The phytochemical analysis of extract of *Bougainvillea glabra* was carried out and showed the presence of active phytoconstituents. The green synthesized ZnO nanoparticles exhibited antifungal activity by disc diffusion method. The major pharmacological components present in extract of *Bougainvillea glabra* showed antifungal potential. The present study is cost effective, economic and can be applied in pharmaceutical and food industry by forming antifungal reagents.

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