Investigation of the Possibility of Using Silver Nanoparticles Stabilized with Chlorhexidine in Dentistry

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Abstract

Nanotechnologies are applicable to any branches of dentistry: Radiography, orthodontics, surgery and therapy. Due to the tiny size of the nanoparticles, they are able to easily penetrate and fill tissues and fight pathogens.

Today, many studies are being conducted simultaneously, considering various ways of using nanoparticles for different dental purposes. In this article, the possibility of using silver nanoparticles stabilized with chlorhexidine in dentistry is studied. It is concluded that the stabilization of nanoparticles with chlorhexidine is one of the most promising methods that can be introduced into clinical practice in the near future.

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Introduction

Today, the issue of finding fundamentally new medicines with high antibacterial activity that would significantly reduce the use of antibiotics in the practice of a doctor and thereby reduce the further spread of antibiotic resistance is extremely urgent. ^[1,2]

Currently, a wide range of antibiotics are used in dentistry and maxillofacial surgery, which are part of the materials for the local treatment of odontogenic infectious diseases. ^[3-5] However, the activity of antibacterial components in the composition of these drugs is short-term. In addition, it was not possible to give resistant antibacterial properties to cements, composites and adhesives. The use of lightcured composite materials of the latest generation does not guarantee further protection of the hard tissues of the tooth from the occurrence of secondary (recurrent) caries. ^[6,7] For this reason, studies related to the prospects of using colloidal solutions of metal nanoparticles as an antibacterial component in the composition of restoration materials are relevant. [8-11] The high pH level of the oral fluid, a wide variety of biochemical processes, the presence of a wide range of natural and pathogenic microorganisms of the oral cavity, the features of the structure and chemical composition of tooth tissues-all this dictates the following requirements for filling materials and adhesive systems:

1. A wide range of bactericidal action.

2. Prolonged bactericidal action.

3. No local and systemic toxic effects.

4. Adhesion to hard tooth tissues and surfaces of orthopedic structures.

5. Insolubility in oral fluid.

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6. Preservation of physical and chemical properties when interacting with other dental materials.

Recently, the possibilities of using nanopreparations in medicine have been studied. The bactericidal activity of silver nanoparticles for various individual strains of microorganisms has been studied quite well. ^[12-15] From a practical point of view, it is necessary to study the antimicrobial properties of aqueous dispersions of silver and other metals directly with the microflora of plaque.

There are a number of works ^[16-19] in which nanoparticles are stabilized by bactericidal substances, which enhances their bactericidal effect. In accordance with this, it was proposed in this work to develop a technology for stabilizing Ag nanoparticles with chlorhexidine.

Materials and Methods

As a synthesis, chemical reduction in an aqueous medium was chosen as the simplest and most accessible. ^[20,21] As a result of the analysis of the literature data, a method for the synthesis and stabilization of silver nanoparticles was developed, which consists of the following main stages:

1. Preparation of a solution of chlorhexidine bigluconate $C_{22}H_{30}Cl_2N_{10}$;

- 2. Dissolution of AgNO₃ silver nitrate in distilled water;
- 3. Preparation of a solution of sodium borohydride NaBH4;

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4. Connection of the obtained solutions;

5. Formation of Ag silver nanoparticles;

It is worth noting that the synthesis process takes place according to the following scheme:

 $AgNO_3$ +(reducing agent) $\rightarrow Ag NPs$

At the first stage, 5 ml of chlorhexidine bigluconate 20% $C_{22}H_{30}Cl_2N_{10}$ was measured using universal graduated pipettes and transferred to a beaker. Then 5 ml of distilled water was added to the glass, the resulting mixture was left to mix.

At the second stage, 0.0048 grams of silver nitric acid $AgNO_3$ were weighed on analytical scales and transferred to a beaker and 1 ml of distilled water was added.

At the third stage, the resulting solution of silver nitrate was poured drop by drop with a Mohr pipette with intensive stirring to a solution of chlorhexidine bigluconate.

At the same time, no changes in the color and consistency of the solution were observed.

At the fourth stage, 0.0063 grams of sodium borohydride $NaBH_4$ was weighed on an analytical balance, quantitatively transferred to a beaker and 100 ml of distilled water was added.

At the fifth stage, the resulting mixture was added 20 drops to a solution of silver and chlorhexidine with intensive stirring using a Mora pipette.

As a result, the following scheme of the chemical reaction is assumed:

 $2AgNO_3+2NaBH_4+6H_2O \rightarrow 2Ag+7H_2\uparrow+2NaNO_3+2H_3BO_3$

A gradual staining of the solution in amber color was observed, the resulting mixture was left to mix for 10 minutes until the components were completely dissolved.

Two methods were also proposed to study the effect of the speed and sequence of adding components. According to the first method, the sequence of adding solutions is shown in Figure 1.

Whereas according to the second method, presented in Figure 2.

In both methods, the addition rates of silver nitrate were 3.6 l/h, and sodium borohydride 3.6 l/h and 0.18 l/h, respectively. The rate of addition of solutions was regulated by means of a peristaltic pump installed in a glass reactor Ready.



1, 2-the order of adding substances to the solution

Figure 1: The sequence of adding solutions according to the method of synthesis of AgNPs#1.

Results and Discussion

The resulting sol of silver nanoparticles was studied using a photocor complex photon correlation spectrometer. As a result, a histogram and a correlation function for measuring the size of silver particles were obtained, shown in Figures 3 and 4.

As can be seen from the distribution histogram in Figure 3, all particles have an average radius of 75 nm. The largest number of silver particles in the ash have a radius of about 80 nm, the rest are distributed in the range from 30 nm to 100 nm.

The optical density of silver nanoparticles was measured using the SF-56 spectrophotometer. As a result, the absorption spectrum in the UV and visible regions of the spectrum was obtained, shown in Figure 5.

The absorption spectrum has a band with an absorption maximum at 440 nm, the presence of which is due to the surface plasmon resonance of silver nanoparticles. ^[11]

The phase composition of the colloidal silver preparation was studied using a PAN anytical Empyrean X-ray diffractometer. Before the measurement, the sample was ground in a mortar with aerosol to a homogeneous state. As a result of X-ray phase analysis, a diffractogram was obtained, shown in Figure 6.



1, 2-The order of adding substances to the solution





Figure 3: Histogram of the distribution of hydrodynamic radii of silver nanoparticles.

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Figure 5: Absorption spectrum of Ag nanoparticles stabilized with chlorhexidine.



The obtained peaks correspond to silver nanoparticles with a face-centered cubic (HCC) crystal lattice. The crystallographic plane (111) prevails, and there are also phases with Miller indices (311), (200), (220), (222). Theinterpretation of the diffractogram showed that the silver nanoparticles have a cubic face-centered crystal lattice, the space group Fm-3m. The HCC models of the silver crystal lattice are shown in Figure 7.

As a result of the study of sols of silver nanoparticles obtained by methods 1 and 2 on the *SF-56* spectrophotometer device, the absorption spectra in the UV and visible spectral regions were obtained, shown in Figures 8 and 9.

The sol data were also studied using a Photocor Complex photon correlation spectrometer. As a result, the histograms shown in Figures 10-13 were obtained.

Analyzing the obtained data, we can say that in all four samples there is a band on the absorption spectra with an absorption maximum at 440 nm. ^[22] By changing the intensity of the peak, it is possible to judge the change in the concentration of nanoparticles. The higher the absorption maximum, the greater the concentration of particles and vice versa. ^[23] Also, analyzing the obtained histograms, we can conclude that according to method 1, the average diameter and spread of the particles of the obtained nanoscale silver is less than according to method 2. As a result of the conducted studies, it was found that the



Figure 7: HCC models of the silver crystal lattice.



Figure 8: Absorption spectrum of Ag nanoparticles stabilized with chlorhexidine according to method 1.



Figure 9: Absorption spectrum of Ag nanoparticles stabilized with chlorhexidine according to method 2.

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Figure 10: Histogram of the distribution of hydrodynamic radii of nanoscale silver obtained by the 1a method.





Figure 11: Histogram of the distribution of hydrodynamic radii of nanoscale silver obtained by the 1b method.

Figure 12: Histogram of the distribution of hydrodynamic radii of nanoscale silver obtained by the 2a method.

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experiments performed according to method 1 were the most effective, since the concentration of nanoparticles is higher than in the experiments performed according to method 2. It is also worth noting the change in the concentration of silver nanoparticles with varying rates of addition of solutions: with an increase in the rate of addition of sodium borohydride according to method 1, the concentration of nanoscale silver decreases, and in the second case, on the contrary, the concentration is higher with a high rate of addition of NaBH₄.

The effect of changes in the concentration of Ag and $C_{22}H_{30}Cl_2N_{10}$ on the concentration of the obtained nanoparticles was also considered. The data obtained on the spectrophotometer are shown in Figures 14 and 15.

Thus, after studying the data obtained, we can say that the most optimal method for the synthesis of silver nanoparticles is the borohydride method using chlorhexidine $C_{22}H_{30}Cl_2N_{10}$ as a stabilizer. And the most effective is the method of synthesis 1, with the slow addition of sodium borohydride.

Based on studies using the Photocor Complex photon correlation spectrometer, silver particles have an average radius of about 75 nm. Silver particles have a positive charge, the ζ -potential is +25 mV.

When measuring the optical density of sol on a spectrophotometer

The maximum absorption of SF-56 was observed at 430 nm, which corresponds to the plasmon resonance of silver



Figure 13: Histogram of the distribution of hydrodynamic radii of nanoscale silver obtained by the 2b method.



Figure 14: Absorption spectrum of Ag NPs.



Figure 15: Absorption spectrum of Ag nanoparticles.

nanoparticles.

The results are confirmed by the analysis of the X-ray image, from which it follows that the obtained peaks correspond to silver nanoparticles with a face-centered cubic crystal lattice. [24-26]

Conclusion

According to the results of our studies, it can be argued that the obtained colloidal solutions of silver nanoparticles stabilized with chlorhexidine can become a good alternative to antibacterial drugs in the treatment of local infectious processes.

In dentistry, it is possible to use these colloidal solutions as an antibacterial component of composite filling materials, adhesive systems and etching gels, as well as sillers and temporary filling materials, which will improve the results of treatment and prevention of caries and its complications.

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