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Review on Silver Nanoparticle Synthesis Method, Antibacterial Activity, Drug Delivery Vehicles, and Toxicity Pathways: Recent Advances and Future Aspects

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Silver nanoparticles in the range from 1 to 100 nm are widely used in industrial applications as catalysis, electronics, and photonics, and they have unique properties such as optical, electrical, and magnetic characteristics that can be used as antimicrobial, biosensor textile, cosmetics, composite fibers, and electronic components and to amend shelf life of food substances. The main objective of the present review was to focus on formulation methods of silver nanoparticles with recent advances and future aspects. Silver nanoparticle shows very high potential towards biological applications. Several physical, chemical, and various biological techniques have been employed to synthesize and stabilize silver nanoparticles. For the manufacture of silver nanoparticles, multiple methods, including chemical simplification with different natural and inorganic decreasing agents, physicochemical reduction, electrochemical procedures, and radiolysis, are employed. Silver nanoparticles are the single most manufacturer-identified material that can be used in all nanotechnology products. They can be used in food packing polymers to enhance the shelf lifespan. The present review is aimed at different types of synthesis and details of silver nanoparticles used as drug delivery vehicles, antibacterial activity, toxicity, recent advances, and future aspects.

1. Introduction

In nanotechnology, a nanospeck is defined as a small object or a speck that acts as a whole unit in terms of its conveyed properties. The physical and chemical properties of nanomaterials can alter from those of the same material in colossal bulk class; nanosubatomic particles have one attribute in the reach of 1 to 100 nm. These are utilized in nutrition handling, surgical, promotional material, wound dressing, computing devices, recollection implements, water purifiers, textiles, cosmetics, and contact lens. Silver nanoparticles are the unity most producer-identified material that can be used in all the nanotechnology products. They can be used in food packing polymers to enhance the shelf life of food [1]. Currently, silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) are the most widely used nanoparticles due to their broad antimicrobial activity. Not less than 383 out of 1628 nanotechnology products contain silver nanoparticles [2]. Silver nanoparticles are incorporated into milk to decrease microbial magnification [1]. When reacting with bacteria, silver nanoparticles adhere to both the cell wall and cell membrane and inhibit replication, leading to cell death. When silver dissolves in the cytosol, it ionizes to engender nanoparticles that increase the bactericidal activity [3]. Therefore, the design and development of superficial, one-step, reliable, low-cost, nontoxic, complex fibers, cryogenic superconducting materials, electronic components [4, 5], and ecocardial technique for prevarication multifunctional silver nanoparticles is the greatest consequentiality to expand their biomedical applications [3]. Silver nanoparticles show an incipient optical place, which is observed in bulk metals or molecules [6]. This review article focused in detail on various types of synthesis of silver nanoparticles, such as physical, chemical, and biological approaches. The article briefly discusses the antibacterial activity of silver nanoparticles, where silver acts as a toxic agent against microorganisms which showed good wound healing activity. This review also highlights silver nanoparticles used as drug delivery vehicles, toxicity pathways, recent advances, and future aspects of silver nanoparticles.

2. Review on Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles

2.1. Physical Approach. Metal nanoparticles are generated physically by a desiccation condensate technique, which might be performed by using a vacuum tube shell at the force of the atmosphere per unit area. The source fabric, centered on a boat, is vaporized into the carrier gas. By using vaporization techniques, nanoparticles of diverse components like Ag, Gold, Pb, and fullerene have already been manufactured [7–9]. The production of tube furnaces by AgNP has some disadvantages; however, since tube ovens occupy a more extended area, they consume a lot of push while raising environmental temperatures from around. It will require a long time for the source material to achieve thermal stability. A standard tube oven needs over several kilowatts of energy and several 10 minutes of preheating to ensure a constant operating temperature. Silver nanoparticles were additionally generated with precision optical maser removal of metallic mass materials [10–12]. This approach can be used to manufacture pure colloids that will be under-

lying for further applications [13]. In essence, the physical synthesis of AgNP's customarily leverages the physical energies to create AgNP's with proximately restricted size distribution. The physical methodology may sanction significantly copious amounts of sampling of AgNP in one procedure, which is also the most excellent subsidiary method for producing AgNP powder. Nevertheless, primary expenditures for equipment investment should be taken into account.

2.2. Photochemical Approach. The synthetic strategy induced by exposure has also been established. Huang and coworkers generated AgNPs in multilayer synthetic clay suspensions using light reduction in AgNO₃, which functions as a stabilizing agent to prevent nanoparticles from assembly. Irradiation dissolved AgNP into a short lifespan with a single-mode until the distribution was reasonably steady in size and diameter [14]. The limitation of this approach is the need for high-cost instruments and a laboratory environment.

2.3. Biological Approach. Biosynthetic approaches using natural reduction components, like polysaccharides, biological microorganisms, bacteria, fungi, plant extraction, and green chemistry, were recently developed as a feasible and straightforward alternative to more complicated synthetic chemistry processes. Bacteria could alternatively intracellularly or extracellularly generate inorganic compounds. This makes them possible biofabrics for nanoparticles such as gold and silver. Silver stands out categorically for its biotic qualities. Vilchis-Genus Nestor et al. employed green tea extract to reduce gold-silver nanoparticles in an aqueous solution under environmental conditions as a stabilizing agent [15]. The AgNPs generated are pretty stable, and this process benefits from other ways because the organism employed here is a nonpathogenic bacterium. The biological approach provides various resources in which silver nanoparticles are produced and is viewed as a process of synthesis of nanoparticles having benefits over standard synthetic chemical routes and an ecologically friendly gliding path and as an initial cost strategy. In addition, Kalishwaralal et al. 2008 noted the AgNP's synthesis by reducing the aqueous Ag⁺ ions and *Bacillus licheniformis* supernatant culture [16].

2.4. Bacterial Triggered Synthesis. The *Lactobacillus fermentum* eliminates the development of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in the manufacture of biogenic silver nanoparticles and inhibits the generation of biofilm. *B. flexus* nanoparticles produced spherical nanoparticles (12 nm) and triangle nanoparticles (61 nm) anisotropic nanoparticles [17]. For AgNP to use *B. cereus*, an incubation duration of 3–5 days is required at an atmospheric temperature [18]. The durability and production of AgNP depended on psychrophilic bacteria's cell-free culture supernatants [19]. *Bacillus thuringiensis* spore crystal fusion is used to generate AgNP's of a 15 nm (cube and Hexagonal) commixed shape [20]. The dimension of the AgNP-synthesized parameters such as temperature, pH, and concentration using *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and the combination between *Plectonema boryanum* UTEX 485 and aqueous AgNO₃ caused the spherical silver nanoparticles to precipitate 28 days [21]. Only with the incorporation of the *Enterobacteriaceae*

cell filtrate in the silver nitrate solution, the silver ions decrease quickly within 5 minutes [22]. The size and form of produced silver nanoparticles using microorganisms are influenced by the relationship between silver ions and microbes [23, 24]. *Pseudomonas stutzeri* AG259 extracted derived through silver mine excellently, possibly the best silver nanoparticles and distinctive morphology inside the periplasmic area [25]. The various applications of silver nanoparticles are illustrated in Figure 1.

2.5. Fungal-Derived Synthesis. Polydispersed spherical AgNPs ranging in dimension from 17–33 nm were produced utilizing *Helminthosporium tetramer* cell-free filtration and demonstrated substantial antibacterial activity [26]. *Escherichia coli* has been reported to become more vulnerable than *S. aureus* to silver nanoparticles [27]. The *Humicola* sp thermophilic fungus responded with Ag (+) ions, reduced the precursor solution, and caused extracellular nanoparticles [28] to develop. In order to synthesize AgNPs from *Aspergillus niger*, optimal circumstances such as temperature 37°C, pH of 6.0, and membrane quantity of 2.0 mm silver nitrate were needed [29]. However, one essential effort was the synthesis of the use of wet biomass of *Trichoderma reesei* funguses by AgNP (5–50 nm) at 28°C after 120 hours with constant shaking [30]. *Bipolaris nodulosa* was formed of spherical, semipentagonal, and hexahedral shapes (10–60 nm) of silver nanoparticles [31]. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Escherichia coli* were superior antibacterial in nanoparticles created by utilizing *Pleurotus sajor caju*, relative to *Staphylococcus aureus* [32]. The result was the treatment of aquatic silver nitrate resolution using fungus *Fusarium semitectum* [33]. These were extraordinarily durable and crystalline silver nanoparticles. Extracellular mycosynthesis from *Fusarium acuminatum* isolated from contaminated ginger developed sizing nanoparticles of 5–40 nm of operational size in a period of 15–20 minutes. Nanocrystalline AgNPs of 13 to 18 nm were produced adopting *Trichoderma asperellum* cell-free leaf extracts within five full days of development [34, 35]. *Aspergillus flavus* acquired silver nanoparticles on its cell membrane in 72 hours; although, ultrasonication was observed to dislocate [36]. [Ag (NH₃)₂]⁺ speedy reduction to Ag actually took place topographically whenever a quantity of -OH has been supplied into the *Aeromonas* bacteria [37]. Within few hours, an extraordinary synthesis of AgNPs with a dispersion of 525 nm was obtained when *Aspergillus fumigatus* were subjected to the silver ion [38]. The production of silver nanoparticles used for *Fusarium oxysporum* produced in agglomeration [39]. In contrast, AgNP's typical halogen tungsten lamp technique was generated in less than an hour [40]. The degradation of silver is caused by the enzyme located on the *Verticillium* surface, and the electric cell was observed to multiply even after the creation of AgNP [41]. Through the microbial manufacture of silver nanoparticles, the biomimetic tube to plant mintage has been established. The enzymes present in the microbes cause silver ions constituting silver nanoparticles to be reduced [42]. These species are vulnerable to increased silver ion concentrations. Therefore, nanosilver generated by microorganisms has specific problems when used in biomedical applications [24].

2.6. Plant-Mediated Synthesis. A variety of plant compounds with the size of nanosilver particles were extracted by incorporating different extracts (*Piper pedicellatum* (2–3 nm), *Centella asiatica* L. (30–50 nm), *Boswellia serrate*, Pomegranate tree seed (30 nm), (*Myrmecodia pendans* (10–20 nm), *Alternaria alternata* (27–79 nm), *Citrus maxima* (2.5–5.7 nm), *Desmodium gangeticum* (18–39 nm) *Tectona grandis* (30–40 nm), *Syzygium cumini* (10–15 nm), *Rhynchoctechum ellipticum* (51–73 nm), the latex of genus *Thevetia peruviana* (10–30 nm), *Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill (30–40 nm), *Mentha piperita* (90 nm), *Murraya koenigii* (10–25 nm), and so forth as capping agents) [43]. A study conducted using antioxidant ingredients from blackberry, blueberry, and pomegranate, as well as turmeric peels discovered that the dimension of silver nanoparticles generated by utilizing these extracts ranged within 20 and 500 nm in dimension, based on their nature and the technique of formulation [44]. It was discovered to be an effective catalyst for the production of the response, which resulted in the rapid generation of AgNPs in a shorter duration of 24 hours with such a molecular dimension of 59 nm [45]. The zeta potential (18 mV) of AgNPs produced with *Delonix elata* following 24-hour confinement is used to determine the stability of the material [46]. The SILAR (successive ionic layer adsorption and reaction) approach [47] was used to produce AgNP thin films with a significant amount of volumetric area using guava leaf extract. In this study, *Potamogeton pectinatus* L was used to synthesis nanotriangles and hexagon-shaped AgNPs, and the silver nitrate percentage was increased over time under constant magnification resulted in polydispersity in the final product. In the laboratory, polyphenol-rich extracts of *Rumex hymenosepalus* were used in the synthesis, resulting in the coalescence of face-centered cubic and hexagonal structured AgNPs with sizes ranging from 2 to 40 nm [48–50]. The presence of dihydrogen monoxide soluble organics inside the natural sources was the most critical factor in the degradation of silver ions to AgNPs. It was discovered that AgNPs generated using *Prunus armeniaca* (apricot) plant extracts had around 50% free radical scavenging activity when tested in a DPPH and an ABTS assay, respectively. In a study using the root extract of *Coleus forskohlii*, needle-shaped AgNPs with such a size of 82.46 nm were discovered [51–54].

Researchers discovered that *Malva parviflora* produces monodispersed AgNPs in such a shorter time frame compared to *Beta vulgaris*, *A. graveolens*, *Allium kurrat*, and *Capsicum frutescens*, and that this is the case even when compared to other plants. Fermentation at 150 rpm in a very shaker in dark settings is recommended, and dihydrogen monoxide soluble compounds such as saponins observed in the extraction from the plant of *Memecylon edule* have been found to be associated with lowering of silver ions, with the majority of the AgNPs in size range of 50–90 nm in square shape [55, 56]. Acrylamide nanoparticles (AgNPs) of spherical shape (average size of 18.2 8.9 nm) were synthesized using the methanolic plant extraction of *Vitex negundo*. They demonstrated antibacterial efficacy either towards Gram-positive as well as Gram-negative bacteria. AgNP production in protein-depleted fractions was shown to be altered, with the size distribution of AgNPs changing and the rate of AgNP synthesis decreasing,

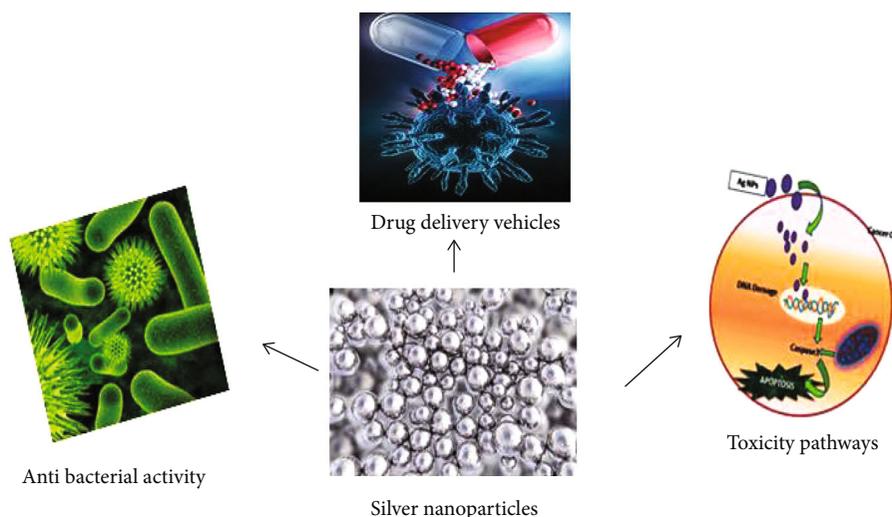


FIGURE 1: Silver nanoparticles and its applications.

confirming that cellular proteins in the unicellular algae *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* were involved in the manufacture of AgNPs. In this study, the decrease of AgNO₃ induced by eugenol embedded in the garlic leaf extracts was attributed to the evidential impact of methoxy and allyl substances situated at the ortho and para locations of the proton relinquishing -OH band from one particle of eugenol stored in the garlic clove extract. As a result, the creation of a resonant pattern in the elemental state of eugenol follows shortly after. The polyol and liquid heterocyclic elements discovered in *Cinnamomum camphora*'s leaf broth are responsible for the degeneration of silver ions in the environment of silver ions, and these components are also found in the plant's leaves. Silver and gold nanoparticles with diameters varied between 10 and 20 nm as well as 15–25 nm, respectively, have been synthesized with the assistance of a derivative from the herb *Embllica officinalis*. The nanoparticles were shown to be highly stable and trustworthy. In the existence of lowering sugars and terpenoids in the *A. indica* leaf broth, the decrease of metal ions led to the development of clean silver, gold, and bimetallic nanostructures, which were then cleaned [57–62].

2.7. Review on Antibacterial Activity of Silver Nanoparticles.

The highest antimicrobial activity was defined for silver nanoparticles (AgNP's) since silver shows low toxicity to mammalian cells and high toxicity towards microorganisms than various other metals, and the sequence is in the order Ag > Hg > Cu > Cd > Cr > Pb > Co > AU > Zn > Fe > Mn > Mo > Sn [63]. Silver nanoparticles exhibit even more antimicrobial activity than silver ions and salts [64, 65]. Silver nanoparticles have a decrease tendency to induce microbial impedance than several germicide agents [66, 67], which resulted in an application to a wide range of antimicrobial agents to prevent infection, burns, traumatic wound dressings, coating of catheters, diabetic ulcers, dental works, and medical equipment [65–69]. AgNPs are also used in various sanitary items, such as water purification systems, the linings of washing machines, dishwashers, freezers, and toilet seats, among other things [65, 67], to treat tropical diseases 1' that

promote wound healing process turmeric-loaded nanoparticles was created. Turmeric is a spice obtained from the roots of *Curcuma longa*, which is a member of the Zingiberaceae family and is used to flavor food. The primary curcuminoid in turmeric is often regarded as the herb's main active component [70, 71]. Curcumin is a curcuminoid that has been shown to have anti-inflammatory properties. Silver is the most commonly used in the nitrate condition to elicit an antibacterial action in bacteria. The nanoscale size of AgNPs also increases the perforation potential of the silver nanoparticles, allowing for more efficient utilization of metal characteristics [72], which is beneficial. The nanoparticles connect to the cell surface and perforate the bacterial membrane that contains sulfur-containing protein as they travel through the cell. Specifically, AgNPs bind with proteins in the cell and phosphorus-containing substances such as DNA and forming complexes. After entering the bacterial cell, AgNPs form a low molecular content area in the middle of the bacteria, which eventually causes the bacteria to succumb to cell death. With a surface area of around 2 m² and a blood supply accounting for around one-third of all blood circulating throughout the body, skin is a three-layered structure consisting of the epidermis, dermis, and subcutaneous tissue layer [73], and the drug should cross through the layers of stratum corneum cuticle and dermis via various barriers for an effective drug delivery of the dosage form [74].

2.8. Review on Silver Nanoparticles as Drug Delivery Vehicles.

Traditionally, gold and other molecules [75–78] have been used in nanoparticle-predicted drug delivery applications, but the use of silver has been restricted due to the complexity in synthesis; when functionalized using the classic salt aging procedure, there was a reduction in durability, and there were worries regarding silver toxicity in the past. Clinical application of silver nanoparticles as beneficial antibacterial treatments in wound care and also current in vivo studies showing that systemic exposure to silver nanoparticles is safe to have sparked interest in biomedical research involving silver nanoparticles. In a 2008 rat study, it was revealed because even in the diagnosis of severe oral AgNPs at doses

larger than 300 mg/kg/day during 28 days, there was a greater preponderance of above 300 mg/kg/day throughout 28 days [79], and there was only a minor induction of secondary indicators of liver injury. Reports of the safety and absence of side-effects associated with silver nanoparticles administered at “moderate” doses [80] may instill greater preponderant confidence in the suitability of AgNPs for in vivo studies that aim to lower the threshold of effective AgNPs daily dosage by integrating their drug load potential and electromagnetic field research amplifying properties. Enhanced biocompatibility of AgNPs as a result of surface alteration, as well as outstanding optical characteristics [81, 82], has increased the suitability of AgNPs for drug delivery applications.

Silver nanoparticles have distinctive field properties, such as having a light scattering cross-section nearly ten times greater than that of a comparably sized gold nanoparticle [77, 81], which has sparked interest in their use as sensors [83, 84], biological labels, and substrates for surface-enhanced absorption, fluorescence, and photochemistry [77, 81]. AgNPs also have greater extinction coefficients and blue-shifted plasmon resonant peaks than other metallic nanomaterials, making them an excellent choice for photocontrolled drug delivery uses and potential surface-enhanced photochemistry of caged substances, such as nitro benzyl derivatives and among other applications [82]. The optical properties and biocompatibility of AgNPs are well described, and they have distinct blood plasma relative absorption maxima at ~420 nm [83, 84]. This difference is difficult to determine the role of plasmon in the nitrophenylethyl (NPE), which can be incorporated into microRNA (miRNA) complexes. The nonthermal component is likely related to intense electrical fields in the oscillating open plasmon region interacting with ions and mote, thus reducing the energizing energy of the reaction [85, 86]. Metal enhanced fluorescence has been described with silver nanostructures. In contrast, the resonance state of the coupled photon is shared between a photoactive molecule and the metal nanomaterial resulting in more efficient photon conversion [87].

2.9. Review on Toxicity Pathways of Silver Nanoparticles.

Recent studies on the therapeutic utilization of silver nanoparticles utilizing drug distribution have addressed the toxicity and adverse effects of silver nanomaterials. Concerns of the impact of silver nanoparticles on cell health include decreased mitochondrial function and evocation of apoptosis, the mitochondria being a sensitive objective of cytotoxicity of AgNP's. While the mechanism of AgNP's toxicity was not well characterized, they may involve surface binding (depletion) of thiol-containing proteins, including glutathione and key component enzymes of the cells antioxidant mechanism, which leads to increased reactive oxygen species (ROS) propagation, oxidative damage [88], and apoptosis, an involute programmed cell death pathway. Particle surface electrostatic interactions with charged biomolecules might additionally attribute to the toxic properties often observed for “naked” silver nanoparticles at high concentrations. Mechanisms to enhance biocompatibility include functionalizing the metal nanoparticles with polyethylene glycol (PEG) radical, lipids, polymers, and minute peptides. The surface modification of silver nanoparticles with thiol-

modified biomolecules improved silver biocompatibility and intracellular uptake [89–93]. The phospholipid-protected silver nanoparticles were distributed into 3T3 fibroblast cells and platelet cells with minimal toxic effects.

3. Discussion

Due to recent breakthroughs in the knowledge of silver nanoparticles' biocidal mechanisms of action, this one has been established that silver nanoparticles can be used to treat a wide range of infections, including virulent and bactericidal infections, as well as to promote wound healing [94, 95]. It has been demonstrated that silver nanoparticle and biopolymer-based biomaterial have good biocompatibility and low toxicity in physiological settings and may be used as a wound dressing material to heal a wide range of wounds. The current strategy for improving the efficacy of antibiotics is to combine them with silver nanoparticles in order to control microbial infections, as confirmed by the damage action of silver nanoparticles on microbial deoxyribonucleic acid [95]. This review focused in detail on various types of synthesis of silver nanoparticles which are categorized as physical, chemical, and biological approaches that are safe and environmentally friendly. This article also highlights the antibacterial activity of silver nanoparticles; when nanoparticles release silver atoms into the bacterial cell, it enhances their bactericidal activity and shows good wound healing activity [14, 15]. The benefits of these procedures are pretty crucial to utilize silver nanoparticles for checking diligence owing to nontoxicity. Because of this, these technologies may be applied to the large-scale industrial production of stable colloid silver nanoparticles, which have been used in various sectors, including digital manufacturing of electronic circuits and medicinal applications [96]. The use of traditional microbicidal medicines to combat the epidemic has been associated with an appropriate therapeutic index, insufficient drug bioavailability, the establishment of multiple drug resistance, and significant systemic side effects, among other things. It has been discovered that germicidal silver nanoparticles are effective against infection because of their ultra-diminutive controlled size as heights surface area and increased the responsiveness with active functional structure [97]. The phospholipid-protected silver nanoparticles that can decrease toxicity were distributed into 3T3 fibroblast and platelet cells [36, 37]. The previous review paper contains preliminary insights into pharmacological uses like anticancer, larvicidal, medicinal fabrics, and contrivances involving silver nanoparticles, all of which are now under investigation. In this way, the use of these biogenically generated silver nanoparticles will bring in a significant reward for the domain of bio nanomedicine [98].

3.1. Future Prospects. Due to the various potent activities of silver nanoparticles can be used in powerful disinfectants for preventing microbial infections [99, 100], silver nanoparticles can be employed in magnetic disinfection systems to treat waterborne infections, which is a new development. Magnetic disinfection [101] includes magnetic oxide as an active ingredient. Using silver nanoparticles as a sorbent and driving force for removing ecological contamination

has been shown to be effective [102, 103]. Nanosilver-based disinfection solutions have the potential to be helpful in decontaminating surfaces, instruments in kindergartens and schools, various types of equipment, and computers, which could lead to the development of nanosilver-based consumer items in the future. Silver-based nanocomposites have the potential to be ecologically beneficial, and they may be used in the development of unique product applications [104, 105].

3.2. Patent Methods. Raghuraman and Katti [106] had patented the method of producing silver nanoparticles. When silver salts react with phosphene amino acid, it makes silver nanoparticles with a temperature less than 40°C and a time period of fewer than 30 mins. These nanoparticles can be stored for a more extended period without agglomeration [107]. Mohd Rais Ahmad [108] patented a method for preparing silver nanoparticles; when commixing silver salt and pentaerythritol in polar resolution, it catalyzes the reduction process of silver ion clusters. Silver nanoparticles should be precipitated and washed with a solution, and finally, silver nanoparticles should be dried off [109].

3.3. Patent Formulations. Oh et al. [110] patented the preparation of silver nanoparticles and silver alloyed with factors like platinum, palladium, gold, aluminum, cadmium, and sulfur in surfactant solvents. The surfactant has the intrinsic property to adsorb into the interface, which is composed of two different phases. Thus, the surfactant molecules would adsorb into the open nuclei in the solvent. The adsorbed surfactant molecules from the solution prevent the coalescence of particles and control the rate of particle exaggeration. By choosing the proper kind or concentration of the surface active agent, the size of particles composed in the solution can be contained on a nanometer scale [111–117]. A process patent has been granted to Li and Ong [118] for the preparation of silver nanoparticles and the formation of molecules of an initial stabilizer on the surface of the nanoparticles, as well as the mixing of a replacement stabilizer composed mainly of a carboxylic acid also with composition to substitute at least a portion of the primary stabilizer with the replacement stabilizer, resulting in molecules of the initial stabilizer on the surface of the nanoparticles [119–130].

4. Conclusion

The methods for producing silver nanoparticles and their practical applications have been discussed in detail in this previous section. These methods help reduce the cost of silver nanoparticles, save energy, and practice safely. Recent research on silver nanoparticles is in the field of food maintenance and handling, and silver nanoparticles can be used as drug delivery vehicles and exhibit high antibacterial activity. In the drug delivery system, AgNPs often improve solubility, stability, and biodistribution, increasing efficacy. Since drug absorption increases multifold in the presence of nanoparticles, AgNPs can be used as a drug delivery system. With their unique properties, AgNPs stand out in various innovations, including biomedical materials and optical and anti-

microbial coatings. They have proven their applicability in many fields such as medicine, catalysis, materials science, biotechnology, nanotechnology, and bioengineering. They have also been used in electronics, optics, and water treatment.

In addition, AgNPs exhibit antibacterial activity against microbial infections and are commonly used as an antimicrobial component in a wide variety of consumer goods. Due to their small size, nanoparticles have a large surface area, making them suitable candidates for various applications, while the morphology is also controllable. While NPs are beneficial for a variety of uses, they can pose health risks due to their uncontrolled use and release into the natural environment, which must be taken into account to make NP use more practical and environmentally acceptable. There is a wide range of applications for AgNPs in nanotoxicology studies, which is why they are so popular. The main trend in the development of silver nanomaterials is to make them multifunctional and programmable by external signals or the local environment, transforming them into nanodevices. For the benefit of future researchers, the continuous increase in the number of publications on the above subject has been examined. Since the influence of AgNPs on the environment and human health could be a problem in their widespread application, further investigations on the accumulation and mechanism of action of AgNPs in the human body are needed. However, more research is needed to use the particles outside of the lab.

Data Availability

The data used to support the findings of this study are included within the article.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest.

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