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Experimental Insights and DFT Study of Green Synthesized CdS Nanoparticles, a Sustainable Approach for Preservation of *Capsicum chinense* Jacq.

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Abstract: This study presents a novel approach for synthesizing CdS nanoparticles by employing tea (*Camellia sinensis* L.) leaf catechins as a potent chelating agent. The production of spherical, cubic, and crystallite CdS nanoparticles was confirmed by XRD and HRTEM investigations. The existence of biomolecules that encapsulated and stabilized the CdS nanoparticles was verified by UPLC and FTIR analysis. These nanoparticles demonstrated antimicrobial activity against microorganisms isolated from spoiled *Capsicum chinense* Jacq. Additionally, the cytotoxic effect of CdS nanoparticles on HEK-293 normal kidney cells showed safe level of cytotoxicity. The theoretical investigation reveals a substantial interaction between CdS nanoparticles and the bio- constituents of tea. Therefore, due to their favorable biocompatibility, antimicrobial activity, and low cytotoxicity, the green synthesized CdS nanoparticles hold promise as a preservative to control microbial contamination of *Capsicum chinense* Jacq., thereby enhancing its shelf life.

Keywords: green synthesis; CdS nanoparticles; antimicrobial activity; cytotoxicity; DFT.

1. Introduction

In light of the shifting global environment, ensuring food and nutritional security of the world's growing population is a difficult and demanding task. Hence, cutting-edge technologies like biotechnology and nanotechnology are thought to be the ideal ways to handle this difficult task by boosting production and lowering post-harvest losses. In developing countries, up to 30% of horticulture crop products are lost due to microbiological spoilage and physiological processes [1]. The majority of bacteria that were initially discovered on entire fruit or vegetable surfaces are found in soil. Studies have demonstrated that using contaminated irrigation water can raise the frequency of harmful microorganisms from harvest [2].

Bhut Jolokia (*Capsicum chinense* Jacq.) popularly known as King Chilli is a significant chilli that is widely grown, particularly in the northeastern Indian states of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, and Arunachal Pradesh. In addition to its enormous domestic market demand, Bhut Jolokia has excellent export potential [3]. According to earlier research, a variety of bacteria that have been discovered from *Capsicum chinense* Jacq. may be the result of soil contamination as well as surface damage such bruising, cracks, and punctures that provide opportunities for the establishment and proliferation of spoilage microbes [4]. These issues may result in losses after harvest.

However, this post-harvest loss can be significantly reduced to an extent of 5-10% by the application of antimicrobial nanomaterials, thereby saving huge amounts of nutritious foods. Cadmium sulfide

(CdS) nanoparticles have found several uses in the biomedical area because of its consistent, exceptional luminescence, continuous excitation spectrum, and narrow emission bands.

Different physical and chemical techniques are employed to produce CdS nanoparticles, however, these techniques are costly, time-consuming, need many synthetic stages and hazardous chemicals. Therefore, alternative approaches are needed that utilize nonhazardous materials, while maintaining important properties such as size, physiochemical characteristics, low cytotoxicity and biocompatibility. In this context, biogenic synthesis using bio surfactants presents a promising approach. According to recent findings, plant extracts mediated CdS nanoparticles exhibit outstanding antibacterial action and can be less harmful, biocompatible, and economically viable [5].

In the present case, catechin extract from tea leaves (*Camellia sinensis* L.) was used to synthesize CdS nanoparticles. The young leaves of tea plants contain around 25-30% polyphenols [6]. The polyphenols in tea contain a large group of chemicals such as flavonols (known as catechins), flavanols, organic acids, anthocyanins and many others. Among these constituents, catechins contribute more than 80% to the total polyphenolic content [7]. Therefore, in this green synthesis of CdS nanoparticles, catechins were used as the polyphenol source. Polyphenols have been observed to function as reducing, capping, and stabilizing agents during the nanoparticle synthesis process [8].

The synthesized CdS nanoparticles were tested for antimicrobial activity against spoilage microorganism isolated from King Chilli and cytotoxicity effect against a normal HEK-293 human cell line.

2. Materials and methods

Analytical grade chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich chemicals Pvt Ltd. (Bangalore, India) and used without further purification. Cadmium Sulphate (CdSO_4) and Sodium Sulphate (Na_2S) were used respectively as Cd^{2+} and S^{2-} source and *Camellia Sinensis* L. was collected from Jorhat, Assam, India and used as plant material. The synthesis was carried out using double distilled water.

Twenty grams of dried tea leaves were infused in 200 ml boiling water for 5 min, after which the leaves were filtered out. The resulting infusion contained catechins along with other water-soluble compounds and pigments. To remove caffeine and other pigments, the infusion was extracted with dichloromethane. The aqueous layer, containing catechins, was then subjected to ethyl acetate extraction to obtain the catechin fraction. This extract was dried using a rotary evaporator to yield crude catechin. For the synthesis of CdS nanoparticles, equimolar solutions of CdSO_4 and Na_2S were prepared. 50 ml of Na_2S solution was added drop wise to an equal amount of CdSO_4 solution. 5 ml of catechin extract was added drop wise to this mixture at 70°C with constant stirring. To complete the reaction and produce CdS nano colloids, the resulting solution was left at room temperature for the whole night. These nano colloids were centrifuged at 2,000 rpm for 15 min. The final product was ground into fine powder after being dried for 2 h at 120°C .

X-ray diffraction pattern of the synthesized nanoparticles was recorded by X-ray diffractometer (Philips X' pert with $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation, Philips Analytical, Netherland) using a wavelength of 0.154 nm. Particle size and morphology of the nanoparticles were examined using a transmission electron microscope (JEOL JEM 2100, JEOL Ltd., Japan). The biomolecules present in the tea leaf extract were identified using FTIR (Perkin Elmer spectrum RXI FTIR system, Parkin Elmer, USA) and UPLC analysis (Dionex, Ultimate 3000 UPLC system, Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA).

The microbes were isolated from a spoiled *Capsicum chinense* Jacq. sample, as per the procedure reported by Hasan et al. [9]. 16srRNA sequencing and bioinformatics analysis of the isolated microorganisms was carried as reported by Senapati et al. [10]. The QIAGEN DNeasy Ultra Clean Microbial Kit (Cat. No. / ID: 12224–50) was used to extract DNA from the culture. 1.0% agarose gel was used to assess its quality. There was only one high-molecular-weight DNA band visible. Forward (27 F: AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG) and reverse (1492 R: CGGTTACCTTGTTACGACTT) primers were

used to amplify a portion of the 16S rRNA gene. On an agarose gel, a single distinct 1500 bp PCR amplicon band was seen. To get rid of impurities, the PCR amplicon was purified using the QIAGEN QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (Cat. No. / ID: 28104). The aforementioned primers were used in the forward and reverse DNA sequencing reaction of the PCR amplicon using the BDT v3.1 Cycle sequencing kit on an Applied Biosystems Mini Amp Plus Thermal cycler, and the results were examined using an ABI 3730xl Genetic Analyzer. The standard well-diffusion method was used to investigate the antibacterial activity of CdS nanoparticles against the isolated microorganisms.

Human embryonic kidney cells (HEK-293) were grown in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium and then cultured within a humidified incubator set at 37°C and an atmosphere enriched with 5% CO₂. Cell viability analysis was conducted using the MTT (3-(4, 5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2, 5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide) assay, following established protocols [11]. The percentage ratio of treated cell absorbance to untreated control cell absorbance was used to measure the cytotoxicity of the CdS nanoparticles. Figure 1 shows the symmetric representation of green synthesis steps of the CdS nanoparticles and their applications.

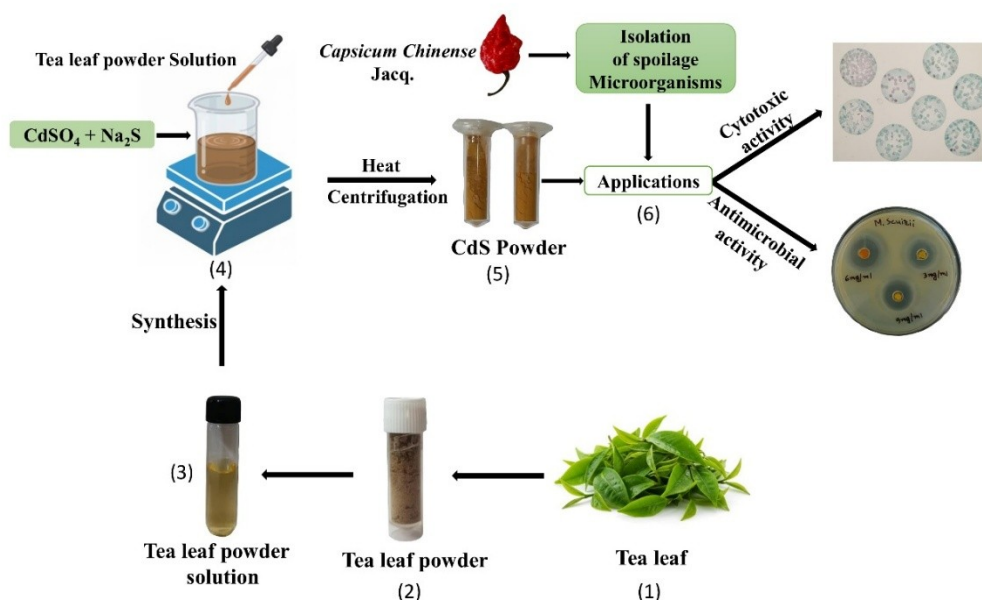


Figure 1. Symmetric representation of green synthesis steps of the CdS nanoparticles and their applications.

After processing fresh tea leaves (1) into dried tea leaf powder (2), the powder was removed to create a tea leaf powder solution (3). By reacting with CdSO₄ and Na₂S under carefully regulated heating and centrifugation, the extract served as a stabilizing and reducing agent for the production of CdS nanoparticles (4). A powder of the resultant CdS nanoparticles was collected (5). The produced CdS nanoparticles were then used for biological assessments, such as determining their cytotoxic activity against the HEK-293 kidney cell line and evaluating their antimicrobial activity against isolated spoilage microorganisms from *Capsicum chinense* Jacq. (6), indicating their potential use in food safety and preservation investigations.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. XRD, TEM and SAED analysis

The XRD patterns (Figure 2(a)) of CdS nanoparticles showed three peaks, each representing a distinct lattice plane at 2θ values of 26.67° (111), 43.93° (220), and 52.04° (311); these peaks are indicative

of the cubic crystal structure of CdS (JCPDS10-0454). The average crystallite size of the CdS nanoparticles was estimated to be 2.47 nm using Debye Scherrer formula [12]. In case of green synthesized CdS nanoparticles, the crystallite size found in the present study is smaller than that of Jarhad et al. [12] and Naranthatta et al. [13]. TEM analysis revealed that the size of the CdS nanoparticles varied from 2 to 8 nm (Figure 2(b)). The particles formed in different sizes indicated that the catechin extract might create polydisperse nanoparticles. The SAED pattern (Figure 2(c)) demonstrated the crystalline character of CdS nanoparticles where the diffraction rings correspond to (111), (220), and (311) planes, respectively. The data obtained from SAED is substantiated by the XRD results.

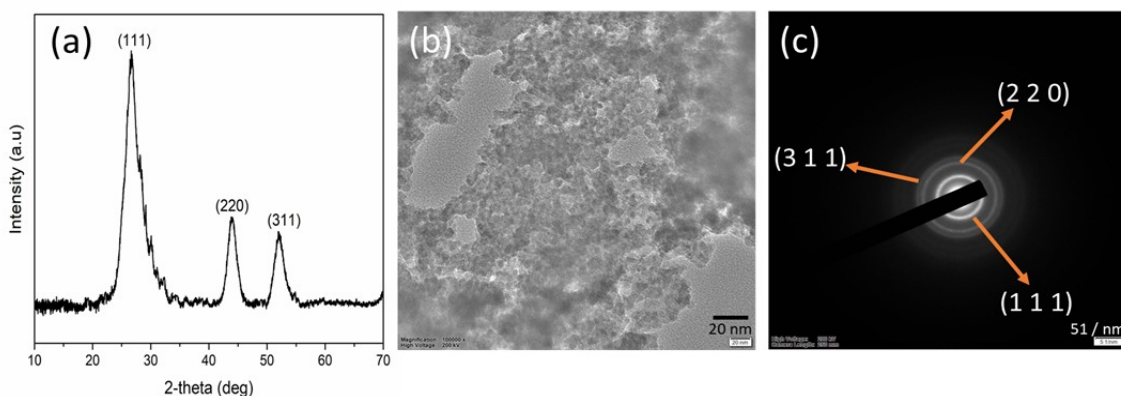


Figure 2. (a) XRD pattern, (b) TEM image and (c) SAED pattern of CdS nanoparticles.

3.2. UPLC and FTIR analysis

UPLC analysis of the catechin extract revealed the presence of five principal catechins namely (-) epigallocatechin-3-gallate (EGCG), (-) epigallocatechin (EGC), (-) epicatechin-3-gallate (ECG), (-) epicatechin (EC) and (+) catechin (Figure 3(b)). The content of EGCG, EGC, ECG, EC and +C catechin in the extract was found to be 29.49, 10.81, 11.89, 7.13 and 0.72 % respectively. Figure 3(a) shows the FTIR spectrum of catechin functionalized CdS nanoparticles. The stretching vibration of the O-H bond, the C=C group of the benzene ring, and the C-C stretching vibration of the catechin derivatives are identified as the absorption peaks at 3249 cm^{-1} , 1627 cm^{-1} , and 1105 cm^{-1} , respectively [14], which are displayed in scheme 1[15]. The peak that emerged in the fingerprint region at 616 cm^{-1} is associated with the Cd-S bond stretching mode of CdS [16]. FTIR analysis proves that the formation and stabilization of CdS nanoparticles are due to an interaction between the functional groups of the chemical constituents of catechin and metal ions.

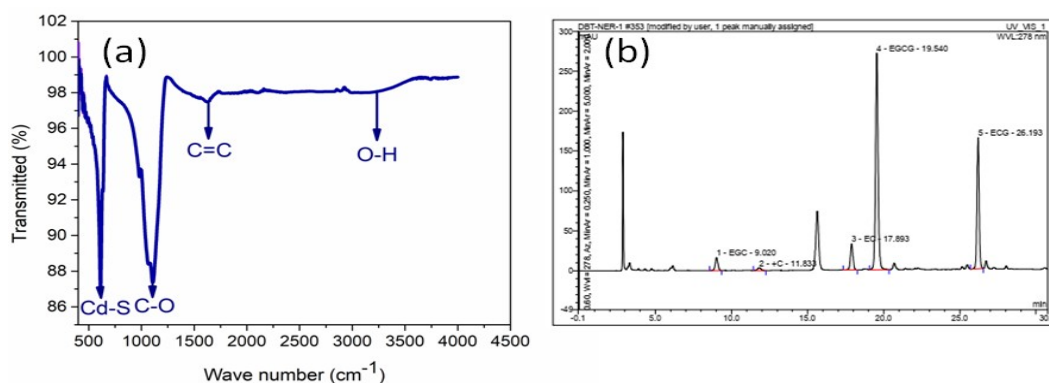
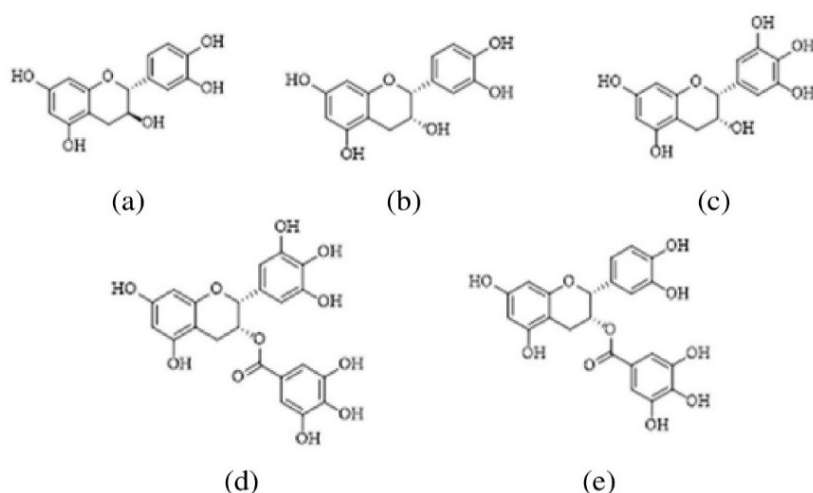


Figure 3. (a) FTIR spectrum of CdS nanoparticles and (b) UPLC spectrum of catechin extract.



Scheme 1. Chemical structure of catechins: (a) (+)-catechin (+C); (b) (-)-epicatechin (EC); (c) (-)-epigallocatechin (EGC); (d) (-)-epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG); and (e) (-)-epicatechin gallate (ECG).

3.3. Identification of microorganisms

The 16s rRNA sequencing and bioinformatics analysis revealed the identities of the isolates to be *Mammaliicoccus sciuri*, *Paenibacillus sp.*, *Bacillus altitudinis* - the Gram- positive isolates and *Enterobacter sp.* - the Gram- negative isolate (Table 1).

Table 1. Results of 16s rRNA sequencing of the isolates.

Sample	Isolates	Colony Morphology	16S rRNA sequencing
<i>Capsicum chinense</i> Jacq.	C1	Creamish, opaque, circular, mucoid, entire, flat mediumsized colony	<i>Mammaliicoccus sciuri</i>
	C2	Yellowish, opaque, circular, mucoid, flat medium-sized colony	<i>Enterobacter sp.</i>
	C3	Creamish, opaque, irregular, dry, smooth, flat large-sized colony	<i>Bacillus altitudinis</i>
	C4	Whitish, transparent, circular, mucoid, flat large-sized colony.	<i>Paenibacillus sp.</i>

3.4. Antibacterial and cytotoxicity activity

The antibacterial activity of CdS nanoparticles was tested against three-gram positive bacteria *Mammaliicoccus sciuri*, *Paenibacillus sp.*, *Bacillus altitudinis* and one-gram negative bacteria *Enterobacter sp.* that were isolated from spoiled *Capsicum chinense* Jacq. The green synthesized CdS nanoparticles were found to have antibacterial activity against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria. (Figure 4 (a-d)). An appreciable increase was observed in the diameter of the inhibition zones with increase in the nanoparticle concentration (Table 2), showcasing a dose-dependent antibacterial

response. A large number of nanoparticles (at higher concentrations) interact with the bacterial cells strengthening the surface and electrical interactions which in turn increases the reactivity and antimicrobial efficiency of nanoparticles.

The comparative analysis demonstrated that the synthesized CdS NPs were more effective against Gram-positive bacteria compared to Gram-negative bacteria (Table 2) [17]. This variation in susceptibility is primarily due to difference in the cell wall architecture. Gram-negative bacteria possess an outer membrane additionally, which is rich in lipopolysaccharides and porin proteins acting as a selective permeability barrier and restricts the entry of antimicrobial agents. Conversely, Gram-positive bacteria lack this outer membrane and possess thick peptidoglycan layers embedded with teichoic acids which are negatively charged, and promoting intense electrostatic interaction with the CdS NPs [18] which are positively charged. Such interactions may result in the destabilization and disruption of the bacterial cell wall [19, 2].

Table 2. Zone of inhibition of isolates at different concentrations of CdS nanoparticles.

Microorganism	Concentration of CdS NPs and zone of inhibition (mm)		
	3 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	6 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	9 $\mu\text{g/ml}$
<i>Mammaliicoccus sciuri</i>	17	18	22
<i>Bacillus altitudinis</i>	27	30	31
<i>Paenibacillus sp.</i>	18	19	21
<i>Enterobacter sp.</i>	10	13	14

Concentration-dependent cell survival of HEK-293 kidney cell line was determined. The results showed that the CdS nanoparticles did not significantly affect the cell viability of HEK-293 kidney cells up to 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ concentration and showed less than 2% inhibition (Figure 4(e)). The decline in cell viability could be the CdS nanoparticles' ability to produce reactive oxygen species that subsequently leads to the cell death.

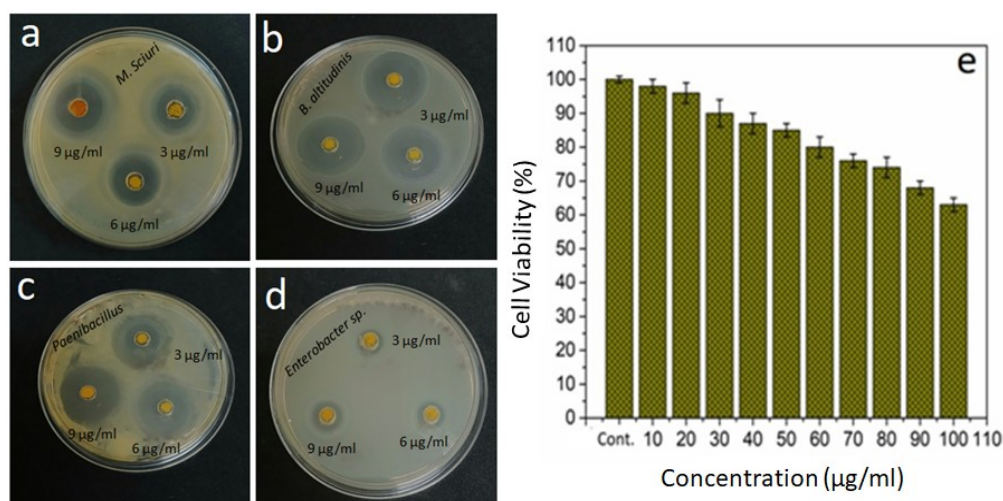


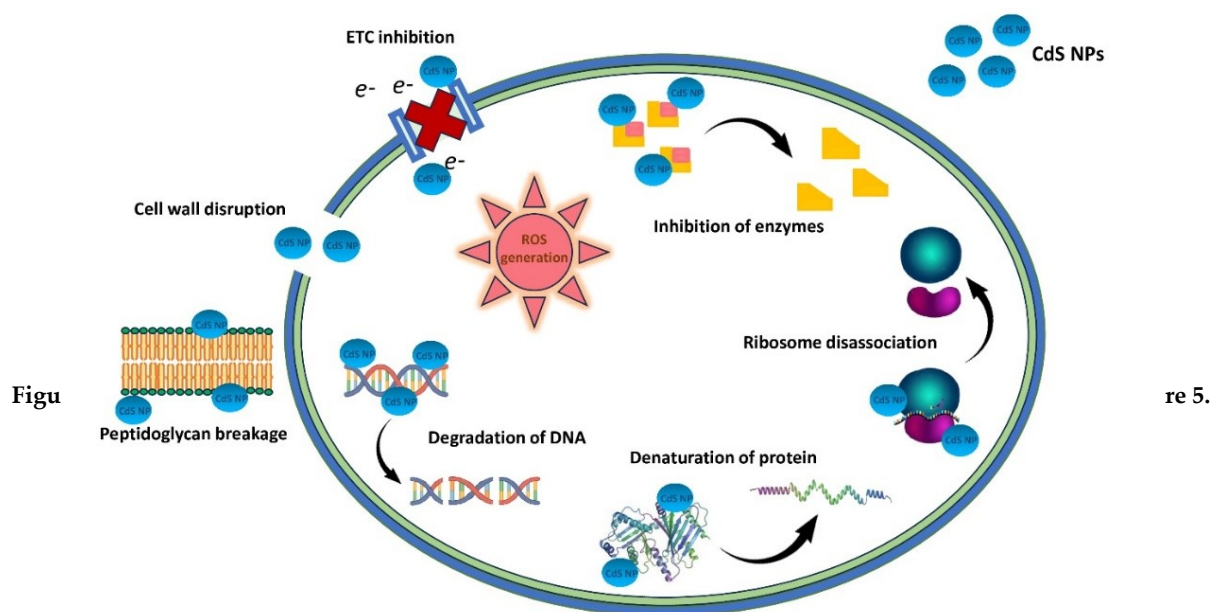
Figure 4. Antibacterial activity of CdS nanoparticles against (a) *Mammaliicoccus sciuri*, (b) *Bacillus altitudinis*, (c) *Paenibacillus sp.*, (d) *Enterobacter sp.* at different concentrations (3 $\mu\text{g/ml}$, 6 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ and 9 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) and (e) cell viability

of CdS nanoparticles using HEK-293 normal kidney cells.

3.5. Proposed mechanism of antibacterial activity of CdS NPs

Nanoparticles have gained much attention as antimicrobial agents, especially in combating the problem of microbial resistance [21]. Their nanoscale size provides a high surface-area-to-volume ratio, allowing increased contact with bacterial cells [22] and stronger antimicrobial activity.

In Gram-positive bacteria, the negatively charged teichoic acids present on the cell wall interact with cadmium of CdS NPs which ruptures the cell wall. Upon attachment and penetration of the CdS NPs, they induce reactive oxygen species (ROS) generation leading to oxidative stress which in turn compromises the cellular integrity by disrupting the cell structure and function [23]. The CdS NPs also have enhanced contact with thiol groups of significant respiratory enzymes of bacteria, leading to electron transport chain inhibition and cellular respiration impairment. In addition, nanoparticles bind to the enzymes present in the cell suppressing the activity of enzymes, interfering with the metabolic pathways in the cell, thus inhibiting DNA, RNA and protein synthesis [24]. Furthermore, the CdS NPs also promote ribosomal dissociation resulting in disruption of protein translation [25]. The cumulative effects of damage of the membrane, oxidative stress, inhibition of enzymes and macromolecule degradation finally leads to the loss of viability of cell and lysis of bacterial cell. An overview of the mechanisms of antibacterial activity of CdS NPs is shown in Figure 5.



Summary of the effective mechanisms involved in the antibacterial activity of CdS nanoparticles.

3.6. Computational studies

To have a deeper insight into the interaction of CdS nanoparticles with the components present in tea, we carried out an intermolecular interaction study under DFT by employing B3LYP in conjunction with LANL2DZ level. The Becke's exchange three-parameter and Lee–Yang–Parr is a popular hybrid functional widely employed to study metal-ligand binding [26]. Literature available on the use of

B3LYP/LANL2DZ functional in the study of cadmium coordination systems yields stable geometry configurations and consistency with the experimental results [27, 28].

We have chosen five major catechins, namely (+)-catechin (C), (-)-epicatechin (EC), (-)-epigallocatechin (EGC), (-)-epicatechin gallate (ECG), and (-)-epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG) present in tea [15]. Figure 6(a-e) show the proposed optimized structures of the interacting state of CdS nanoparticle (linear shape) with five major catechins found in tea, (+)-catechin-CdS (C-CdS), (-)-epicatechin-CdS (EC-CdS), (-)-epigallocatechin-CdS (EGC-CdS), (-)-epicatechin gallate-CdS (ECG-CdS), (-)-epigallocatechin gallate-CdS (EGCG-CdS), respectively. The structures are optimized at B3LYP/LANL2DZ level under DFT using Gaussian09W package. All the structures are in minimum energy with no imaginary frequencies, corroborating stable binding configuration [29].

The computed output shows that all the five bio-components interact with Cd atom through oxygen atom of O-H group having intermolecular distances ranging from 1.39–1.47 Å [30,31]. Owing to the formation of intermolecular bonding between CdS and catechin constituents, the bond lengths are found to be changed as compared to their monomer units (Table 3) [32]. A noticeable increment in length (0.02 Å) is detected in case of C–O bond, which is associated with the dramatic reduction of vibrational wavenumber of the interacting state (1105 cm⁻¹ in FTIR spectrum) as compared to the reported peak of pure catechin (1144 cm⁻¹) [15].

Table 3. Selected bond distances of monomers and the interacting states.

Compound	Bond	Distance (Å)	Bond	Distances (Å)	Bond	Distance (Å)
C-CdS	C19-O5	1.413	O5-H34	0.978	O5...Cd36	2.413
	C21-O6	1.412	O6-H35	0.978	O6...Cd36	2.421
C	C19-O5	1.398	O5-H34	0.979		
	C21-O6	1.397	O6-H35	0.979		
EC-CdS	C19-O5	1.409	O5-H34	0.978	O5...Cd36	2.426
	C21-O6	1.410	O6-H35	0.978	O6...Cd36	2.421
EC	C19-O5	1.395	O5-H34	0.979		
	C21-O6	1.395	O6-H35	0.979		
EGC-CdS	C21-O6	1.404	O6-H35	0.978	O6...Cd37	2.470
	C22-O7	1.404	O7-H36	0.983	O7...Cd37	2.402
EGC	C21-O6	1.394	O6-H35	0.979		
	C22-O7	1.387	O7-H36	0.982		
ECG-CdS	C28-O9	1.418	O9-H49	0.978	O9...Cd1	2.405
	C26-O7	1.416	O7-H48	0.979	O7...Cd1	2.393
ECG	C24-O5	1.395	O5-H46	0.979		
	C26-O7	1.395	O7-H47	0.979		
EGCG-CdS	C27-O8	1.404	O8-H48	0.982	O8...Cd52	2.401
	C26-O6	1.406	O6-H47	0.978	O6...Cd52	2.458
EGCG	C27-O8	1.388	O8-H48	0.983		
	C26-O6	1.395	O6-H47	0.979		

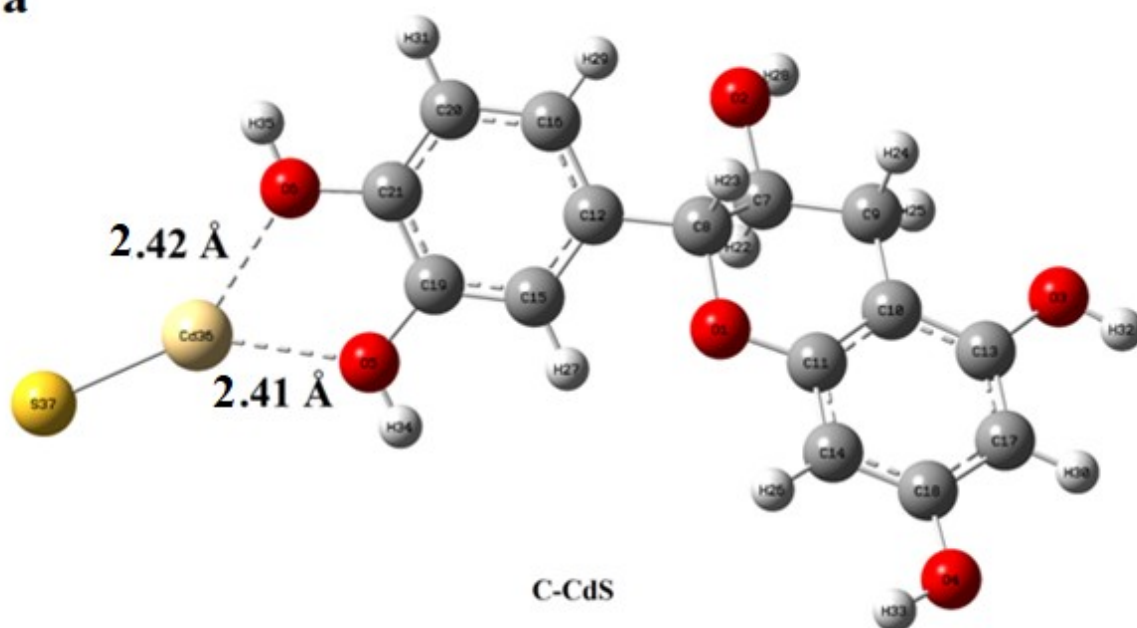
The binding energies are calculated as -31.68 kcal/mol, -28.92 kcal/mol, -29.36 kcal/mol, -42.48 kcal/mol, and -30.62 kcal/mol, respectively, for C-CdS, EC-CdS, EGC-CdS, ECG-CdS, and EGCG-CdS systems. The negative of the binding energy suggests a stable interaction between CdS nanoparticle and the selected catechin components present in tea [33].

To quantify the nature and strength of interaction between the catechin components and CdS nanoparticles, QTAIM (Quantum Theory of Atoms in Molecules) analysis is carried out at bond critical points (Table 4). All the topological parameters are calculated using Multiwfn software, which presents positive values for electron density ranging from 0.0313–0.0369 a.u. indicating ionic interactions [34]. The positive Laplacian reveals electronic charge depletion through the bond path corresponding to electrostatic interaction [35,36]. Total energy density $H(r) = \text{Kinetic Energy } G(r) + \text{Potential Energy } V(r)$ is positive for all the interacting states depicting destabilization of electron density and ionic characteristics [21]. The computed bond energy ($E_{\text{bond}} = -V(r)/2 \times 627.51 \text{ kcal/mol}$) increases or decreases according to the bond distance and is listed in Table 4.

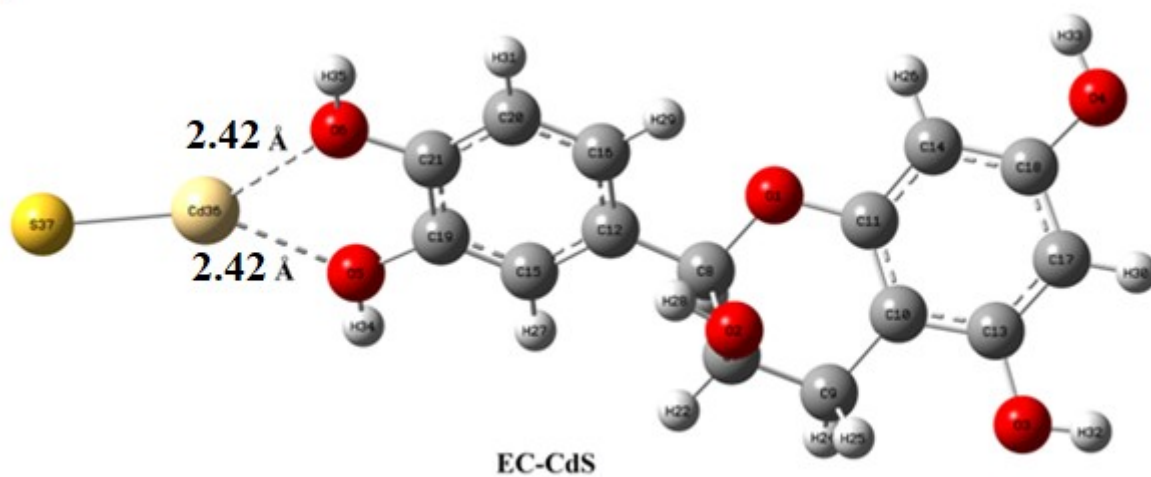
Table 4. The electron density (ρ), Laplacian of electron density ($\nabla^2 \rho$), energy density ($H(r)$), Lagrangian K.E. $G(r)$, potential energy density $V(r)$, bond energy E_{bond} , and bond distances at the bond critical points (BCPs) of the interacting states at B3LYP/LANL2DZ level using the AIM theory.

Compound	Intermolecular interactions	ρ_{BCPs} (a.u.)	$\nabla^2 \rho_{\text{BCPs}}$ (a.u.)	$H(r)$ (a.u.)	$G(r)$ (a.u.)	$V(r)$ (a.u.)	E_{bond} (kcal/mol)	Bond distance (Å)
C–CdS	O5...Cd36	0.035	0.2063	0.0017	0.0444	−0.0436	13.67	2.413
	6							
	O6...Cd36	0.034	0.2018	0.0019	0.0433	−0.0414	12.98	2.421
EC–CdS	9							
	O5...Cd36	0.034	0.1991	0.0020	0.0427	−0.0407	12.76	2.426
	5							
EGC–CdS	O6...Cd36	0.034	0.1999	0.0020	0.0427	−0.0407	12.76	2.421
	5							
	O6...Cd37	0.031	0.1778	0.0027	0.0376	−0.0349	10.95	2.470
ECG–CdS	3							
	O7...Cd37	0.036	0.2110	0.0015	0.0456	−0.0441	13.83	2.402
	4							
ECG–CdS	O9...Cd1	0.036	0.2102	0.0013	0.0455	−0.0441	13.83	2.405
	9							
	O7...Cd1	0.038	0.2176	0.0010	0.0474	−0.0464	14.55	2.393
EGCG–CdS	3							
	O8...Cd52	0.036	0.2118	0.0015	0.0458	−0.0442	13.86	2.401
	5							
EGCG–CdS	O6...Cd52	0.032	0.1833	0.0025	0.0389	−0.0364	11.42	2.458
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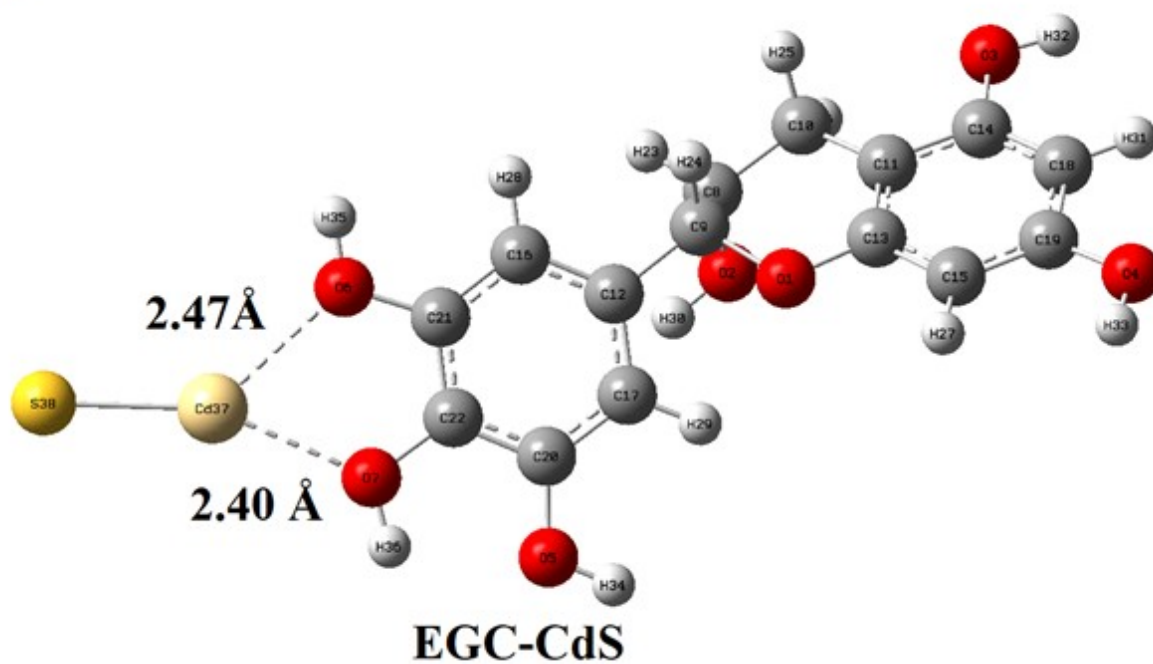
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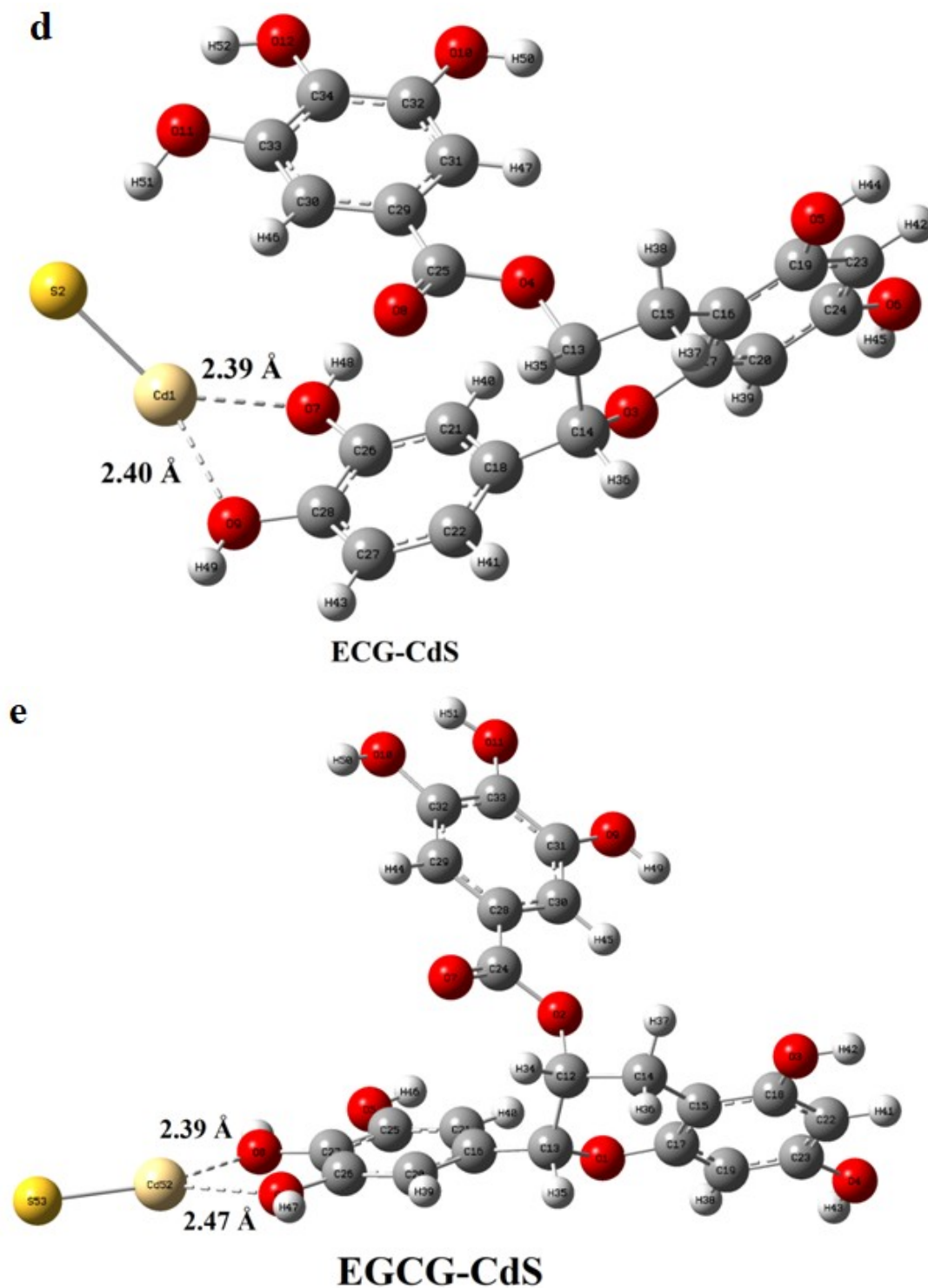


Figure 6. Optimized structures of the interacting state of CdS nanoparticle (linear shape) with five major catechins found in tea, namely (a) (+)-catechin-CdS (C-CdS), (b) (-)-epicatechin-CdS (EC-CdS), (c) (-)-epigallocatechin-CdS (EGC-CdS), (d) (-)-epicatechin gallate-CdS (ECG-CdS), (e) (-)-epigallocatechin gallate-CdS (EGCG-CdS).

Thus, catechin-mediated green synthesized CdS nanoparticles exhibited potential for usage as a preservative. Nevertheless, more investigation is required to fully grasp this potential.

4. Limitations

Despite being economical and environmentally benign, the green synthesis of CdS nanoparticles utilizing tea catechin has limitations with regard to reproducibility and exact control over particle size and morphology. Nanoparticle characteristics may vary from batch to batch due to variations in the plant extract's composition and catechin content. Organic capping compounds may occasionally lessen CdS nanoparticles' direct engagement with microbial cells in antibiofilm research, hence decreasing their effectiveness. Therefore, before considering their biological usage, meticulous optimization and a comprehensive toxicity evaluation are crucial.

5. Conclusion

For the first time, catechins extracted from tea leaves were used to synthesize CdS nanoparticles in an easy, economical, and environmentally benign method. From XRD analysis, it was found that the CdS nanoparticles had a cubic shape and an average crystallite size of 2.47 nm. The SAED results validate the XRD data. The size range of the CdS nanoparticles, according to TEM examination, was 2 to 8 nm. The biomolecules found in catechin extract were significant in keeping the CdS nanoparticles stable. The microorganisms isolated from spoiled *Capsicum chinense* Jacq. were effectively inhibited by the CdS nanoparticles. When applied to HEK-293 normal kidney cells, CdS nanoparticles had a minimal cytotoxic effect. As shown by theoretical study, there is a substantial electrostatic interaction between the bio- constituents of tea and CdS nanoparticles, which might enhance the stability of the CdS nanoparticles. The findings demonstrated that the catechins extract-mediated CdS nanoparticles are a potentially useful biomaterial for improving the shelf life of *Capsicum chinense* Jacq.

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