

**Aryabhata Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Aryabhata Knowledge University, Patna - Achievements**



Hon’ble CM, Sri Nitish Kr Ji and other eminent dignitaries visited and appreciated ongoing academic/research activities under the leadership of Dr. Rakesh Kr Singh. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, has been coordinated in establishing this center as Head/Prof. incharge-Establishment/Academic-incharge from 1st April 2014. At present he is Registrar of this university ( from 8th Jan 2022)



On 23rd November 2021, certificate of excellence is awarded to Dr. Rakesh Kr Singh, Faculty member of Nanotechnology center of Aryabhata Knowledge University, Patna for his outstanding performance in the category of Best Young Teacher with research contributions in Modern field of Nano Science” as per recommendation of the selection committee constituted by Hon’ble Chancellor, Universities of Bihar.



This Nanotechnology center well equipped with about 22 high-end research instruments such as Scanning Electron Microscope, Multiferroic system, Vibrating sample magnetometer etc. and its impact is being felt globally. Establishment of Simulation laboratory in nanomaterials research are also in progress under the coordination of Dr. Rakesh Kr Singh. More than 500 scholars/academicians from national/international level academic institutions have visited the Nanotechnology center of this university.

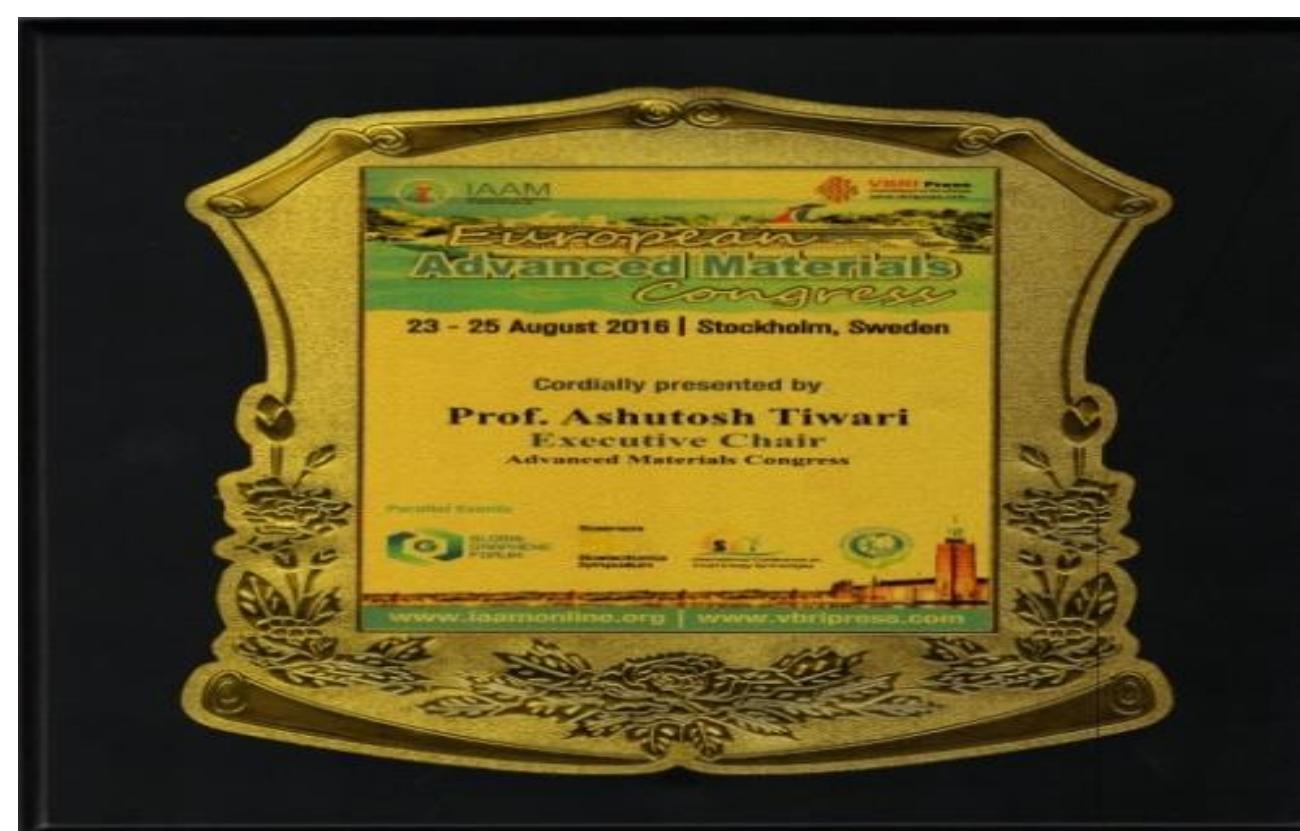


Students of Nanoscience center, working in the area of “production of nanosilica from rice husk”, under the supervision of Dr. Rakesh Kr Singh, receiving 1st prize at Rajbhawan Patna in a state level programme” Innovations and Entrepreneurship in Science Education and Research. Faculty member and M.Tech / Ph.D. scholar of this research center have published more than 200 papers in peer reviewed/ Impact factor/ Indexed Journals. Thrust areas of research are- Nanotechnology in Food & Agriculture, Nanotechnology in Ayurvedic Science, Nano Electronics Magnetic nanomaterial's, Nano medicine, Nano-Biotechnology, Nanosilica from Rice husk(Agriculture waste) etc. In last 3 year about more than 100 research papers presented in international/national conferences with nanoscience center affiliation. At present about 25 research project/activities are being carried out by faculty members and scholar of Nanotechnology center.



Hon’ble Chief minister Sri Nitish Kr Ji, specially appreciated research activities of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology center of Aryabhata Knowledge University, Patna, during his video conference program of establishment of statue of Aryabhata in campus.

Awards/ Recognitions for Contributions to Knowledge in the area of Nanotechnology in Ayurvedic Science, at Stockholm, Sweden. European Advanced Materials Congress-2016, Stockholm, Sweden



Honored to Dr. Rakesh Kr Singh of Nanotechnology center of Aryabhata Knowledge University, Patna by Executive Chairs of European Advanced Material Congress-2016, at Sweden ( Prof. Hisatosi Kobayashi (Left), National Institute for Material Science, Tsukuba, Japan cum President-International Association of Advanced Materials (IAAM) Sweden).





Synthesis and characterization of non-molar lithium–magnesium nanoferrite material for its applications

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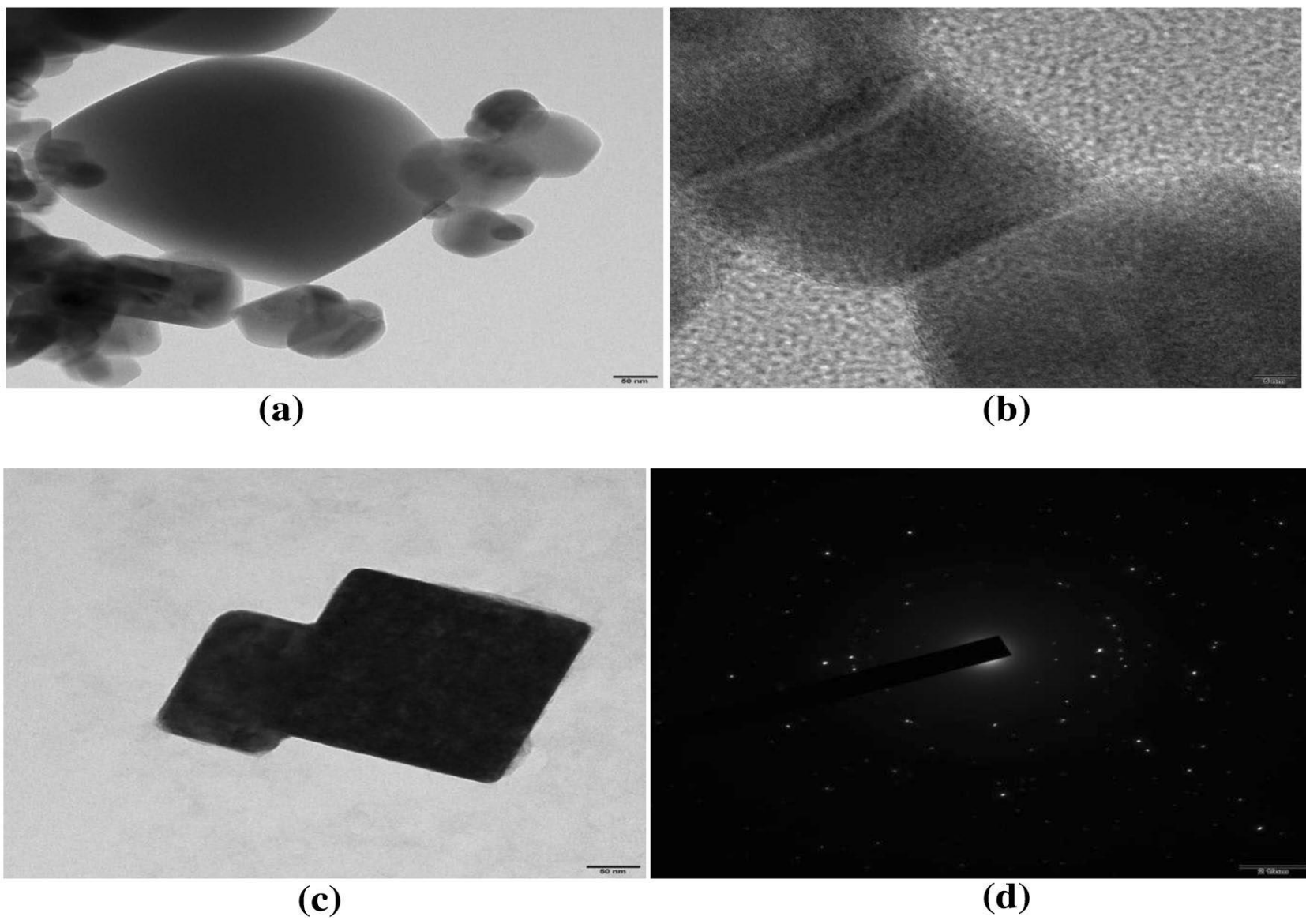


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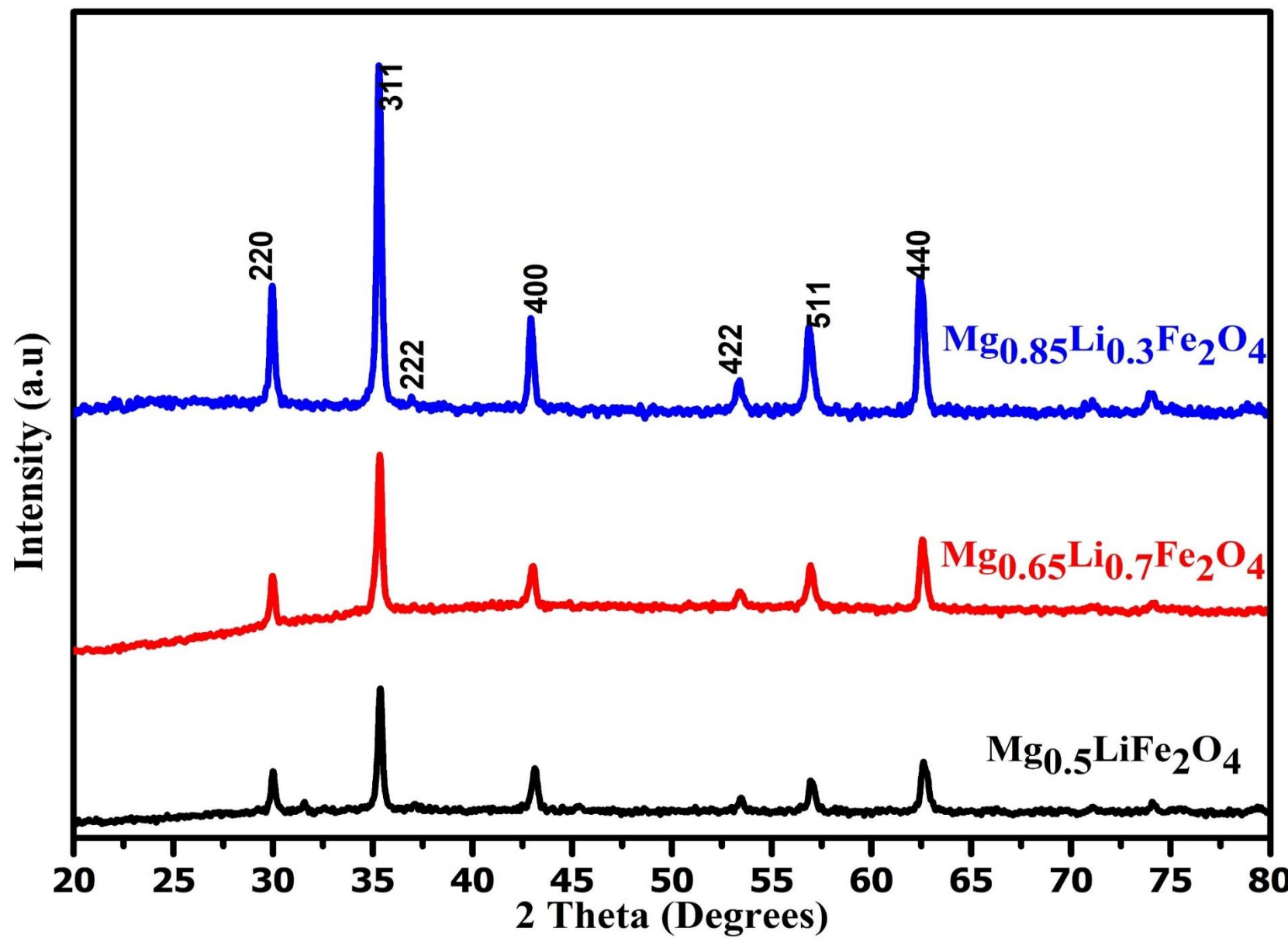
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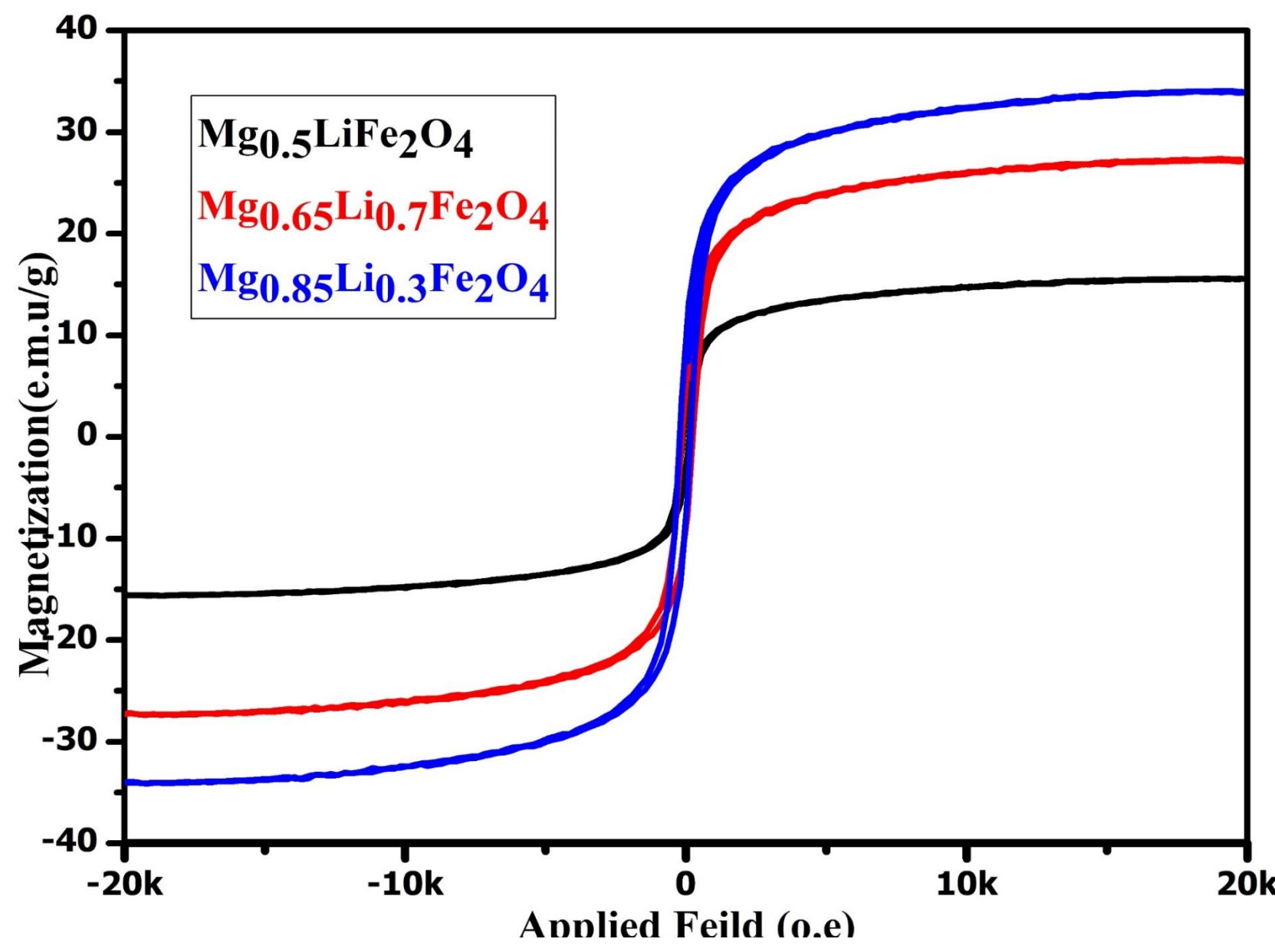
TEM ANALYSIS



STRUCTURAL MEASUREMENTS



MAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS



Research Summary:

- Non-stoichiometric ferrite magnetic nanoparticles  $\text{Mg}_{0.5+x}\text{Li}_{1-2x}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $x = 0, 0.15, 0.35$ ) were prepared using low-cost sol–gel method and annealed at temperature 700 °C.
- Thermal analysis measurement confirms that there is a decrease in weight with an increase in temperature which becomes thermally stable till 600 °C.
- XRD study confirms that prepared nanoparticles are a cubic spinel structure having  $\text{Fd}3\text{m}$  space group. The crystallite size lies in the range of 26.41–31 nm.
- HRTEM and SEM image confirms the cubic spinel structure and porosity in the material. The indirect energy band gap was found to be 2.25, 1.89 and 2.03 eV respectively for  $x = 0, 0.15$  and 0.35. The energy band gap was found function of crystallite size. Strong luminescence was observed in the visible range of 580–610 nm.
- The non-molar ratio of  $\text{Li} = 0, 0.15$  and 0.35 mol leads to a systematic increase in all the magnetic parameters.
- Hence, materials may be potential candidate for magneto-optical device, humidity sensor, hydroelectric cell applications and some other related fields.

STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES

Materials	d-spacing (Å)	Angular Position (2θ) in degree	Lattice constant (Å)	Cell Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Molecular Weight (g/mol)	d <sub>x</sub> (gm/cc)
$\text{Mg}_{0.5}\text{LiFe}_2\text{O}_4$	2.535	35.369	8.410	594.850	194.779	4.349
$\text{Mg}_{0.65}\text{Li}_{0.7}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$	2.537	35.343	8.416	596.118	196.342	4.374
$\text{Mg}_{0.85}\text{Li}_{0.3}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$	2.539	35.319	8.421	597.266	198.427	4.412

MAGNETIC PROPERTIES

Parameter	x=0	x= 0.15	x= 0.35
Magnetization (Ms)(emu/gm)	15.53	27.20	33.75
Coercivity (Hc)/Oe	116.56	143.35	161.37
Retentivity (Mr)(emu/gm)	2.66	5.22	7.11
Squareness Ratio (Mr/Ms)	0.171	0.191	0.210

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# Doctoral Research( Ph.D.) Scholar, their Research field and Supervisor; Details

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## Functional nanomaterials for various applications



Biochar for water purification



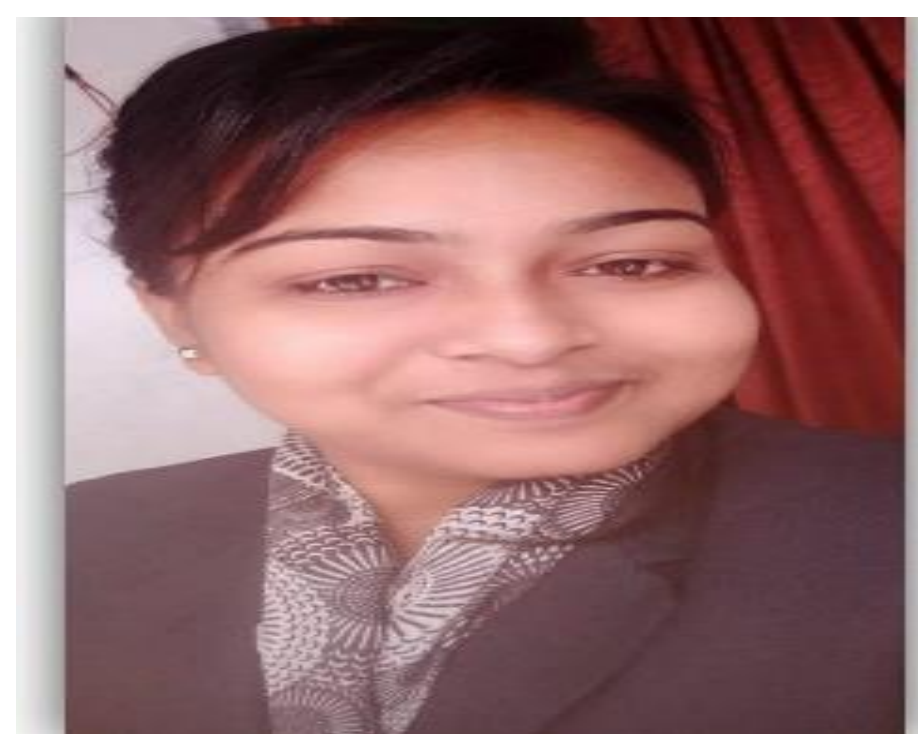
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Nanoporous ferrite material for hydroelectric cell



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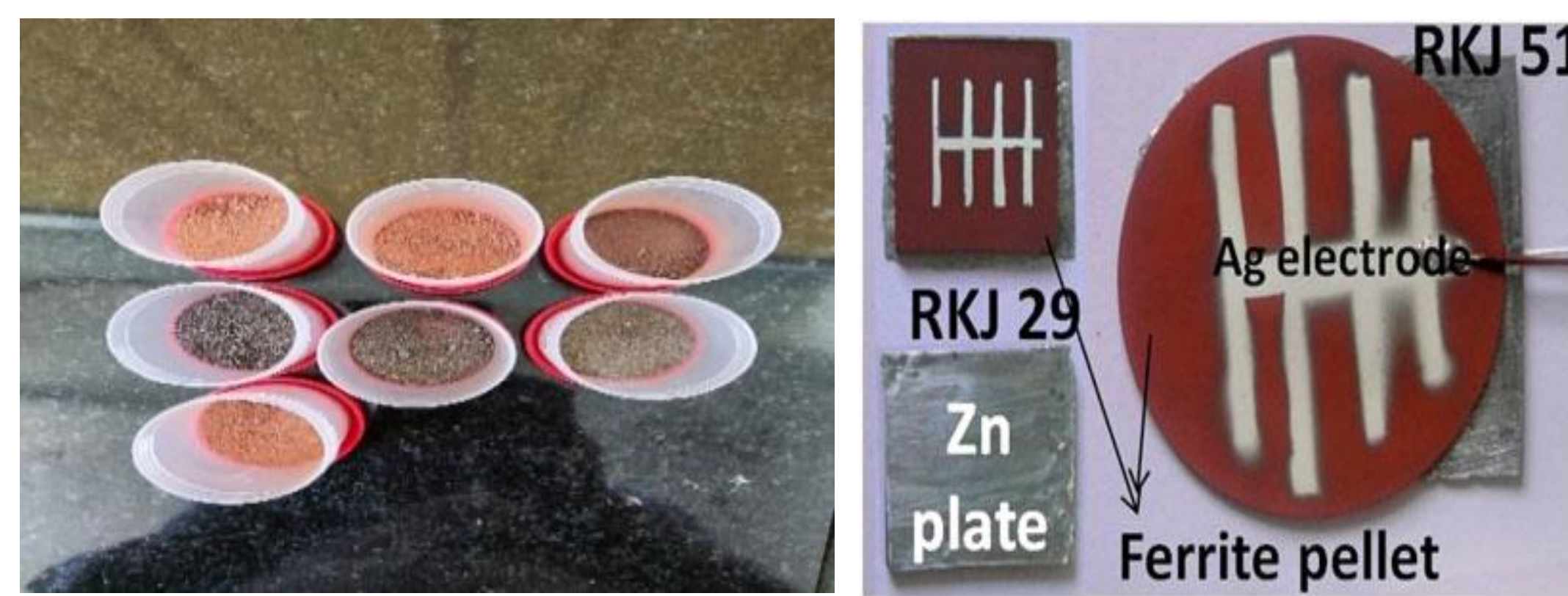
Bel Patra superfine nano powder



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Ionic conduction of splitted water in hydroelectric cell



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Potato and black pepper superfine nano powder



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Moringa superfine nano powder



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Garnet nanomaterial (YAB) for LED applications.



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Study on Bhasma nanoparticles using modern scientific tools

**Note: In addition to these Doctoral Research activities 17 M.Tech research projects are being carried out in multidisciplinary area of Nanoscience & Nanotechnology**



## **Preparation of superfine cinnamon bark nanocrystalline powder using high energy ball mill and estimation of structural and antioxidant properties.**

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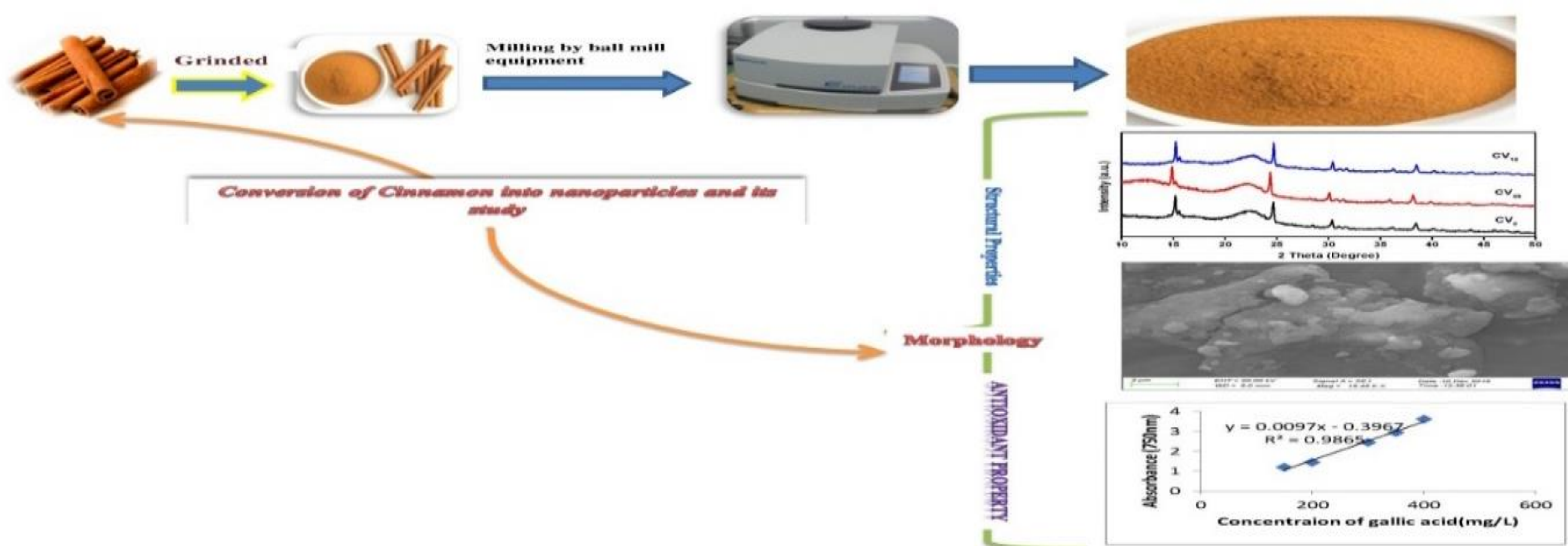
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### **Novelties of Research**

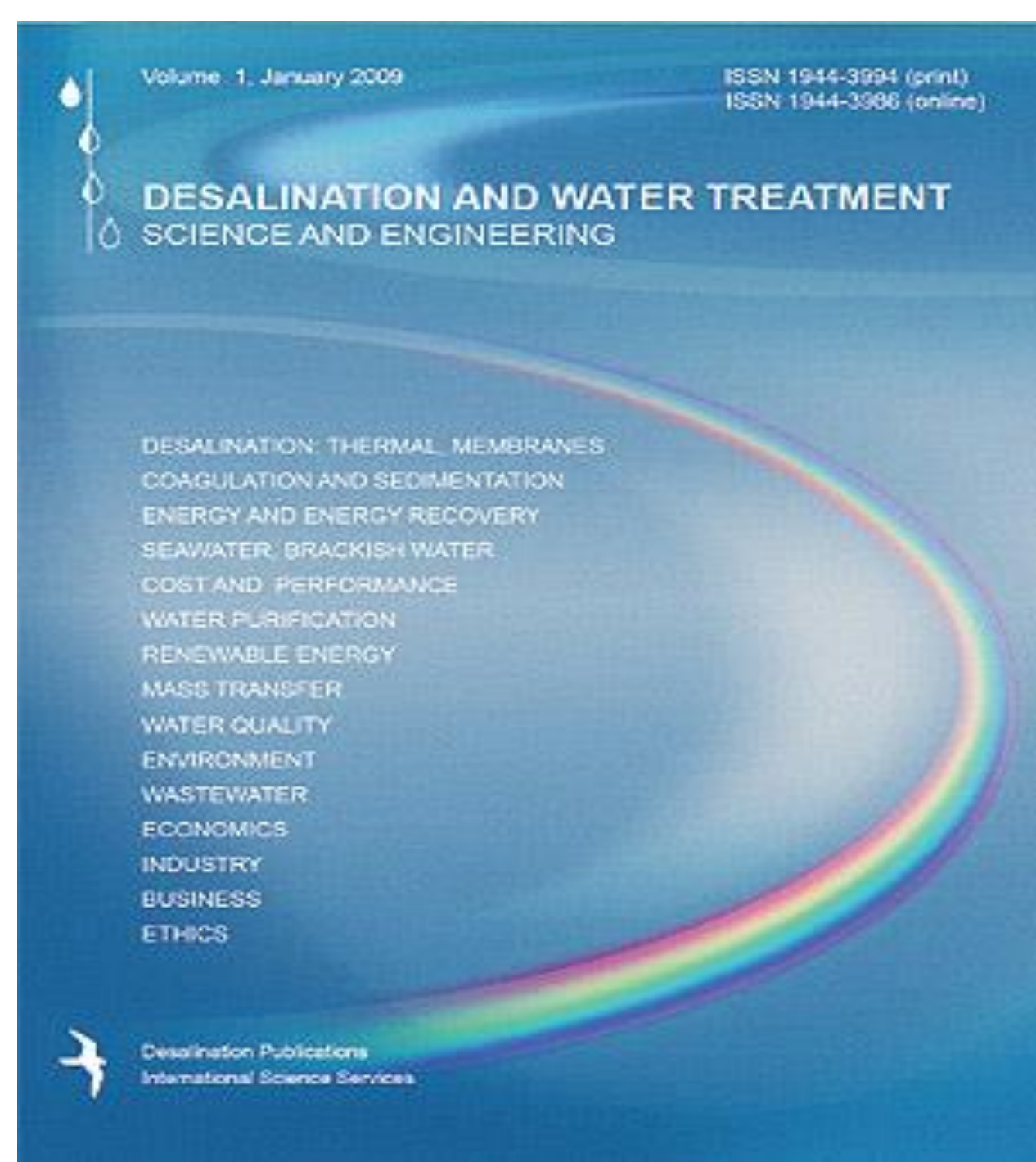
- Application of Food material for medicinal use is become a common and safe approach to treat various diseases. Although Nanoscience is seeming to most promising area to be explore at every aspect of existing science including medicine and pharmaceuticals. Medicinal properties and application of various spices are well explored science but their nanopowder synthesis and effect is not very much known.
- In this present work, we have used a commonly known spice from Indian kitchen know as Cinnamon, for synthesis of nano powder high energy ball mill instrument was used. The crystallographic study, functional group analysis, were done using modern characterization equipment such as XRD (X-ray diffraction), FTIR (Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy), SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope), and UV-Visible spectroscopy. XRD measurement confirms that crystal structure of powder milled for 5 hours and 10 hours were different. Similarly, morphology of differently milled sample found to be different from general Cinnamon powder. Antioxidant properties of superfine powder was found greater than normal crude powder, which was confirmed by experiment on C.elegen.
- This might be due the formation of different fractions of particles were formed as a result of deterioration of cohesion bond due to high energy milling. The present study suggested that cinnamon superfine powder could be a potential source of natural antioxidant and thus could be useful as therapeutic agents and also open new window for the progress of surface science of food materials, which are beneficial for biomedical engineering, pharmaceutical, health, and medicine industries.

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# Nanotechnology Research for purification of water



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## Equilibrium sorption of fluoride on the activated alumina in aqueous solution

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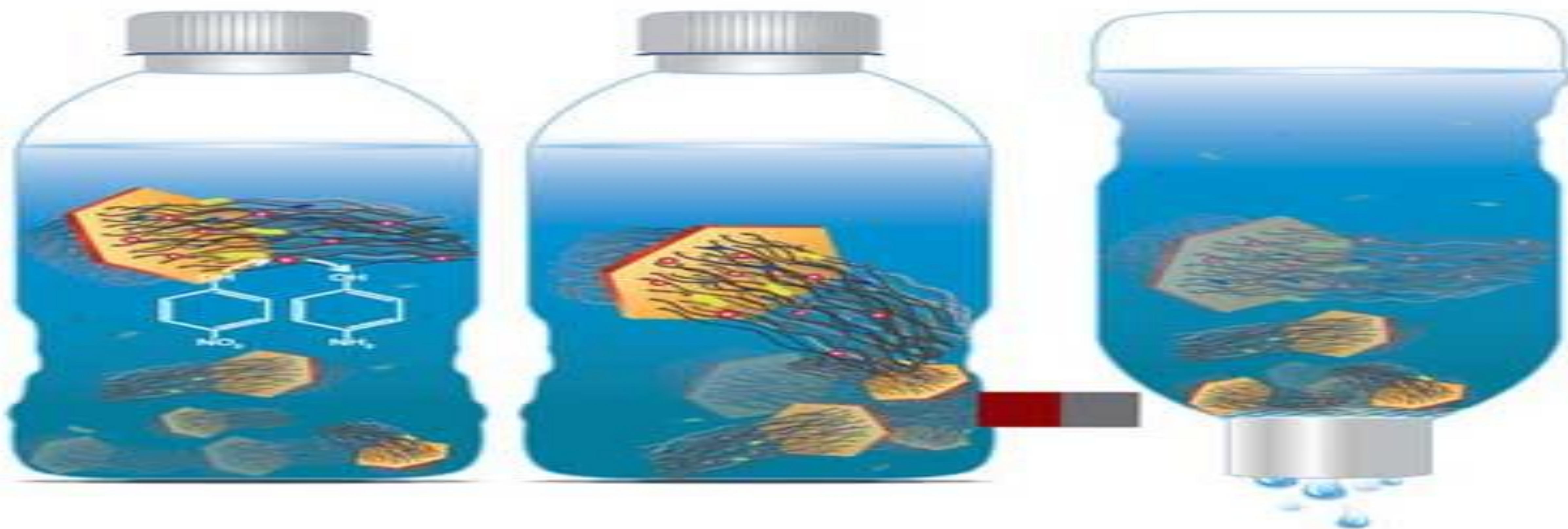
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### Highlights of research

- **Removal of fluoride is a desalination technology in which fluoride ions from aqueous solution are adsorbed on suitable adsorbent surfaces. This work aim to determine equilibrium sorption of fluoride on surface modified activated nano-alumina in aqueous solution.**
- **Results indicated that adsorption occurred rapidly in beginning, and equilibrium was reached on surface modified, i.e., grinded activated alumina. At equilibrium, adsorption capacity was about 28 mg g<sup>-1</sup> (i.e., mg of fluoride per g of alumina) in case of activated alumina, where as it was noted as 39 mg g<sup>-1</sup> for grinded activated alumina for pH of 3.0 and fixed fluoride concentration of 100 mgL<sup>-1</sup> in aqueous solution.**
- **Furthermore, adsorption isotherms and kinetics was performed in which Freundlich model indicated better fit, indicating heterogeneous nonlinear monolayer sorption among adsorbed particles. Overall, the present research reveals that the grinded activated alumina can be a prospective adsorbent for treatment of fluoride contaminated water.**

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# Magnetic Electronics Nanomaterials prepared using Lemon

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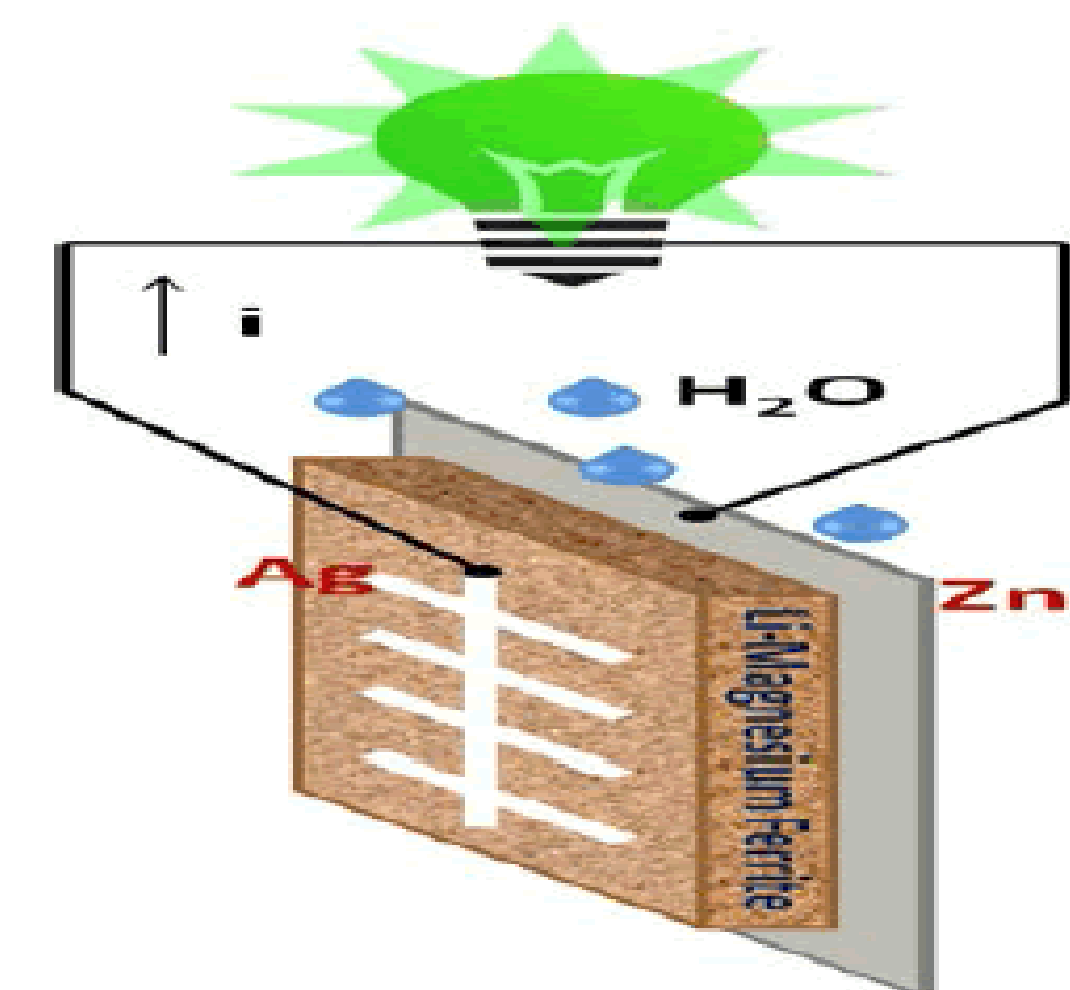
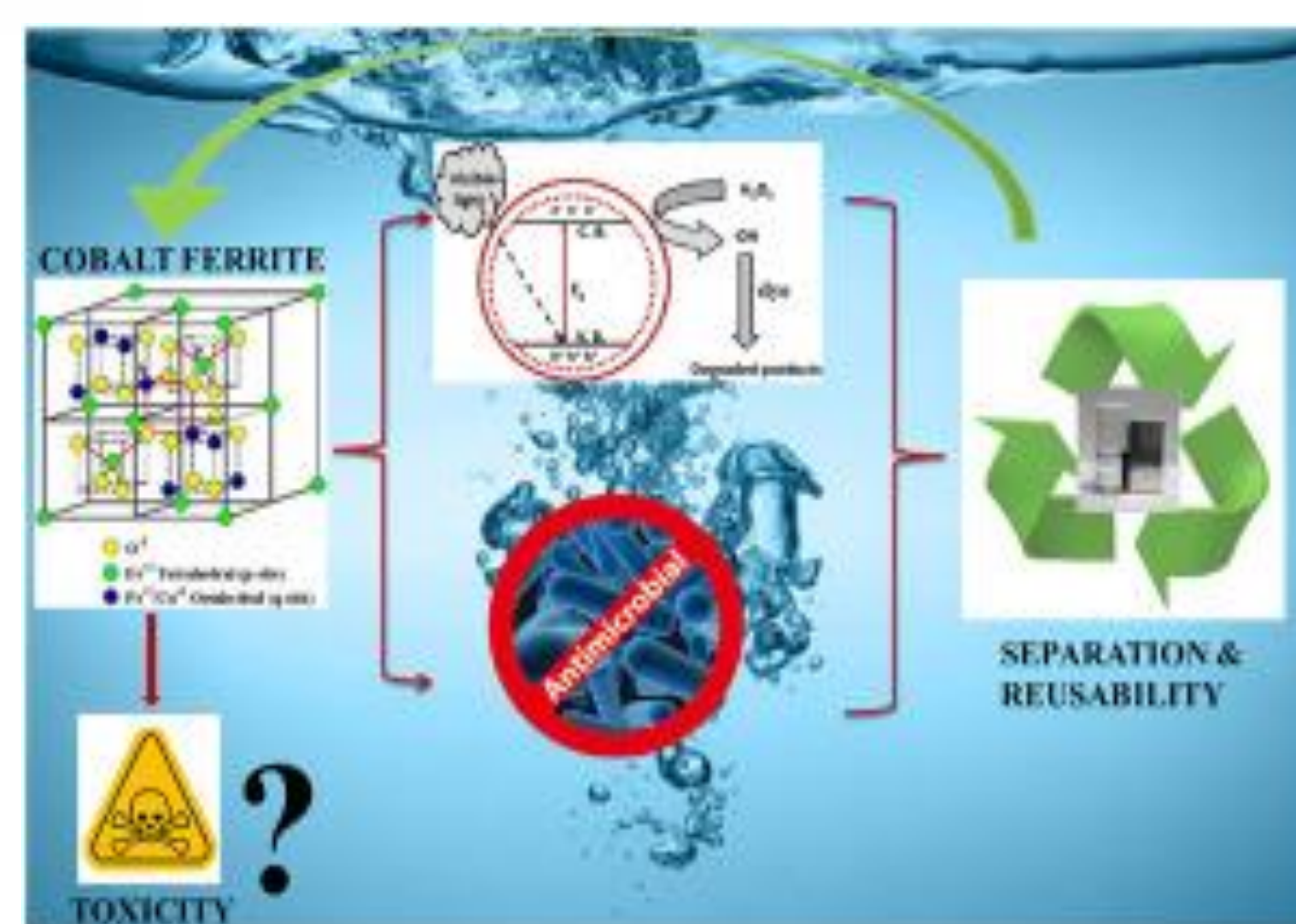
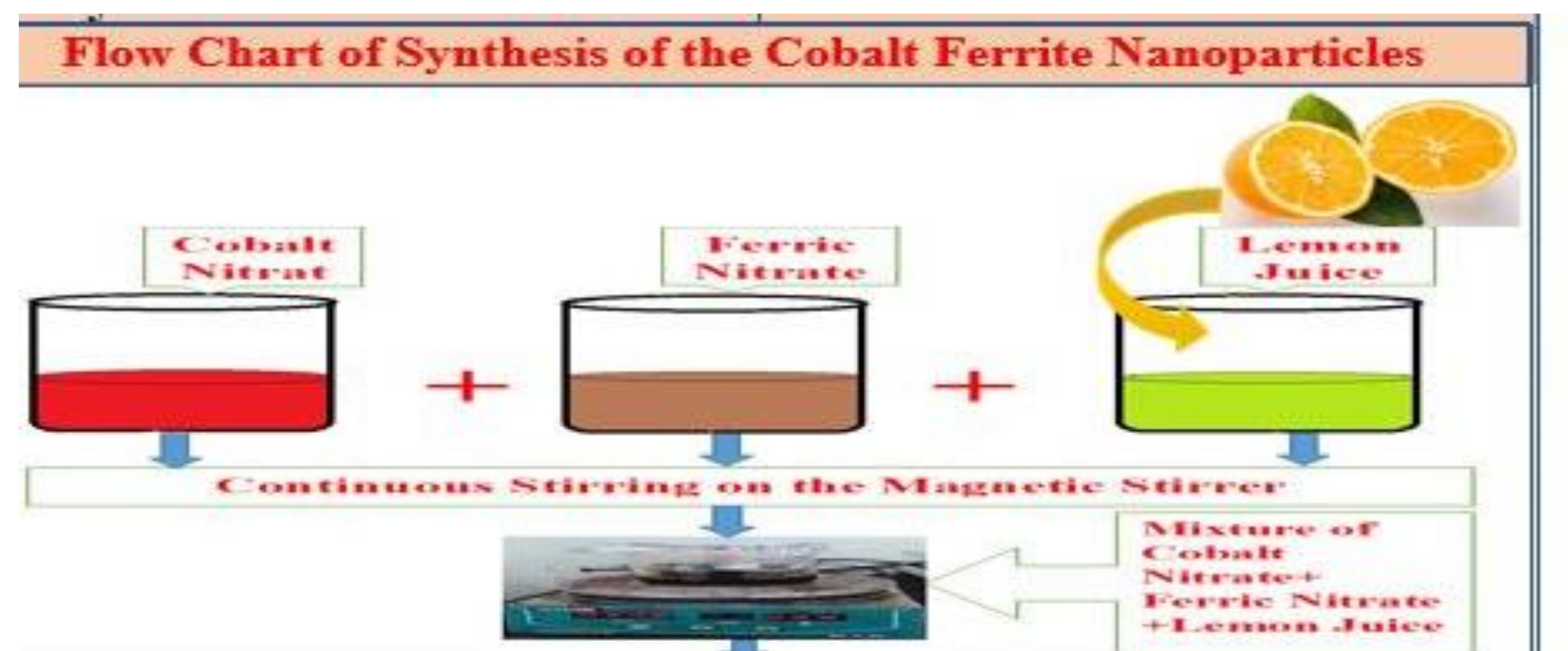
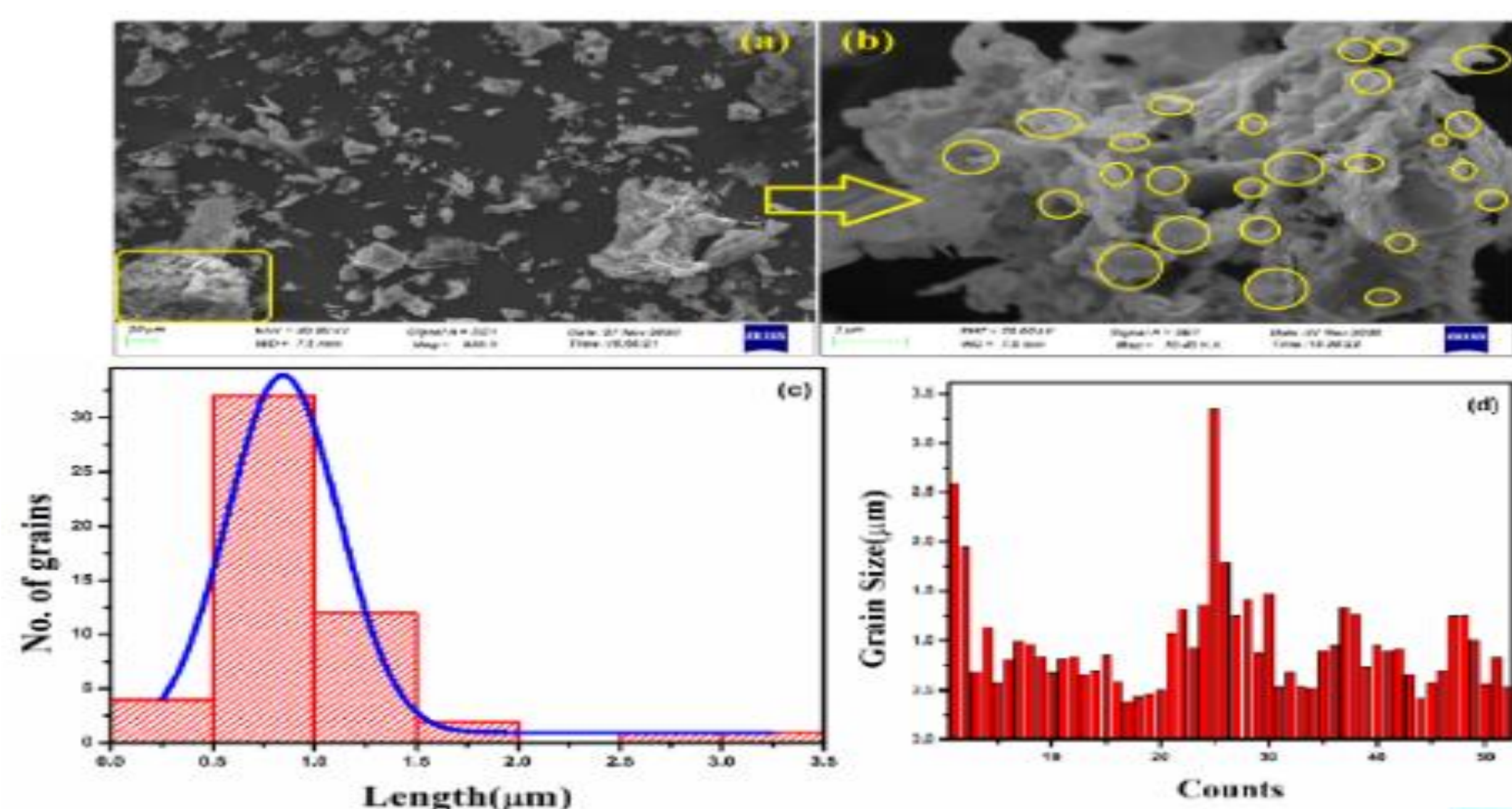
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## Possible applications

### Research Highlights

- ✓ Using intention to use green synthesis approach,  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles were successfully prepared using lemon juice and metal nitrates as a precursor material.
- ✓ Direct band gap was evaluated using Uv-vis spectroscopy where it was measured equal to 3.65 eV using Tauc equation. A broad and strong emissions between 457-493 nm (predominantly blue emission) was observed during photoluminescence studies. •
- ✓ The saturation magnetisation (Ms) had significant improvement with annealing temperature.
- ✓ The present research studies open a new window that large production of Cobalt ferrite nanomaterial's using green approach and can be produced for various applications such as in Electronics industry, Purification of water, Hydroelectric shell etc.

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## Correlation between lattice strain and magnetic properties enhancement of nanocrystalline cobalt ferrite with controlled annealing

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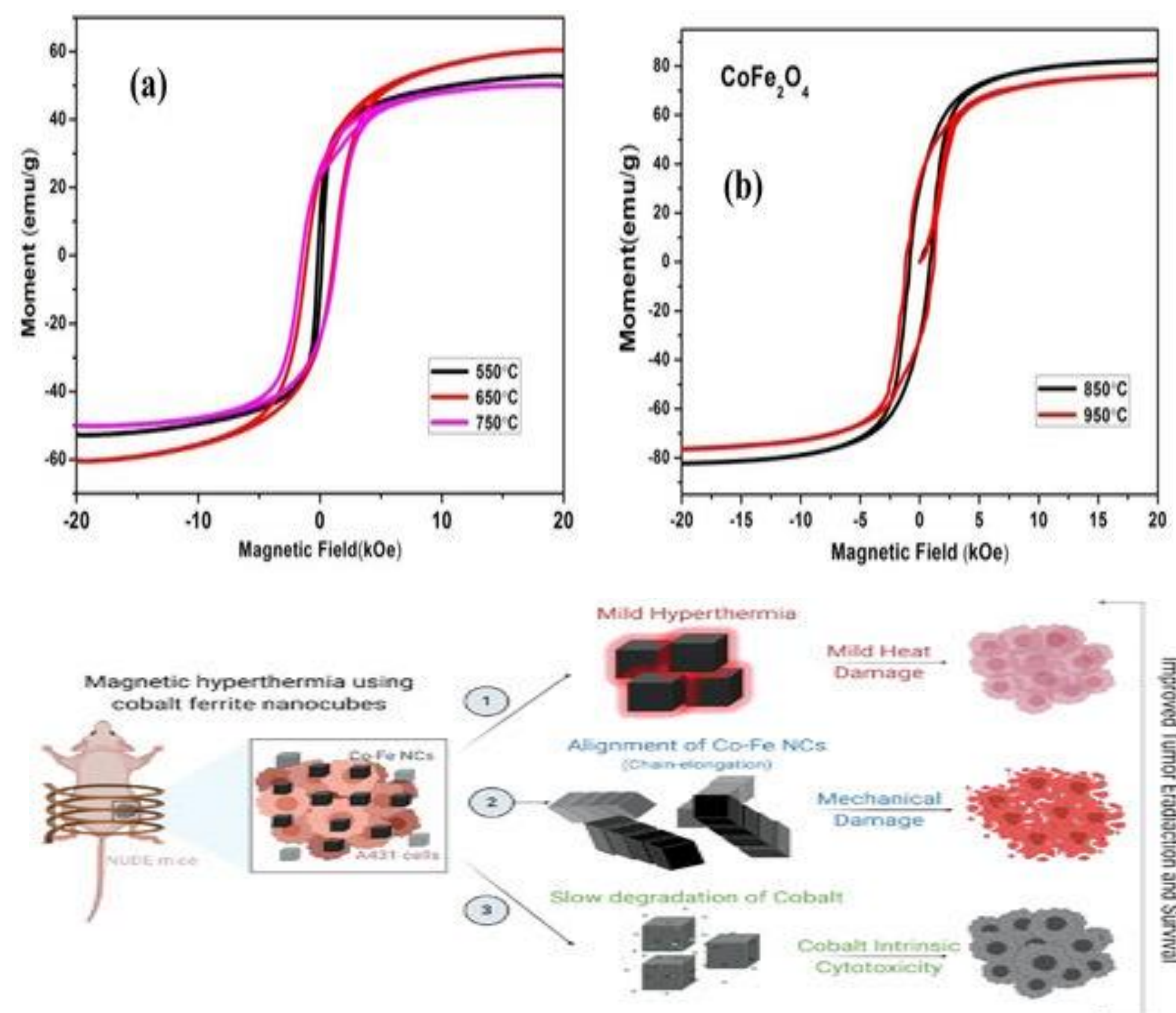
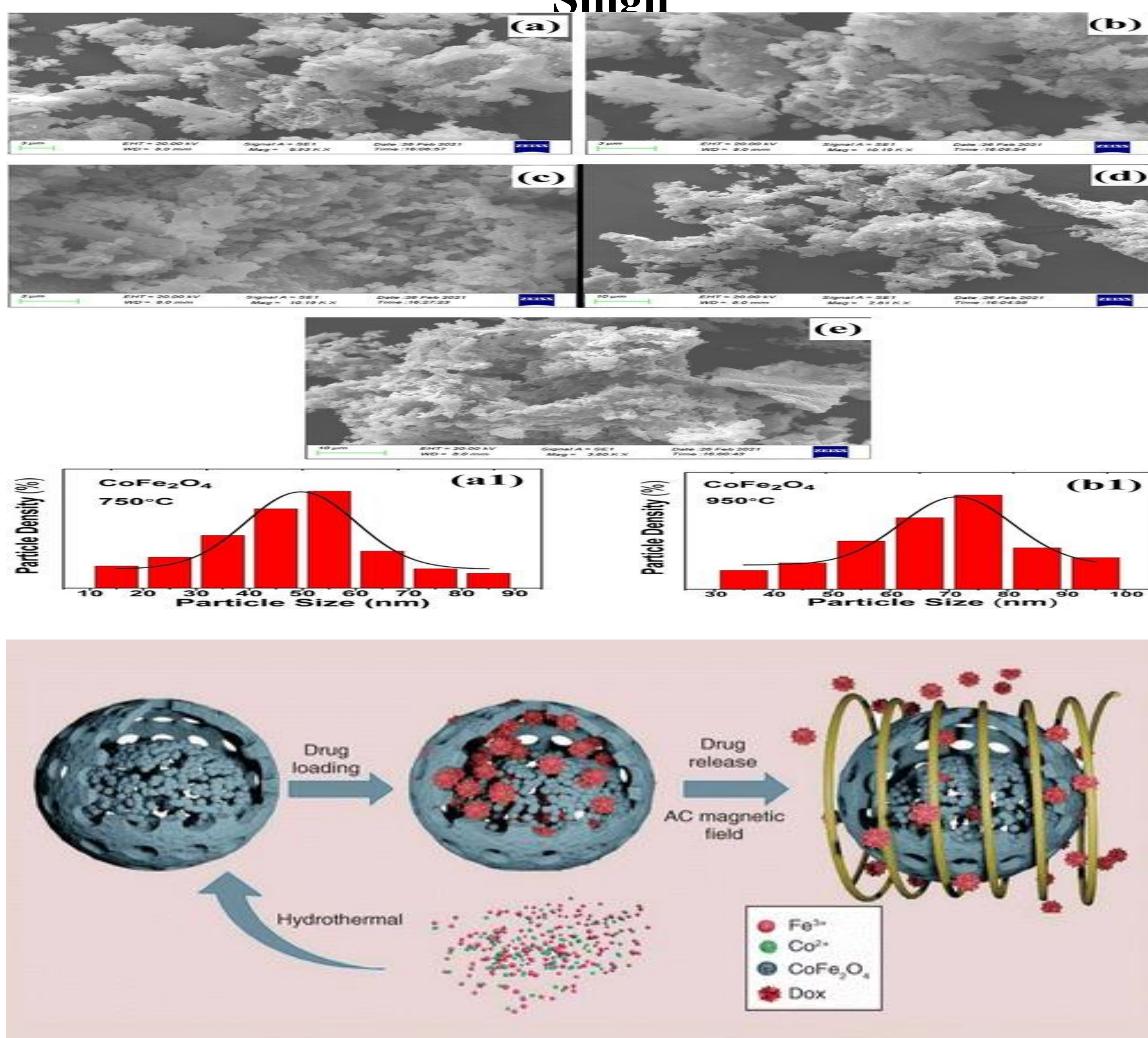
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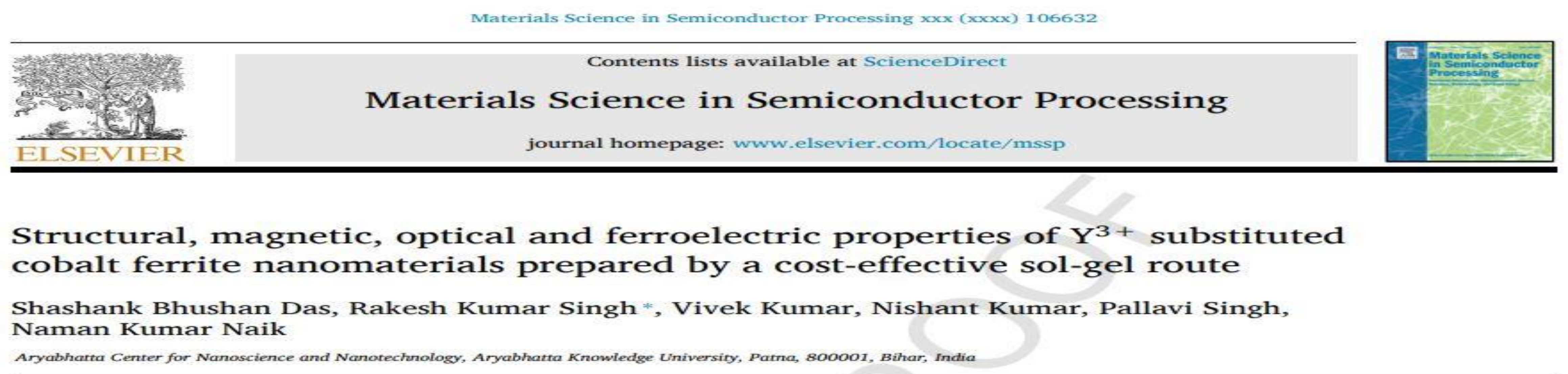
### Research Summary:

- Spinel cobalt ferrite ( $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ) has been prepared using the citrate precursor sol–gel method. The synthesized samples have been controlled annealing at 550 °C, 650 °C, 750 °C, 850 °C, and 950 °C for 2 h.
- The average crystallite size for samples is found to be 54.32 nm, which increases with an increase in annealing temperature. The lattice strain reaches a maximum value of  $2.95 \times 10^{-3}$  for  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$  annealed at 950 °C. W–H plots calculation is supported by SEM morphological analysis. Lattice parameter (a) is calculated using Fullprof Rietveld refinement of XRD patterns, which show noticeable increments due to induced lattice strains in samples.
- FTIR spectrum is analyzed to find out tetrahedral and octahedral metal–oxygen bond lengths. EDX analysis justifies elemental composition.
- The ‘Law of Approach to saturation’ is employed to quantify magnetic properties like magnetization ( $M_s$ ), anisotropy field ( $B_1$ ), and magnetocrystalline anisotropy ( $k_1$ ). These magnetic properties show improvement due to the annealing effect, with  $M_s$  ranging from 24.60 to 77.68 emu/g and retentivity ( $M_r$ ) 5.12–47.08 emu/g. The coercivity ( $H_c$ ) shows an appreciable increment from 175 to 1402 Gauss. The anisotropy ( $k_1$ ) ranges from 2.22 to  $11.68 \times 10^6$  erg/cm<sup>3</sup>. These remarkable improvements in magnetic properties motivated us to explore the correlation between induced lattice strain and magnetic response of  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$  nanomaterials at different annealing temperatures.

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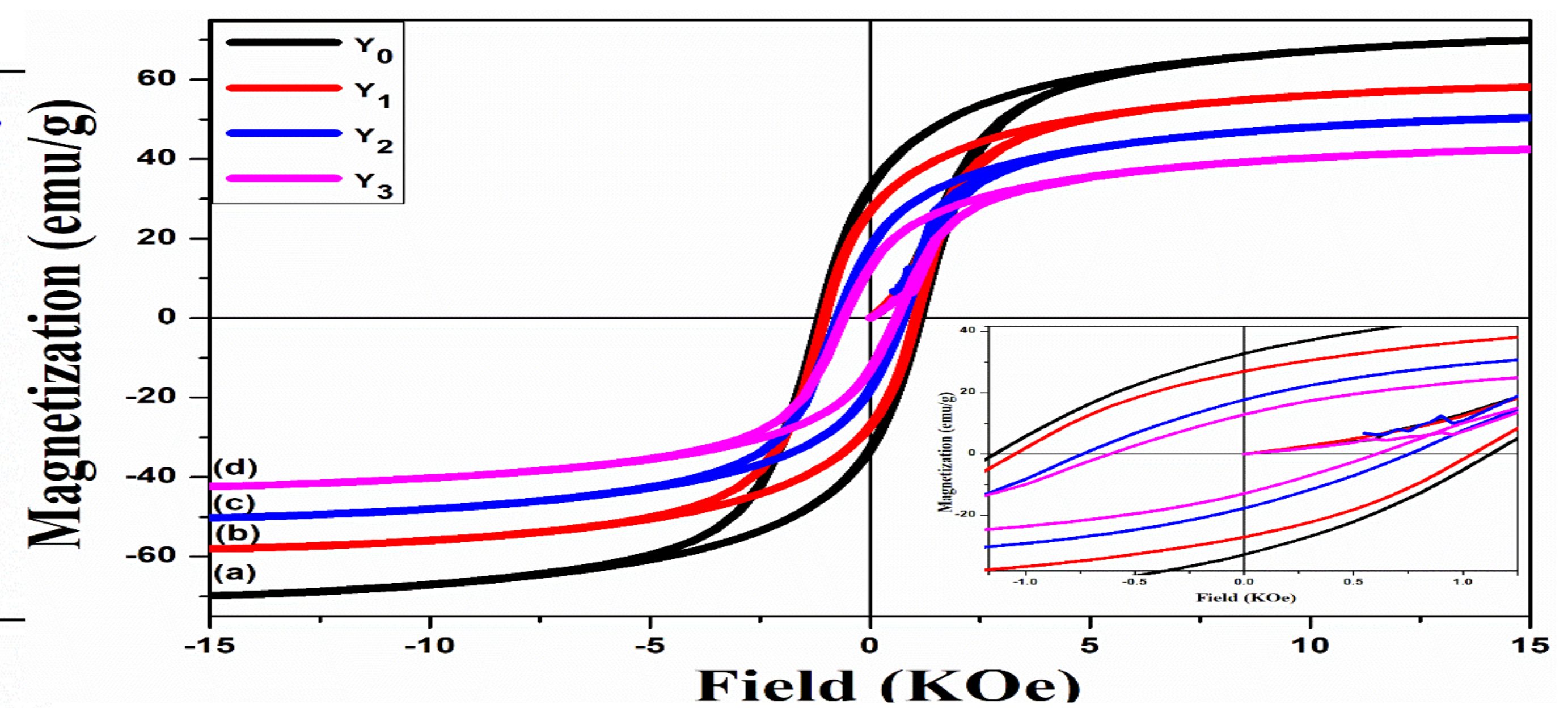
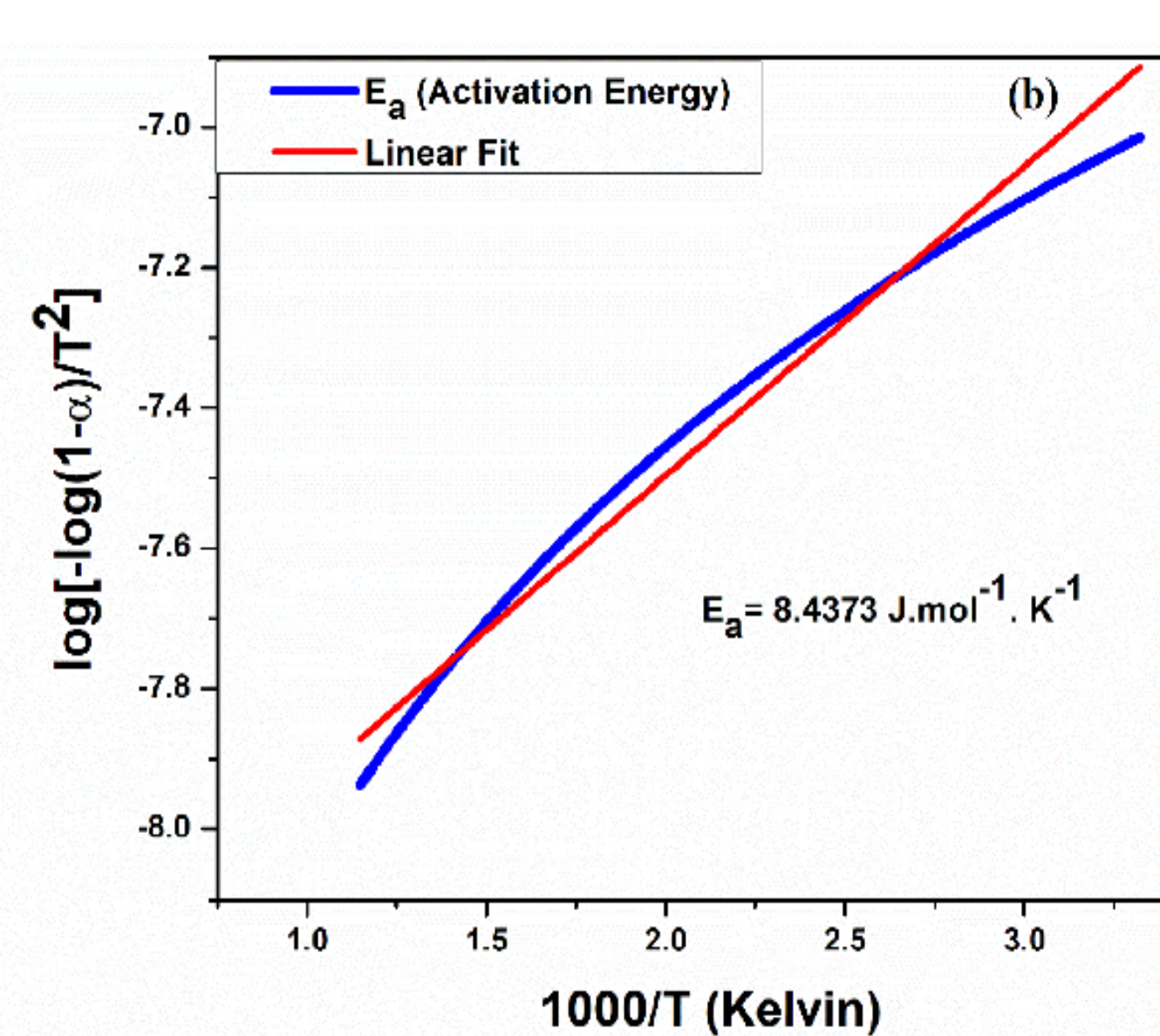
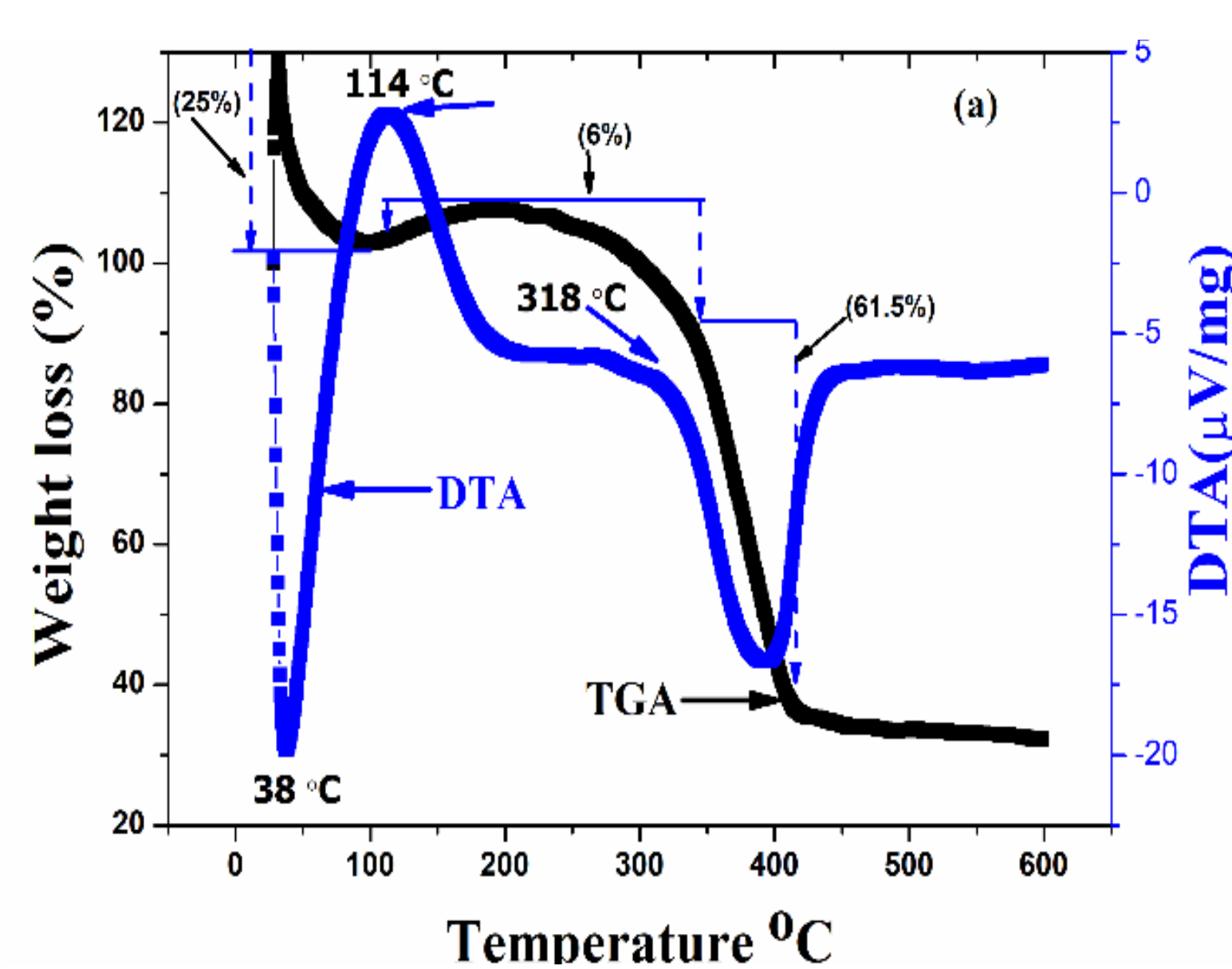
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## Research Summary:

- Ferrite nanomaterials are known as popular magnetic materials for their applications in the electronics industry, energy storage and environmental monitoring. Yttrium substituted  $\text{CoY}_x\text{Fe}_{2-x}\text{O}_4$  nanomaterials, were synthesized at  $750^\circ\text{C}$  by a sol-gel process.
- The surface morphology of  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{CoY}_{0.3}\text{Fe}_{1.7}\text{O}_4$  samples revealed agglomerated and porous structures with an average grain size of 1.24 and  $2.50\ \mu\text{m}$ , respectively, using SEM. HRTEM confirmed particle size of  $\text{CoY}_x\text{Fe}_{2-x}\text{O}_4$  (where,  $x = 0.0$  and  $0.3$ ) near 30.40 and 10.92 nm, respectively.
- The increase in  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  content has increased the direct band gap from 3.39 to 3.91 eV. The room temperature PL spectroscopy of the prepared samples indicated a predominant blue emission between 457-493 nm and a weak green emission between 493-520 nm using 350 nm excitation. The magnetic parameters like the coercivity ( $H_c$ ), saturation magnetization ( $M_s$ ), retentivity ( $M_r$ ) and magnetocrystalline anisotropy constant ( $K$ ) exhibited a continuous decrease from 1173 to 666 Oe, 69.95 to 42.38 emu/g, 33.24 to 13.45 emu/g and  $7.73 \times 10^5$  to  $3.01 \times 10^5$  erg/cm<sup>3</sup>, respectively at room temperature with the increase in  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  content. The multiferroic analysis between 3-5 KV has shown the largest P-E loop area of the pure  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$  materials, which considerably decreased with  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  substitution.
- The structural, magnetic, optical and multiferroic properties could make it useful as multifunctional materials in opto-electronic and environmental applications.

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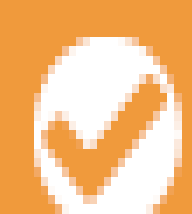
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# Nonphotocatalytic Water Splitting Process to Generate Green Electricity in Alkali Doped Zinc Oxide Based Hydroelectric Cell

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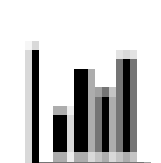


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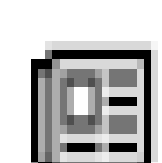


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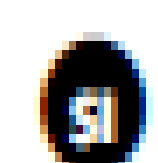
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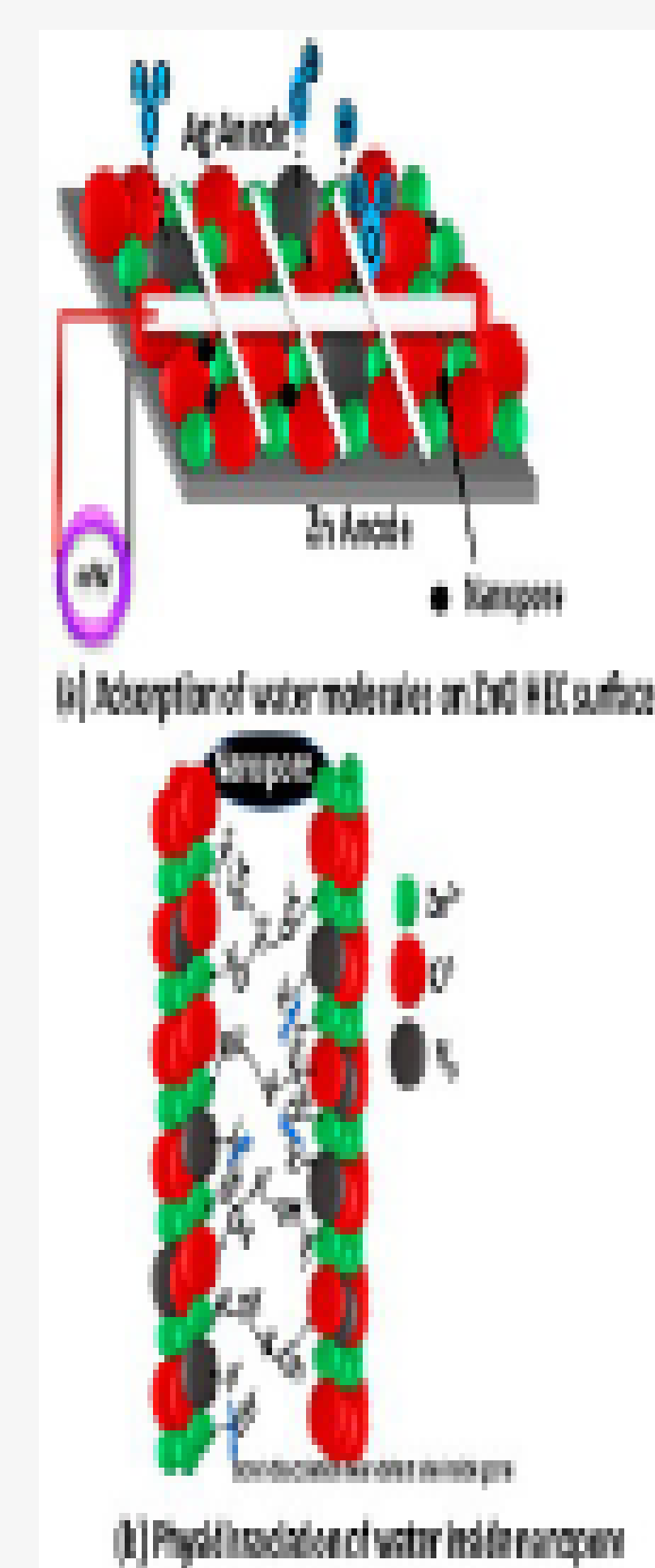


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Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** Efficient nonphotocatalytic water molecule splitting and electricity generation has been obtained from alkali (Li, Na, K) doped zinc oxide (ZnO) hydroelectric cells (HECs) at room temperature. The existence of defect centers including zinc and oxygen vacancies in pure and alkali-doped ZnO has been observed by optical spectroscopy. Broadband dielectric spectroscopy has been carried out to investigate the charge transfer mechanism in the physisorbed layer of water molecules on the surface of porous ZnO HEC. Temperature dependence of dielectric relaxation was also determined to identify the reorientation dynamics of water molecules near the defect site in ZnO. Minimum activation energy for dipolar reorientation,  $E_a \sim 128.54$  kJ/mol, was calculated for the K-ZnO sample depicting easy hopping of  $H^+$  ions near the defect site. Maximum lattice strain induced by K doping in ZnO led to faster dipolar reorientation and easy hopping of the proton over the physisorbed layer of water molecules on the cell surface. Maximum output power,  $P_{out} \sim 5.71$  mW/cm<sup>2</sup>, has been delivered by K doped ZnO HEC, which is comparable to the best achieved power density by a ZnO nanoparticle-based dye-sensitized solar cell,  $\sim 9.17$  mW/cm<sup>2</sup>. Zinc oxide based hydroelectric cells are a low cost, environmentally friendly solution for energy generation scarcity for the masses living in remote locations without the use of any harmful chemicals.

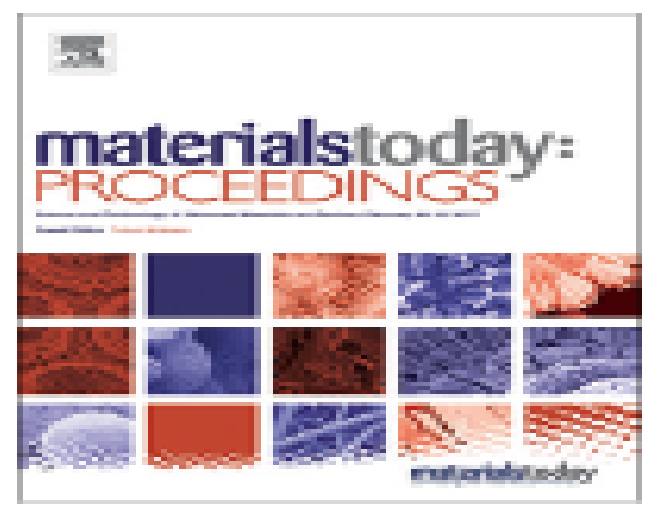


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### Effect of superfine grinding on structural, morphological and antioxidant properties of ginger (*Zingiberofficinale*) nano crystalline food powder

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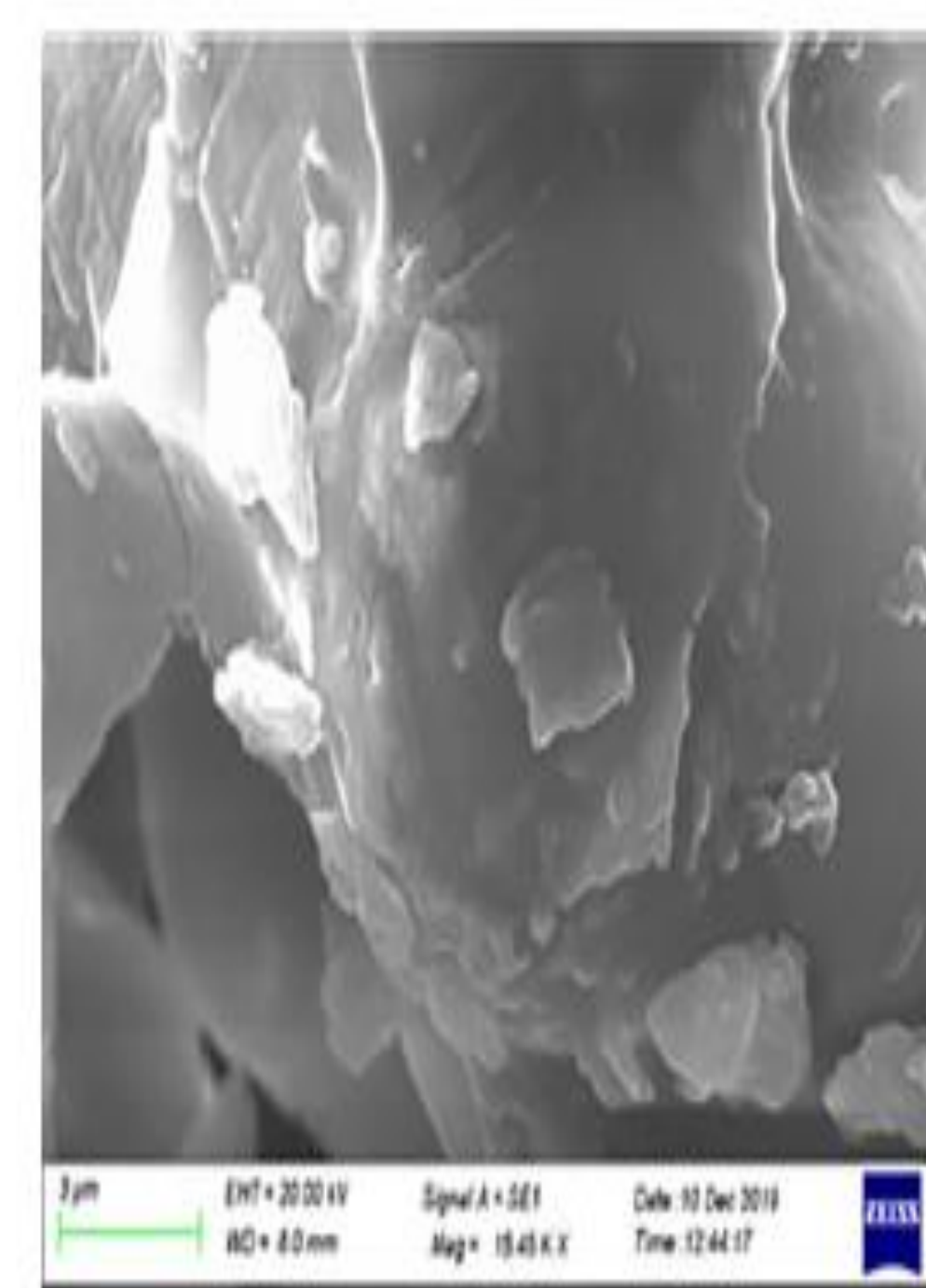
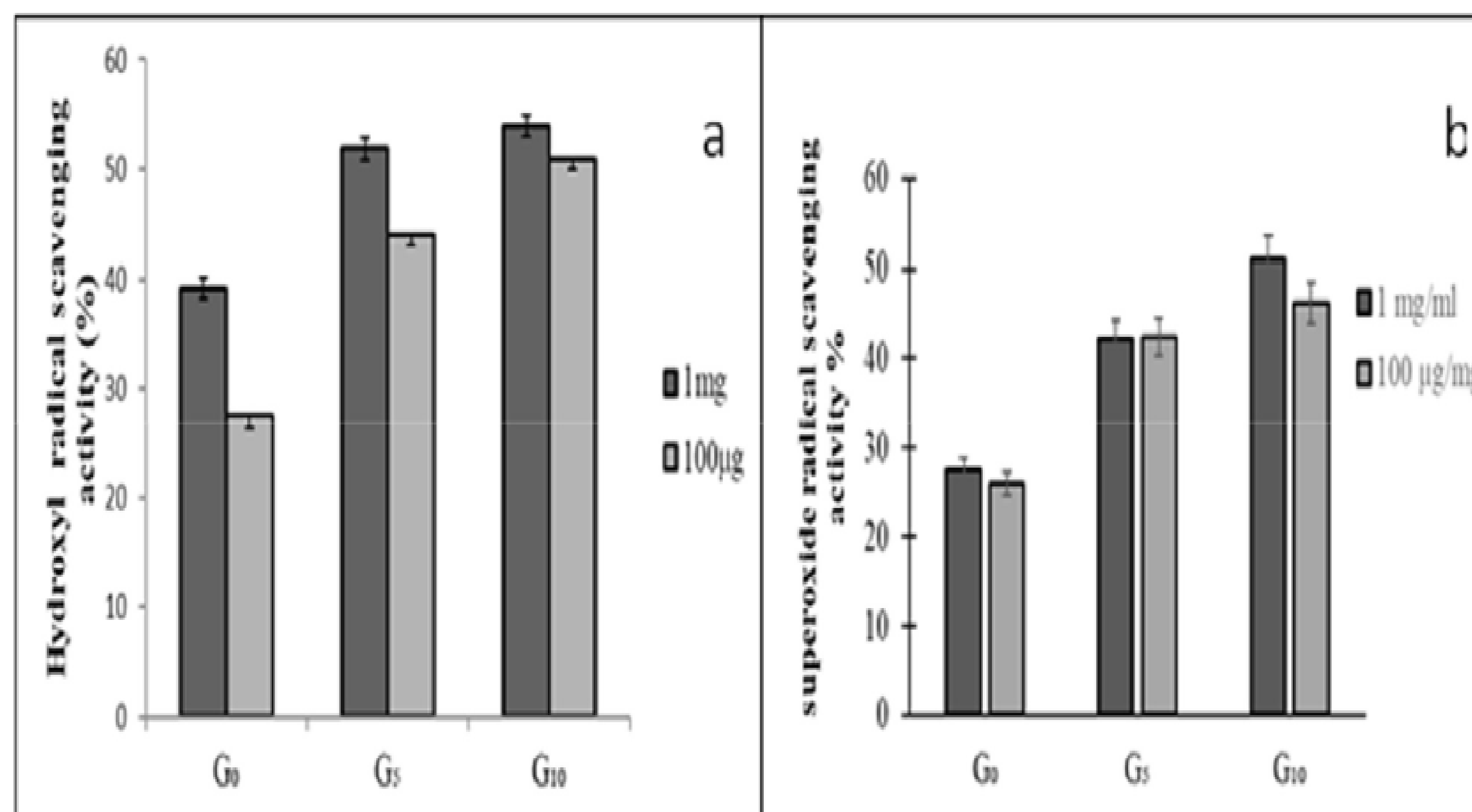
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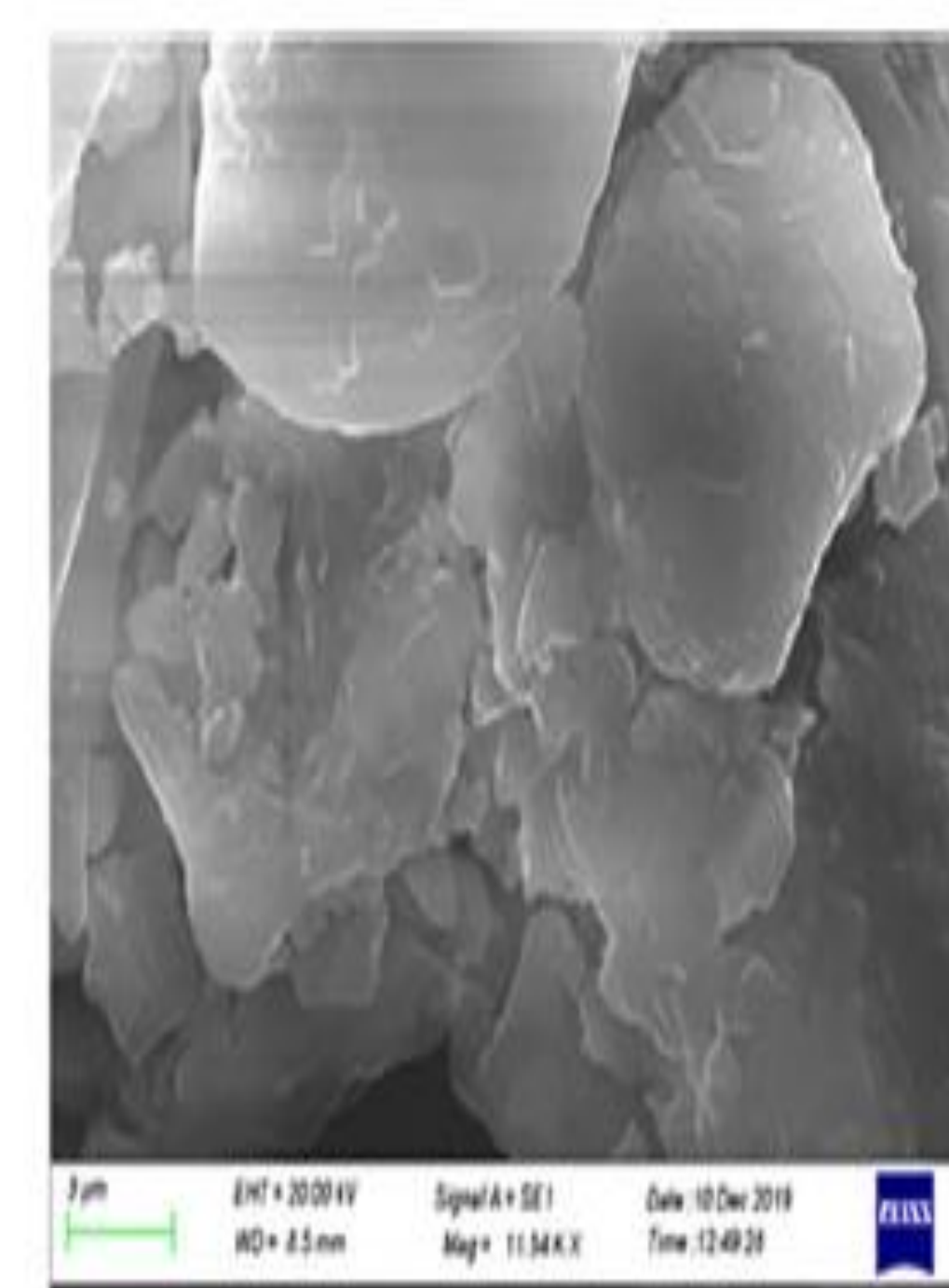
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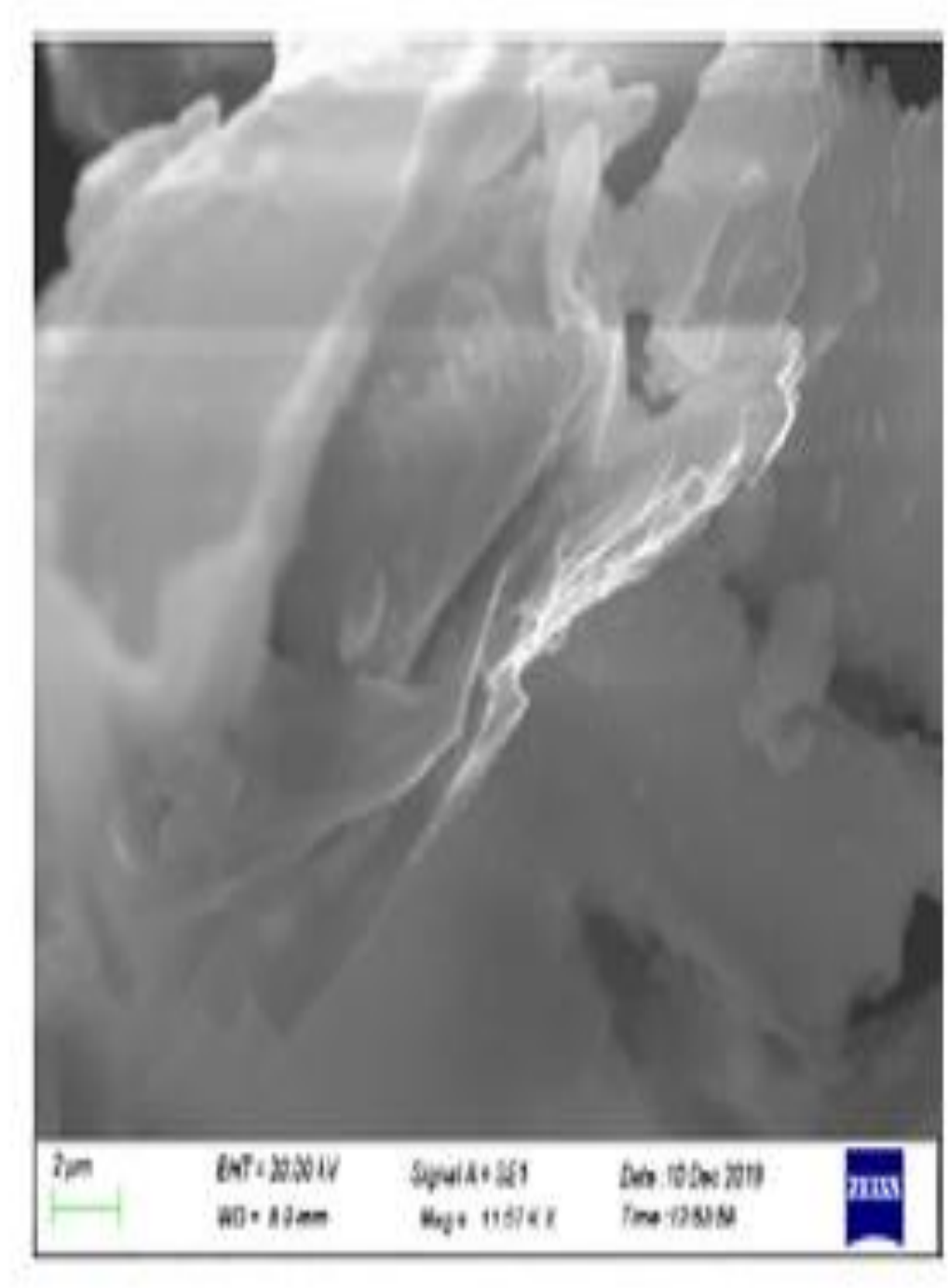
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(a) G<sub>0</sub>-powder



(b) G<sub>05</sub>-powder



(c) G<sub>10</sub>-powder

### Novelties of Research

- Regardless of high industrial and scientific interest in the crystal structure, a thorough study of surface science and their biomedical action of superfine food powder is not very much visible. While food powders are a natural product, being used as spices, as medicines in pharmaceutical and environmental sectors at a large scale.
- The superfine ginger powder was prepared using high energy ball milling equipment. The crystal structure, surface morphology, and the functional group were identified and recorded using modern scientific tools, such as X-ray diffraction (XRD), Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), and UV–Visible spectroscopy.
- The XRD study confirms that the crystal sizes of superfine powder are in between 1 nm and 100 nm and milling of ginger powder for 5 h and 10 h using a high energy ball mill, alters the crystal structure, surface morphology, which is different from ginger powder, which was prepared using mixture grinding. FTIR measurement shows that there is no change in the functional group due to milling for different time duration.
- The aim of the present study is to investigate the changes that occur in the physical and metabolic properties of superfine ginger powder due to milling. The present study shows that the total phenolic content (TPC), antioxidant property, and superoxide radicals scavenging of ginger powder increased due to change in a crystalline structure, surface morphology, and large surface to volume ratio.

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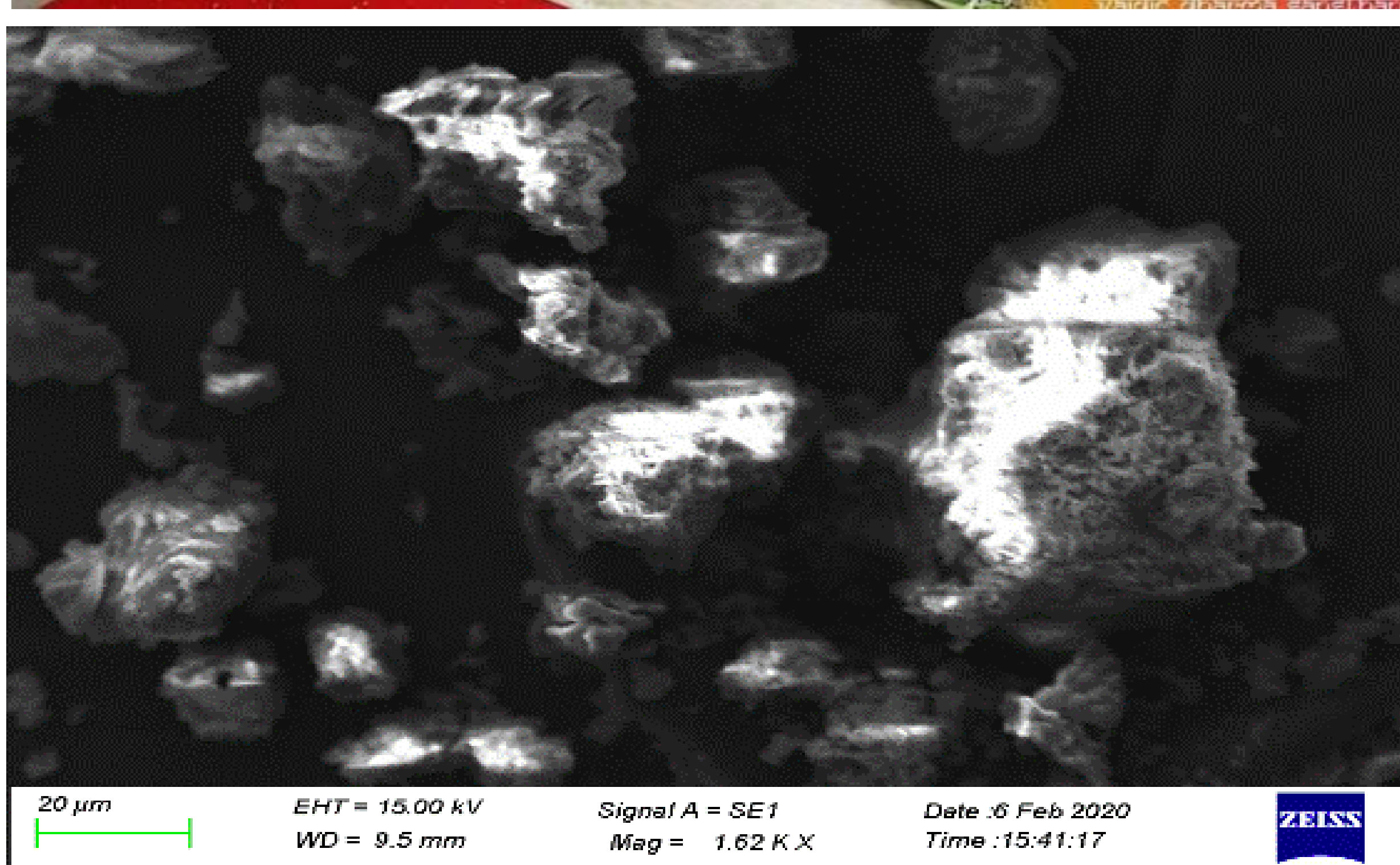
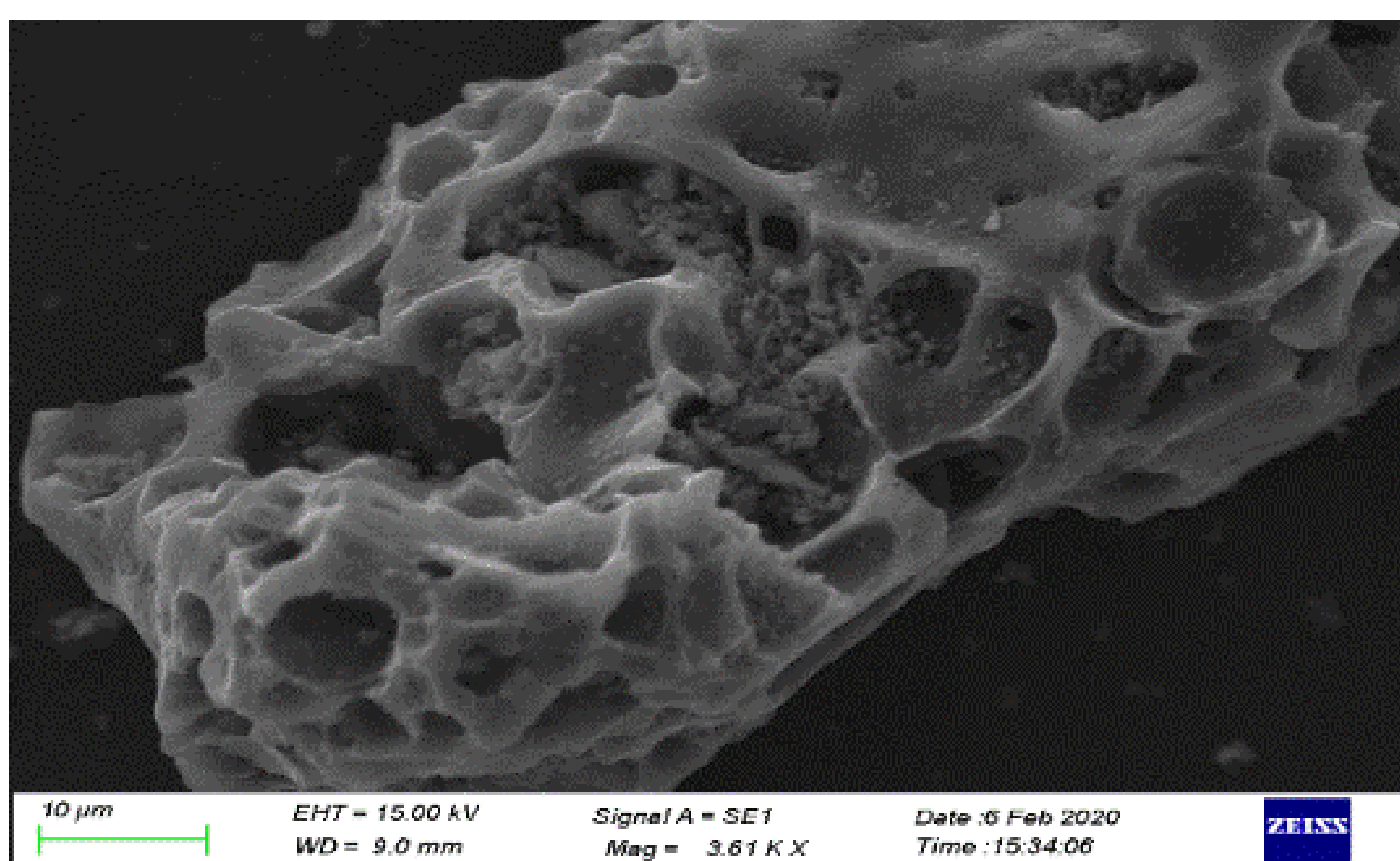


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## Electron microscopy image of ash of Hawan as functional nanomaterials

### ***Novelties of Research:***

- The Athi Rudra Homa (ARH) is a very rare and auspicious Vedic fire ceremony performed for universal peace, health and prosperity. As with the Agnihotra Homa, this homa too involves chanting and offering of medicinal herbs in the sacred fire, and the ash generated is considered to be very beneficial as minute size functional materials. The objective of the present research was to determine the physical properties of the ash from the ARH, including its crystal structure, surface morphology, the functional groups present, and the light emission behaviour from the ash, using state of the art technology, in order to understand its functional properties for various applications.
- X-ray diffraction and Scanning electron microscope measurement reveal that the size of pure and impure ash is tiny, less than 100nm, and hence this material falls under the category of nanomaterial. Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy indicates the presence of O-H, C-H, C-Cl, C-Br, C-I, N-H functional groups. Due to its nano-crystalline nature and the presence of these functional groups, such material may be useful in agriculture as herbal fertilizer and in some other fields. PL measurement shows broad luminescence in the ultra violet and visible range.
- Due to its physical properties and specially its nanoscale size, luminescence behavior, presence of compound of Ca, N etc, this 'holy' ash may be found suitable for use in various areas of science and technology, with potential applications in agriculture, water purification and other sectors.

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‘Synthesis and properties of amorphous nanosilica from rice husk and its composites

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Rice Husk



Materials used in the preparation of polymer composite



Twin-screw extruder



Injection moulding machine



Polymer composite



Magnetic Polymer

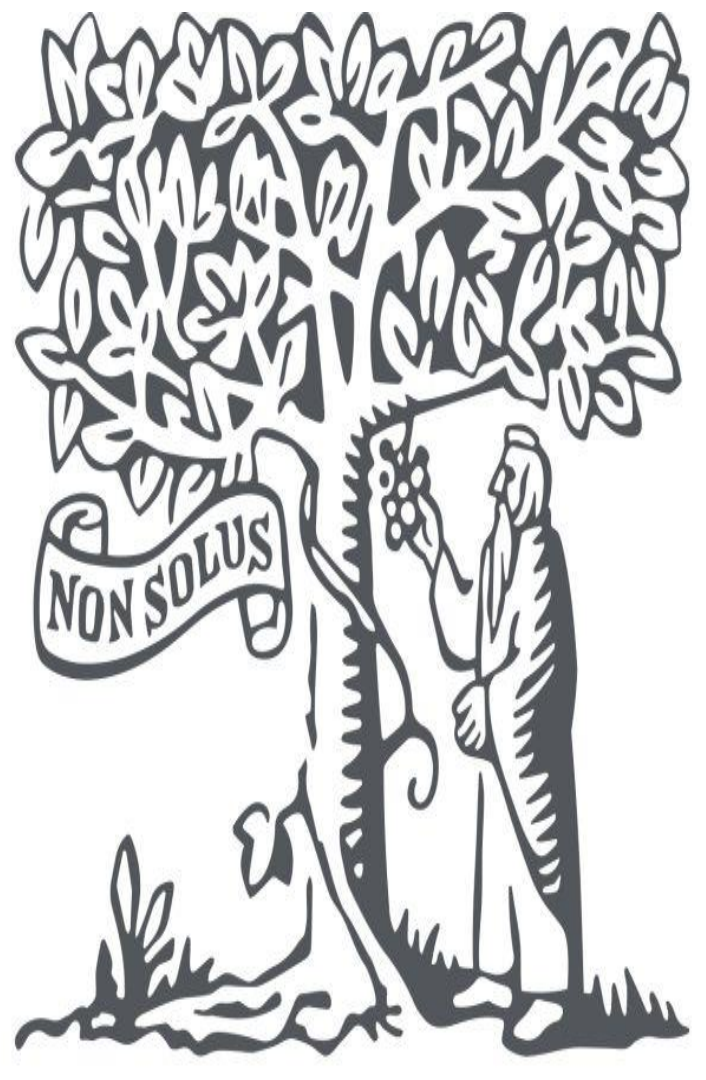
### Novelties of Research

- Amorphous Nano silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) was prepared from Agriculture waste rice husk by a cost-effective and environment-friendly method.
- The particle size of  $\text{SiO}_2$  was observed from Transmission Electron Microscopy analysis and found to be very small, which suggests the formation of amorphous Nano silica from the rice husk.
- FTIR spectra show the absorption peaks of Si–O–Si (silanol) functional group.
- The Nano composite of amorphous Nano silica-Ferrite-PVDF exhibits ferromagnetic nature due to the presence of ferrite in the Nano composite. The magnetic hysteresis loop of Nano composite reveals that the materials can be used as polymer magnet.
- The present study may help to use prepared Nano silica materials in various technological applications.

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## Review on arsenic removal using biochar-based materials

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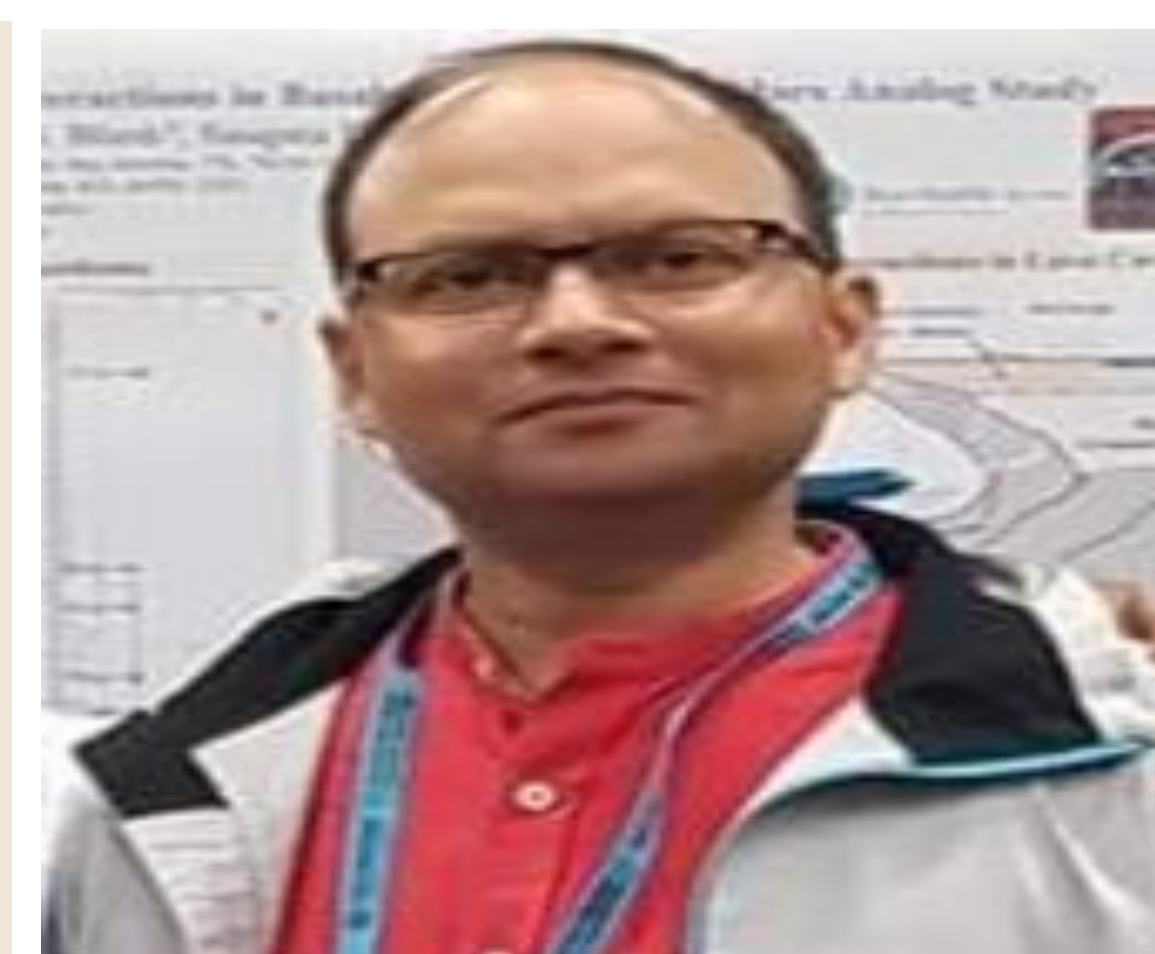
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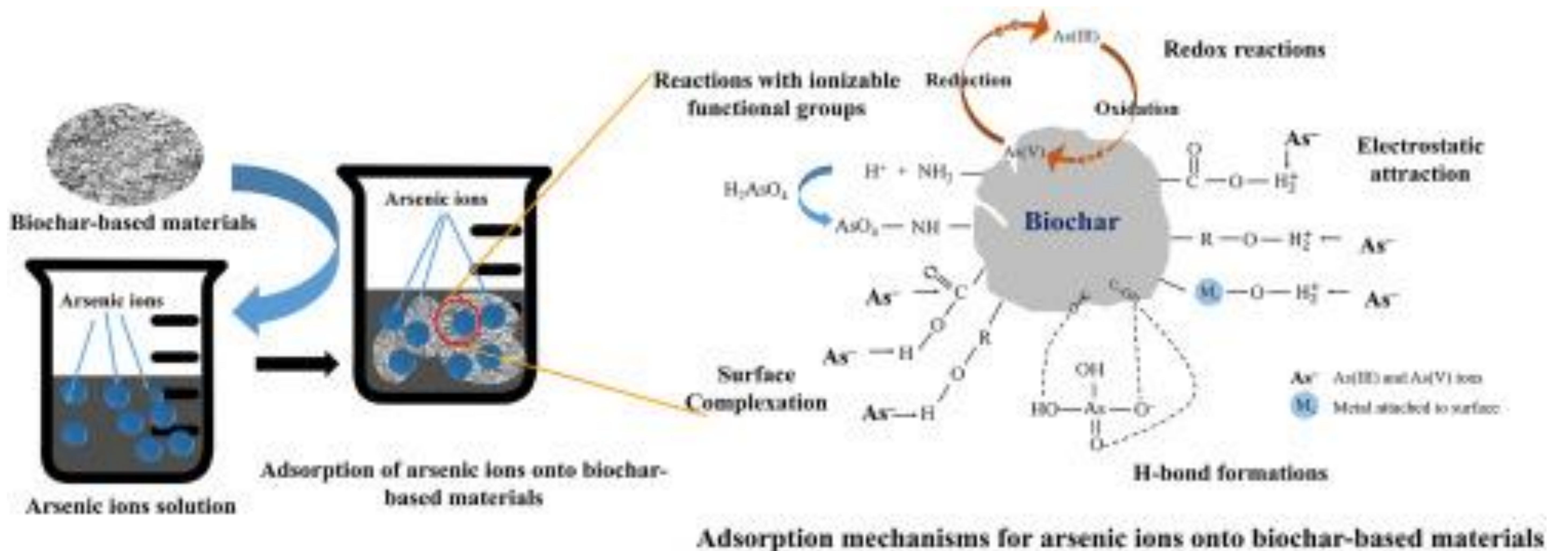
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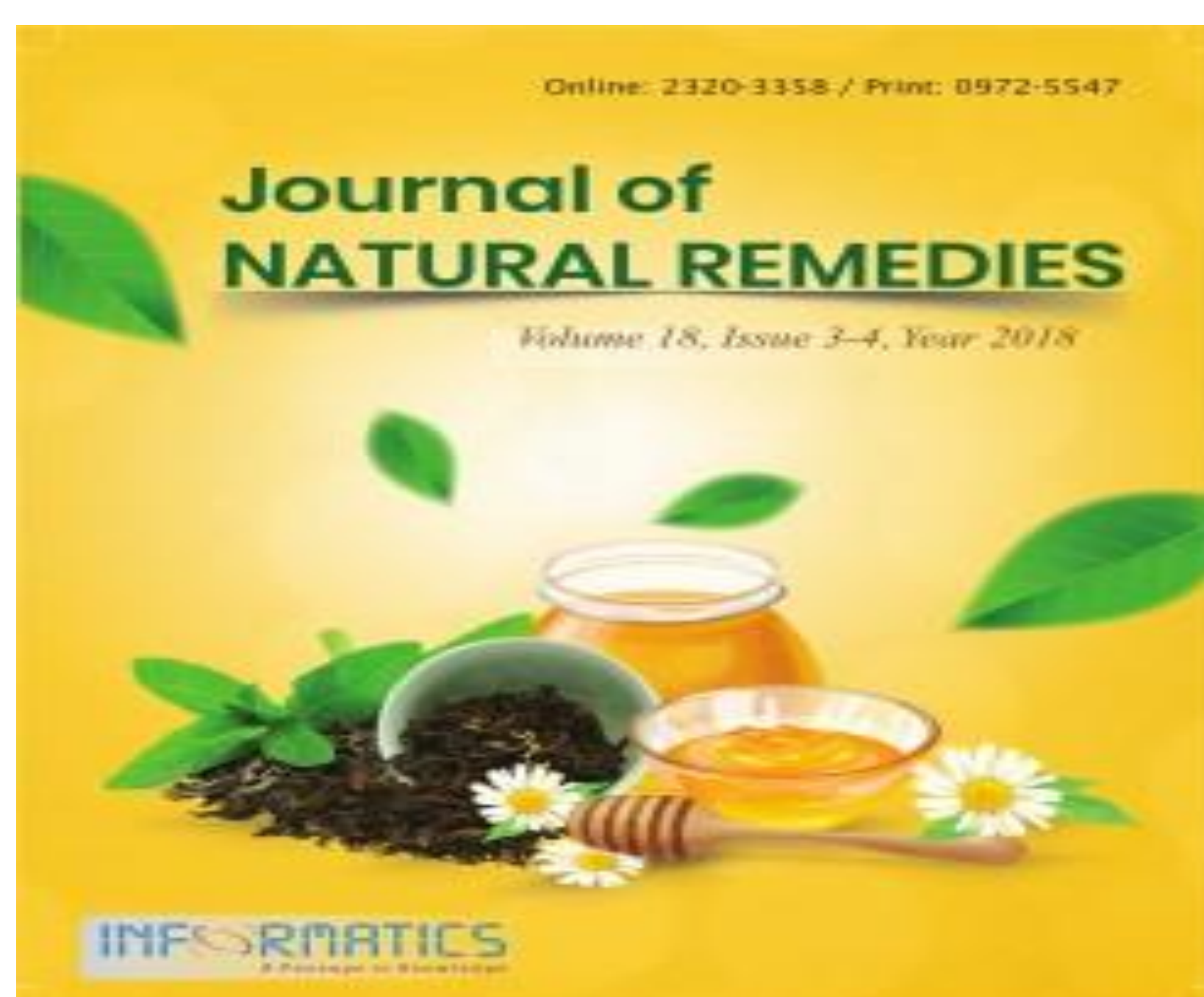
### Research Summary:

- This review work significantly summarized the current state of knowledge for arsenic-contaminated water treatment.
- Firstly, this paper insight a brief understanding of arsenic speciation, toxicity, and accumulation in the food chain, and secondly, explains the adsorption techniques for as remediation from the contaminated water.
- Thirdly, this review discusses various factors, such as acidic pH, initial concentration, biochar dose, co-existing ions, and temperature, including regeneration and reusability of biochar-based sorbents.
- Lastly, mechanistic understanding for arsenic adsorption onto biochar materials has been discussed, considering equilibrium adsorption isotherms, kinetics, and thermodynamics analysis. In conclusion, this review also highlighted major challenges and future scope relevant for implications of biochar sorbents in continuous flow systems to scale up for commercial and industrial purpose

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### Preparation and Exploration of Physical Properties of Calcium based Indian Origin Ayurvedic Medicine-Shankh Bhasma (Marine Drug) as Nanomaterials for its Applications

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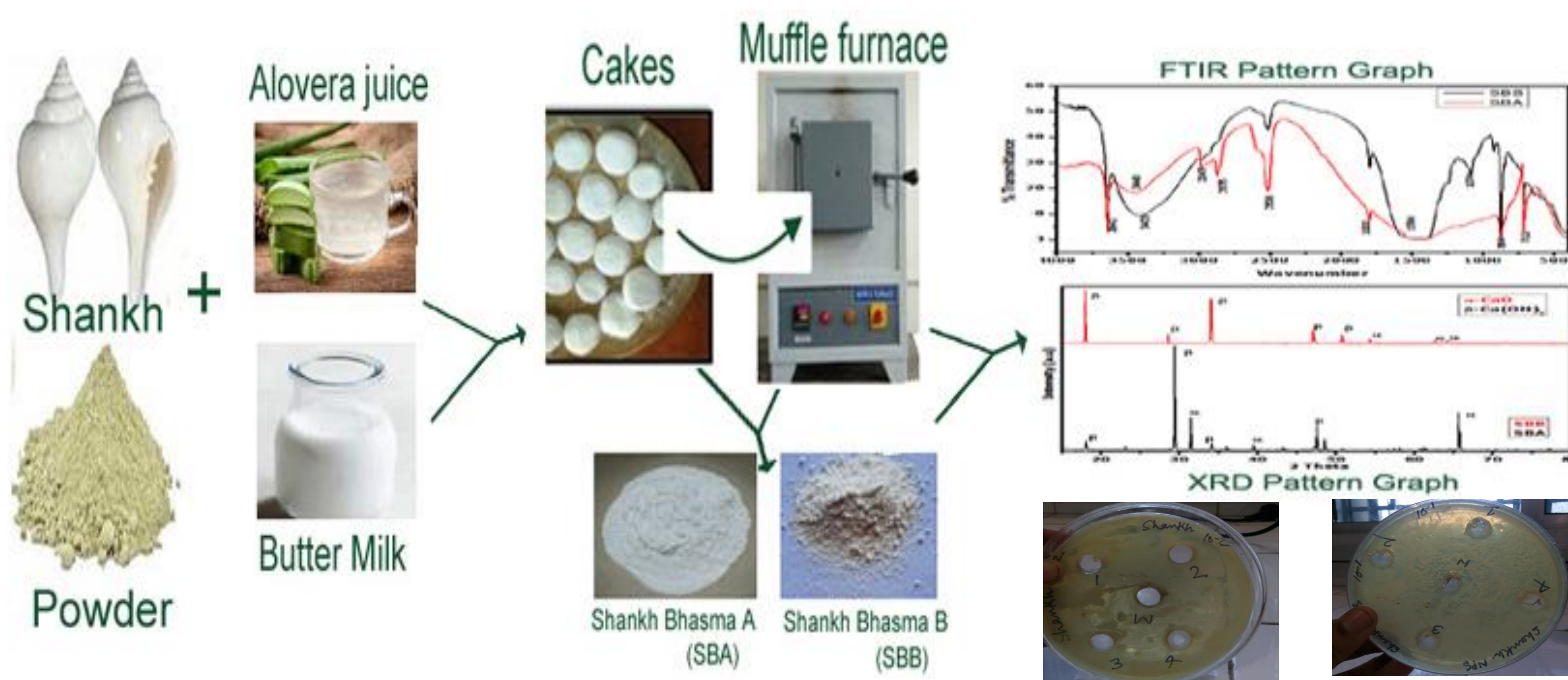
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#### Novelties of Research:

- The objective of the present research is to explore the Physical properties of a marine origin Indian Ayurvedic medicine (Shankh Bhasma) as nanomaterials for its applications. Shankh Bhasma has been prepared by using the method as mentioned in Ayurvedic text, Aloe vera and buttermilk as ingredient.
- The preparation method was ecofriendly and no hazard chemicals are used or emitted during preparation. X-ray diffraction measurement and Scanning electron microscopy analysis showed that Bhasma is in agglomerated Nano crystalline materials.
- The photoluminescence measurement shows a broad spectrum in UV region and one prominent emission peak in the visible region at 405nm. Prepared shankh bhasma was examined on E. coli and there is no effect on E. coli. was observed.
- In this present research, physical property measurement of shankh bhasma using state of the art techniques of 21st century not only support a foundation for the development of low cost ayurvedic natural marine based materials as Nano medicine and its uses in other sectors of science and technology.

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# Physical properties of Pr-substituted Li/Ni ferrite magnetic materials at nanometric scale for its multifunctional applications in industries/environment and their cytotoxicity, lymphocyte studies as nanomedicine

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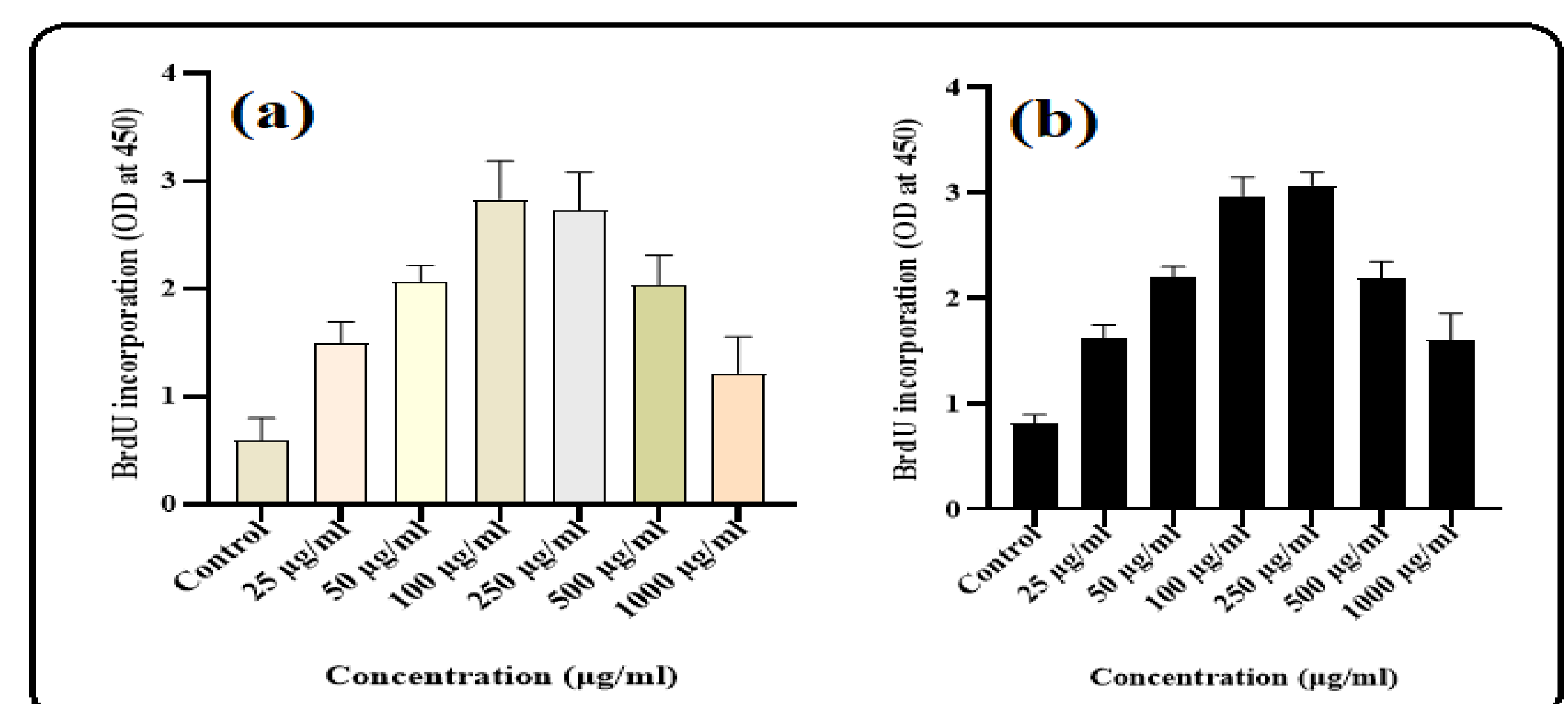
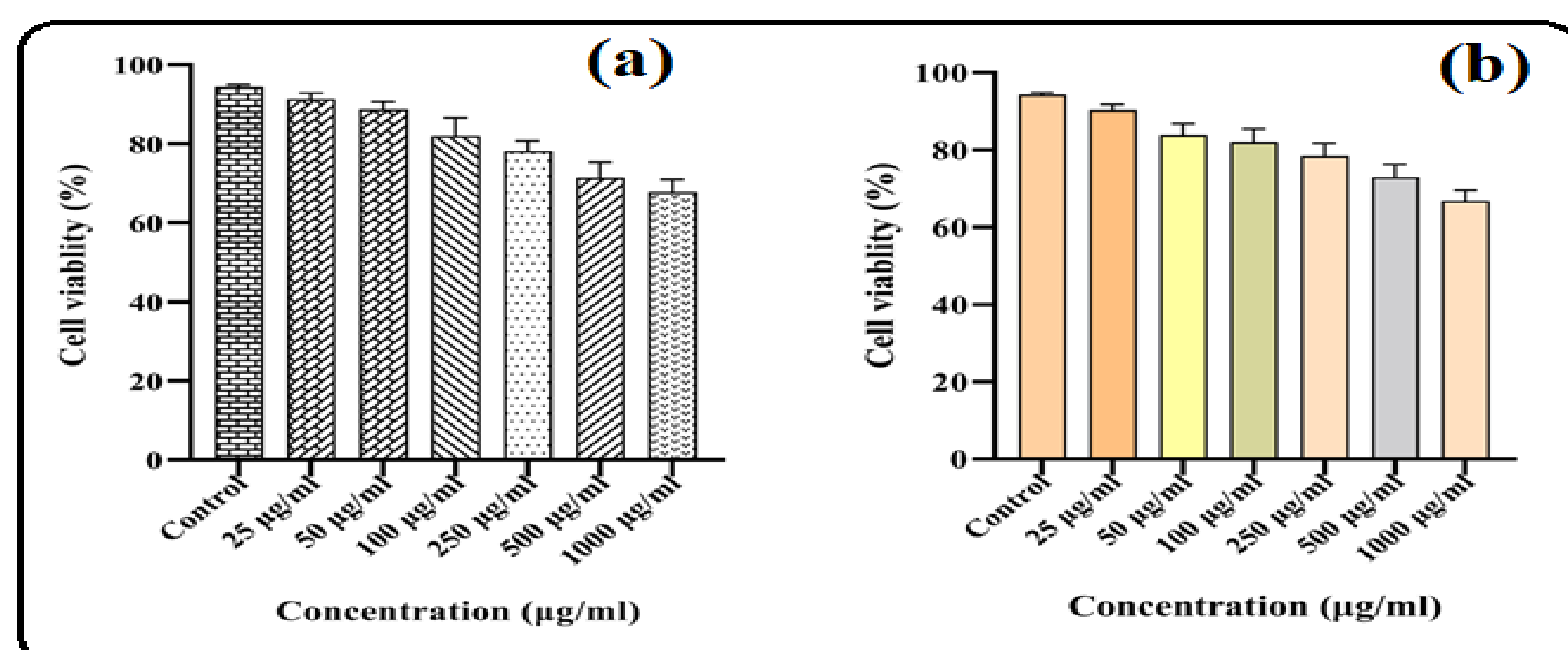
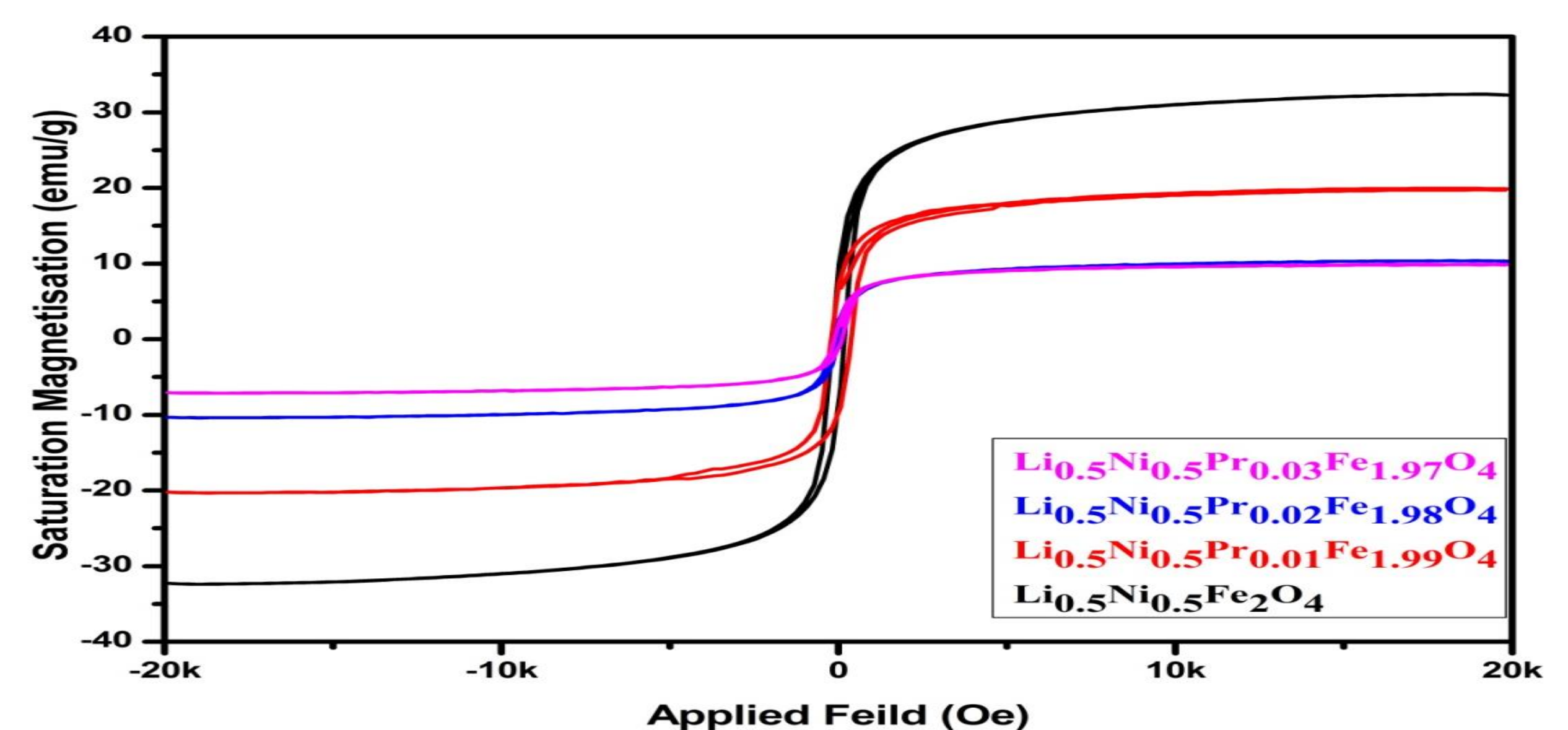
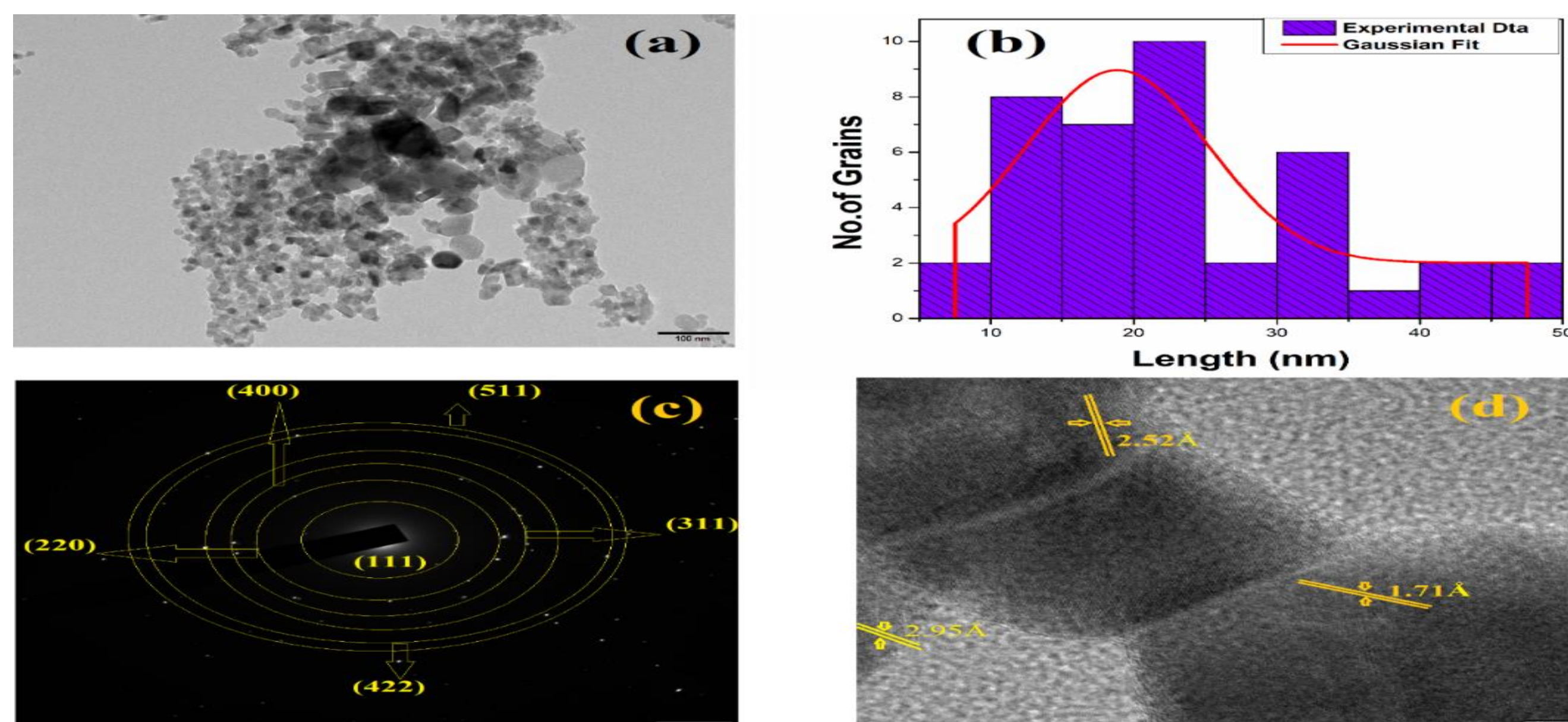
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## Research Highlights

- $\text{Li}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Pr}_x\text{Fe}_{2-x}\text{O}_4$  ( $x=0, 0.01, 0.02$  and  $0.03$ ) prepared using cost-effective citrate precursor method. The ferrite magnetic materials are iron oxide-based materials and at nanometric scale very promising for its multifunctional applications in Electronics industries, Purification of water and as Nanomedicine. In this present research, structural, surface morphology, optical, electronic, and magnetic properties together with cytotoxicity and lymphoproliferation on murine spleen cells have been investigated.
- The indirect band gap energies were improved with the substitution of rare-earth ion. The saturation magnetization value was found between 33.5 and 6.73 emu/g for  $\text{Li}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Pr}_x\text{Fe}_{2-x}\text{O}_4$  ferrites.
- The coercivity was estimated in between 185.24–98.780e for Li-Ni-nanoferrite system. In addition, the observed in-vitro cytotoxicity and lymphoproliferative results appeared to be biocompatible and concentrations dependent as studied by MTT and BrdU assays.
- The present research results indicate that Pr-substituted ferrite might be applied in transformer cores because of reduced coercivity in opto-electronic instruments owing to improved optical properties and iron- oxide based bio-nanomaterials for its uses in health and medical science sector.

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## Low temperature synthesis and influence of $\text{Ce}^{3+}$ substitution on structural and magnetic properties of nanocrystalline cobalt ferrite using citrate precursor sol-gel method

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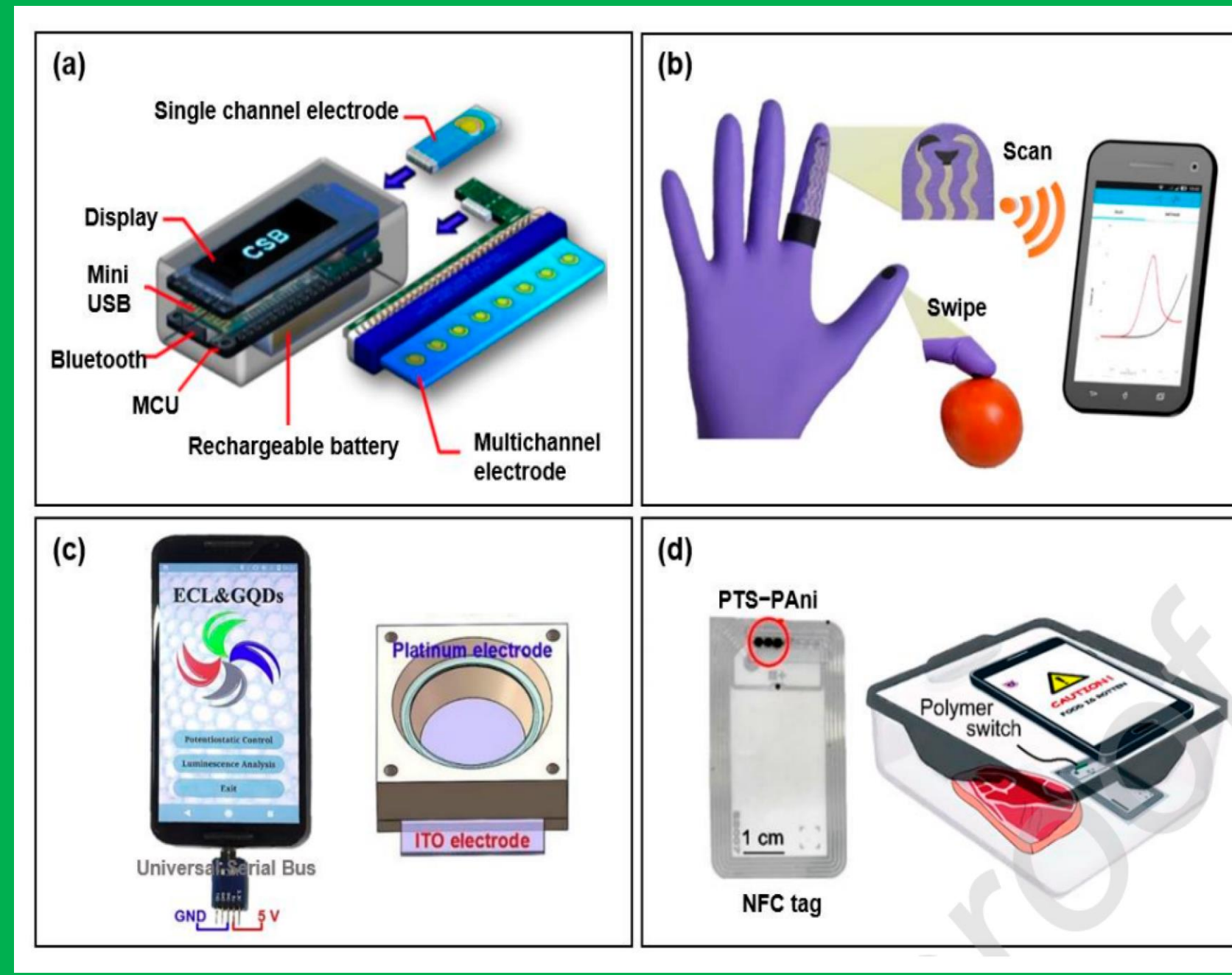


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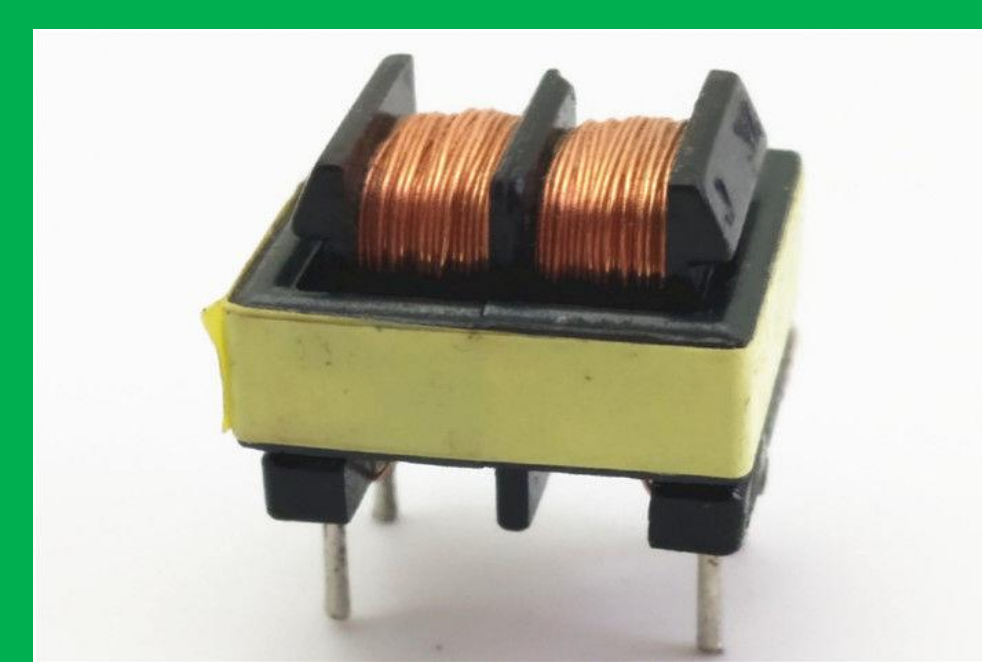
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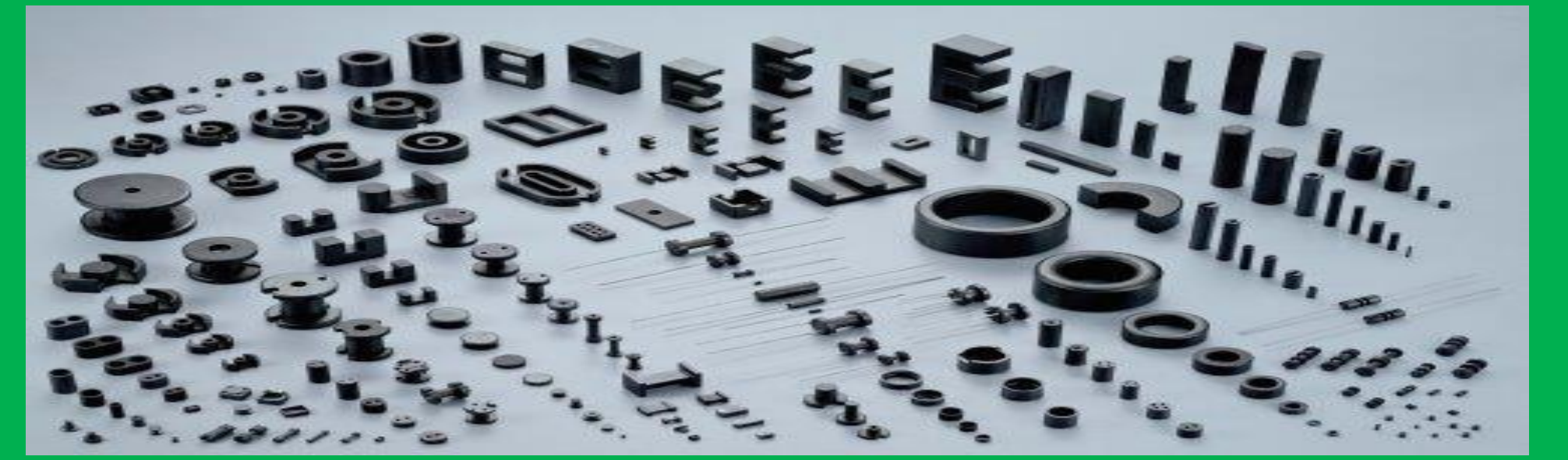
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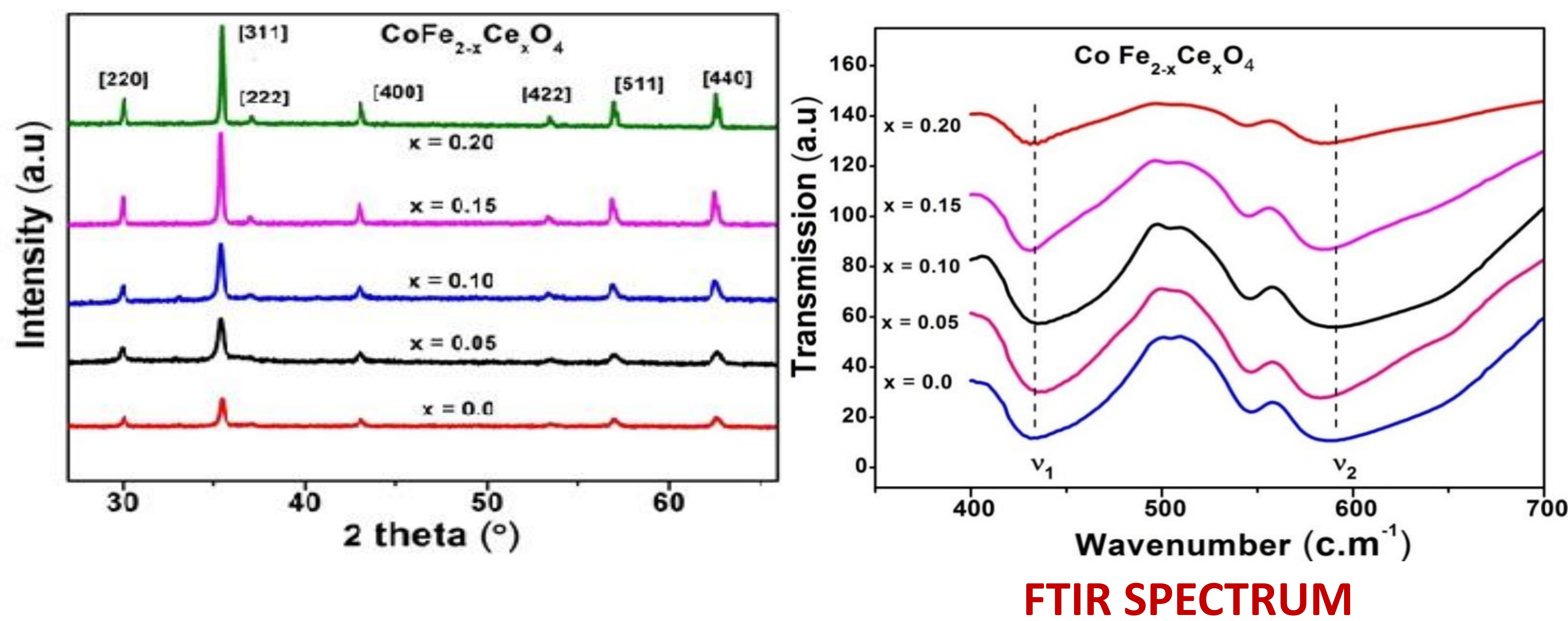
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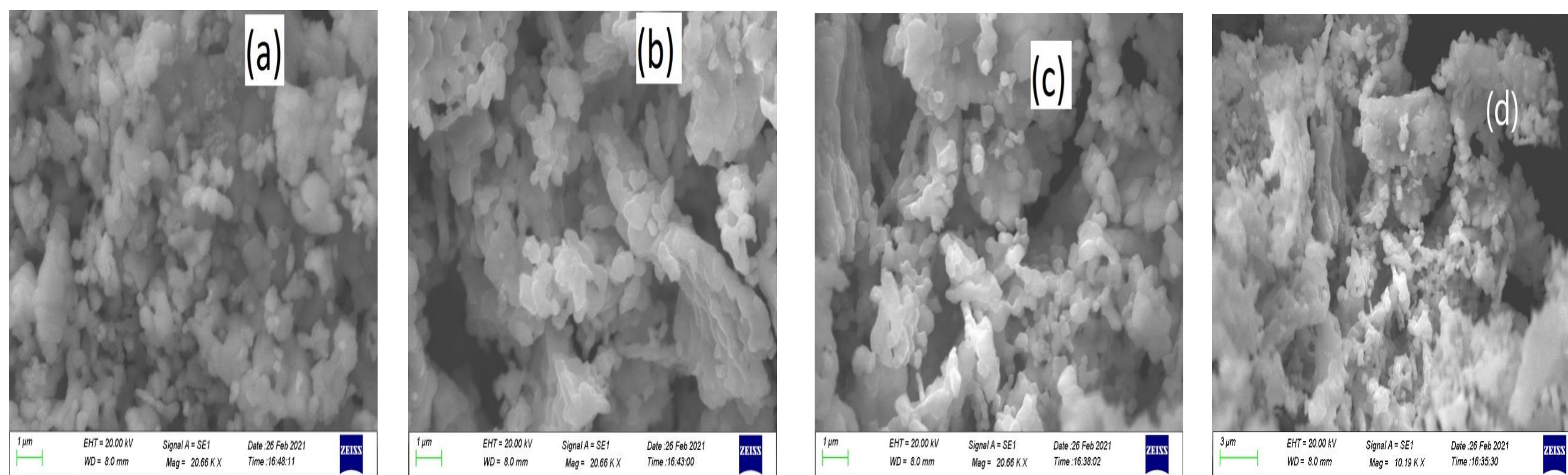
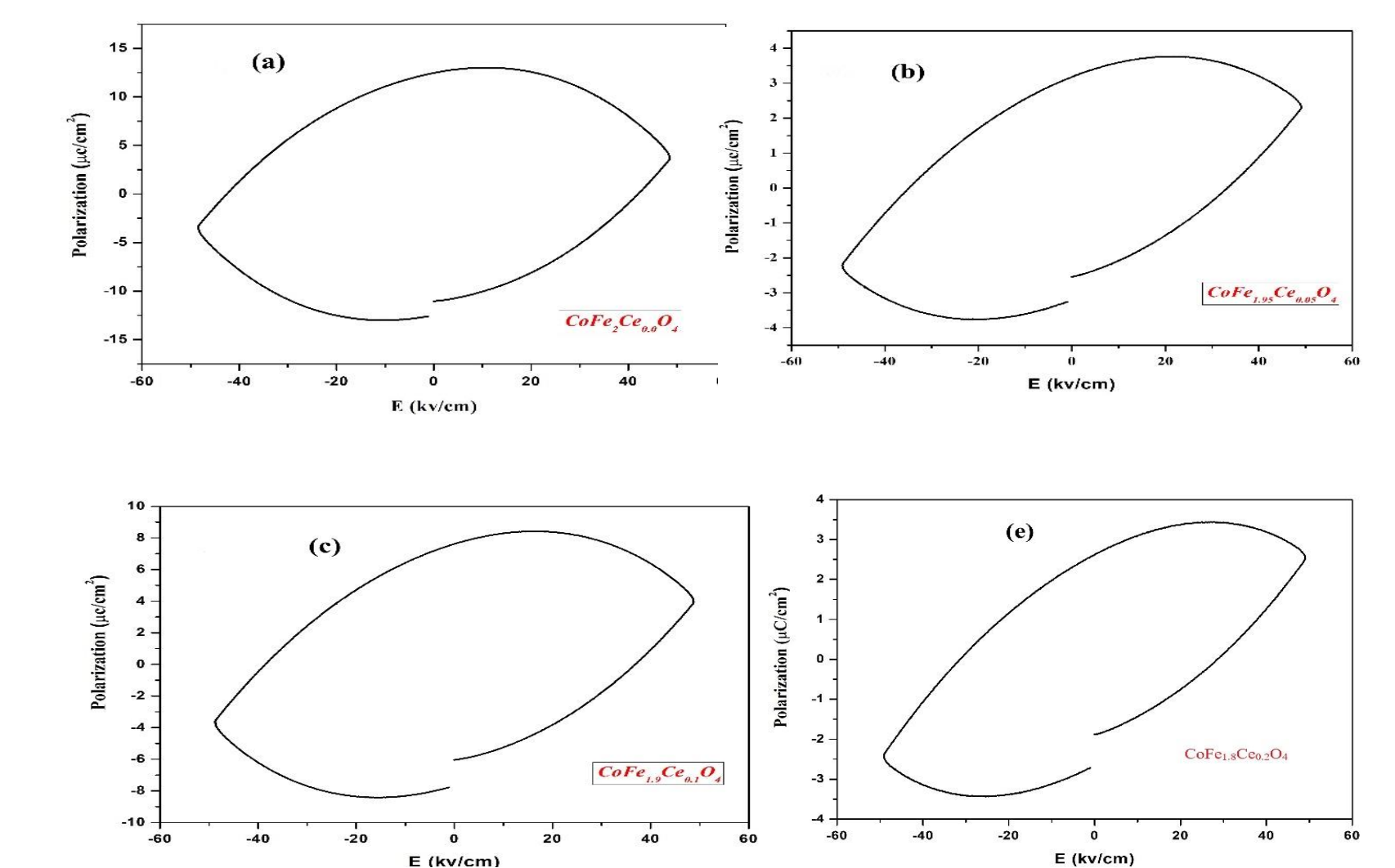
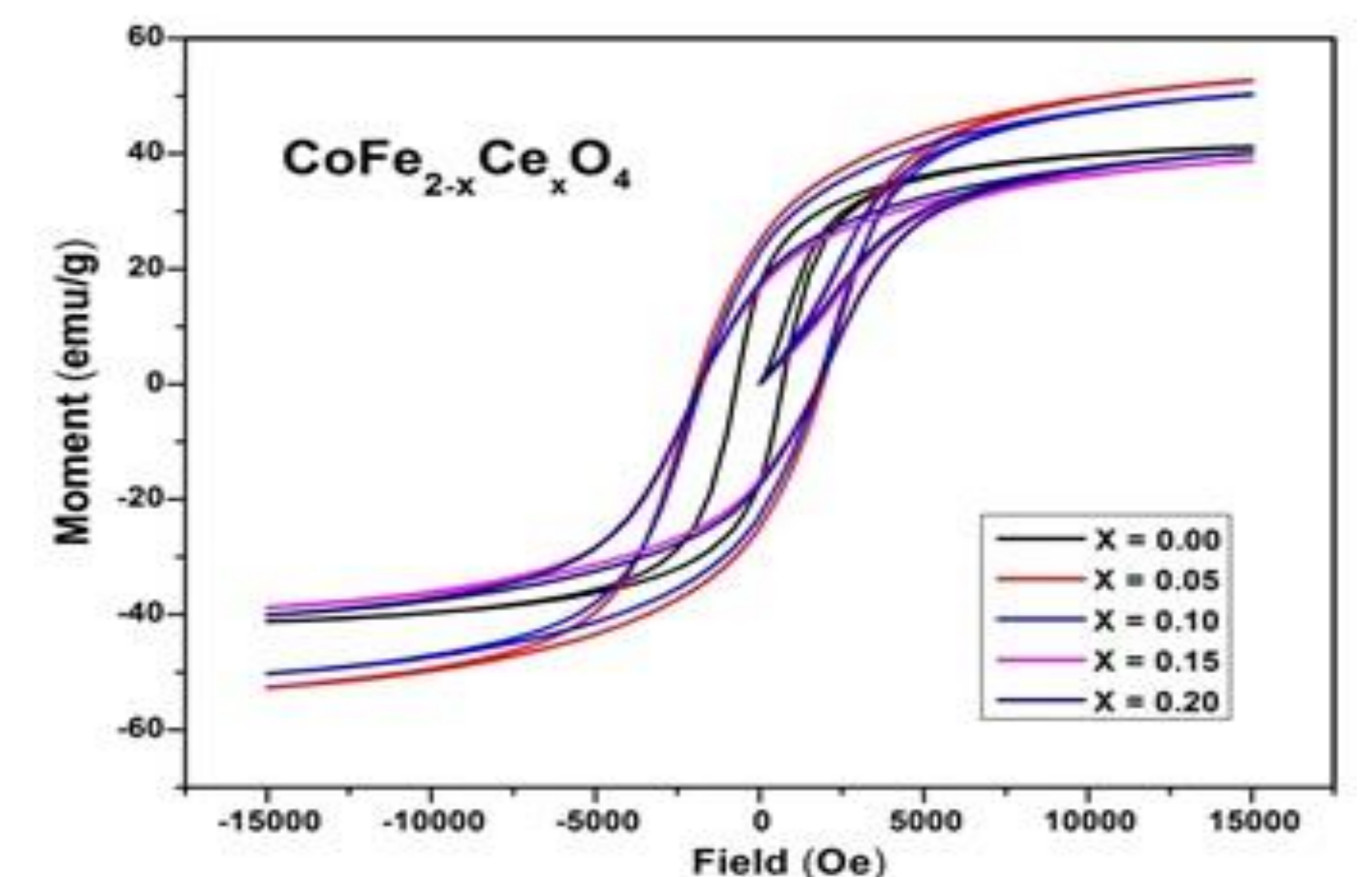
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### STRUCTURAL MEASUREMENTS



### MAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS



SEM ANALYSIS

### STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES

$\text{CoFe}_{2-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{O}_4$	Crystallite size (nm)	$a=b=c(\text{\AA})$	cell volume( $\text{\AA}^3$ )
$x=0.0$	48.89	8.314	574.685
$x=0.05$	52.71	8.319	575.722
$x=0.10$	54.06	8.322	576.345
$x=0.15$	56.98	8.325	576.969
$x=0.20$	62.20	8.327	577.385

### MAGNETIC PROPERTIES

S.N.	$\text{CoFe}_{2-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{O}_4$	Coercive Polarisation ( $E_c$ ) (KV/cm)	Remanent Polarisation( $P_r$ ) ( $\mu\text{C}/\text{cm}^2$ )
1	$X = 0.0$	42.00	1.25
2	$X = 0.05$	24.19	5.51
3	$X = 0.10$	36.87	7.62
4	$X = 0.15$	38.97	14.72
5	$X = 0.20$	28.63	26.19

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## Effect of Radiation of Moon on the physical property of Jalkhumbhi (*Water hyacinth*) Bhasma as a functional nanomaterials for its applications as medicine and in other areas of Science & Technology.

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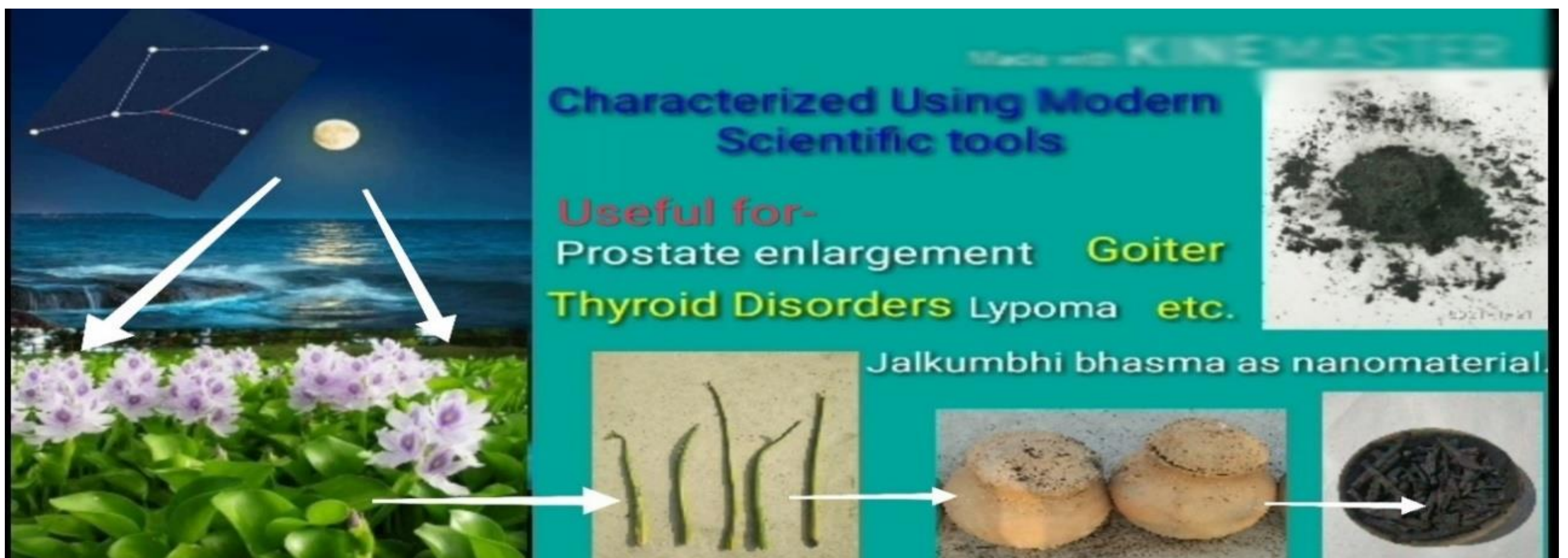
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- Jalkhumbhi Bhasma as Nanomaterials are prepared using ecofriendly green approach in Pushya nakshtra and Rohini nakshtra. The crystal structure was evaluated, using modern scientific tools. X-ray diffraction measurement shows that crystalline size and lattice constant of Jalkhumbhi bhasma prepared in Push and Rohini nakshtra were found, 26.62 nm and 54.55 nm and lattice constant 6.312Å, 6.301Å and respectively. This reveal effect of radiation of moon alters the crystal structure and formation of nanocrystalline materials.
- The Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) measurement shows functional group present in the materials are of compound of K, Cl, C-Cl, NH<sub>2</sub>, C-O-C, C=O, Ca and Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> respectively. The magnitude of force constant for are 2.51307 N/cm, 4.16005 N/cm and 2.61932 N/cm, 4.20074 N/cm respectively and this measure the interatomic strength. The photoluminescence spectra (PL) reveals that the broad spectrum from both the materials lies in the visible region showing broad blue emission. The energy band gap value for the most significant intense peak corresponding to 481 nm (2.55 eV) corresponding to 350 nm excitation and 501 nm (2.475 eV) for 370 nm. The optical property shows that prepared jalkhambhi bhasma may be useful as semiconductor electronics nanomaterials, which was prepared using eco-friendly. This may open a new window for pharmaceutical industries for production of such materials for electronics-based industries in addition to use as drug.

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# Investigating structural, magnetic and multiferroic properties of gadolinium substituted strontium hexaferrite ( $\text{SrFe}_{12-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{O}_{19}$ )

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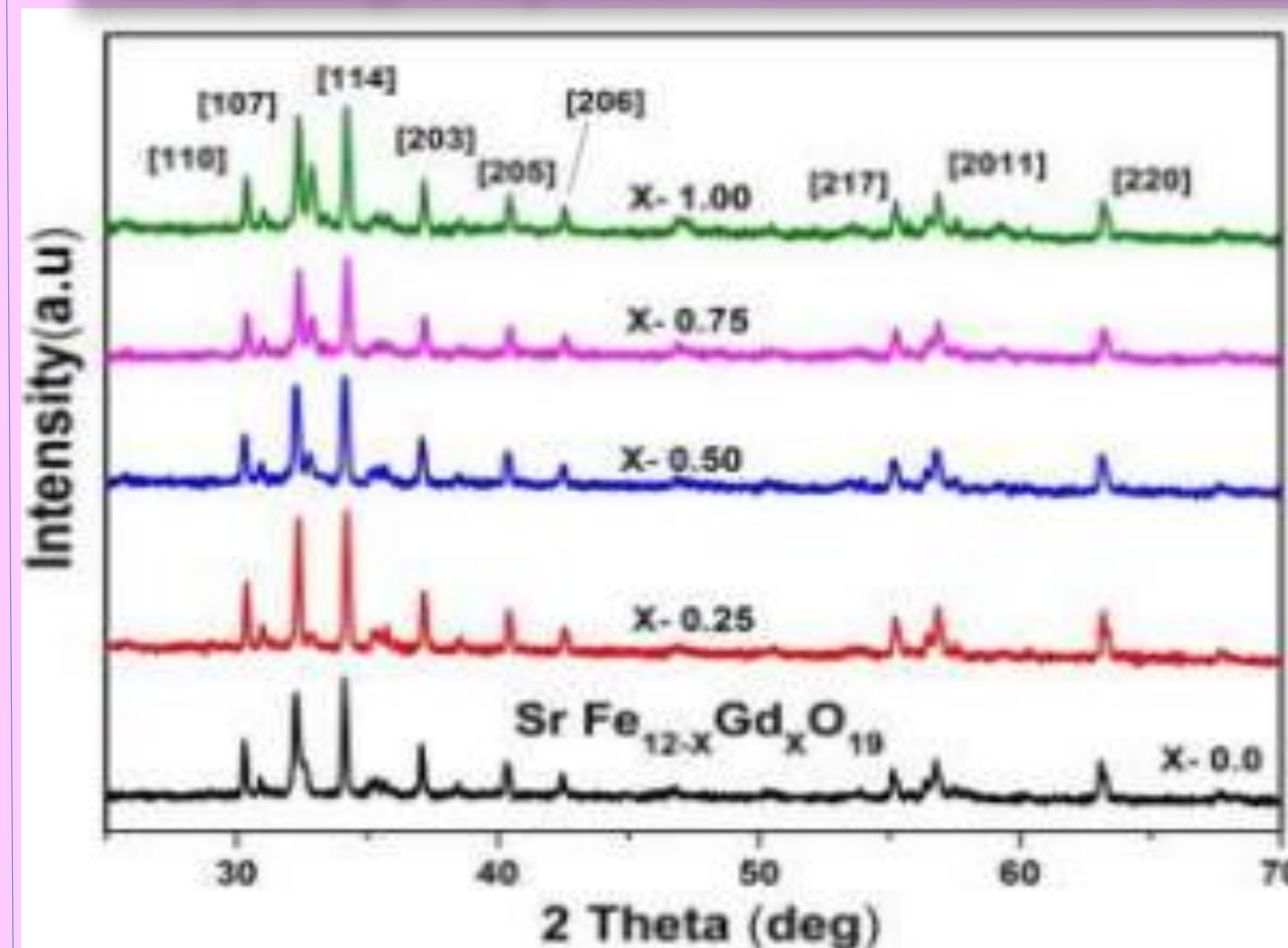
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## Nanomaterials for Electronics and Environmental applications

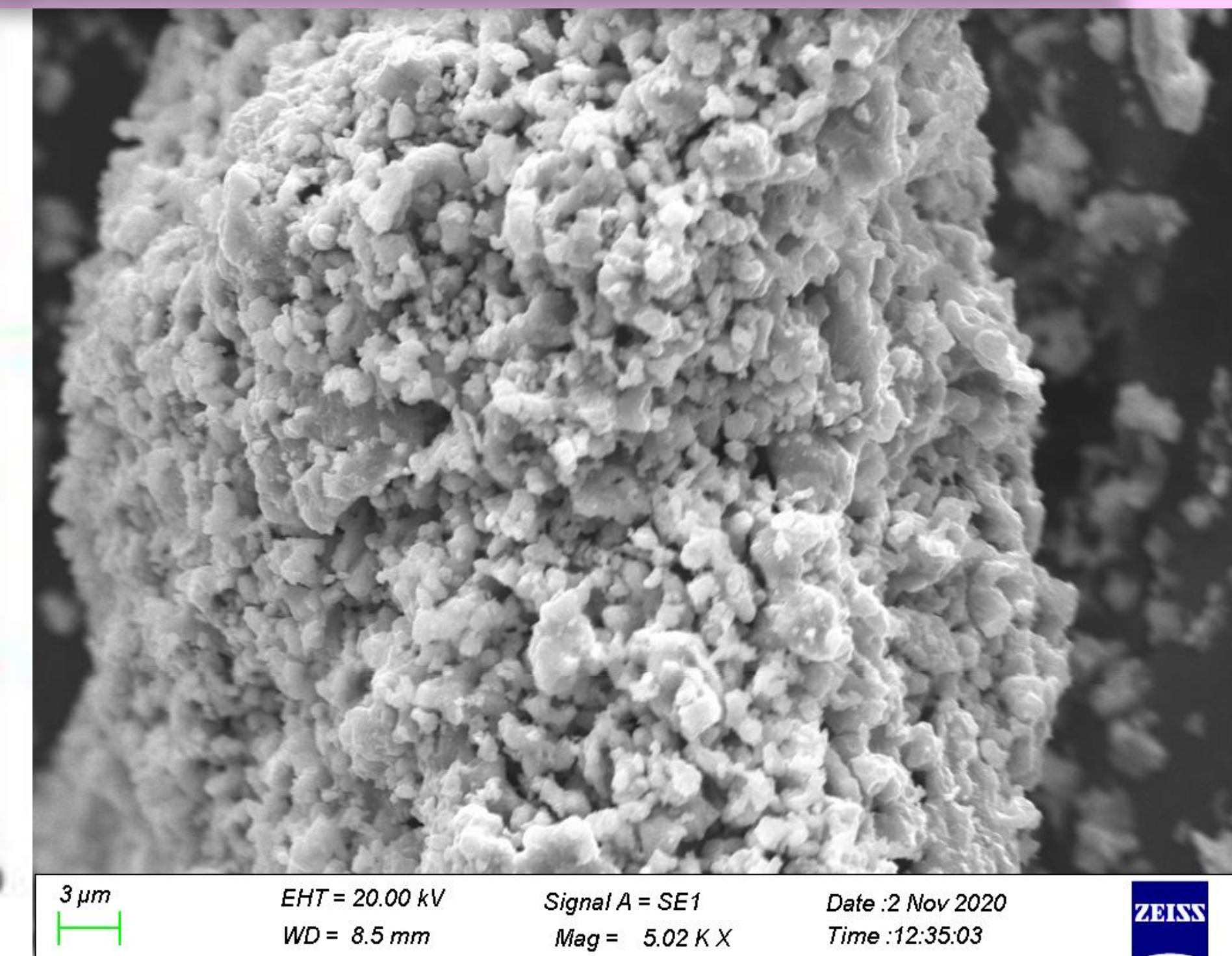
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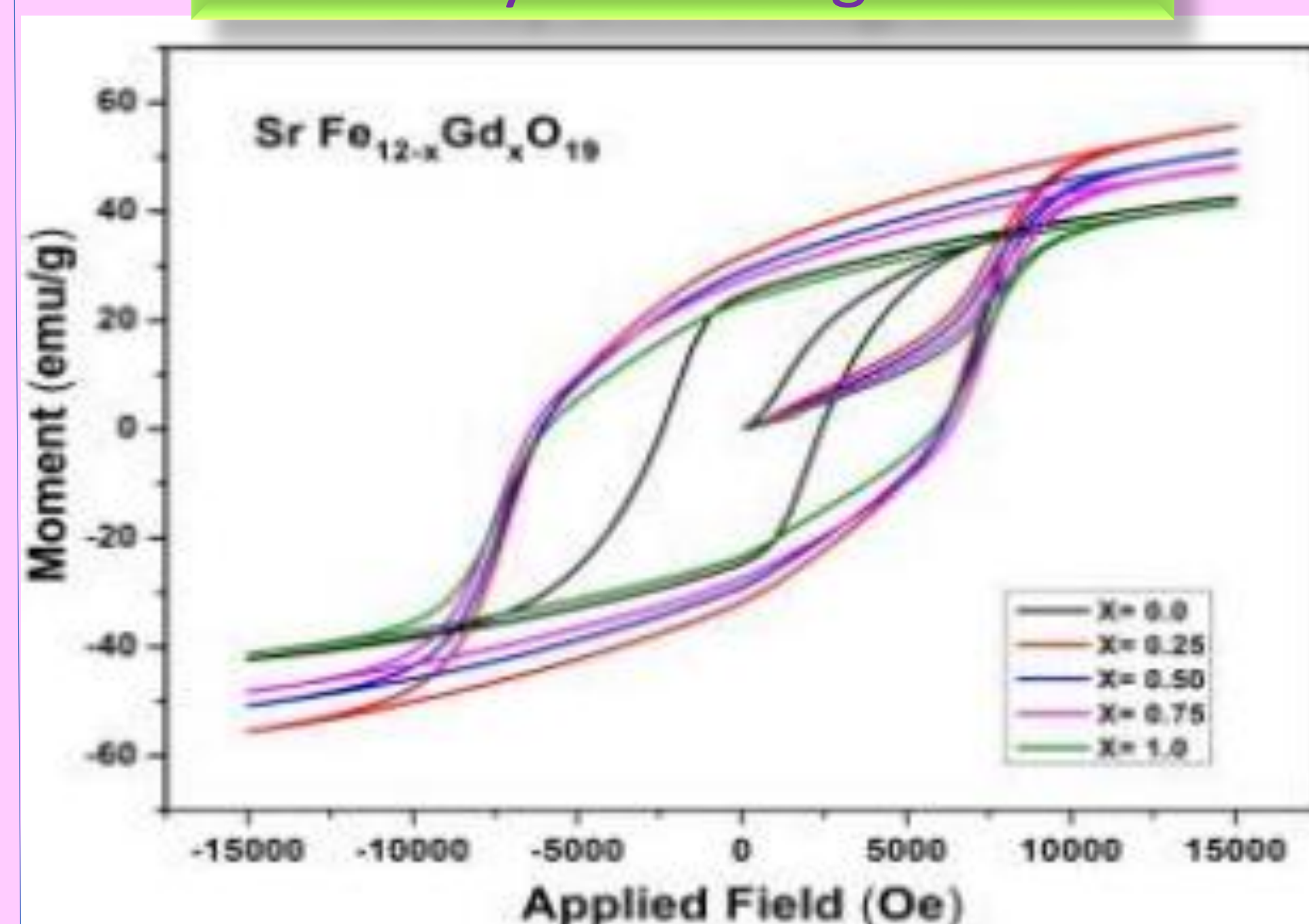
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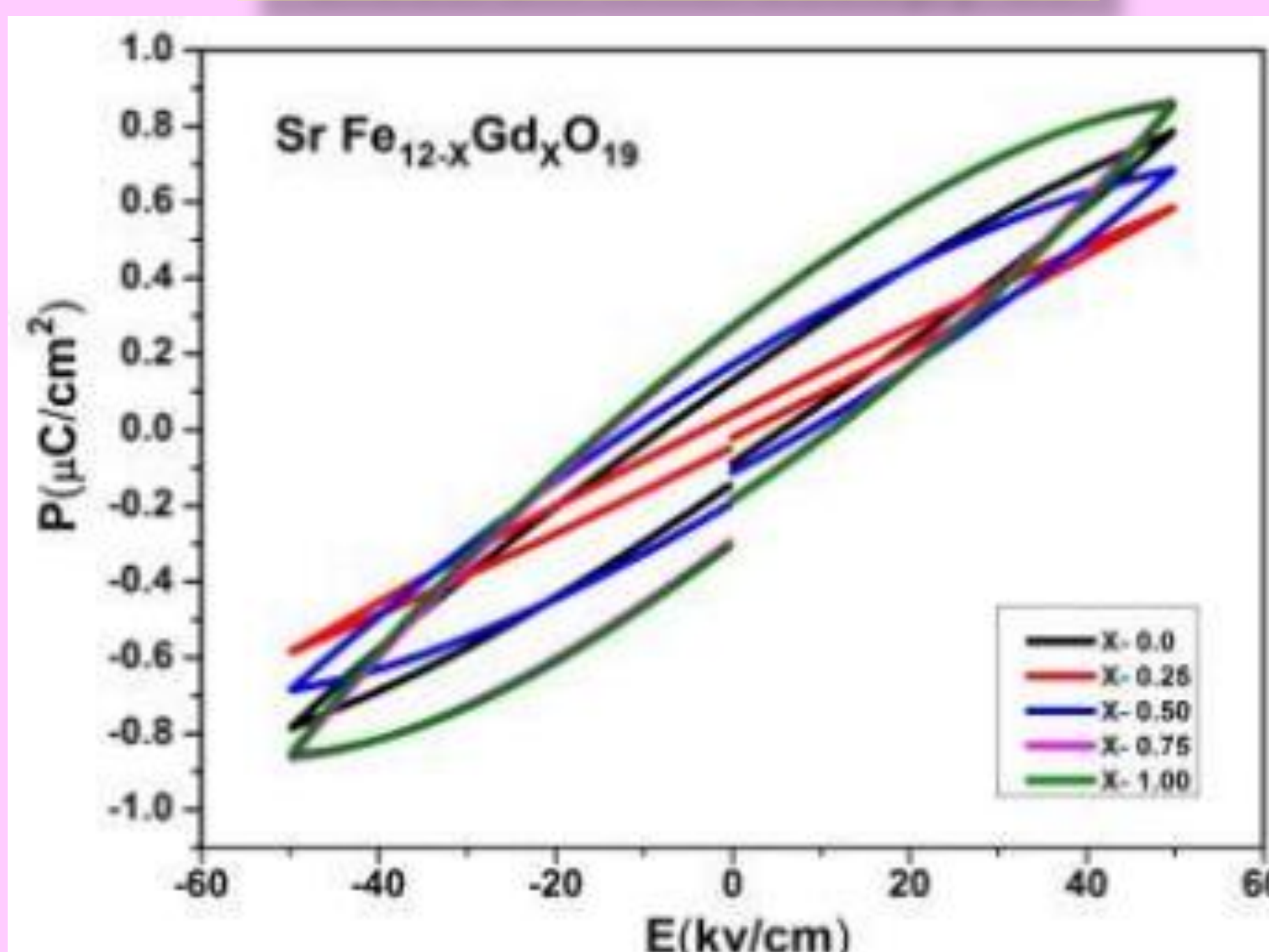
X-ray Diffractogram



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Magnetization Curves



P-E Loop Measurement

### Possible Application of Sr based Nanomaterials



### Highlights of Research Finding

- Sol-gel technique is employed to synthesize monodispersed samples of strontium hexaferrite  $\text{SrFe}_{12-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{O}_{19}$  for  $x = (0.25 - 1.00)$ .
- The particle size and crystal strain in samples amplified with an increasing  $\text{Gd}^{3+}$  content in lattice.
- The coercive field of order 6310 Gauss is recorded for  $\text{SrFe}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$  doped with 0.75 mole Gd.
- Also, occupancy of  $\text{Gd}^{3+}$  ions in  $\text{SrFe}_{12-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{O}_{19}$  crystals successfully enhanced electrical polarization by prohibiting electrical leakages.
- These tuned physical properties of  $\text{SrFe}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$ , due to lattice strain mediated by  $\text{Gd}^{3+}$  substitution suggests its futuristic technological applications in Electronics and Environmental Sector.

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## Tuning of structural, elastic, luminescence, magnetic, and multiferroic properties of rare earth $\text{Ce}^{3+}$ substituted strontium hexaferrite Ceramic magnetic nanomaterials for its industrial applications

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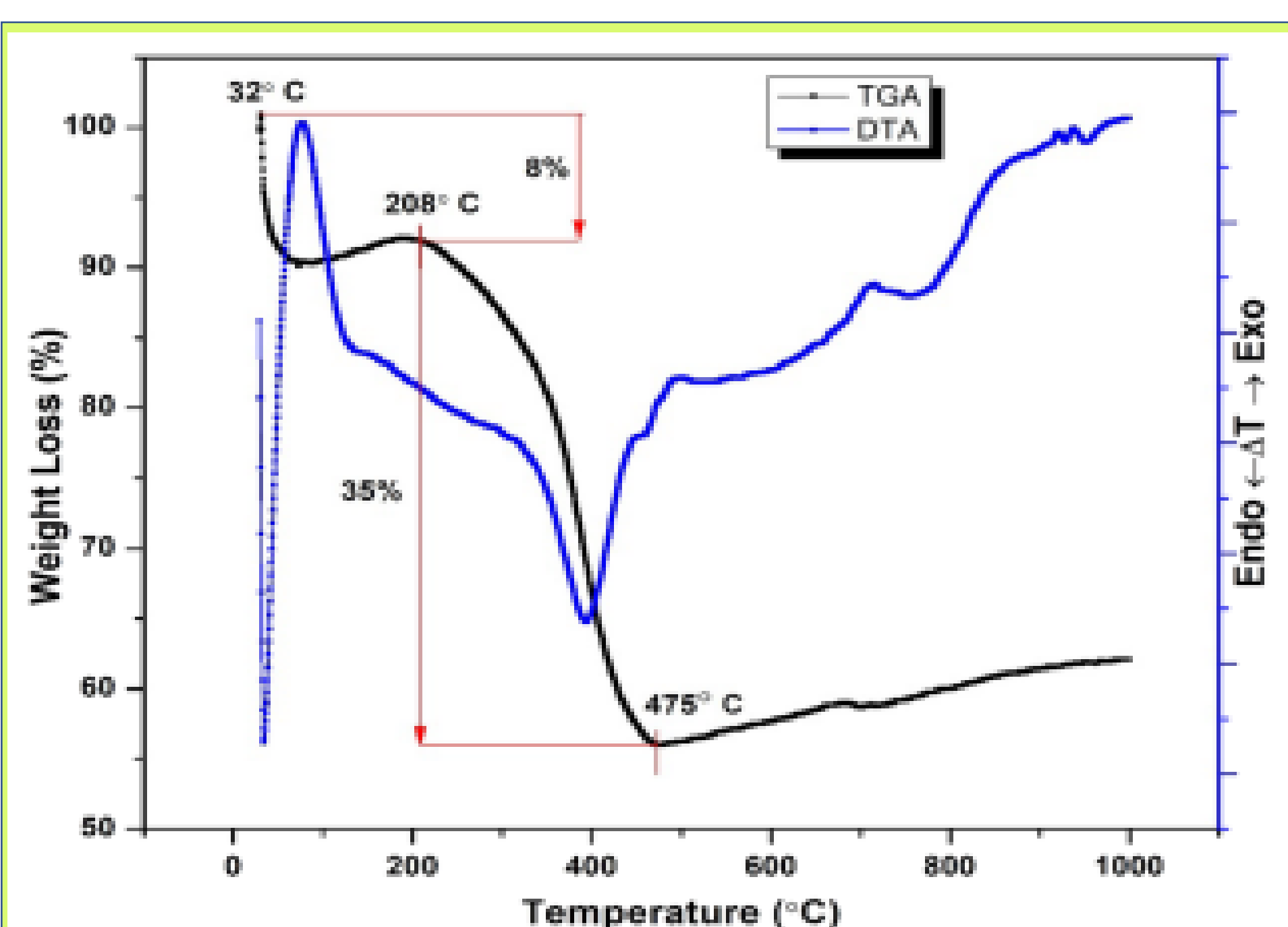


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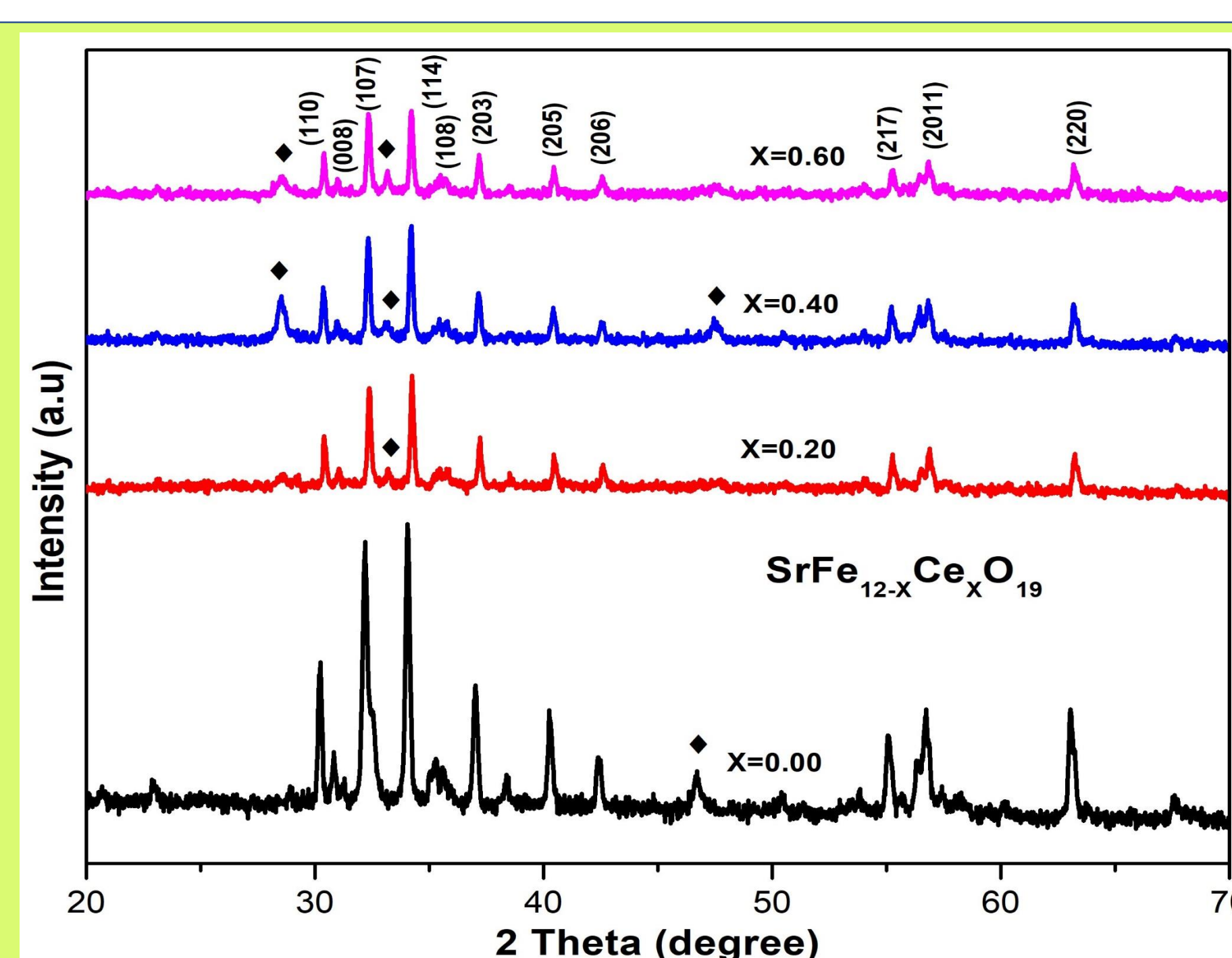


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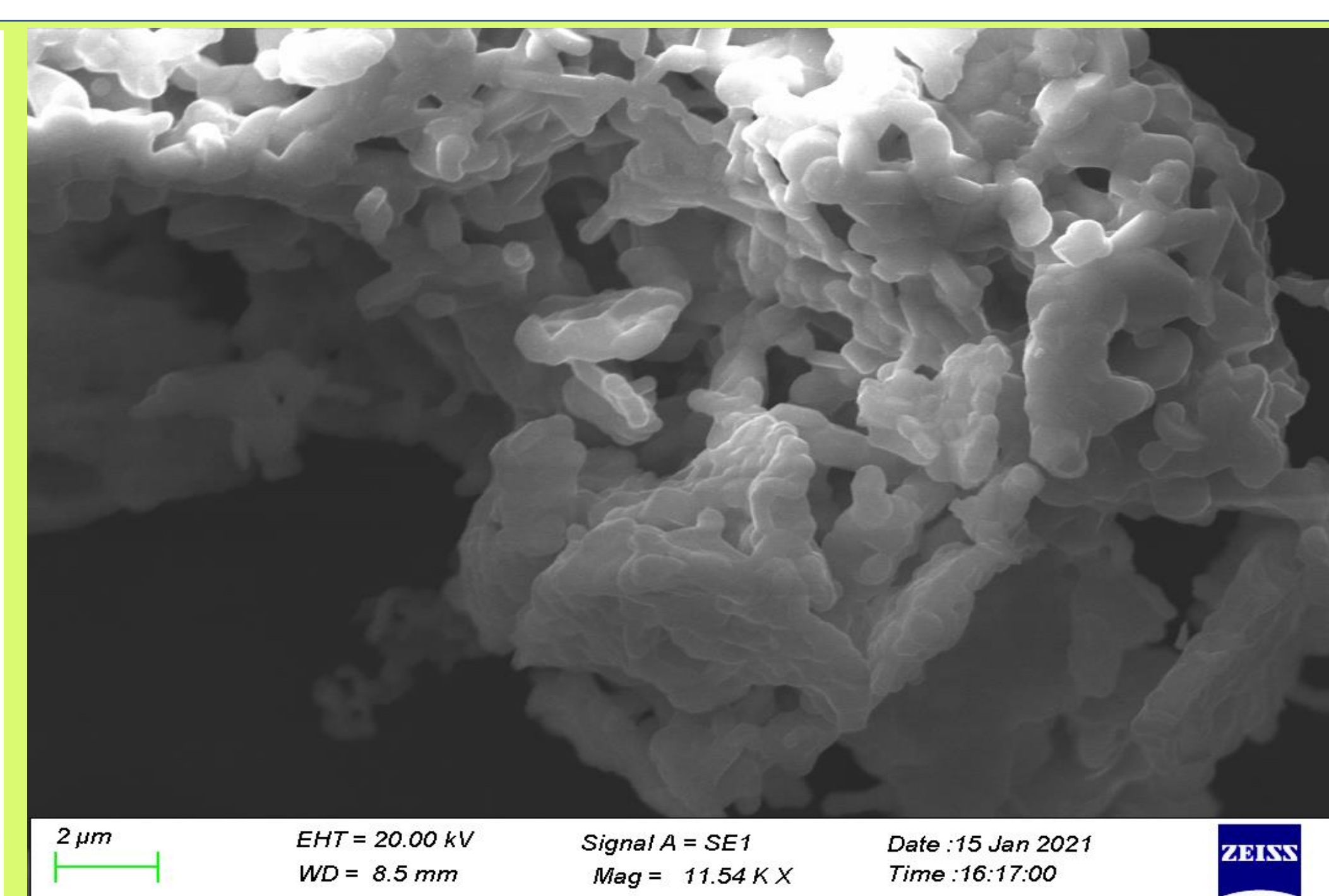
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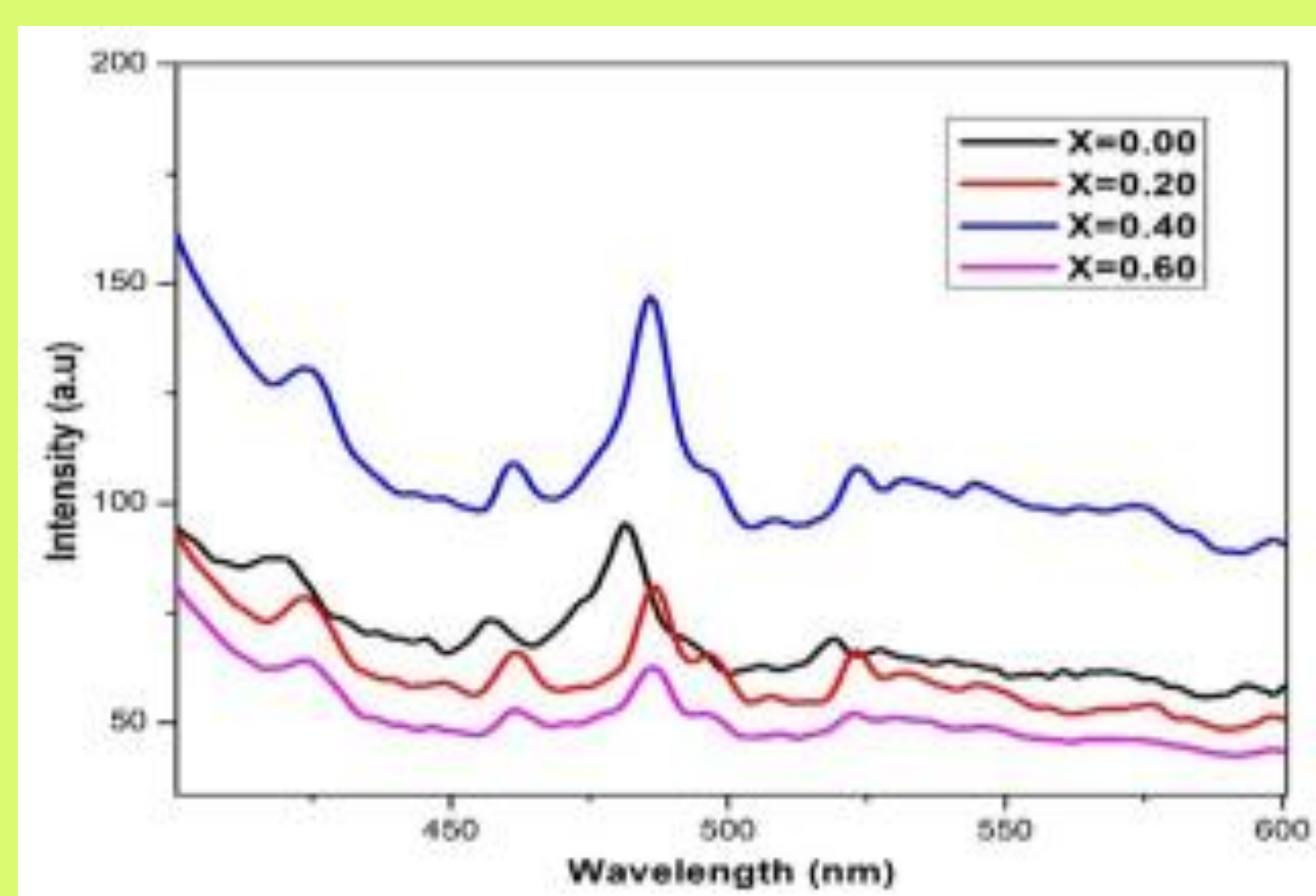
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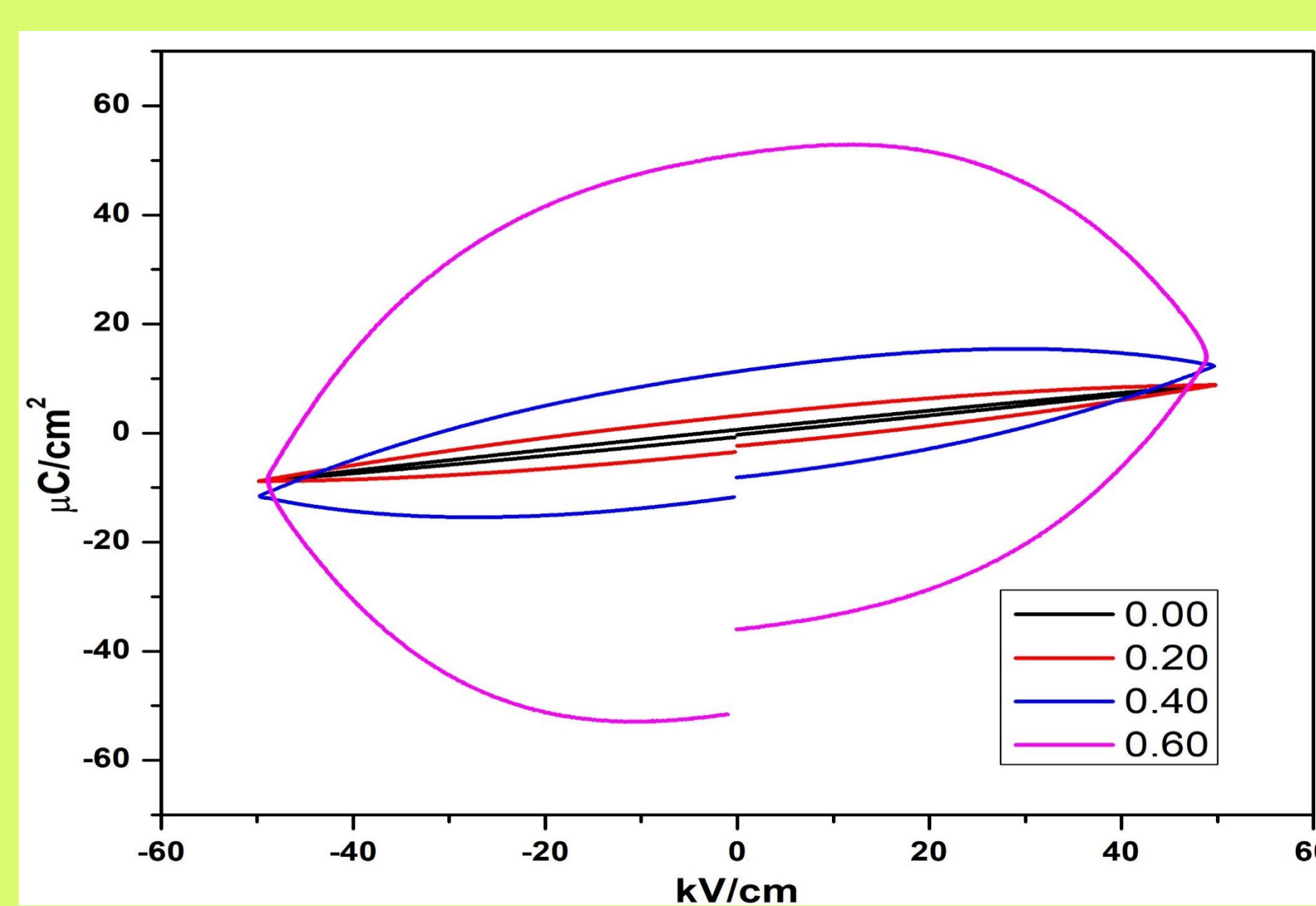
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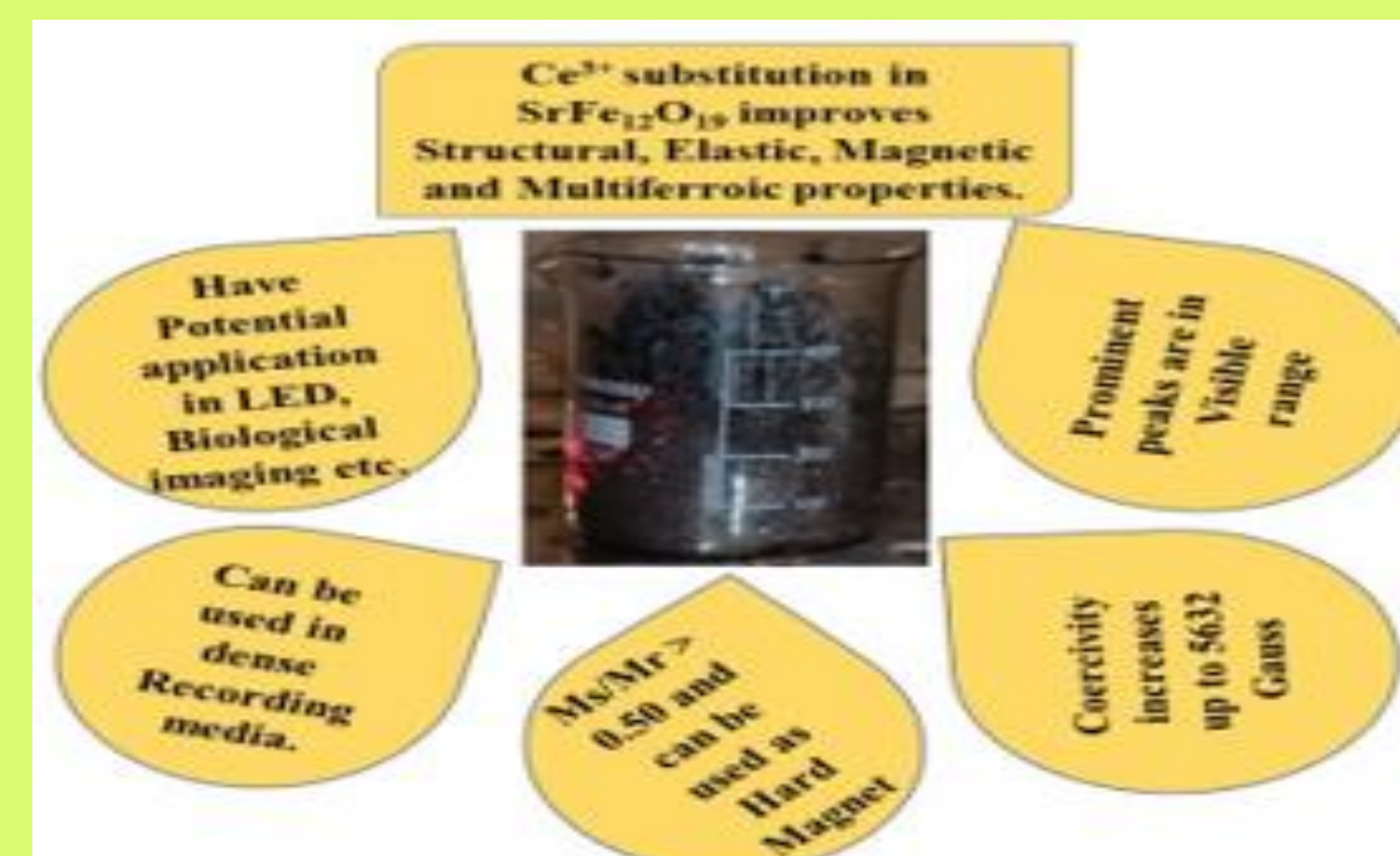
SEM MEASUREMENTS



MAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS



PE- LOOP



Potential Application

Advanced Research Technique used for Probing, Analyzing and Co-relating the Potential Application of Prepared Nanoceramic Material.

### Research Highlights and Possible Applications

- Systematic decrease in crystalline size (79.64–66.02 nm) and strain value for the sample  $\text{SrFe}_{12-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{O}_{19}$  is seen with increment in  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ( $x = 0.0, 0.20, 0.40, 0.60$ ).
- Prominent peaks are found to be in the visible range, which is one of the features for its applications in LED, Biological imaging, etc.
- The coercive value of the order 5632 Oersted indicates its application in dense recording media. The squareness ratio ( $M_s/M_r$ ) is found to be  $>0.50$  for all compositions suggesting that  $\text{SrFe}_{12-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{O}_{19}$  can be used as a permanent magnet.
- Thus P-E loop measurement supports the functional properties of rare-earth substituted hexaferrite magnetic nanomaterials for its various applications in Electronics, Electrical, and Environmental applications.

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## Studies on the structural properties and band gap engineering of Ag<sup>+</sup> modified MgFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanomaterials prepared by low-cost sol-gel method for multifunctional application

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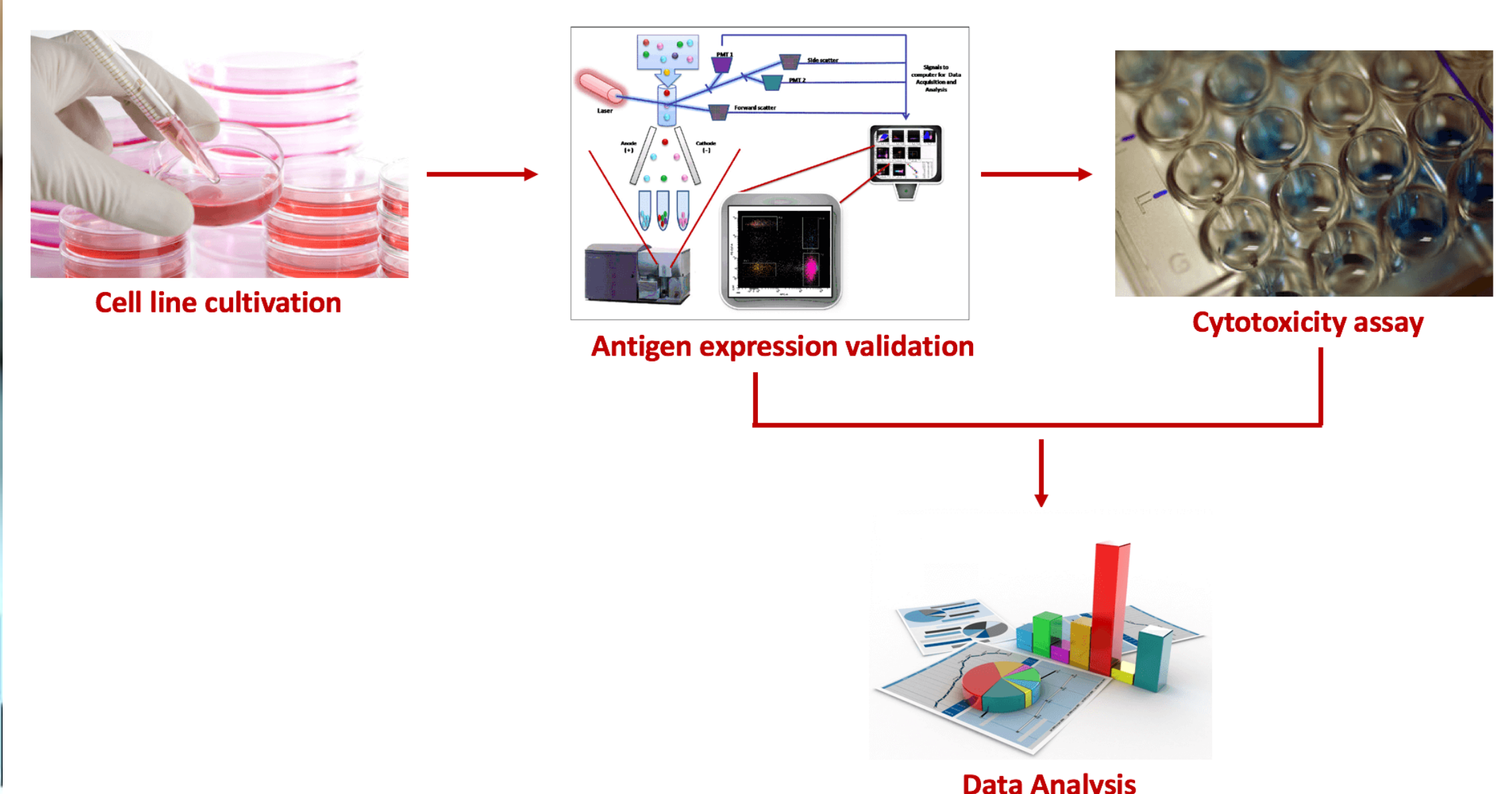
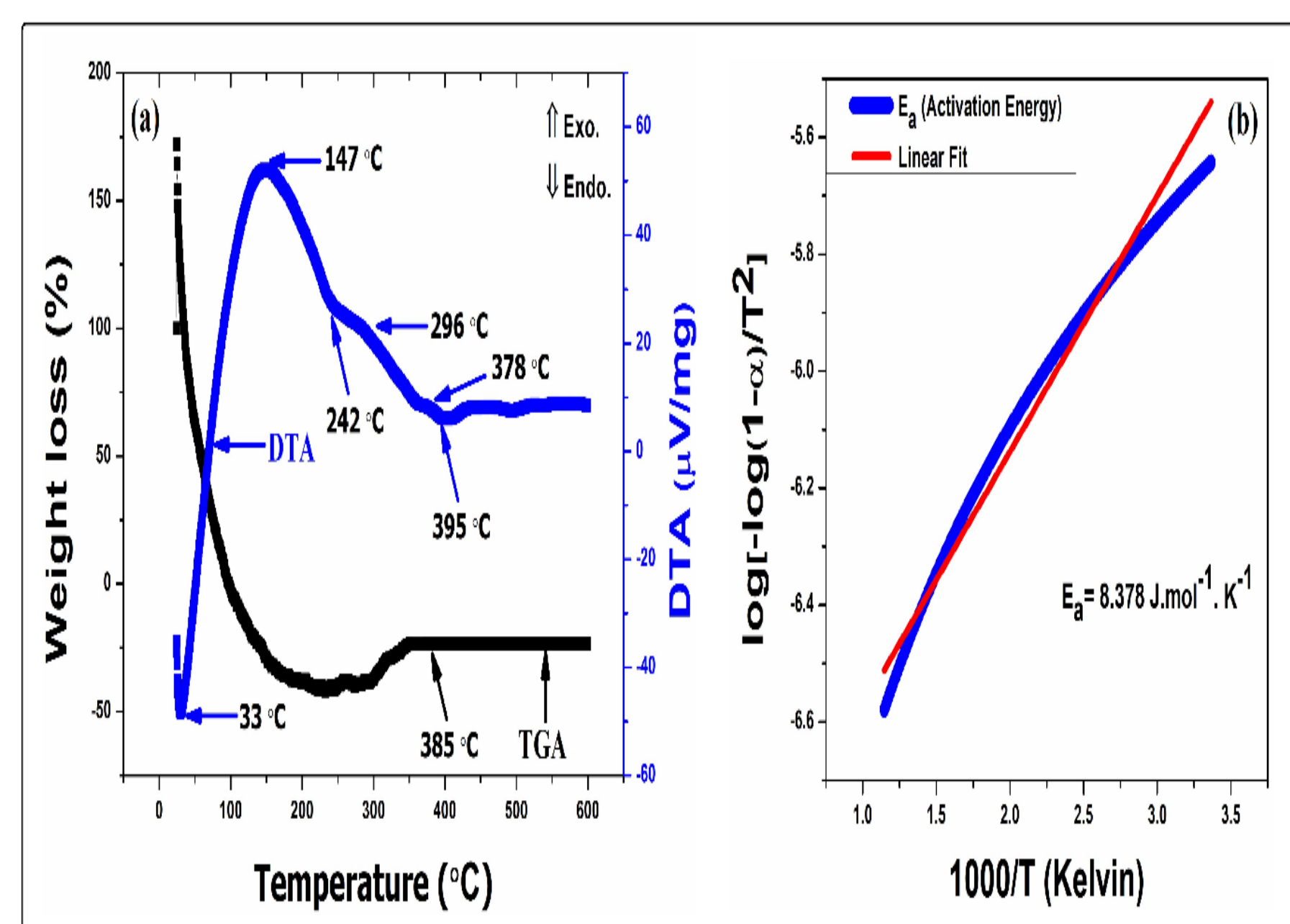
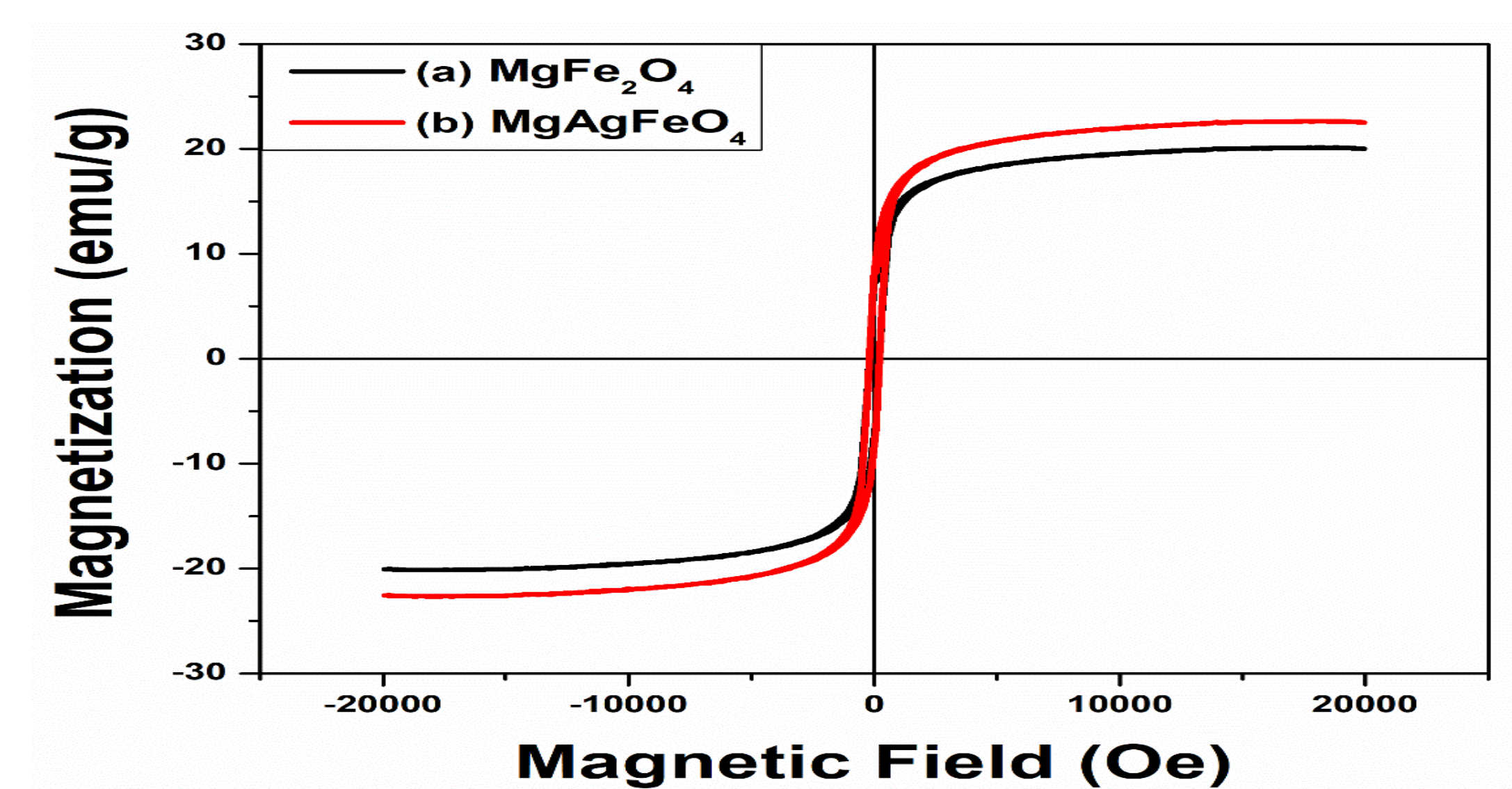
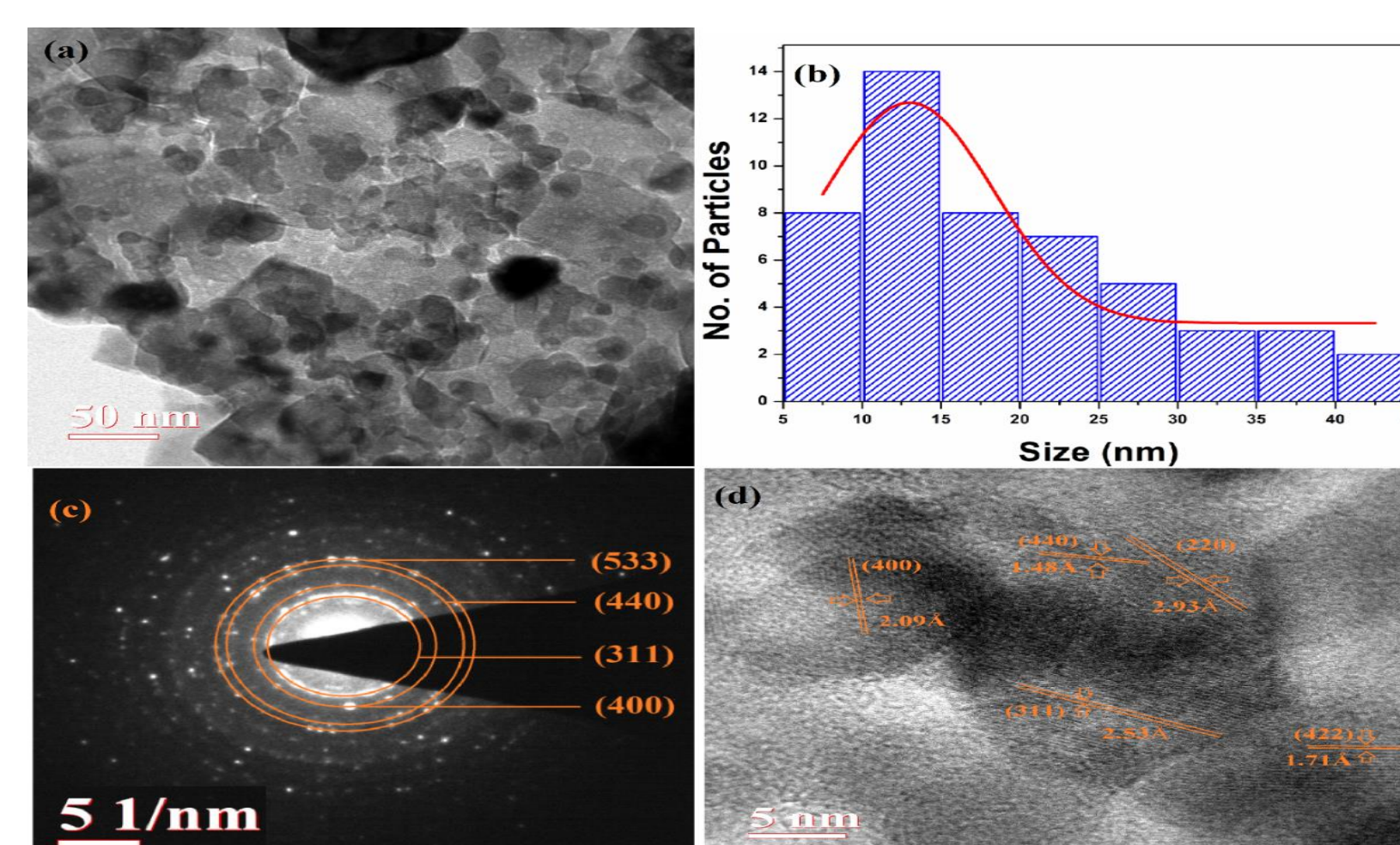
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### Research Summary:

- Ag<sup>+</sup> substituted MgFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanomaterials were successfully prepared by a citrate precursor method at 550°C for 2 hrs. The TG-DTA confirmed the annealing temperature beyond 400°C to get crystalline phase
- The SEM micrographs have shown porous structures in the prepared samples, which decreased with the increase in Ag<sup>+</sup> content. The existence of metal oxide bonds between 423 and 571 cm<sup>-1</sup> points towards spinel phase of MgFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> by FTIR
- The increase in Ag<sup>+</sup> content has resulted in the increase of the direct and indirect band gaps of prepared materials. The average particle size was approximately measured to be 19.23 nm and 12.76 nm for MgFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and MgAgFeO<sub>4</sub>, respectively by HRTEM.
- Magnetic measurements revealed that the coercivity (H<sub>c</sub>) decreased, but saturation magnetization (M<sub>s</sub>) and retentivity (M<sub>r</sub>) increased with the increase in Ag<sup>+</sup> content. The material thus prepared may exhibit excellent properties for its applications in antimicrobial activity, biomedicine and electronics industry.

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