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A rapid and sensitive colorimetric discrimination and detection of cysteine, homocysteine and glutathione by Phloroglucinol functionalized silver nanoresonators with real applications

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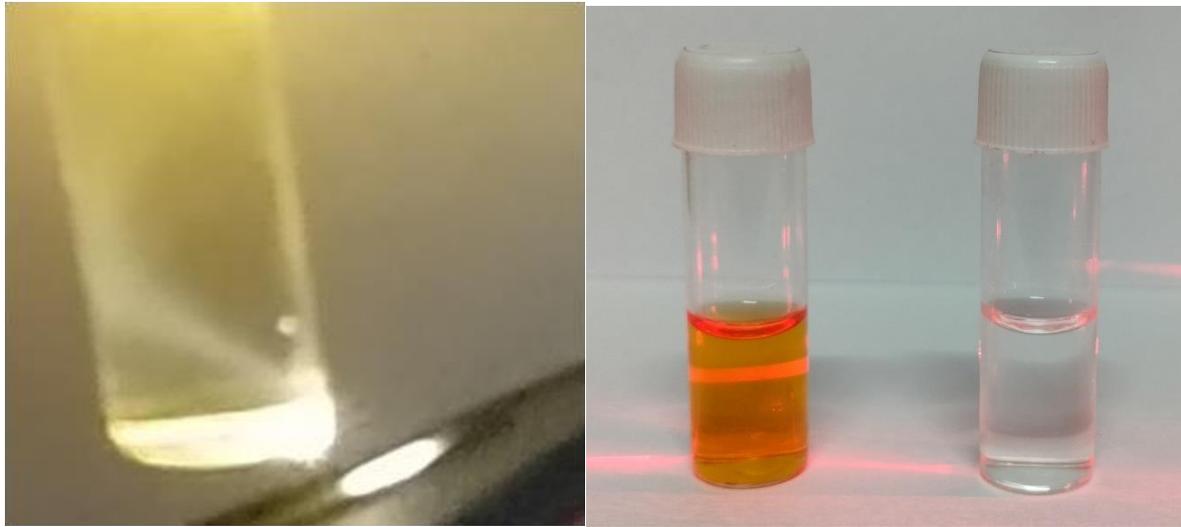
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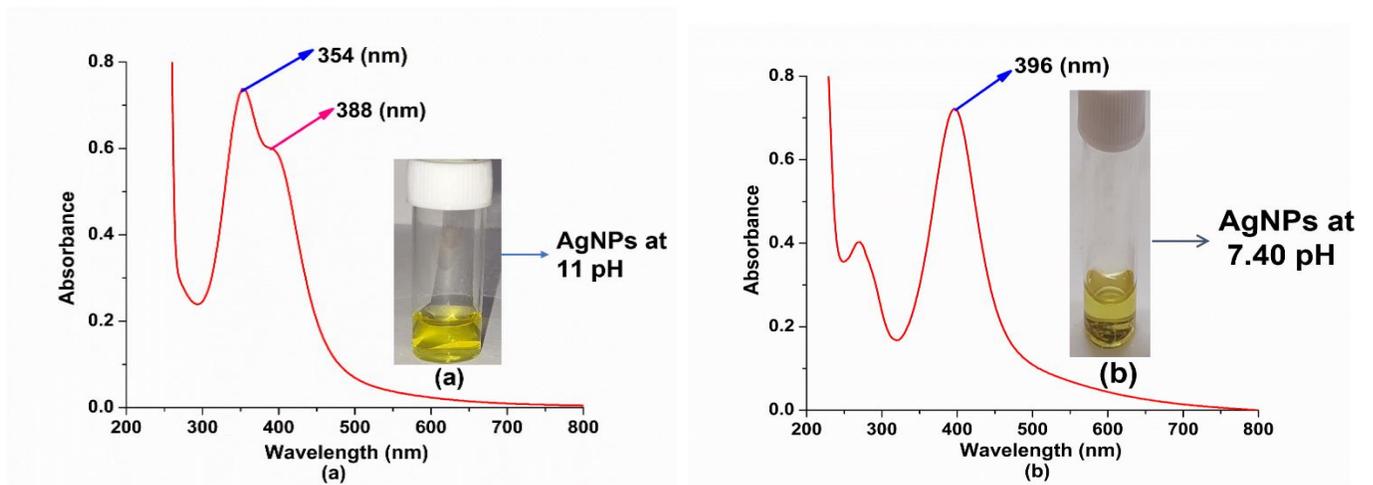


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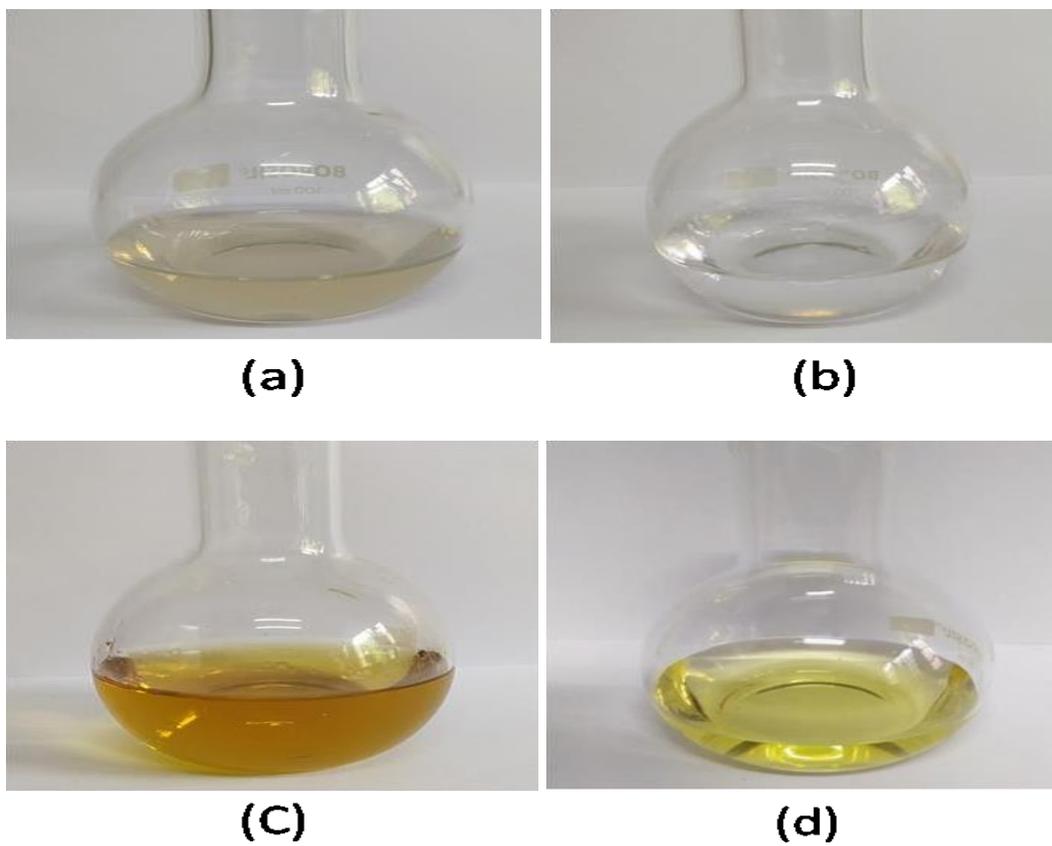


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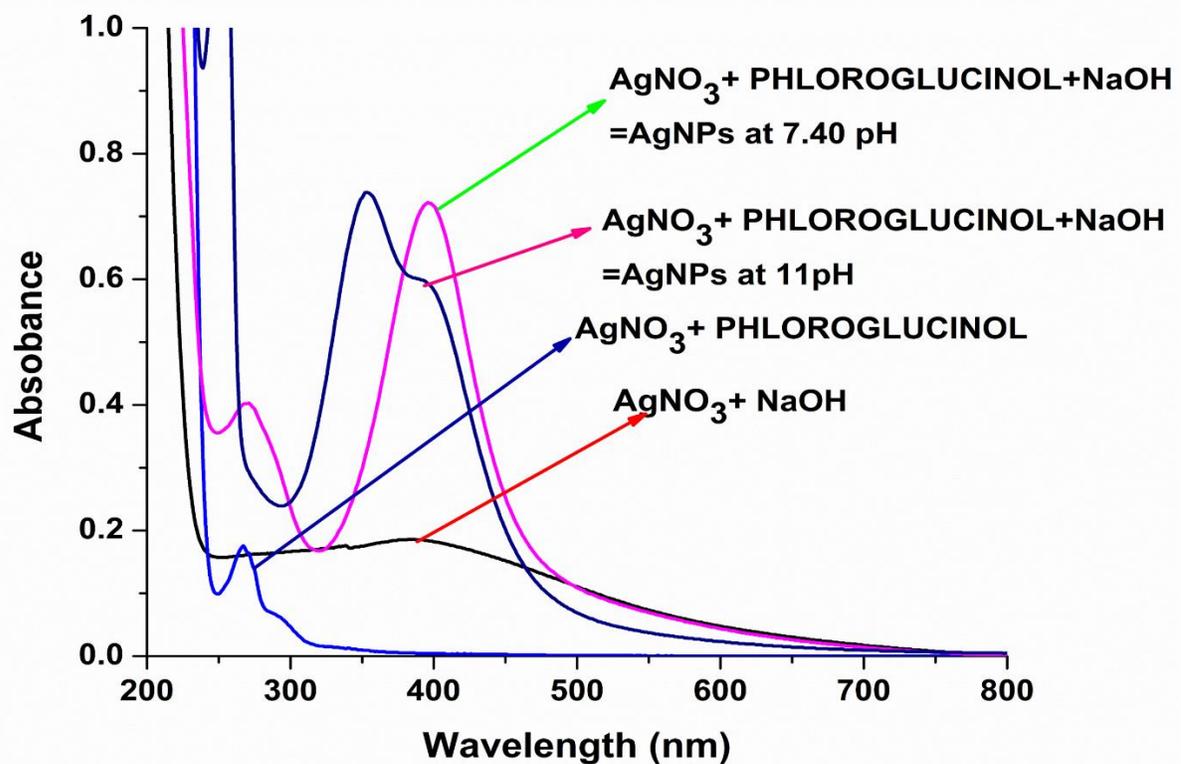


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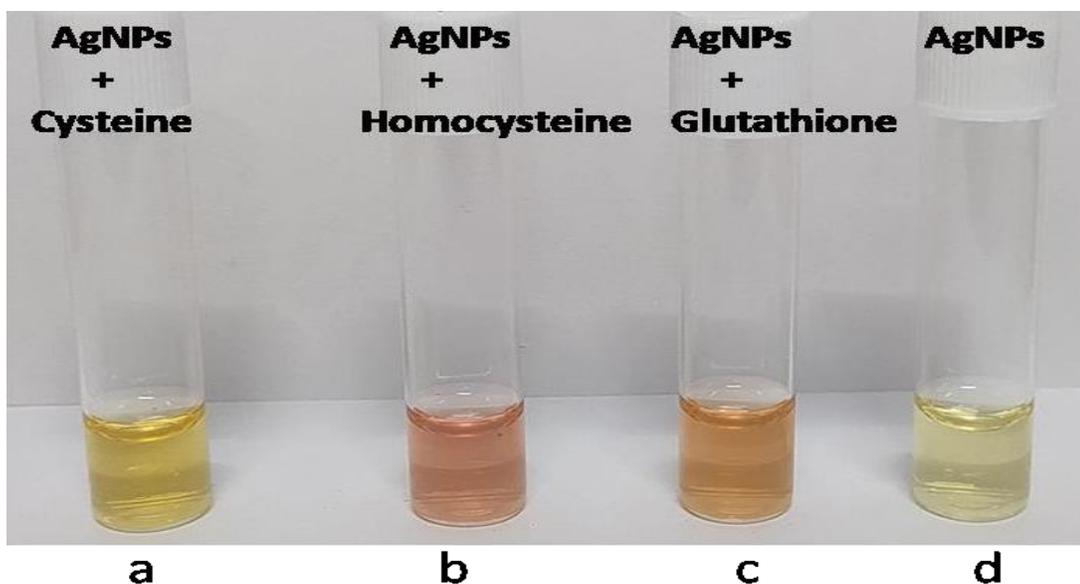


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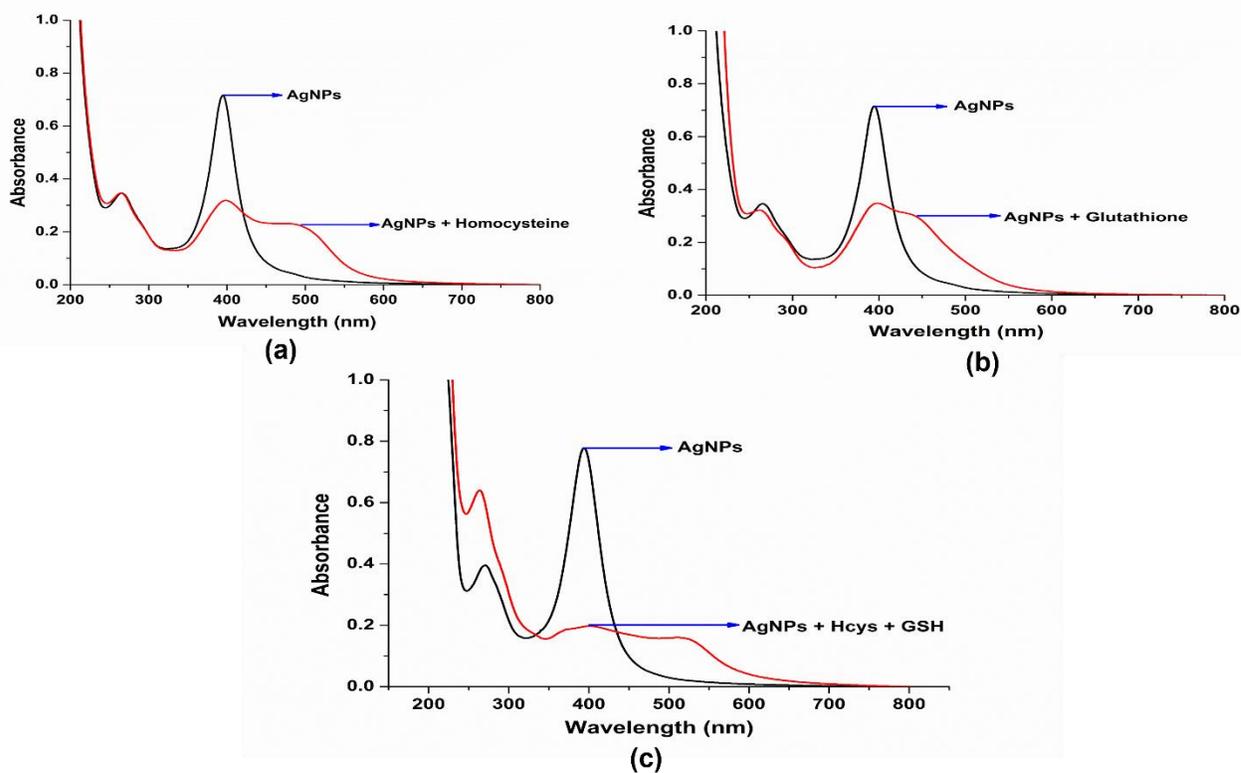
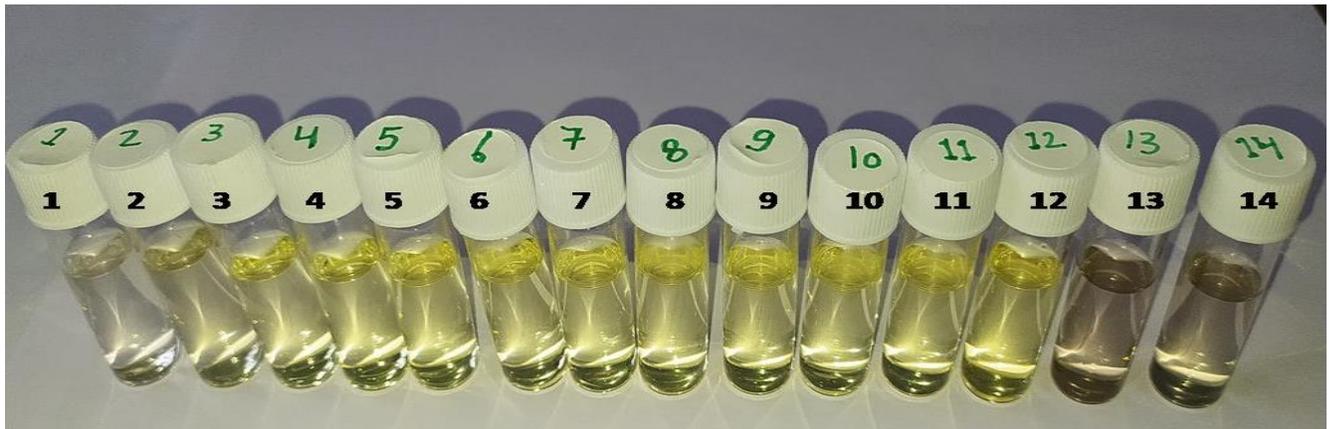


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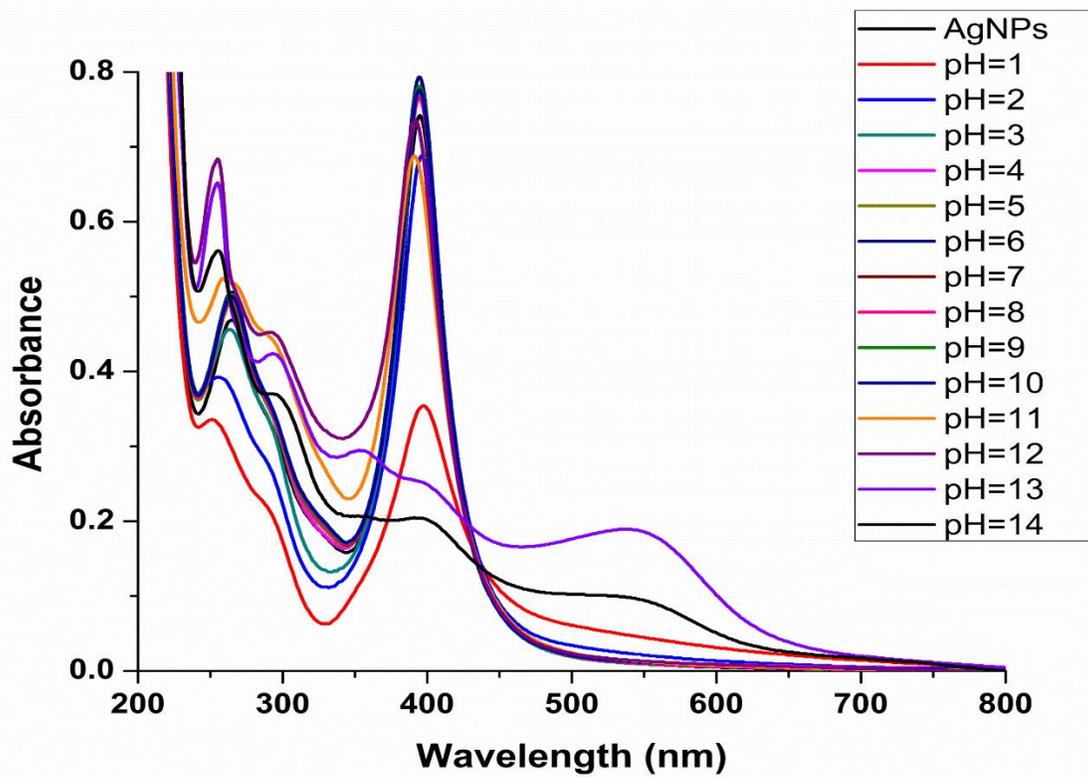
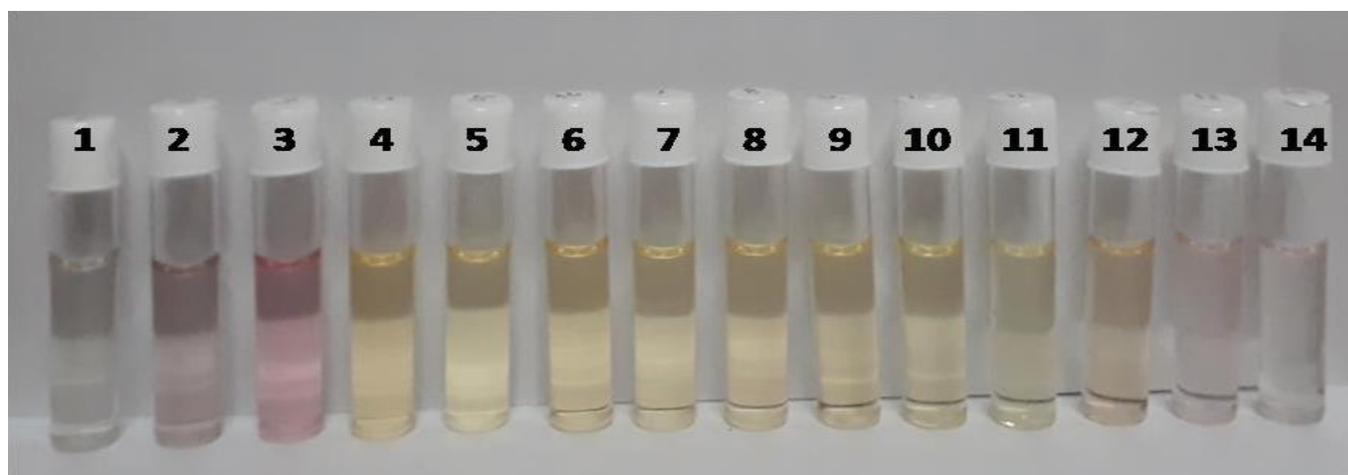


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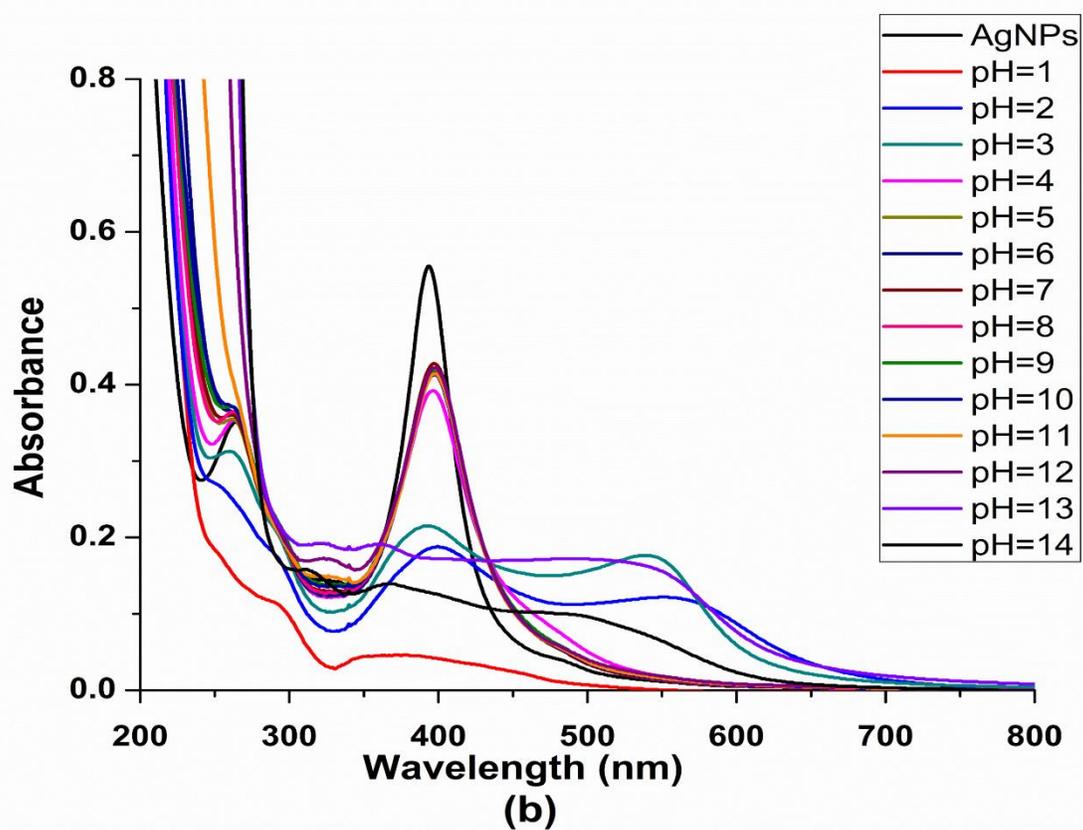
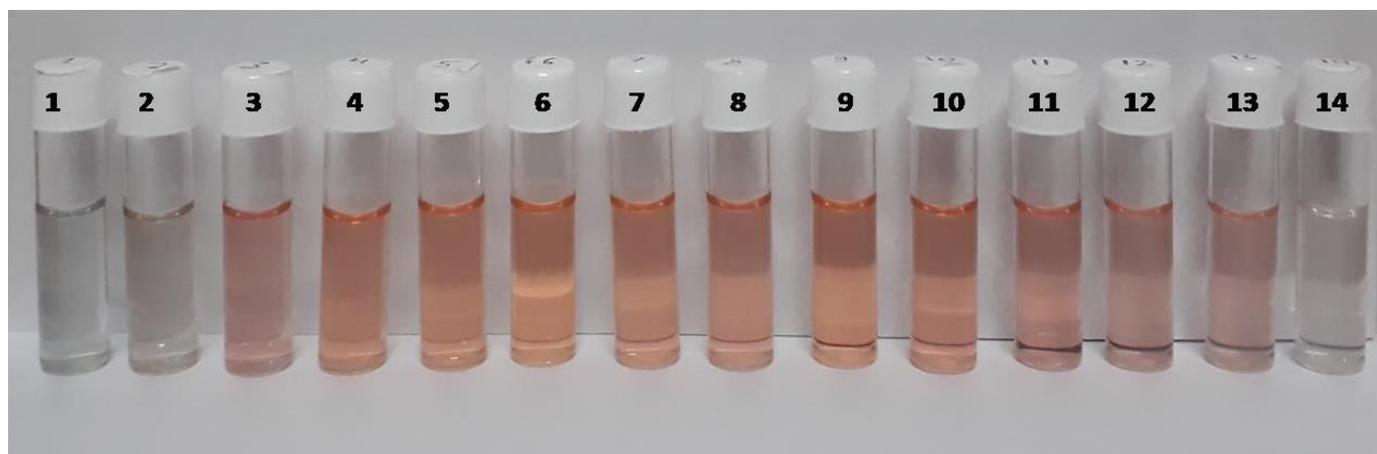


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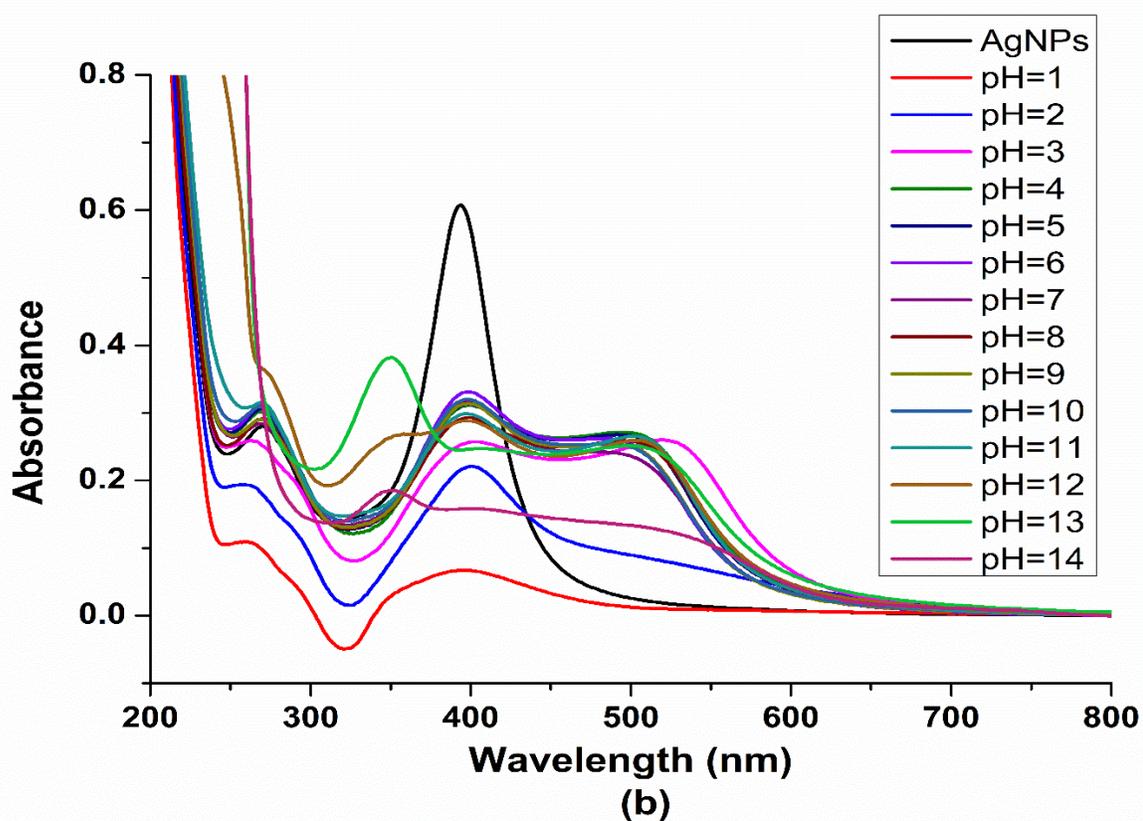


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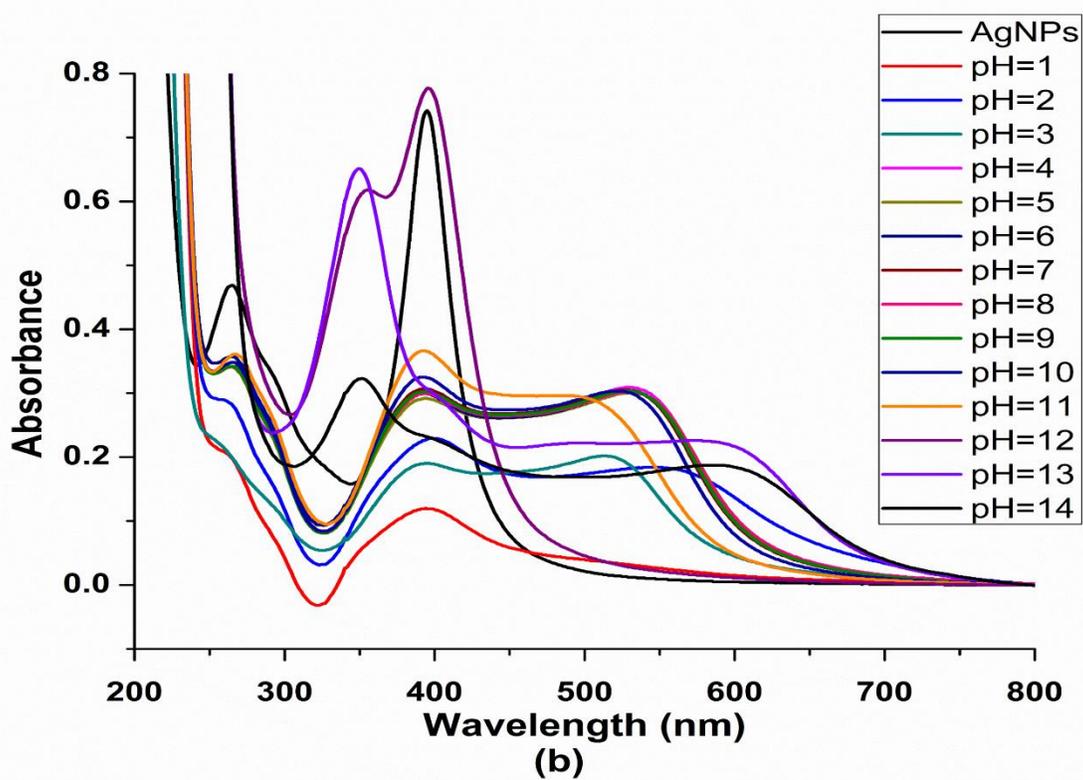
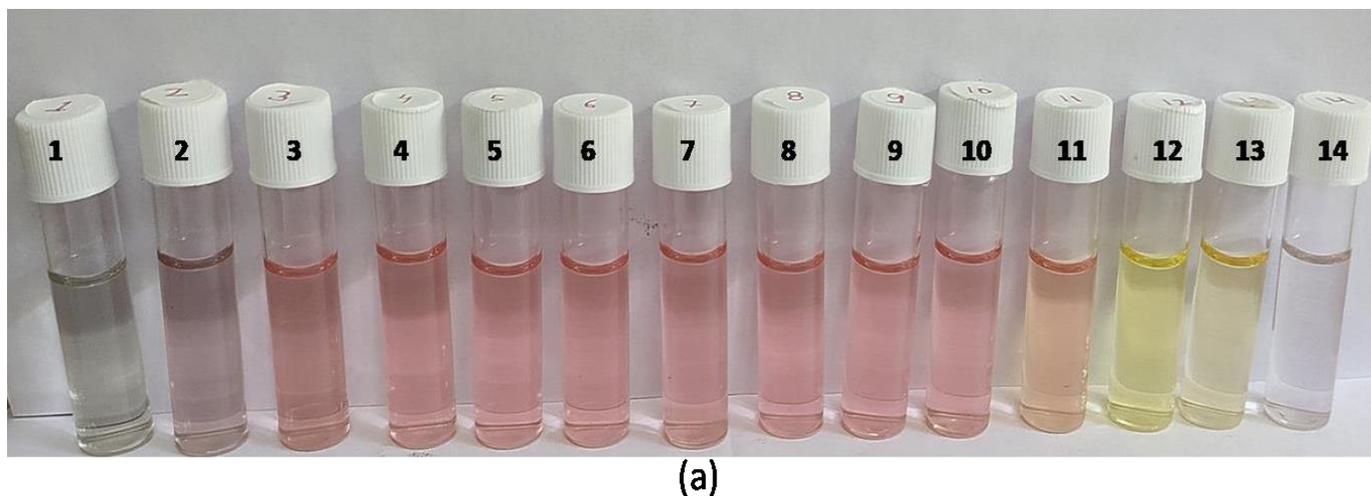


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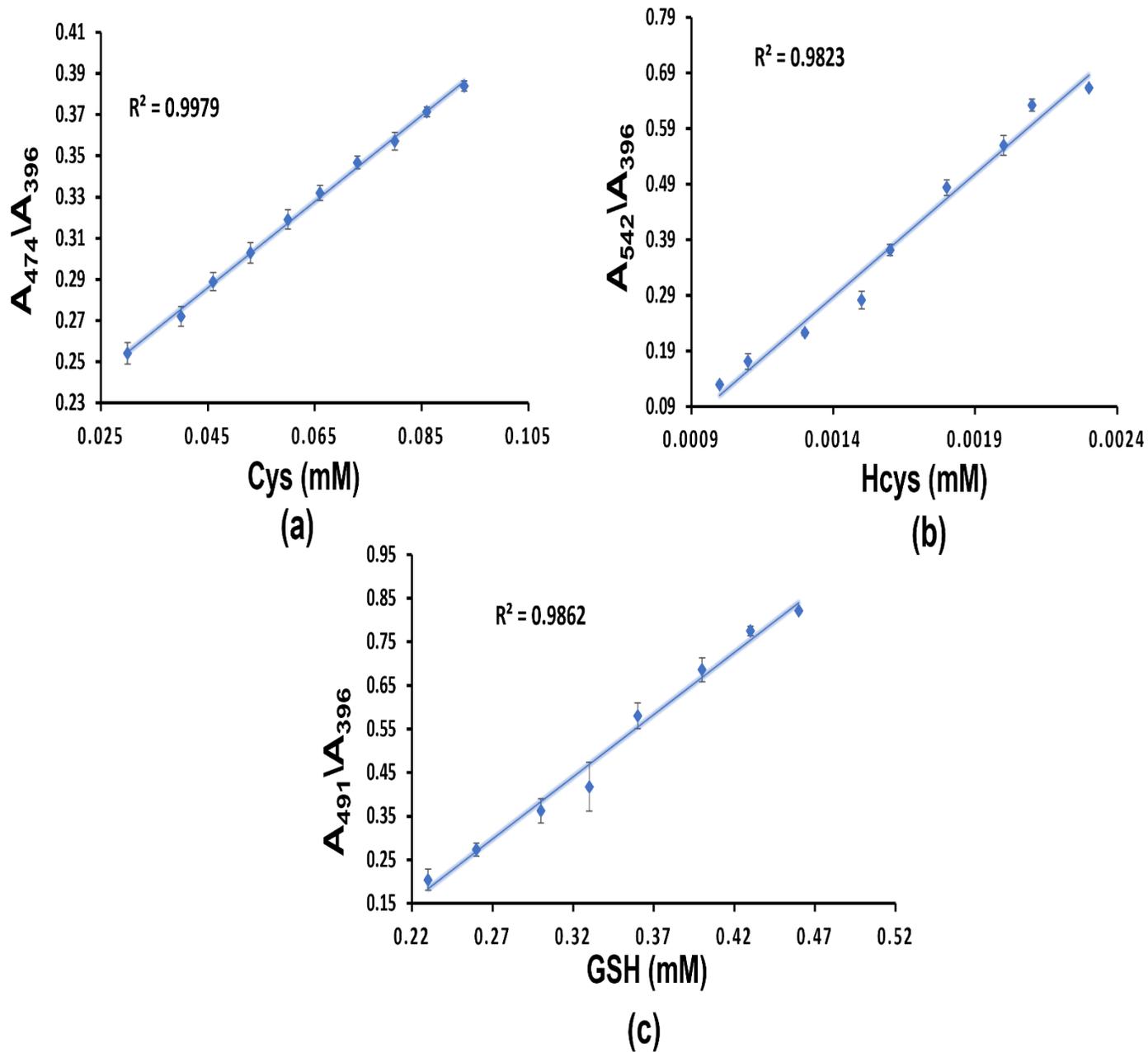
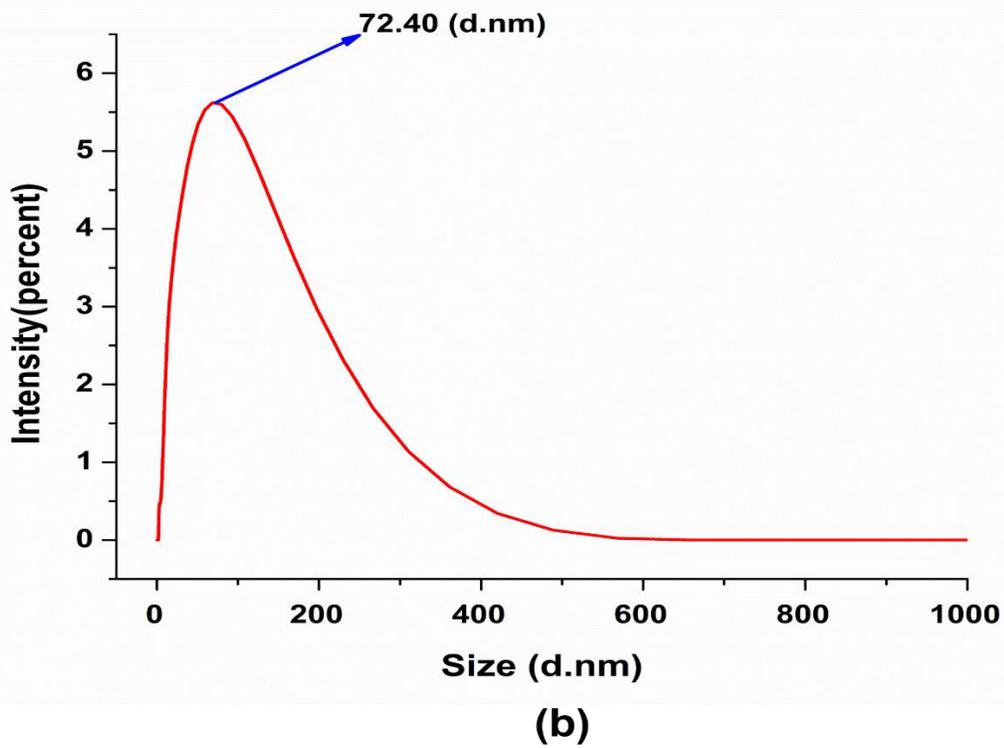
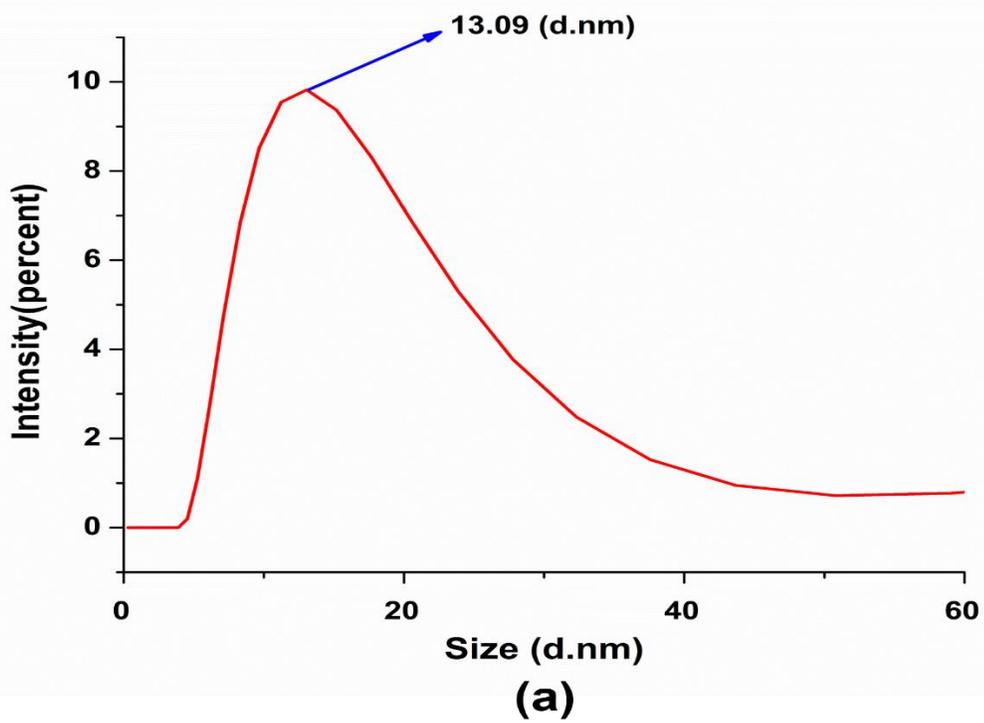
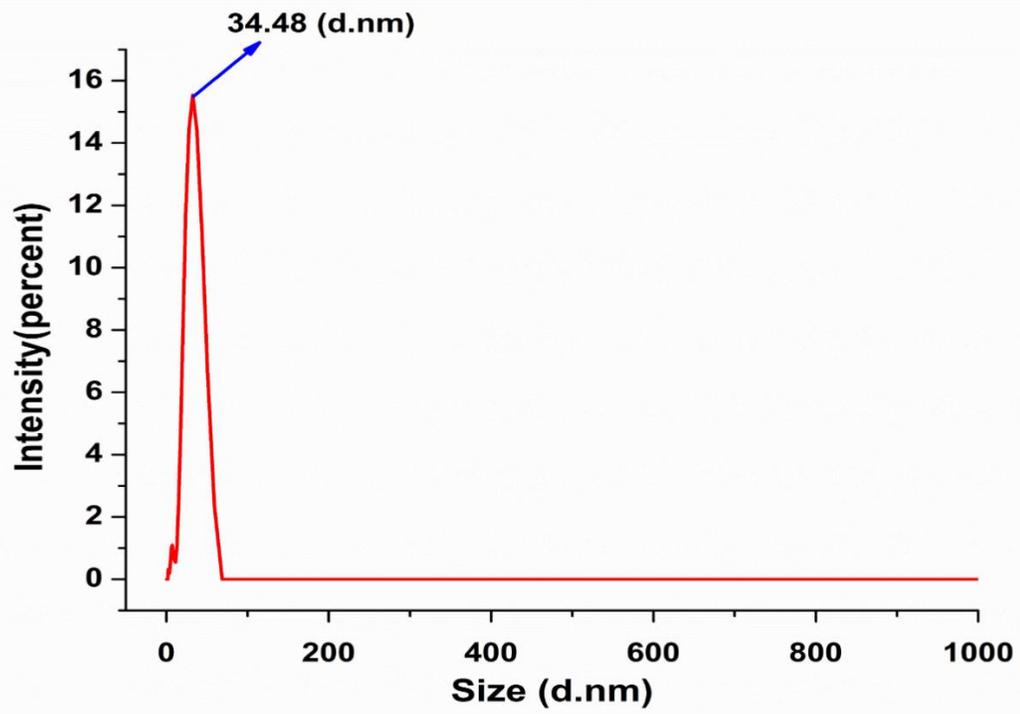
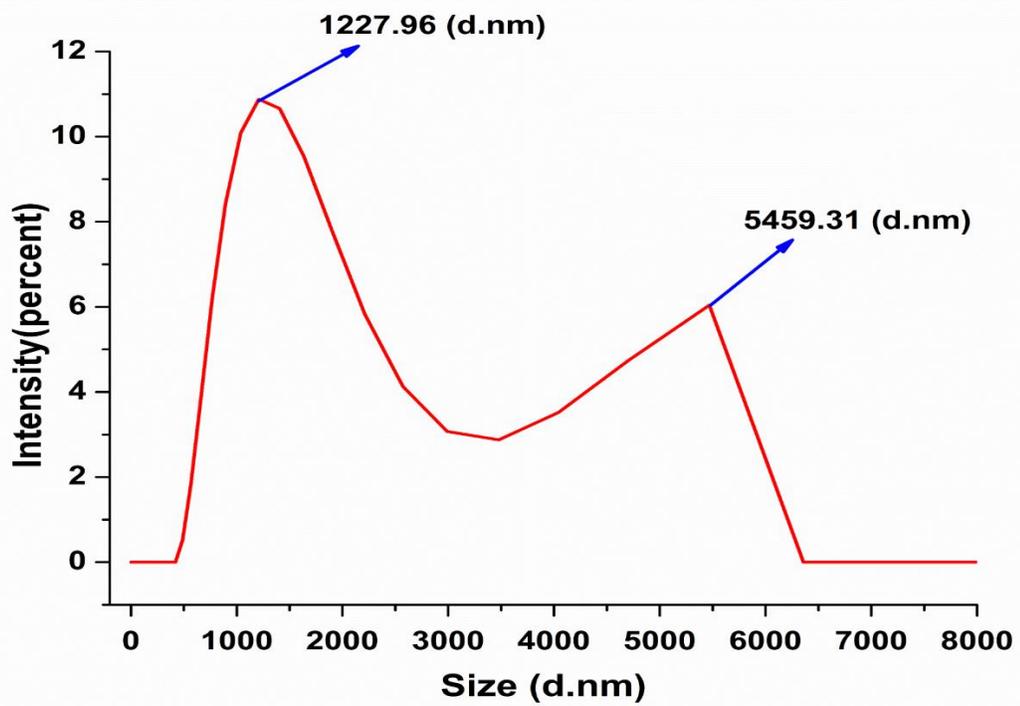


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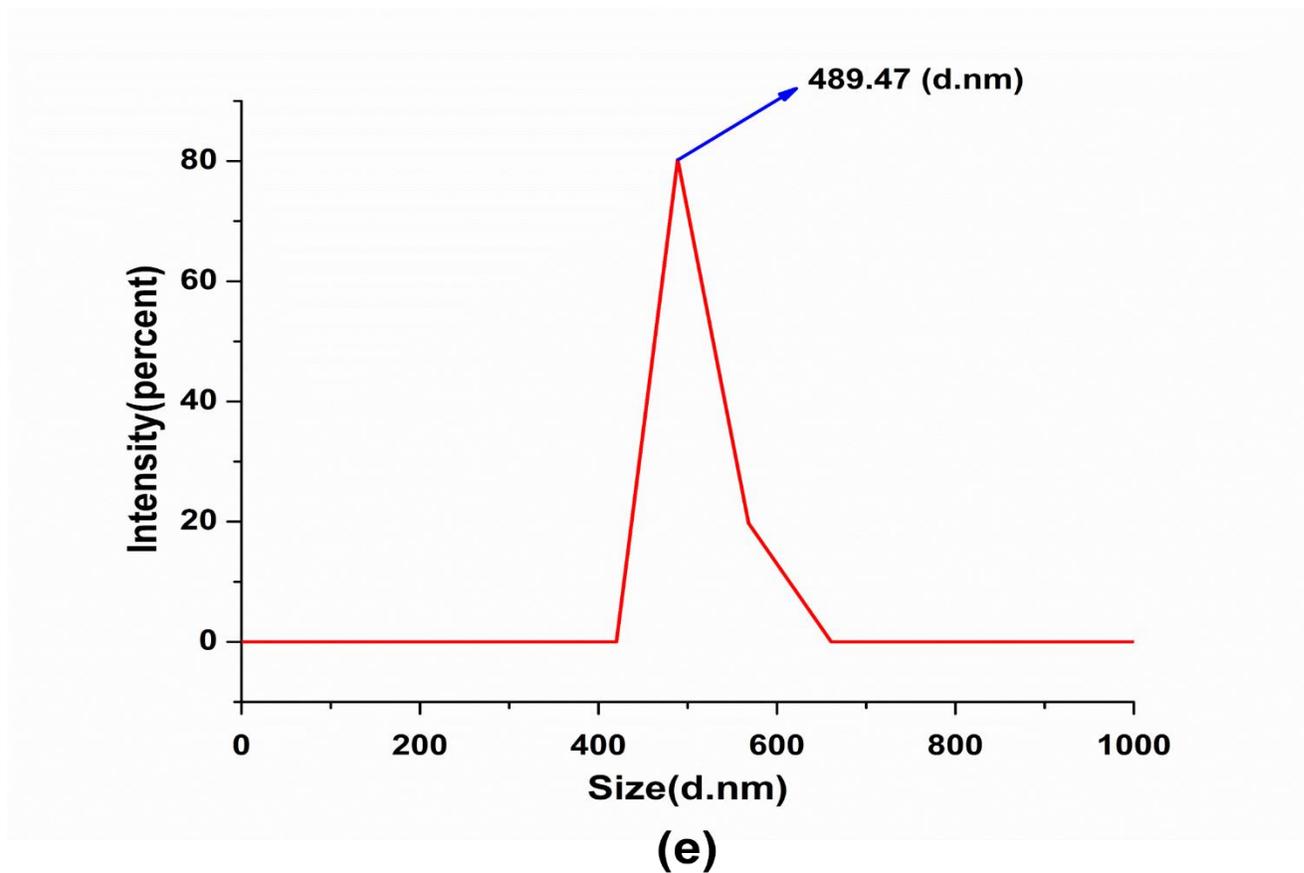
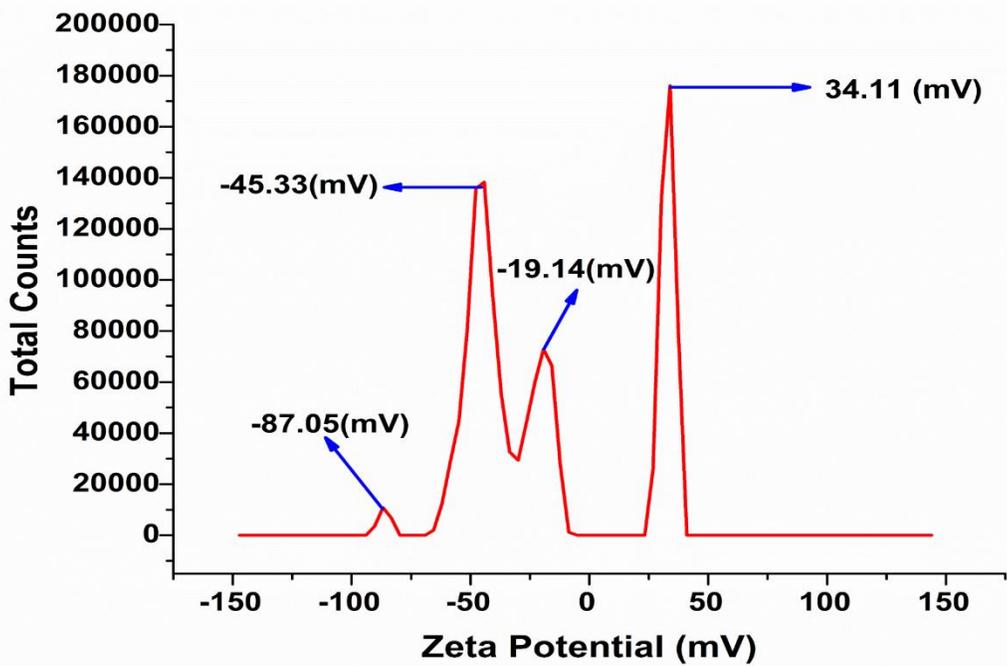
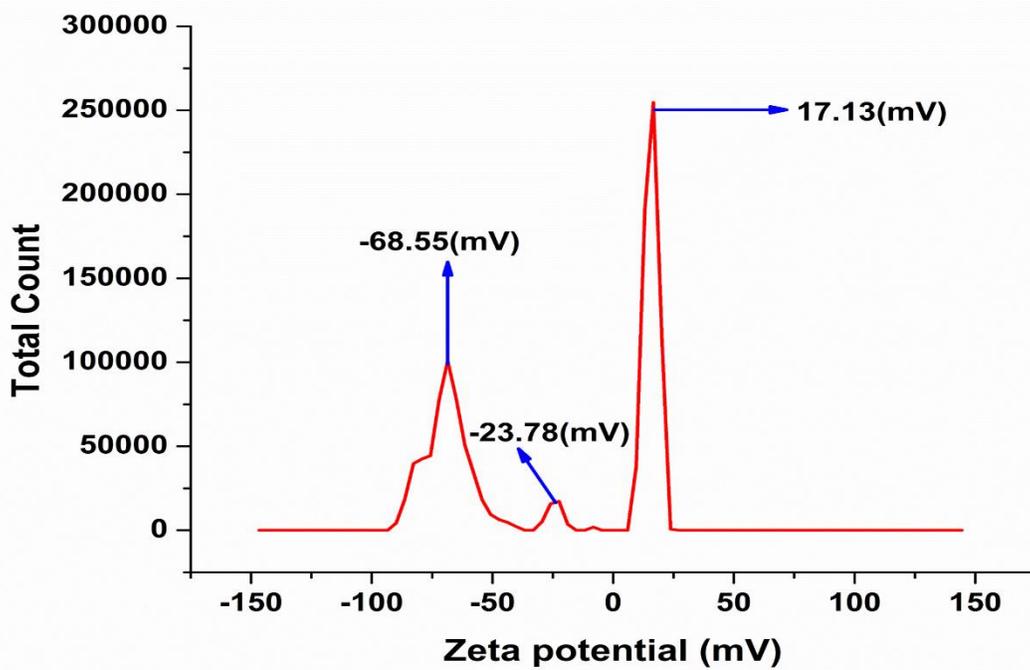


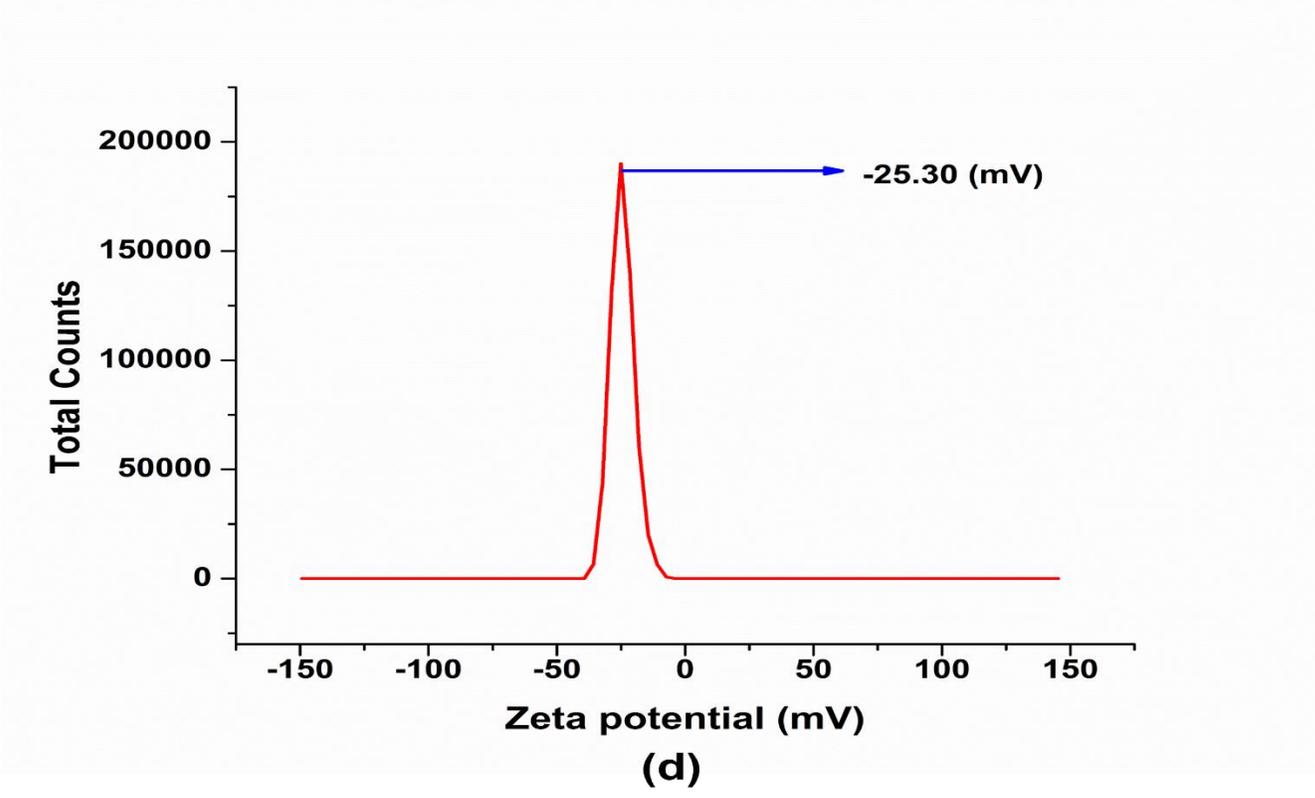
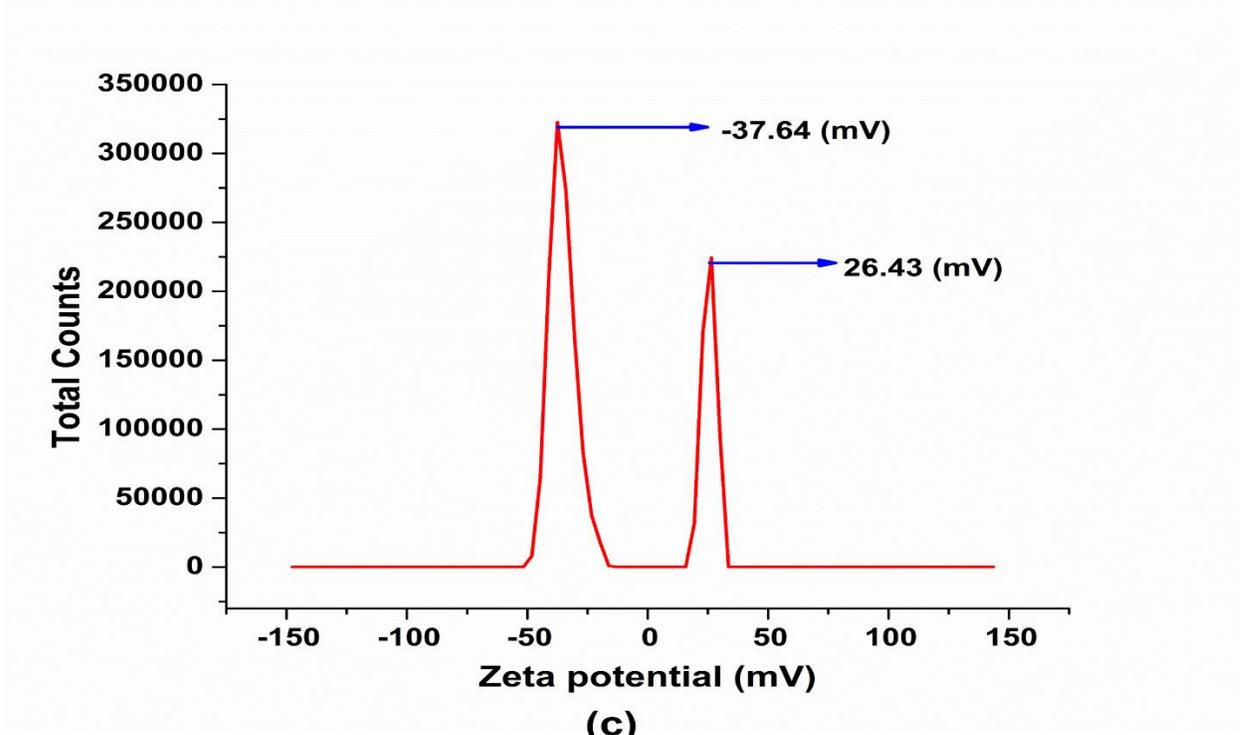
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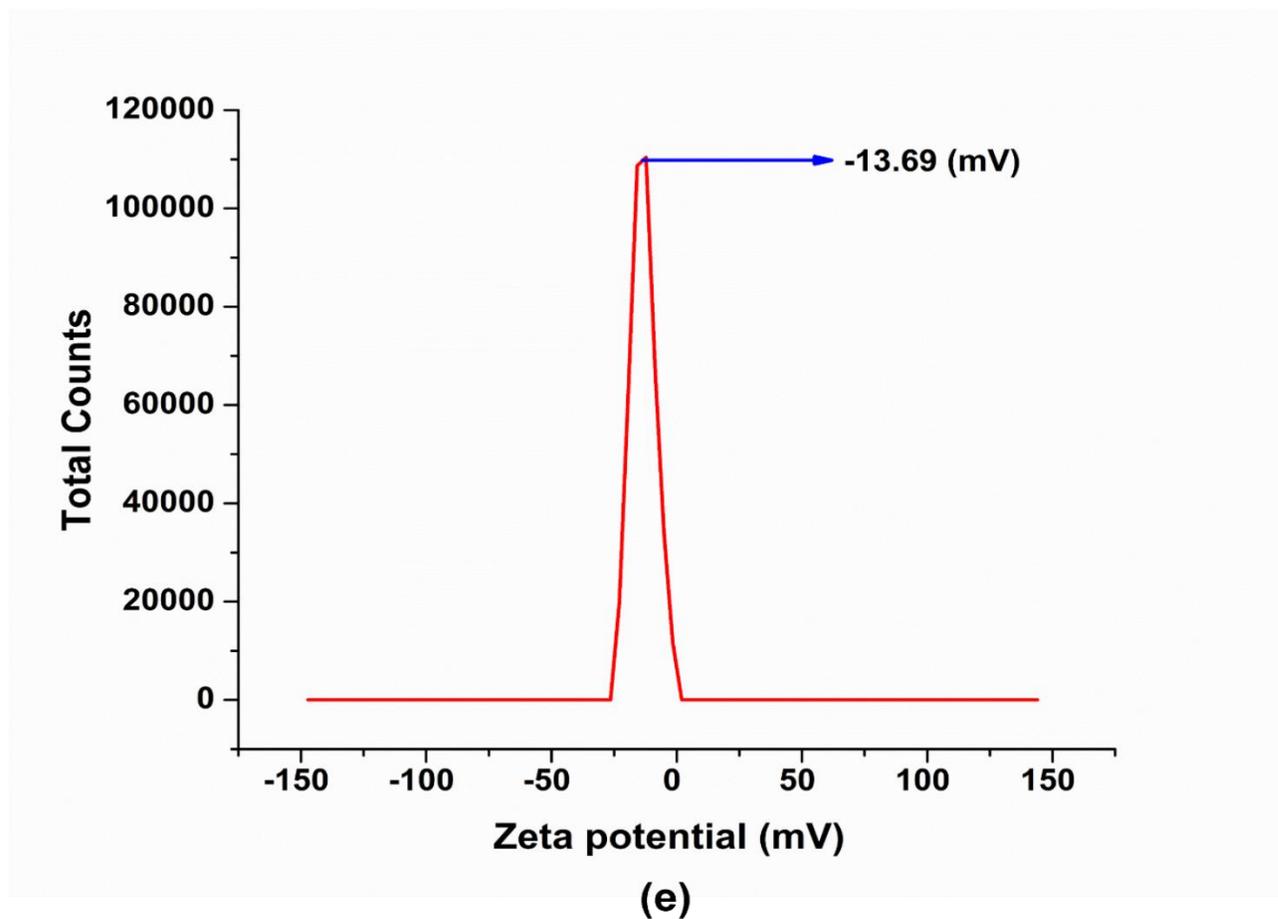
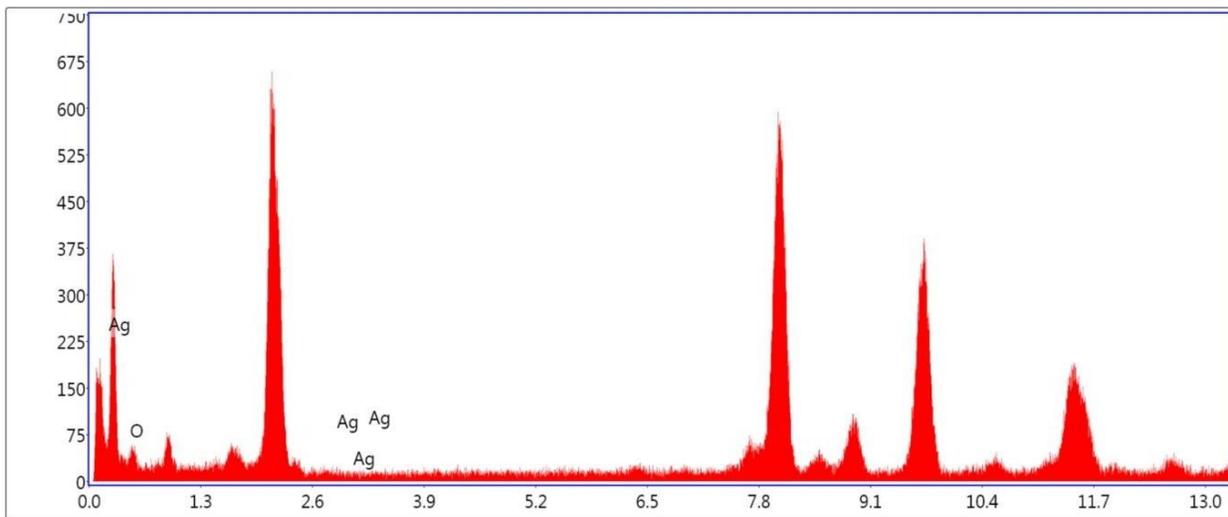
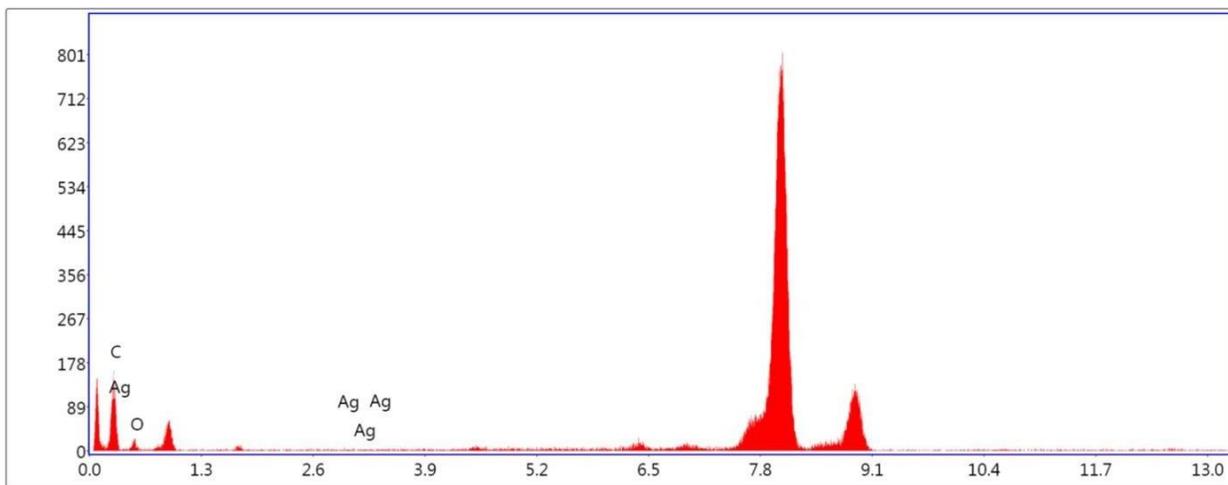


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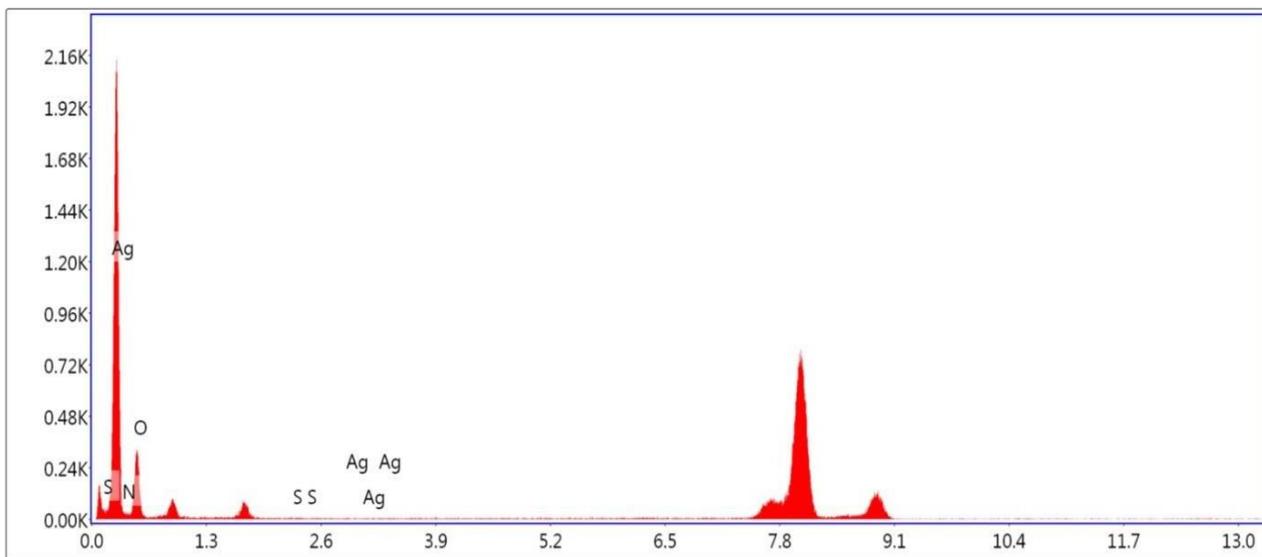
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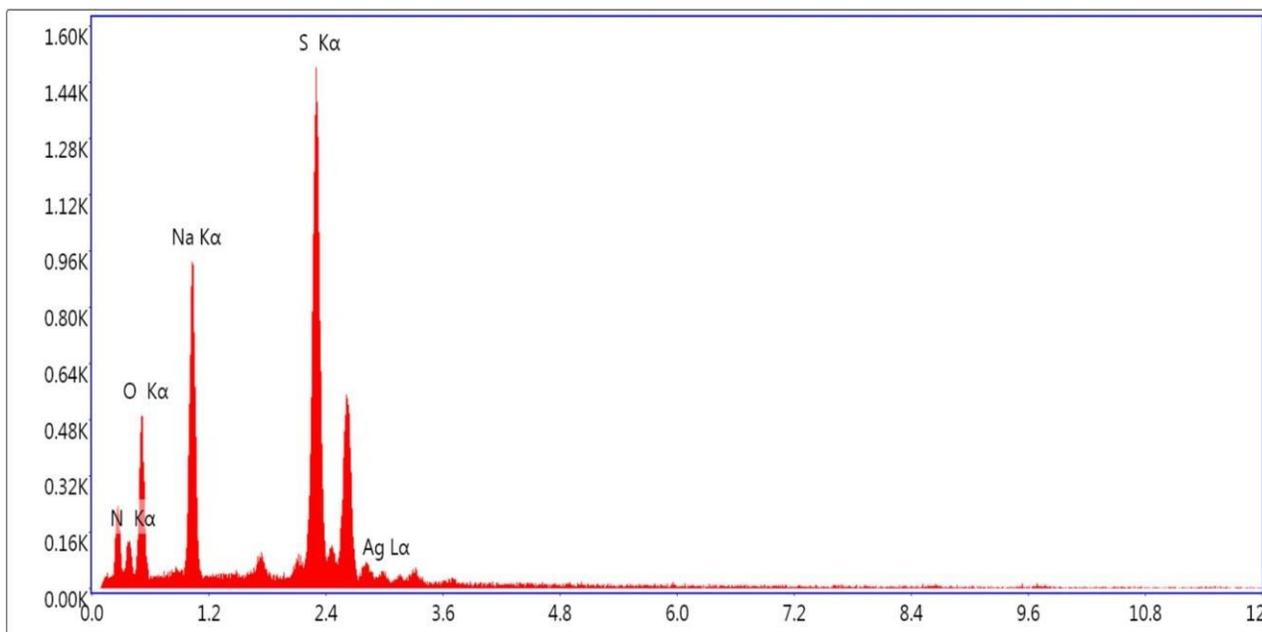
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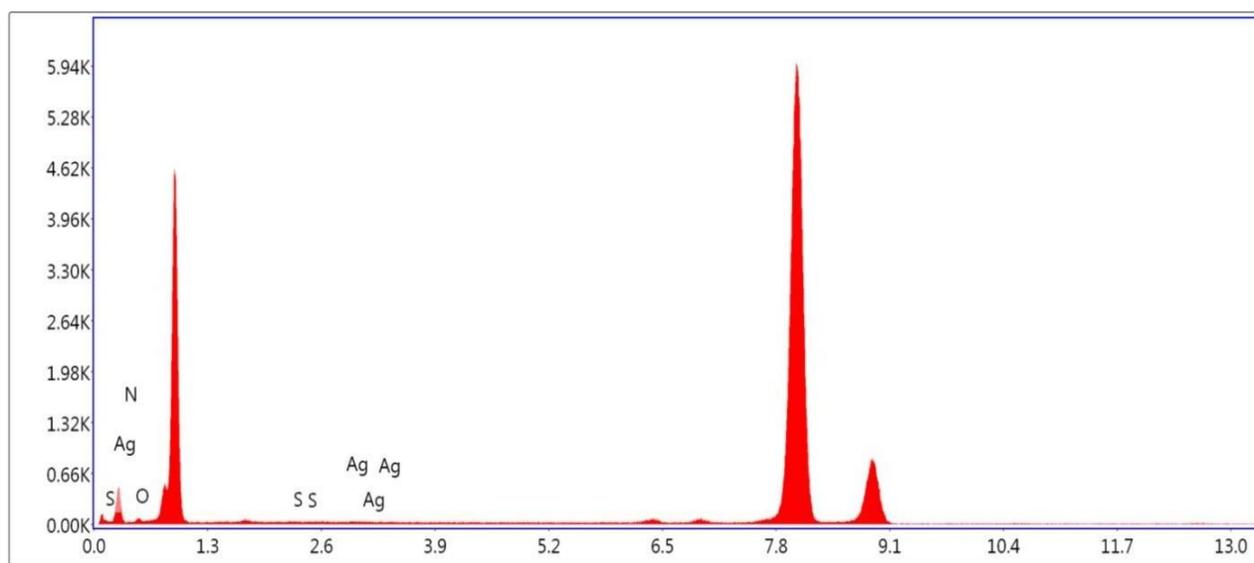
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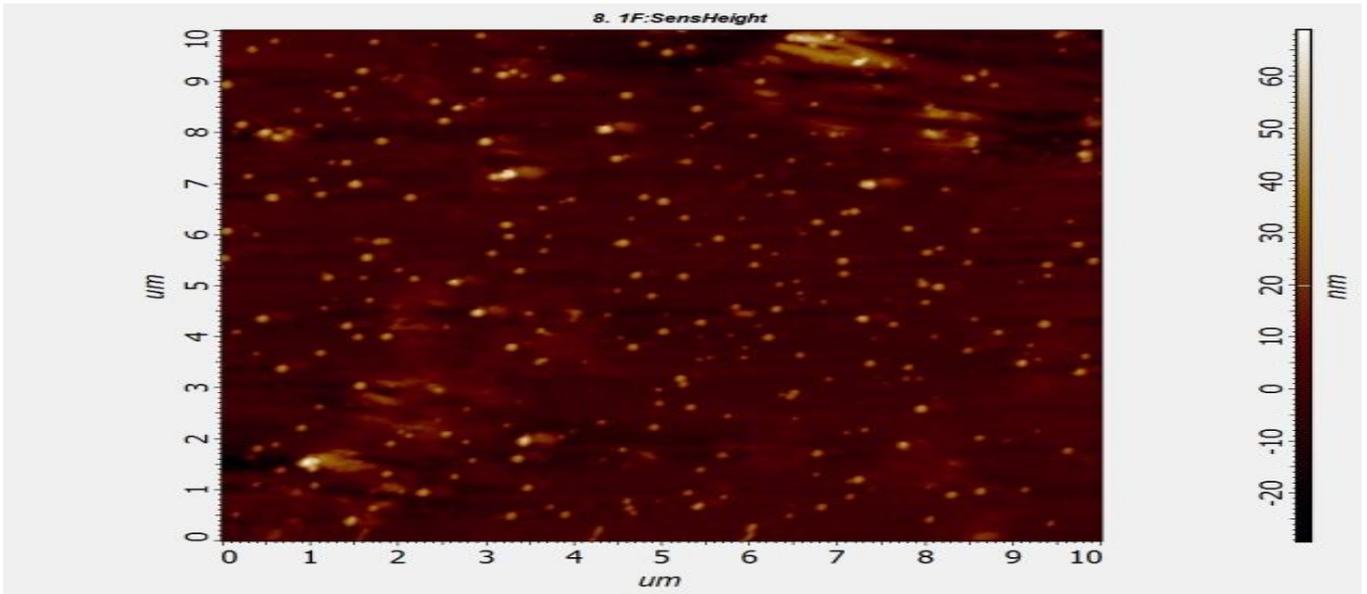
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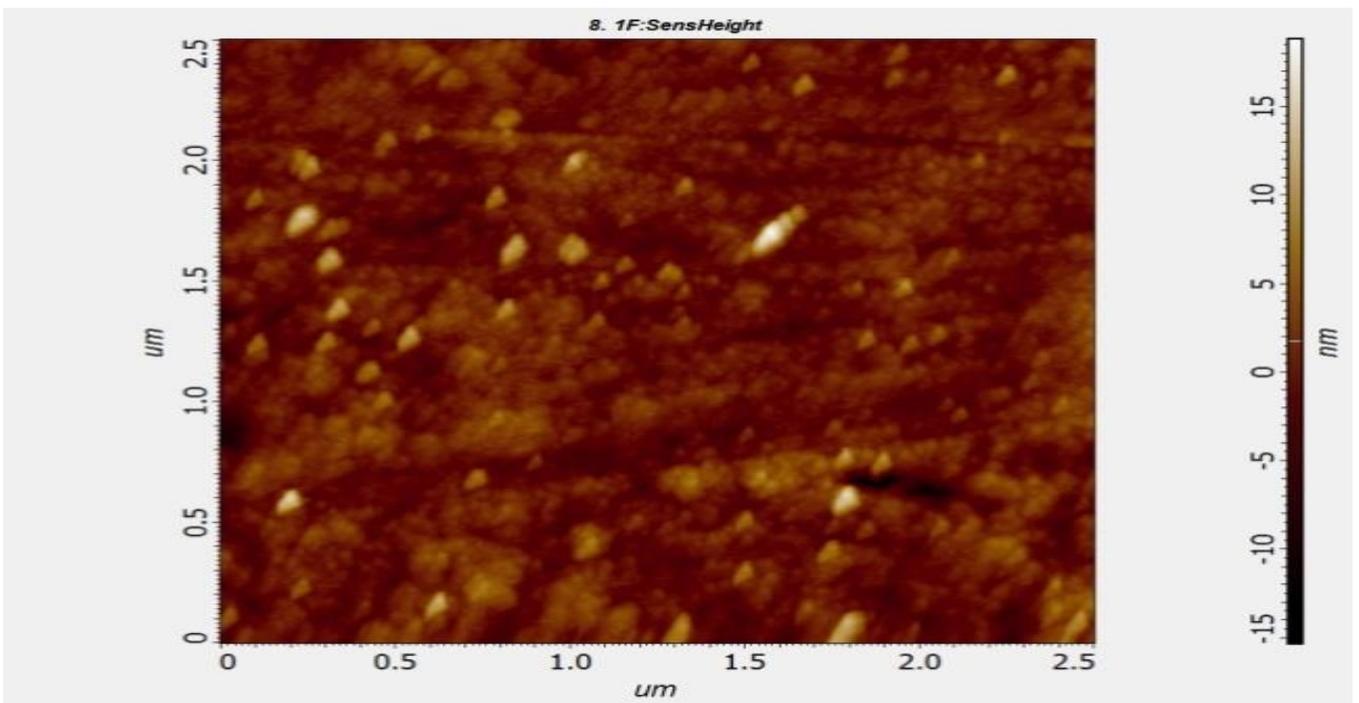
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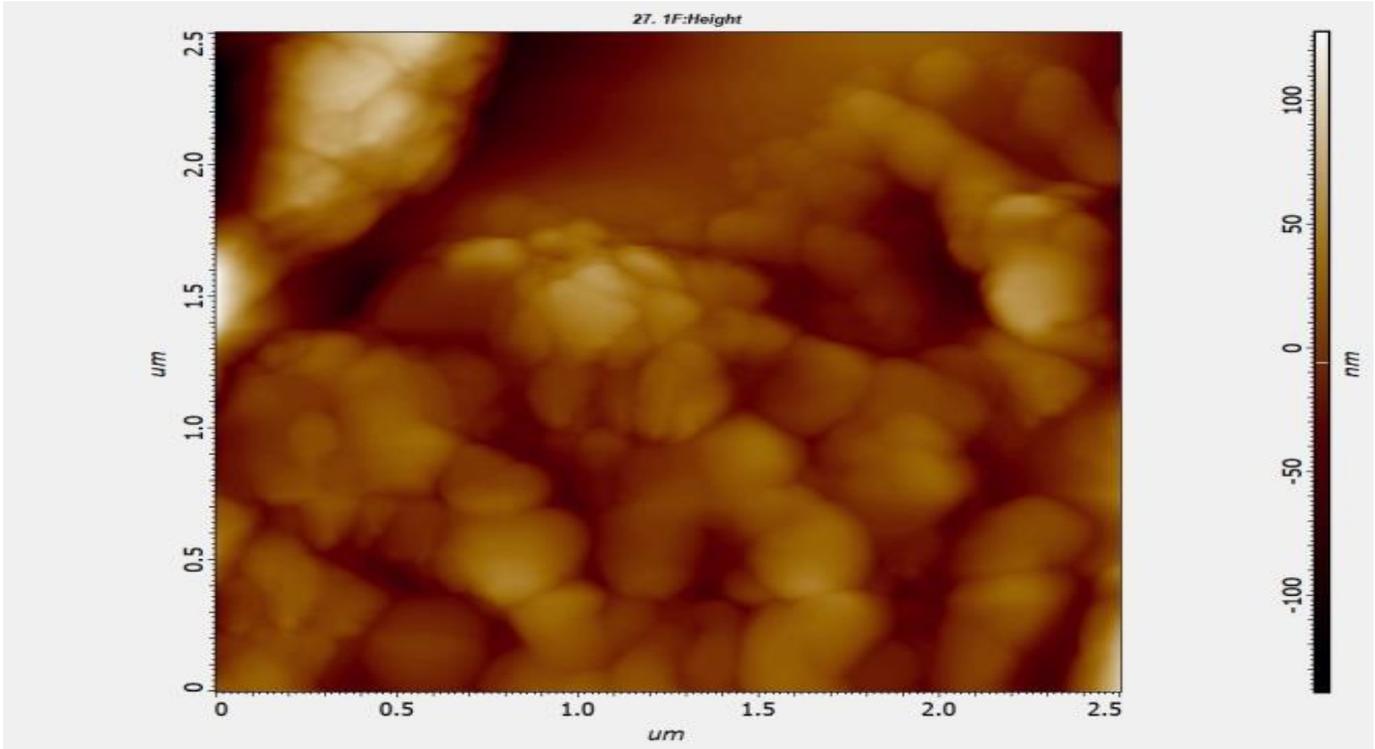
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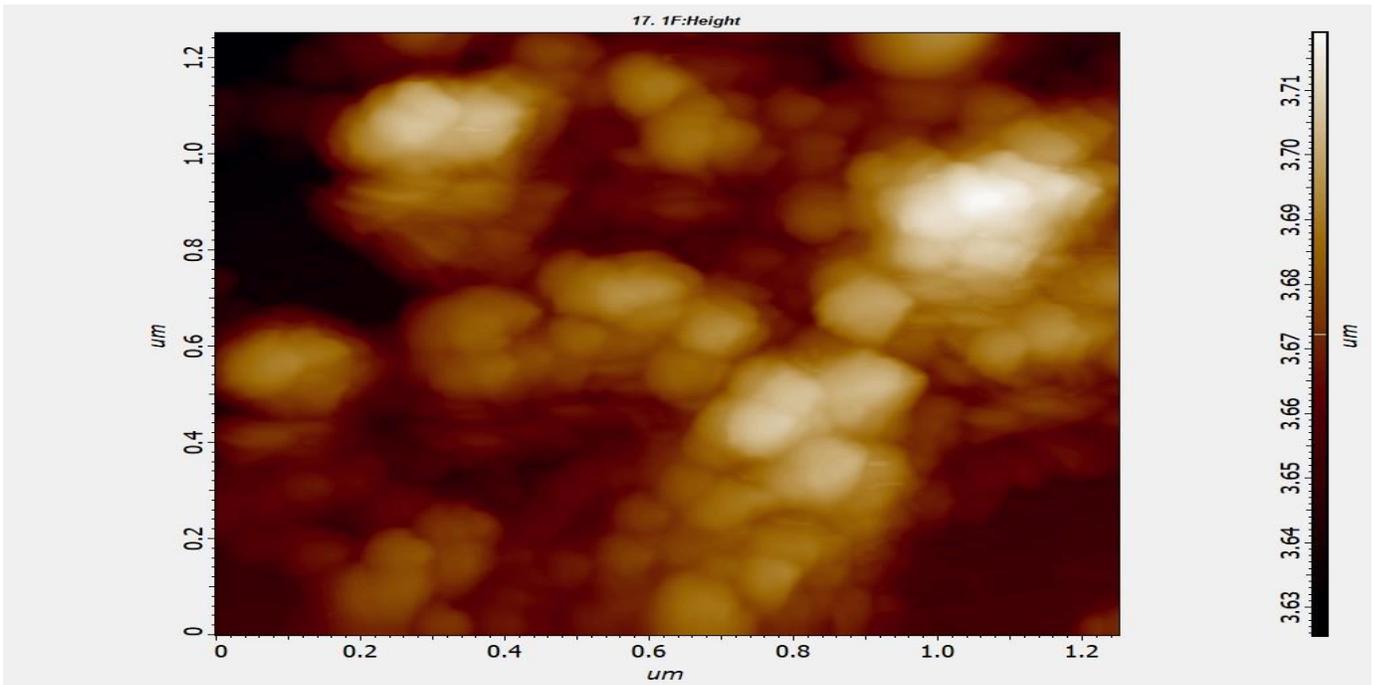
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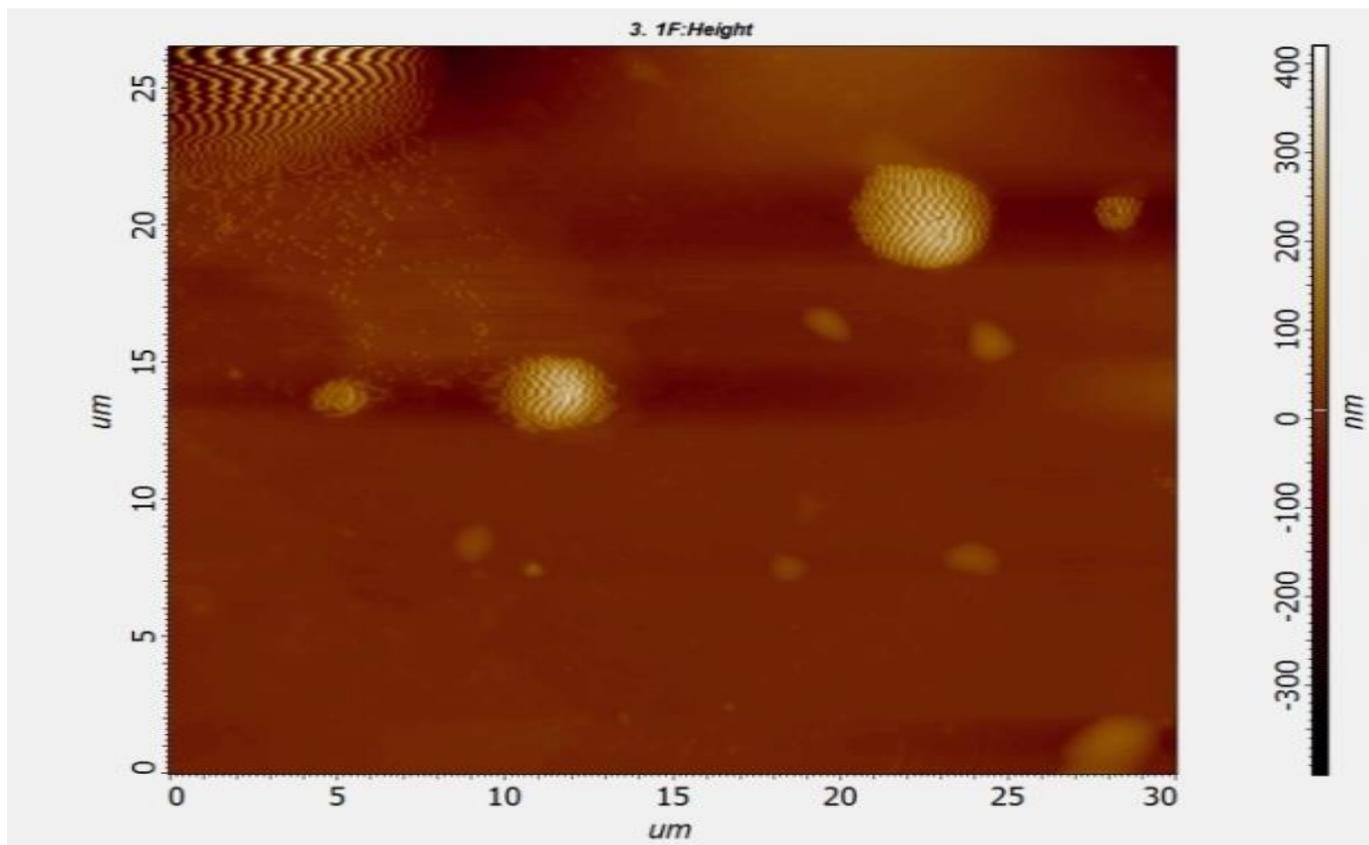
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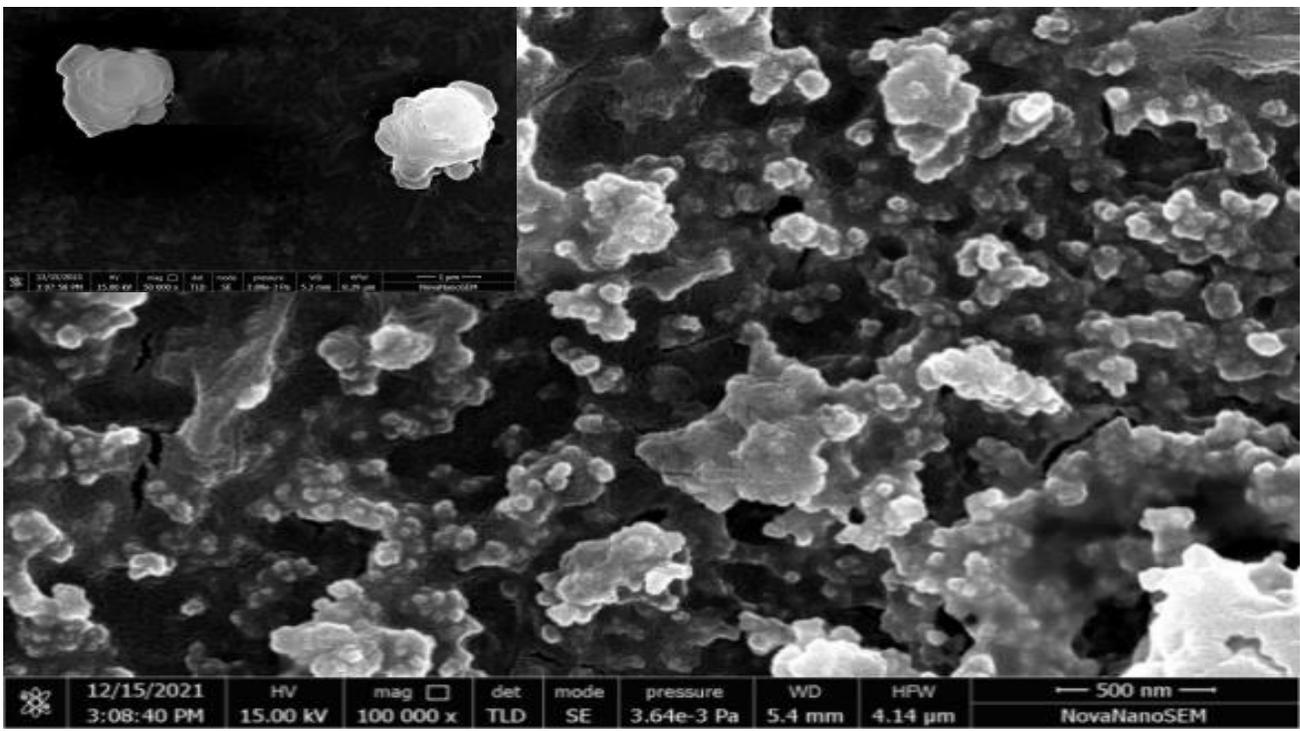


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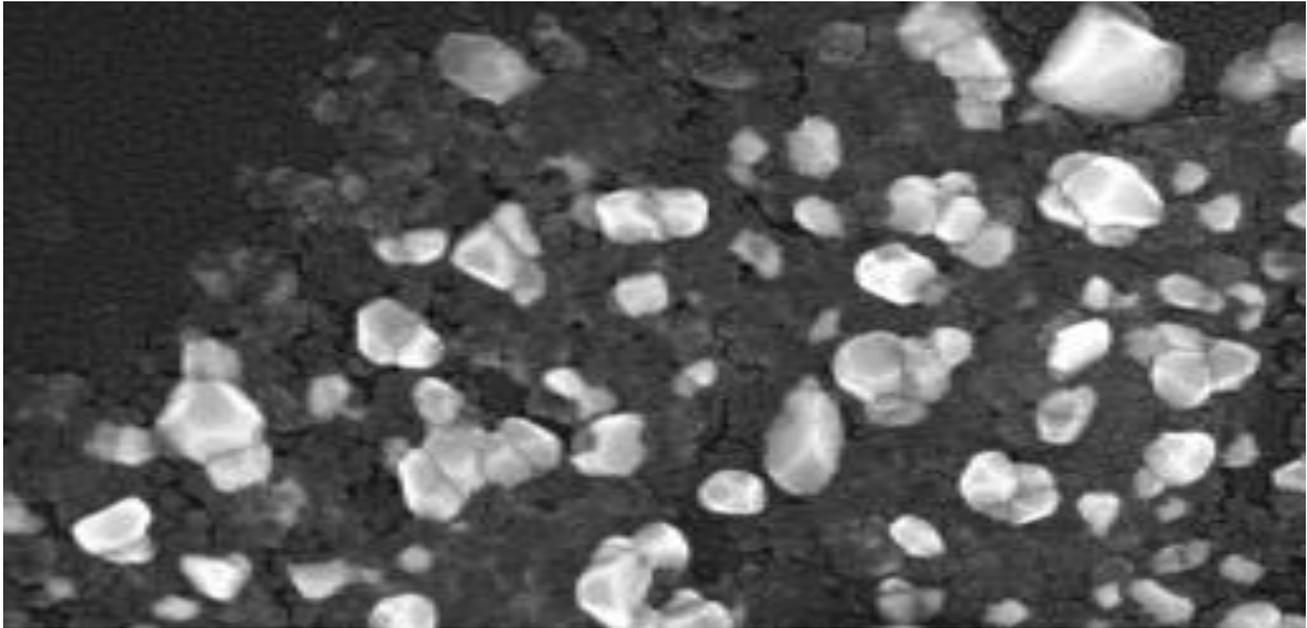


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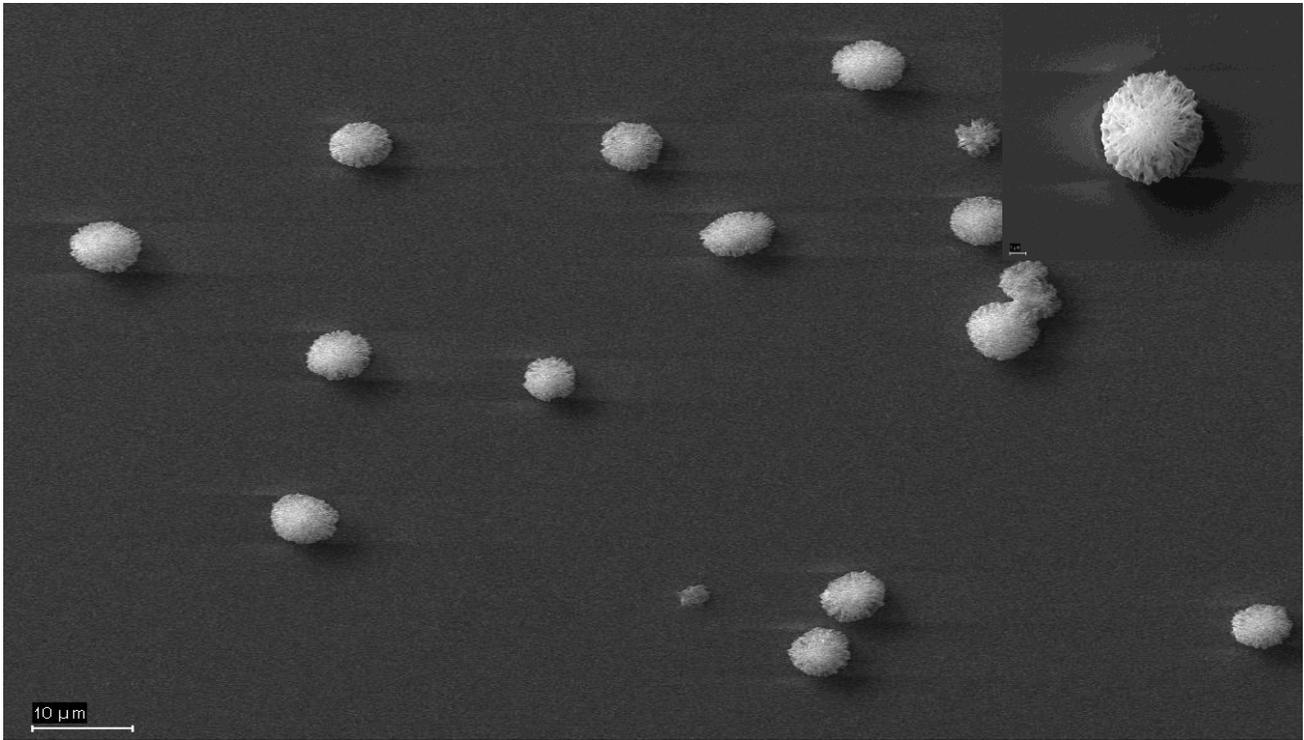
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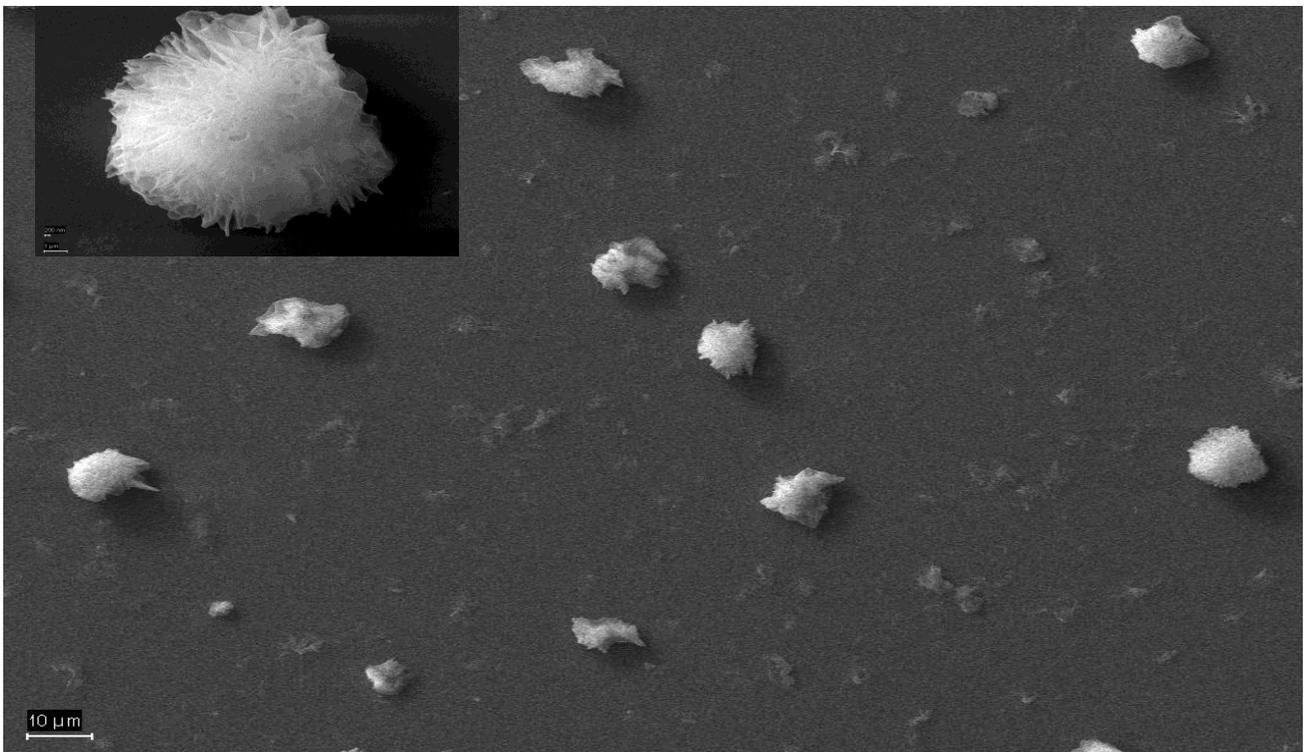
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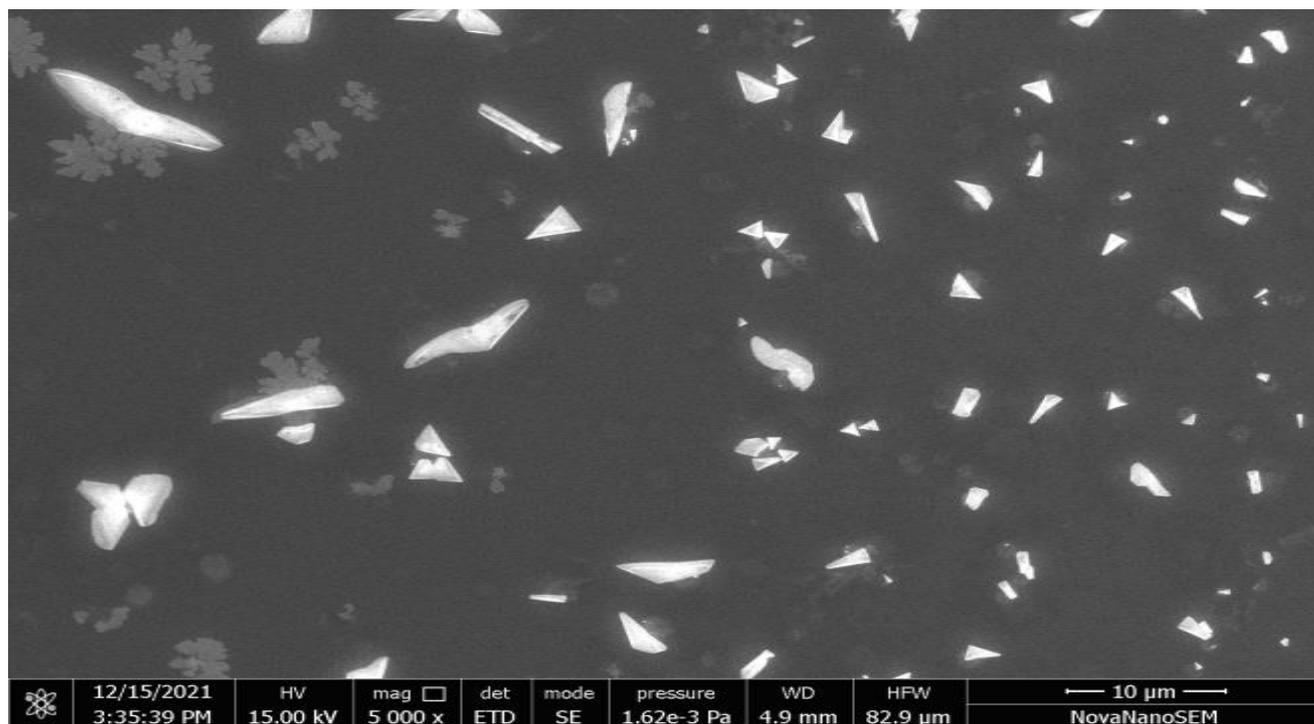
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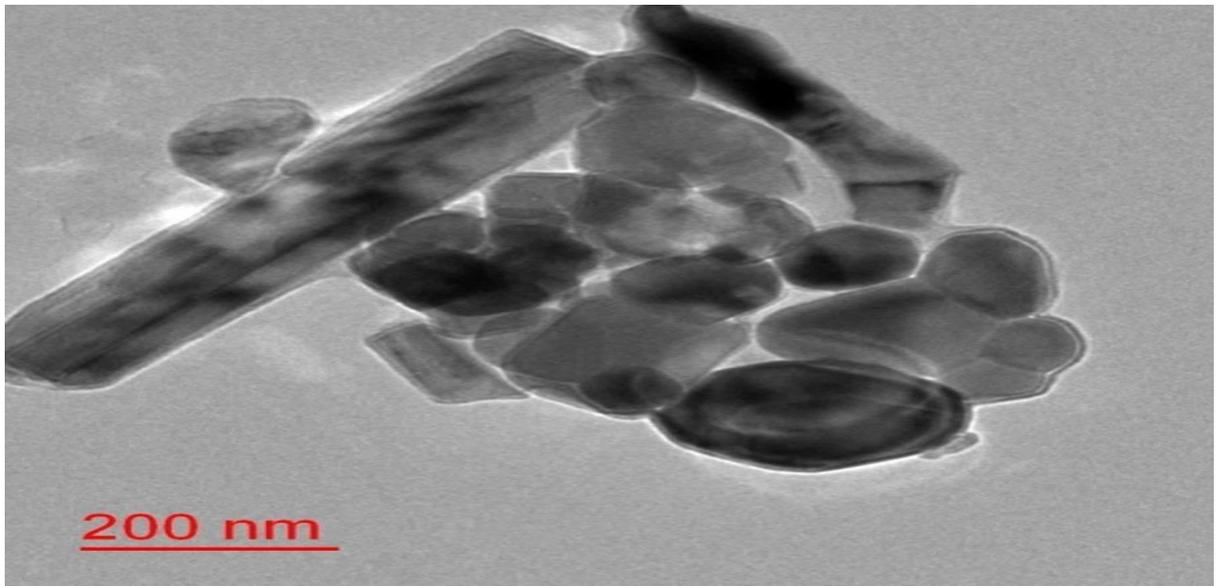


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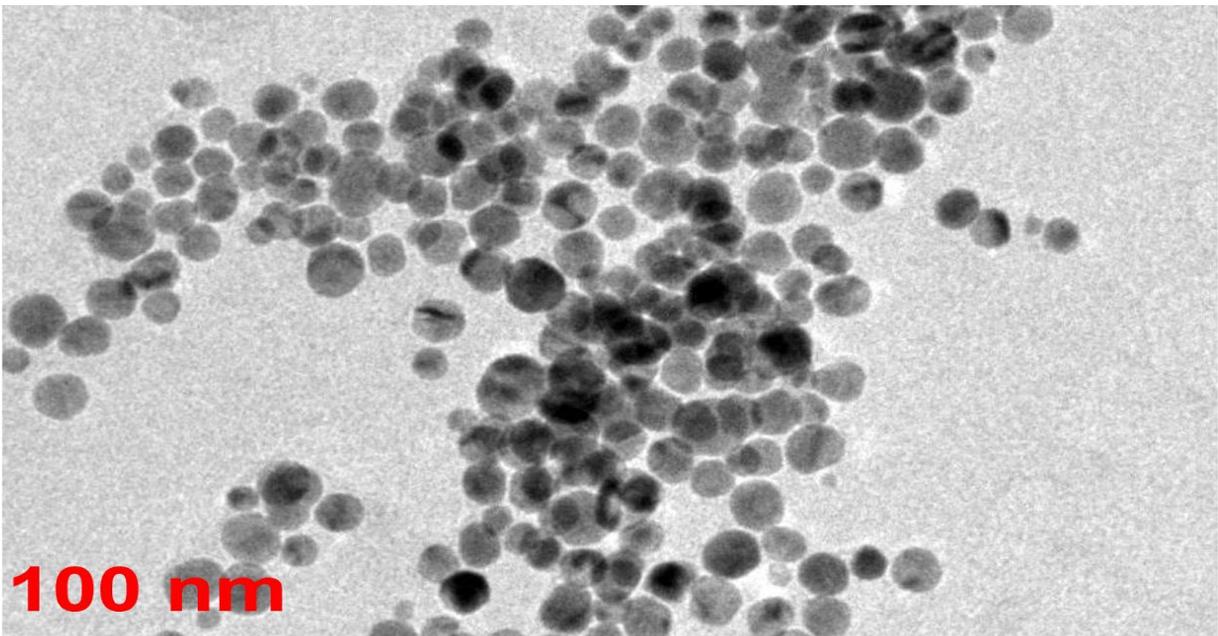


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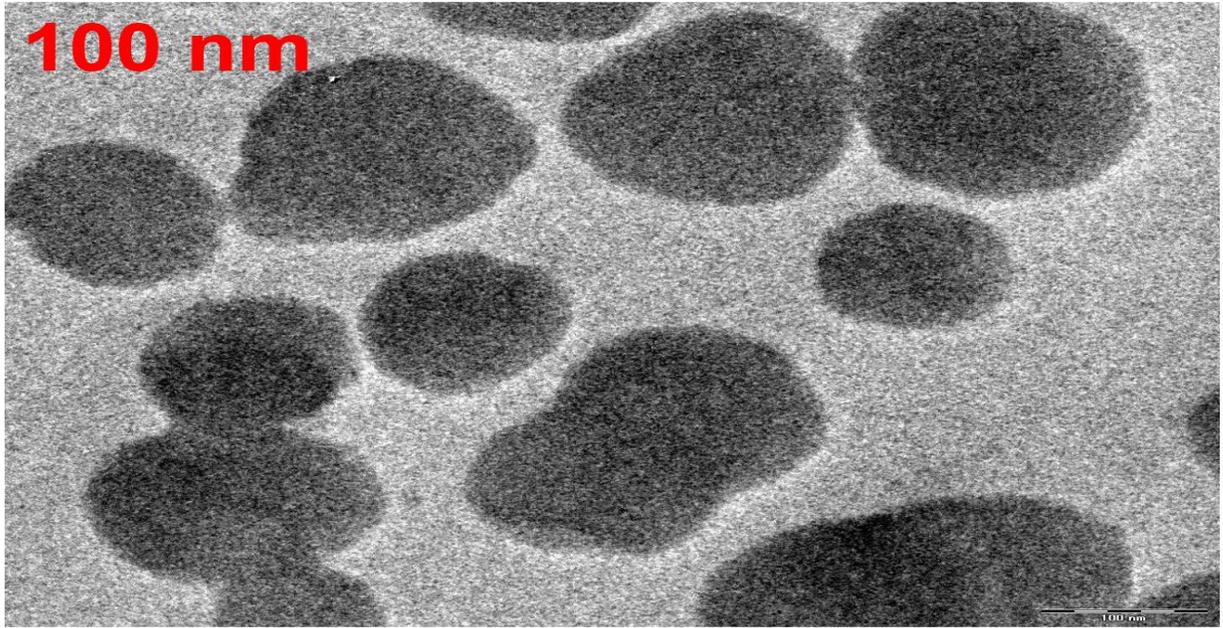
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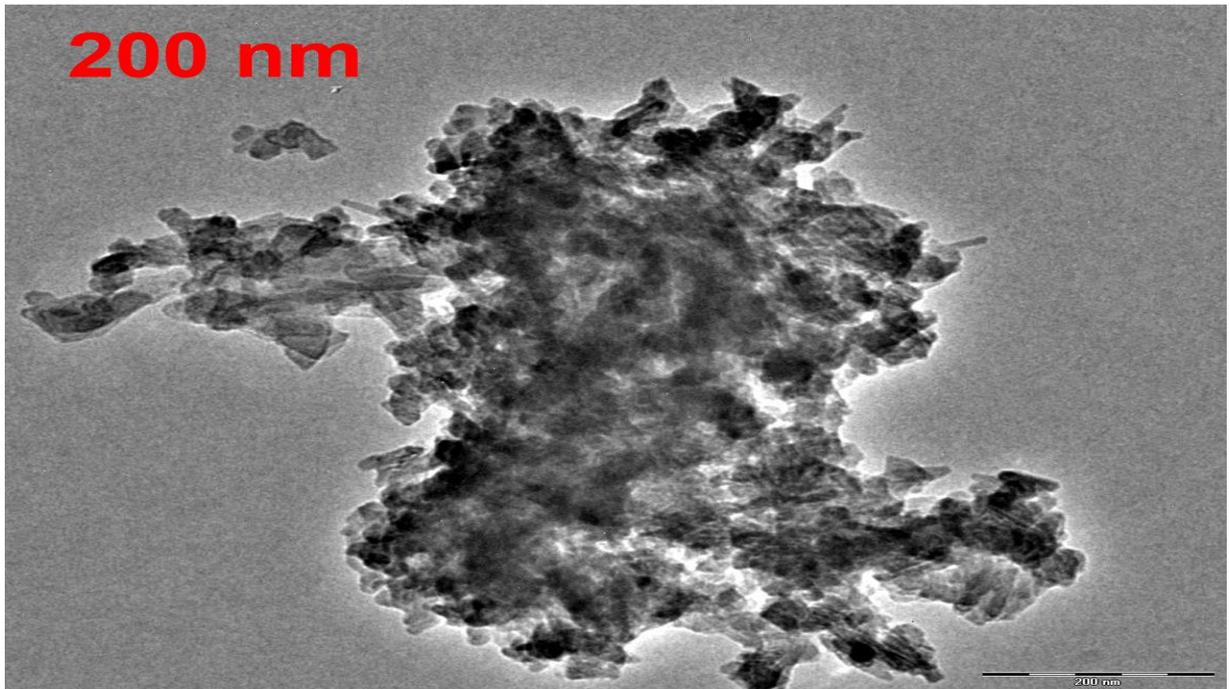
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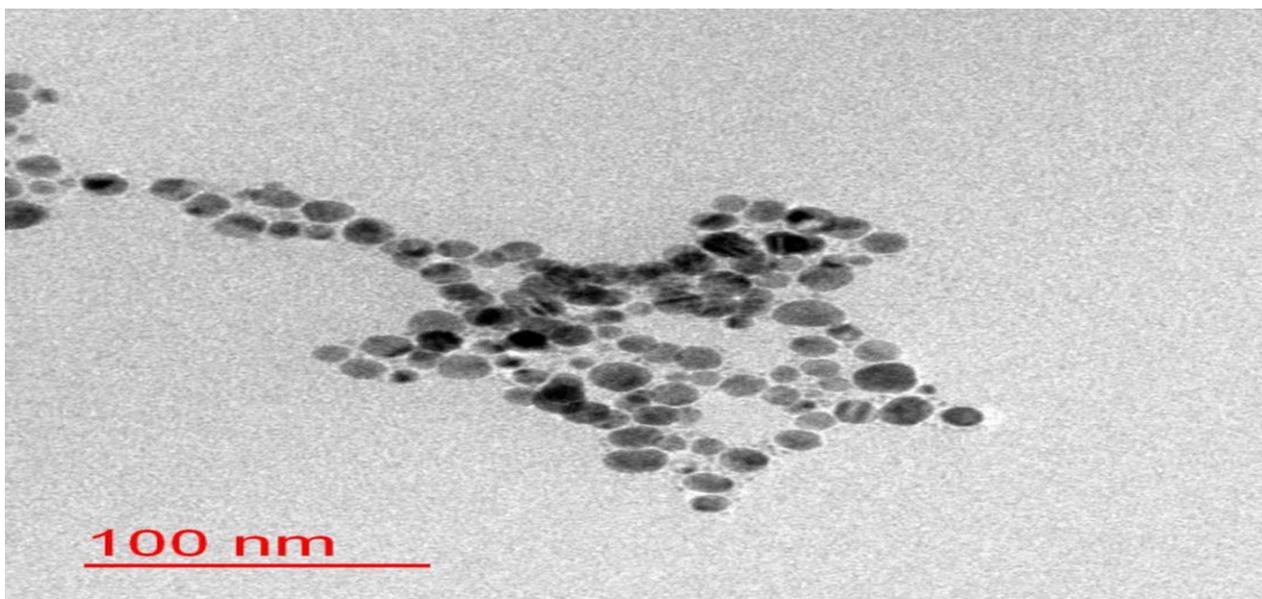
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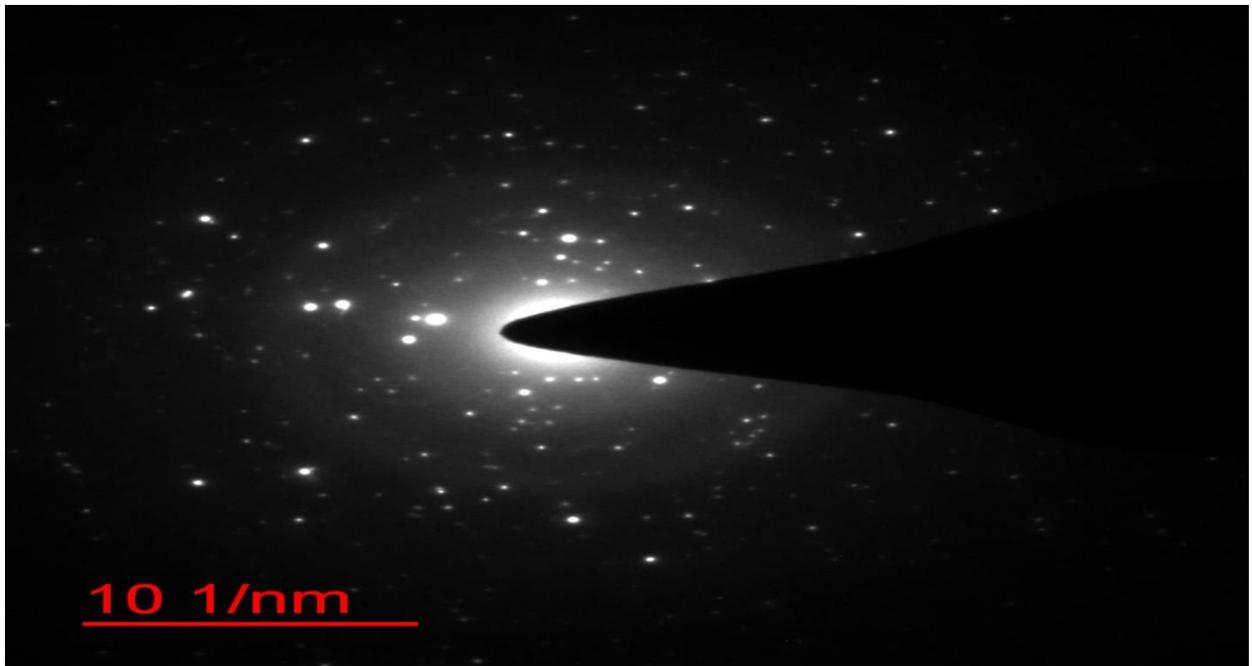


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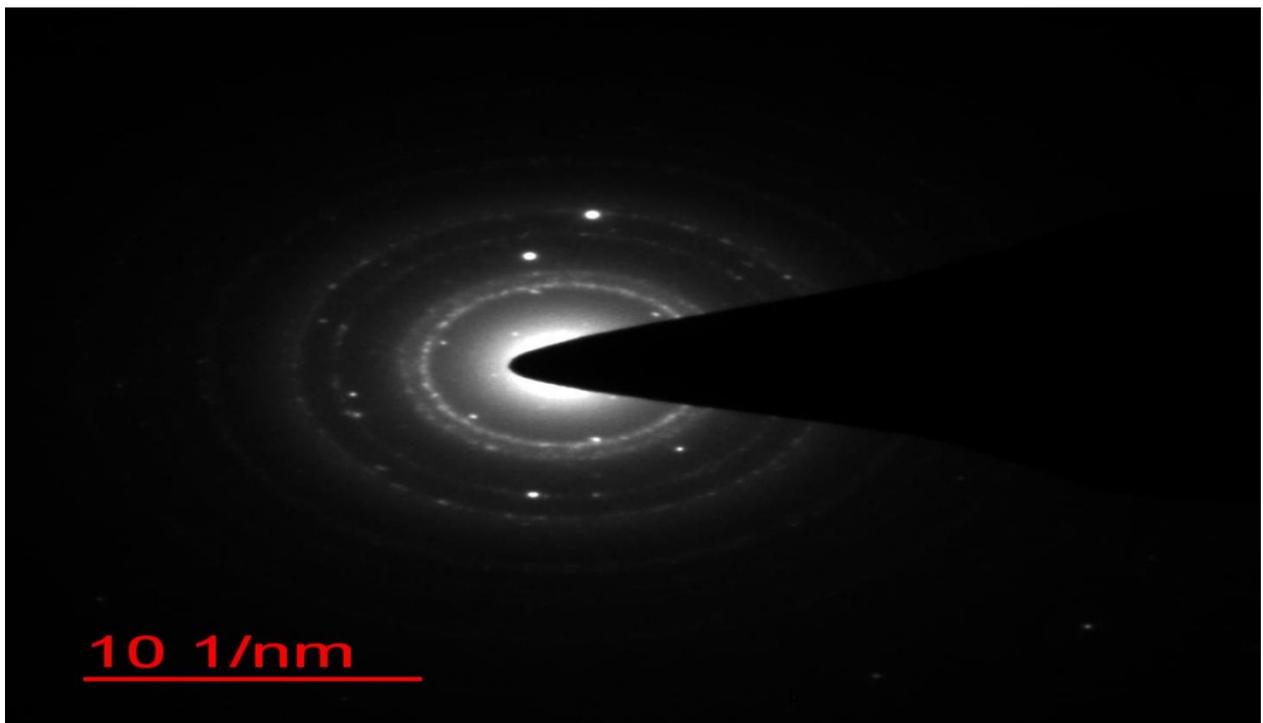


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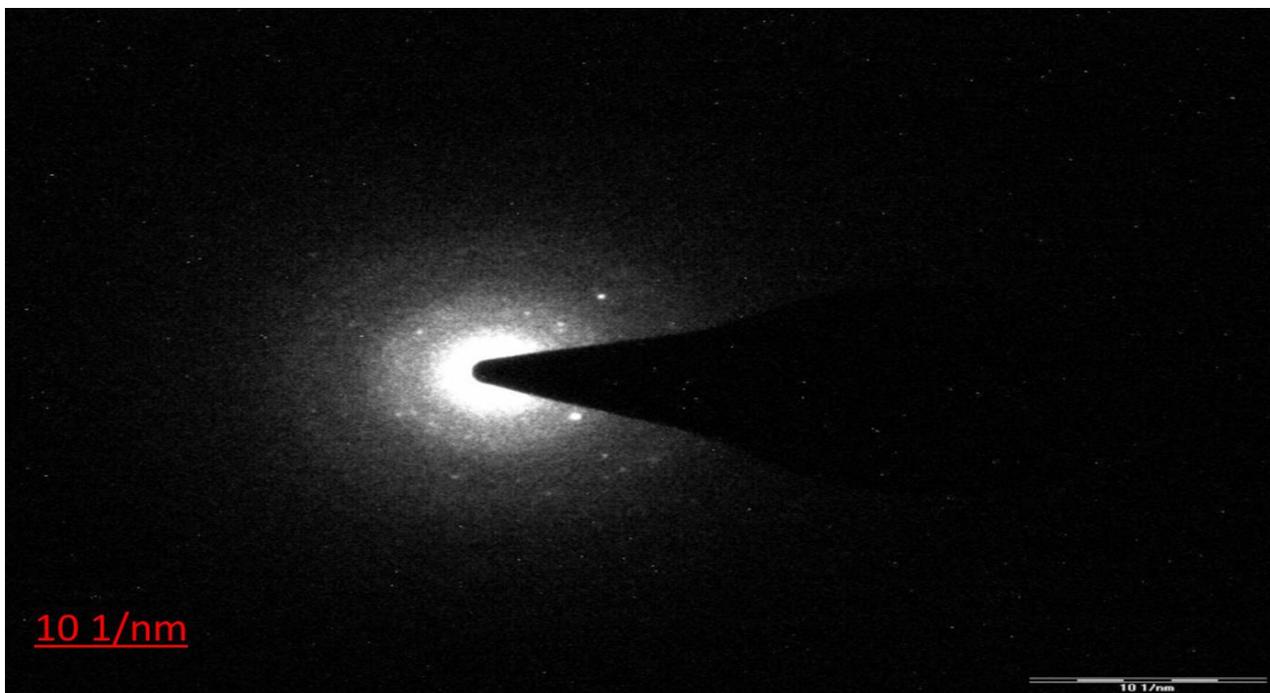
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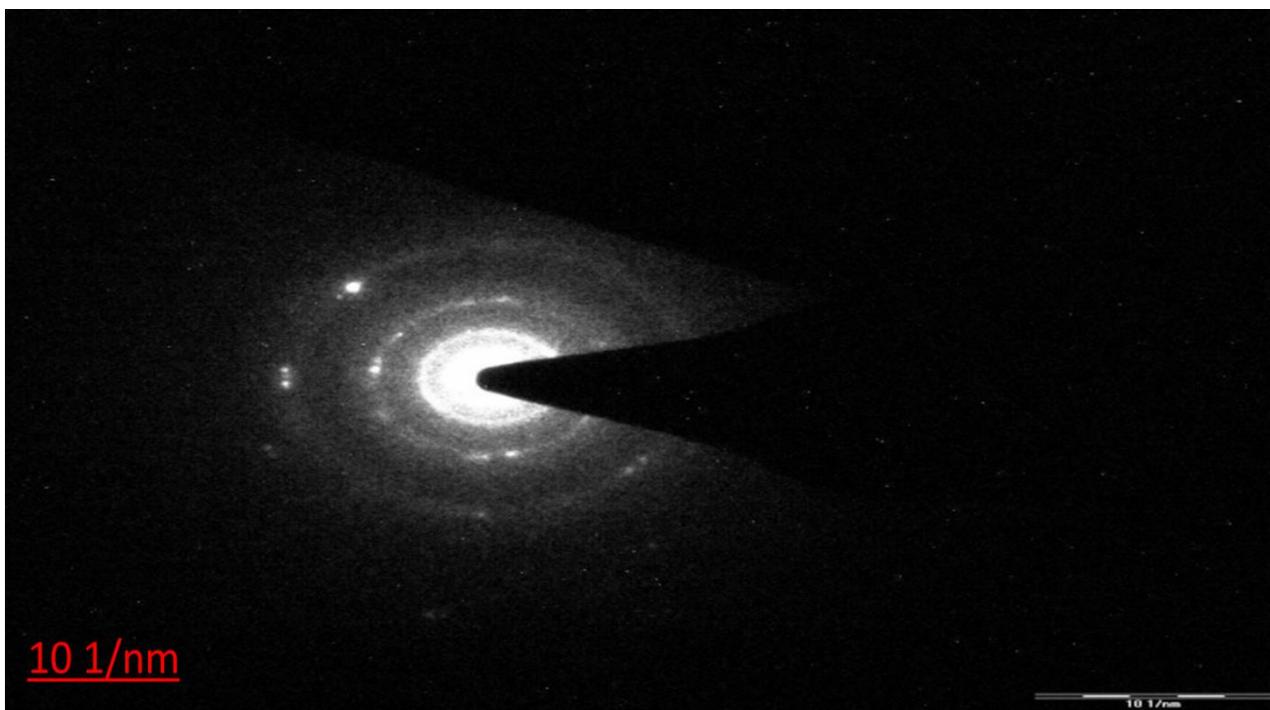
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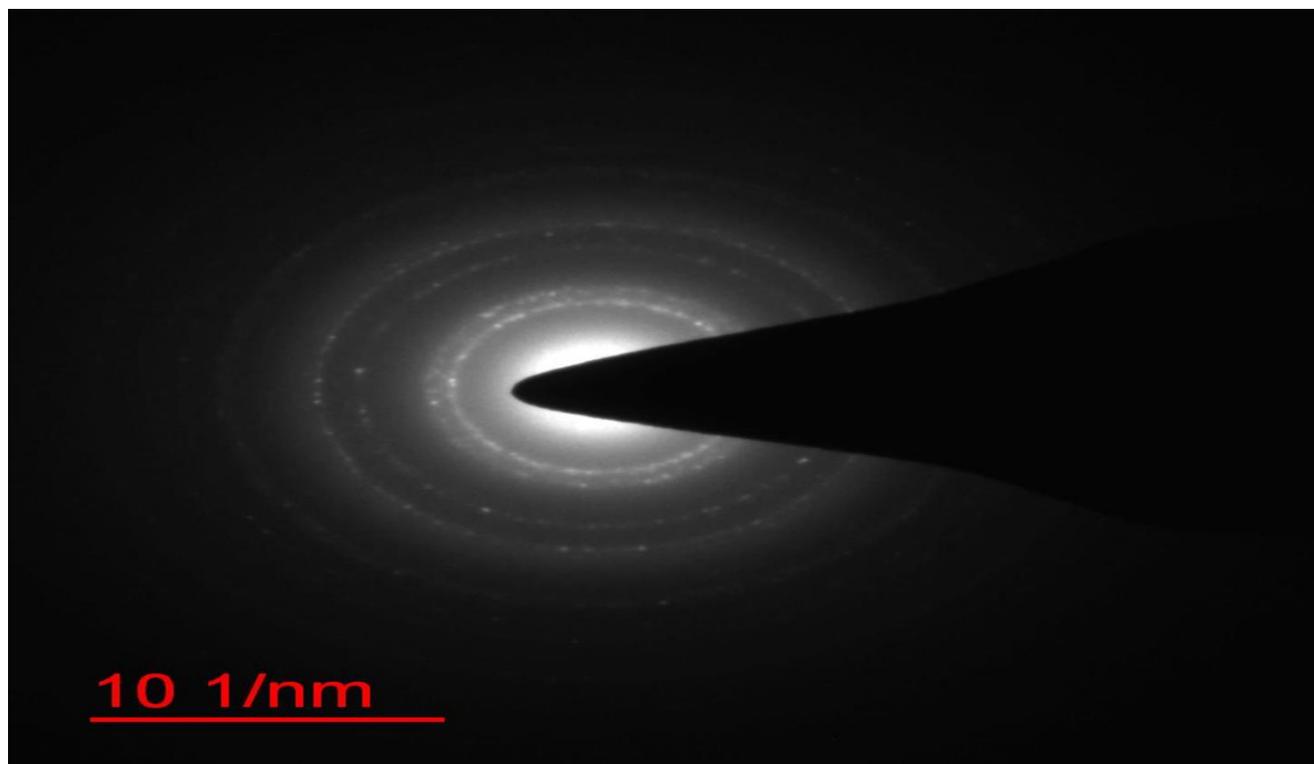
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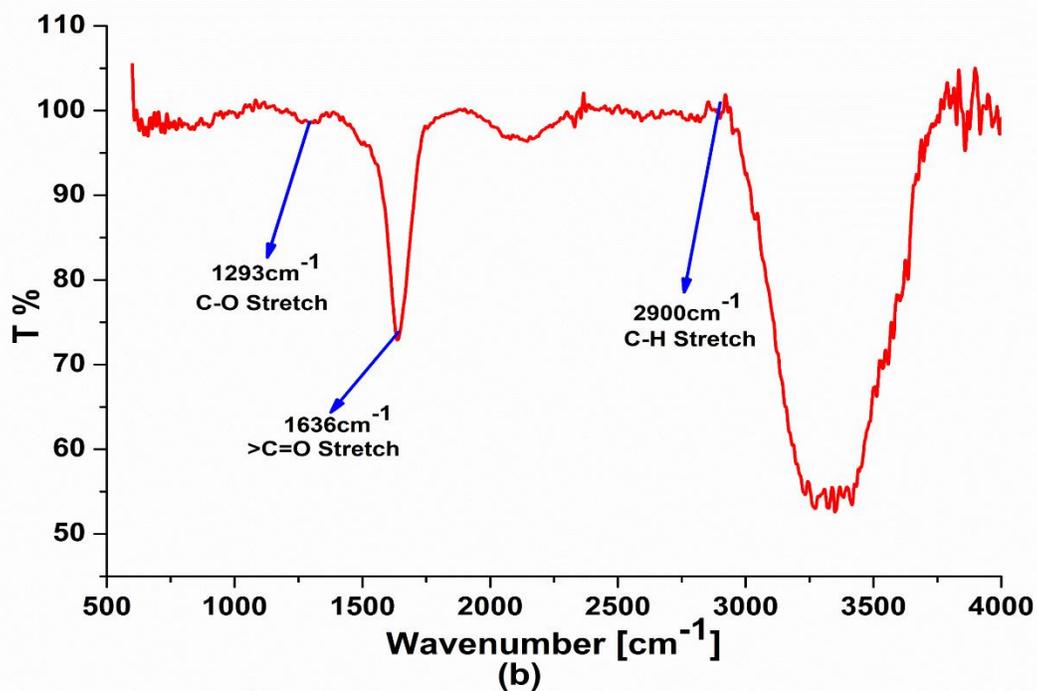
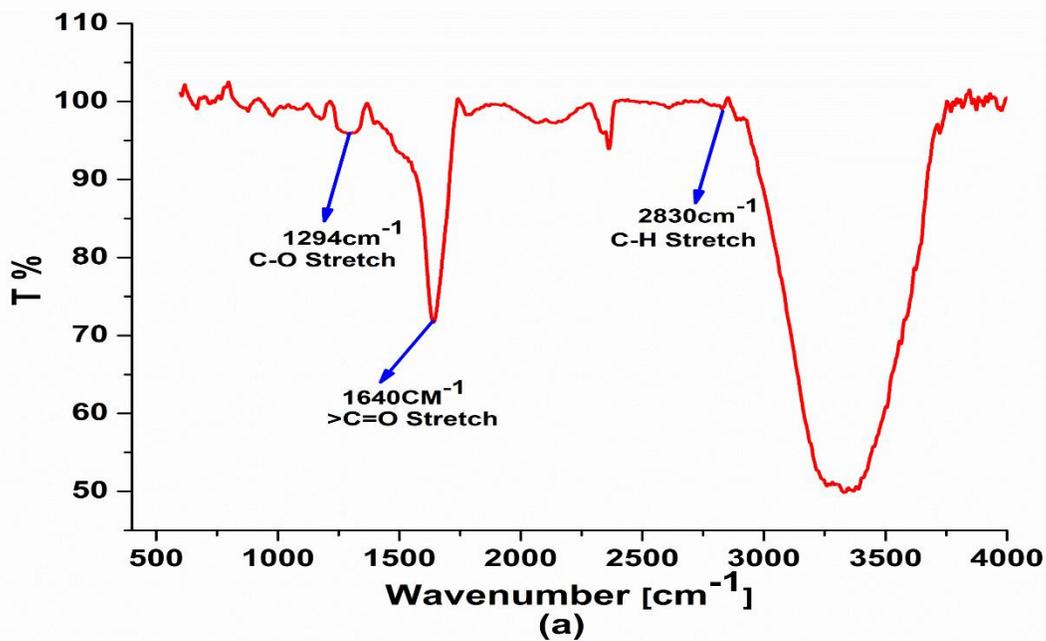


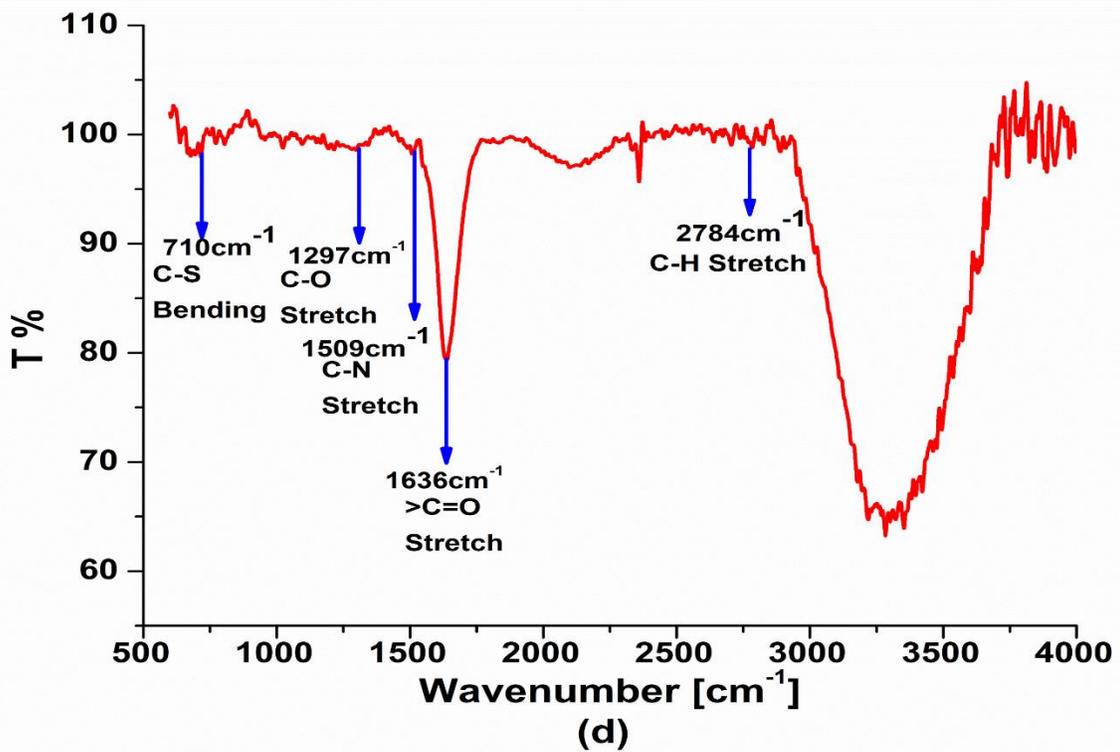
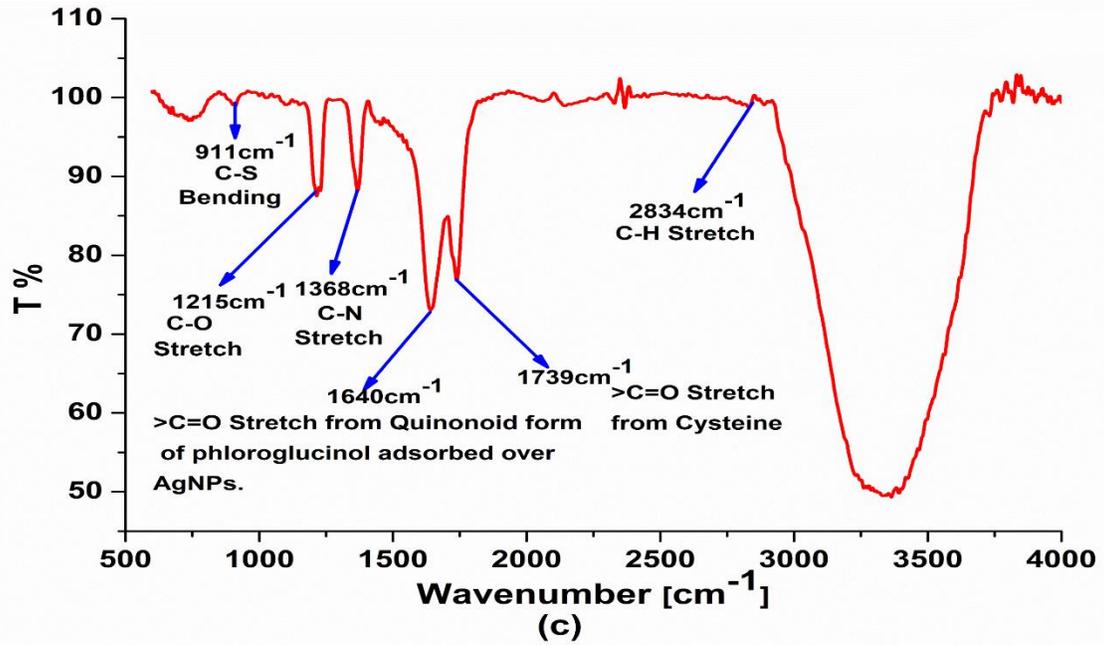
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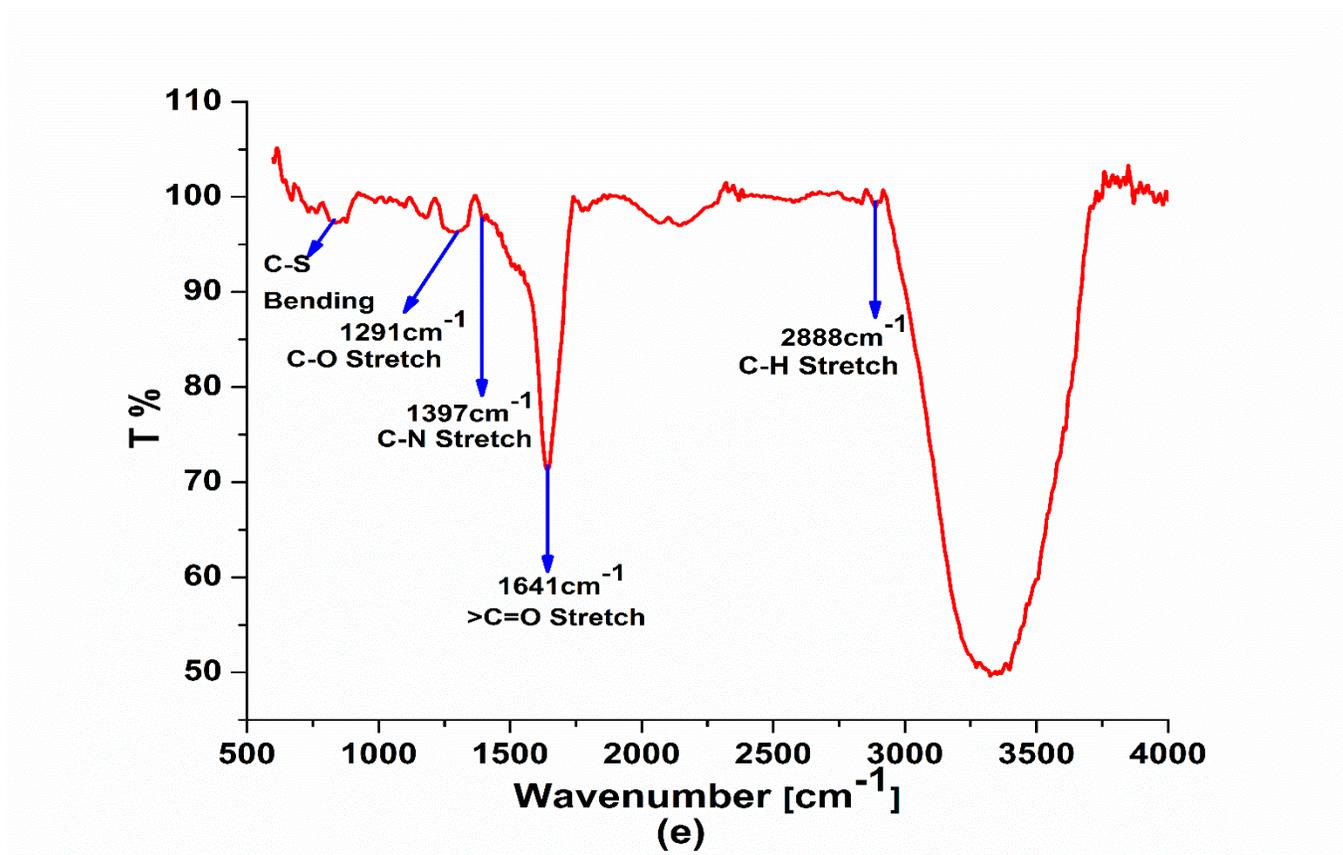
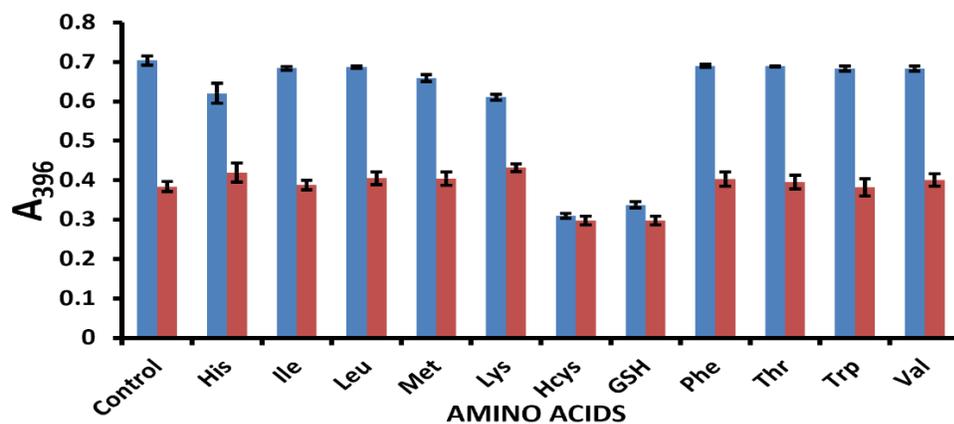
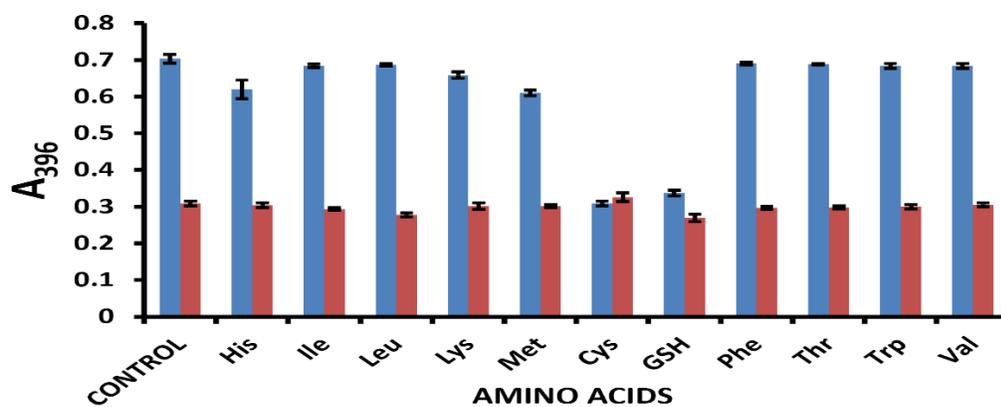


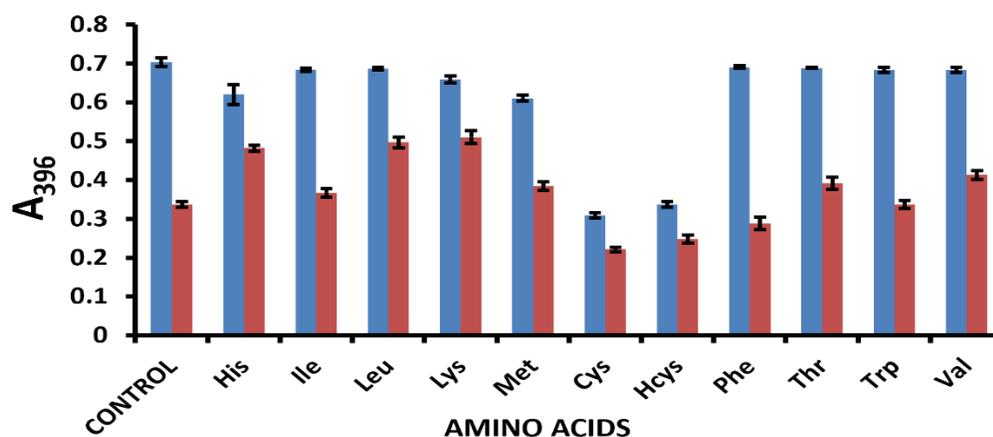
Fig.S19: IR Spectral Patterns for: (a) AgNPs at pH 11. (b) AgNPs at pH 7.40.(c) AgNPs after addition of Cysteine. (d) AgNPs after addition of Homocysteine. (e) AgNPs after addition of Glutathione.



(a)



(b)



(c)

Fig.S20: Interference studies for AgNPs (at 396 nm, pH 7.4) with different essential amino acids. (a) Blue bar: AgNPs + amino acids, red bar: AgNPs + amino acids + Cysteine. (b) Blue bar: AgNPs + amino acids, red bar: AgNPs + amino acids + Homocysteine. (c) Blue bar: AgNPs + amino acids, red bar: AgNPs + amino acids + Glutathione

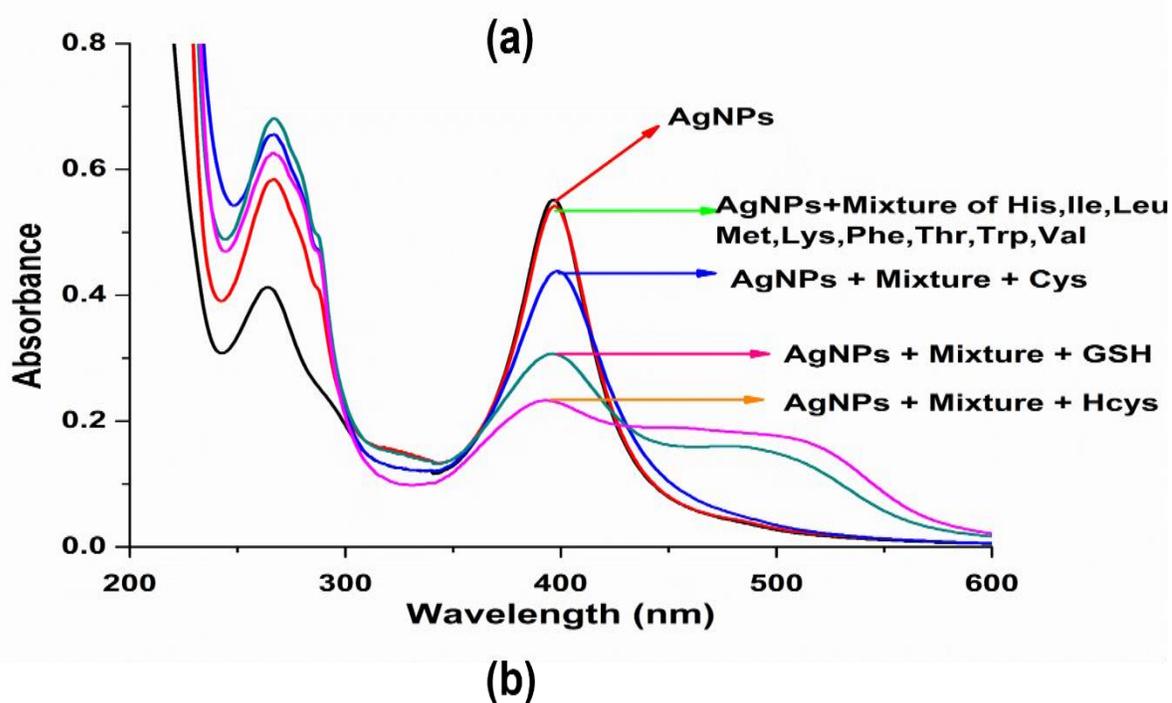
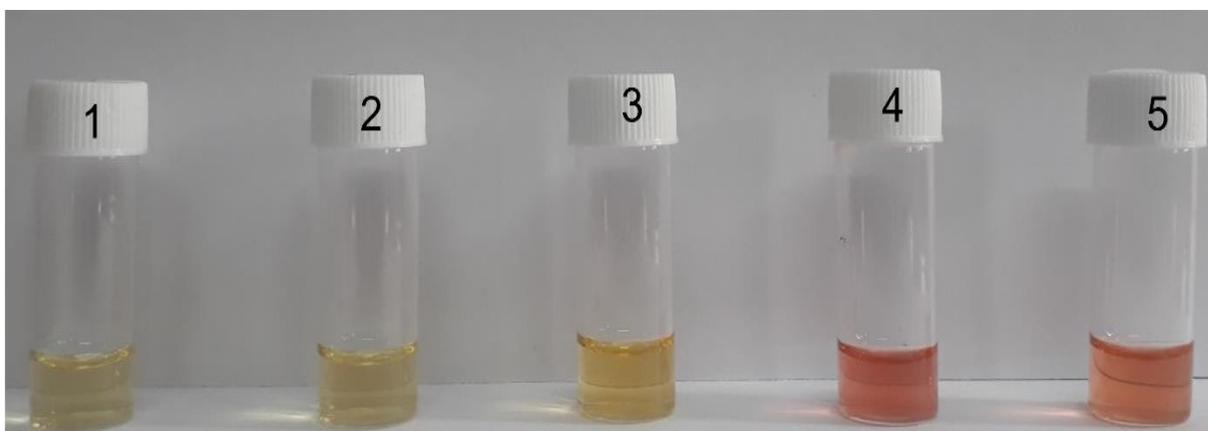


Fig.S21: Matrix study: (a): Visual responses (1) AgNPs (2) AgNPs + Mixture (solution) containing different amino acids i.e. His,Ile,Leu,Met,Lys,Phe,Thr,Trp,Val. (3) AgNPs + Mixture + Cysteine. (4) AgNPs + Mixture + Homocysteine. (5) AgNPs + Mixture + Glutathione. (b) UV-Visible spectra of corresponding visual responses.

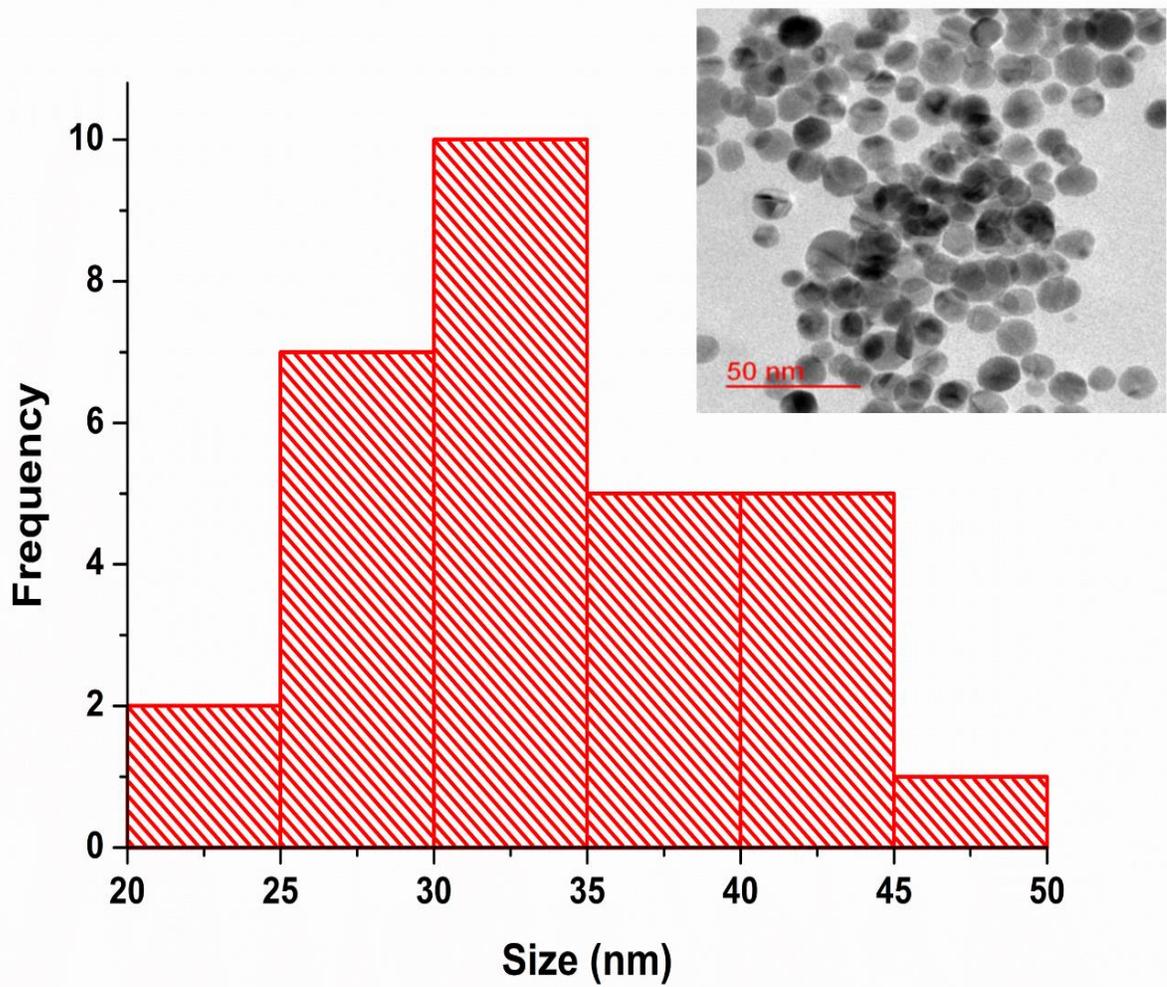
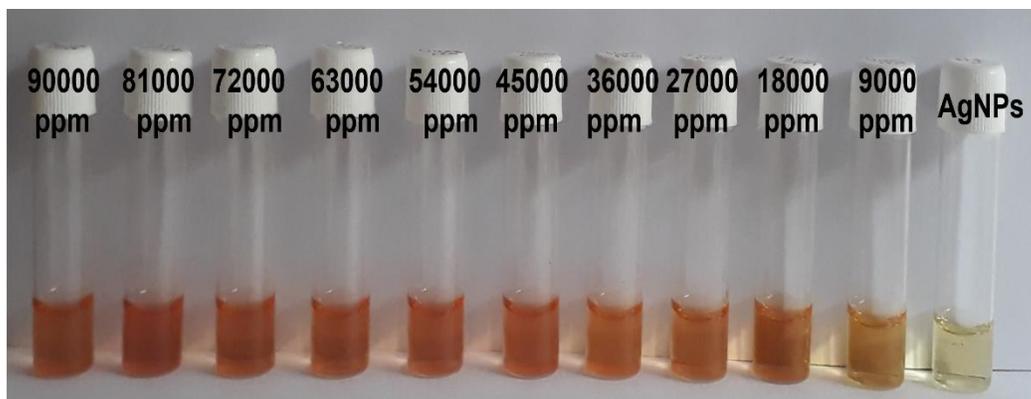
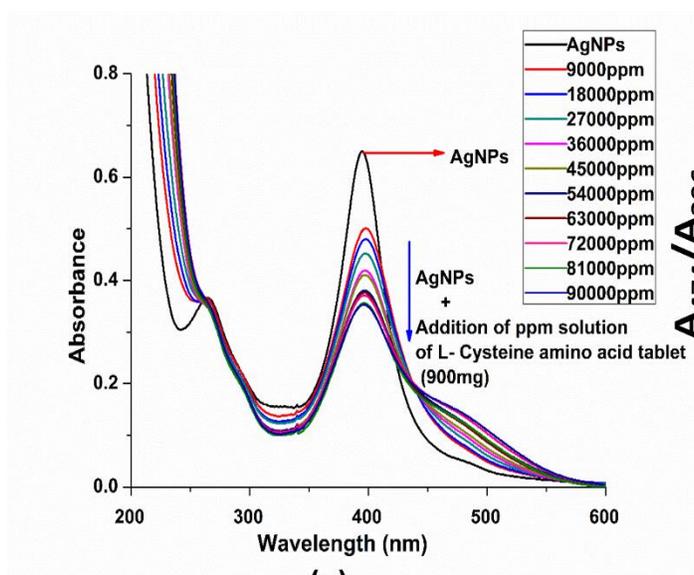


Fig.S22: Histogram image showing size distribution of AgNPs (at pH 7.4); TEM image attached

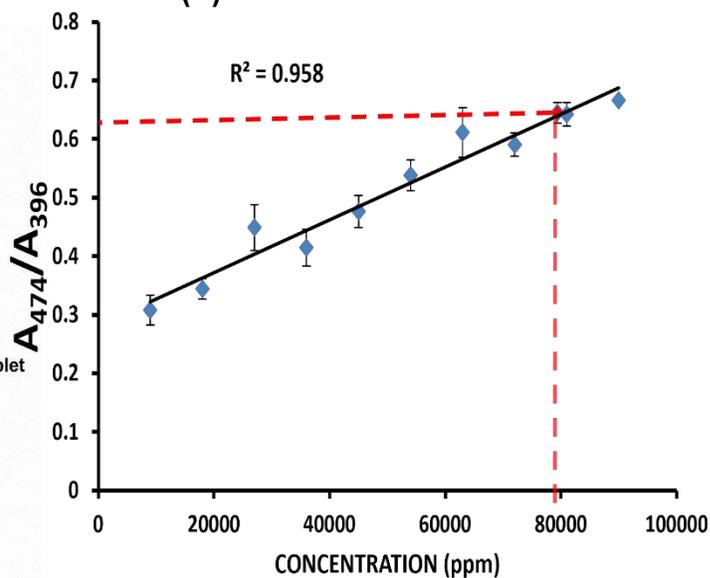


(a)

(b)



(c)



(d)

Fig.S23: Study of real sample containing Cysteine (**HEALTHY HEY Nutrition**): (a) Image of (**HEALTHY HEY Nutrition**) L-Cysteine(900mg) containing capsules. (b) visual response of AgNPs with L-Cysteine capsule at different ppm (from 9000ppm-90000ppm) solutions. (c) UV-Visible spectra of different ppm solutions after addition to AgNPs. (d) Calibration plot [ratio of absorbance (A_{474}/A_{396}) as ordinate while concentration of L-cysteine (ppm) on abscissa] for the quantification of Cysteine in (**HEALTHY HEY Nutrition**).

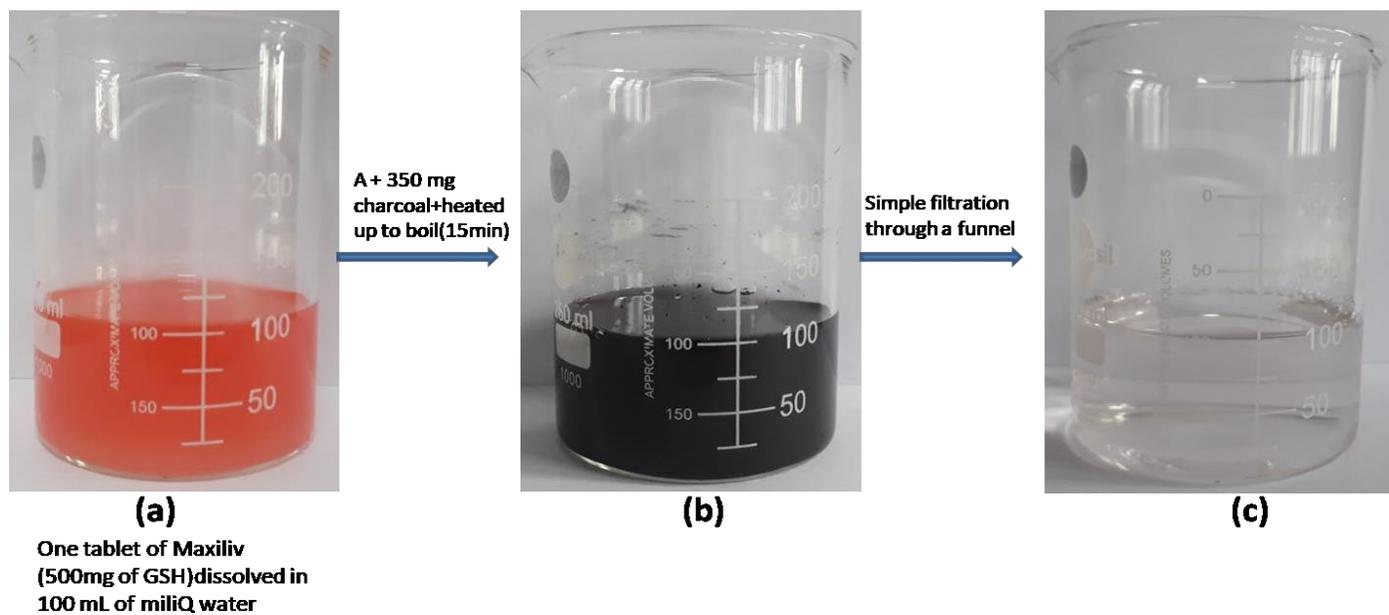


Fig.S24: Diagram showing sample preparation of Maxiliv Tablet for the visual and quantification of Glutathione.

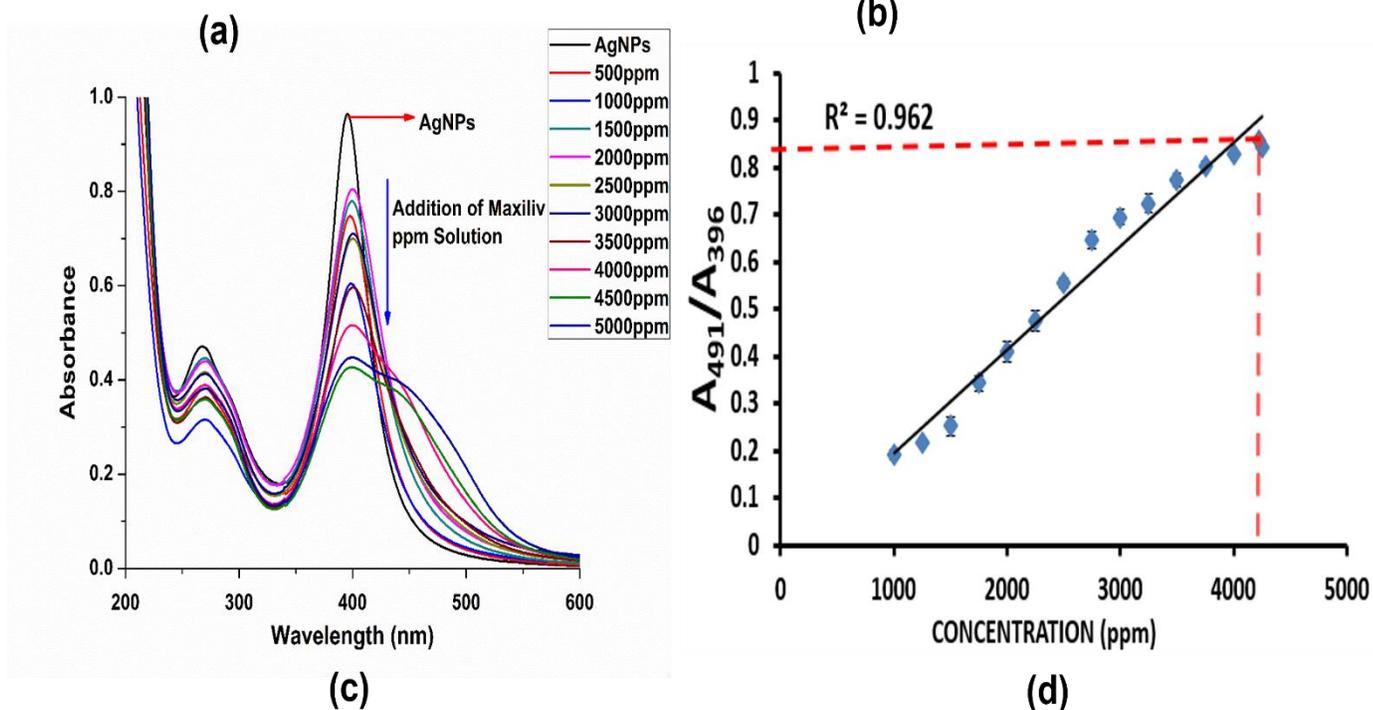
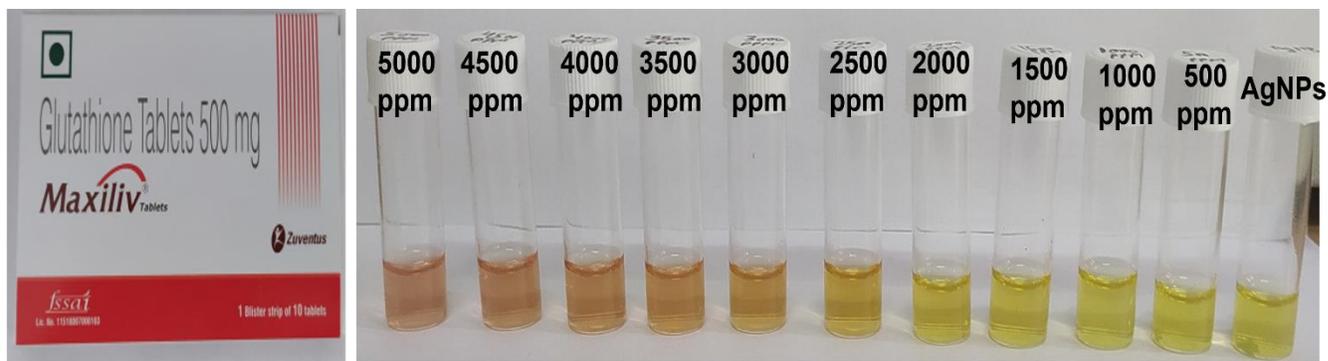


Fig.S25: Study of yet another real sample containing Glutathione (Maxiliv) (a) Image of Maxiliv tablet (500mg) of Glutathione. (b) Visual response of AgNPs at different ppm solution of Maxiliv tablet (from 500ppm to 5000 ppm). (c) UV-Visible spectra of different ppm solution after addition to AgNPs. (d) Calibration plot [(A_{491}/A_{396}) as the ordinate and concentration(ppm) as abscissa] for the quantification of Glutathione in (Maxiliv tablet).

Fig.S26(a): Probable mechanism for the synthesis of Phloroglucinol sensitized silver nanoresonators.

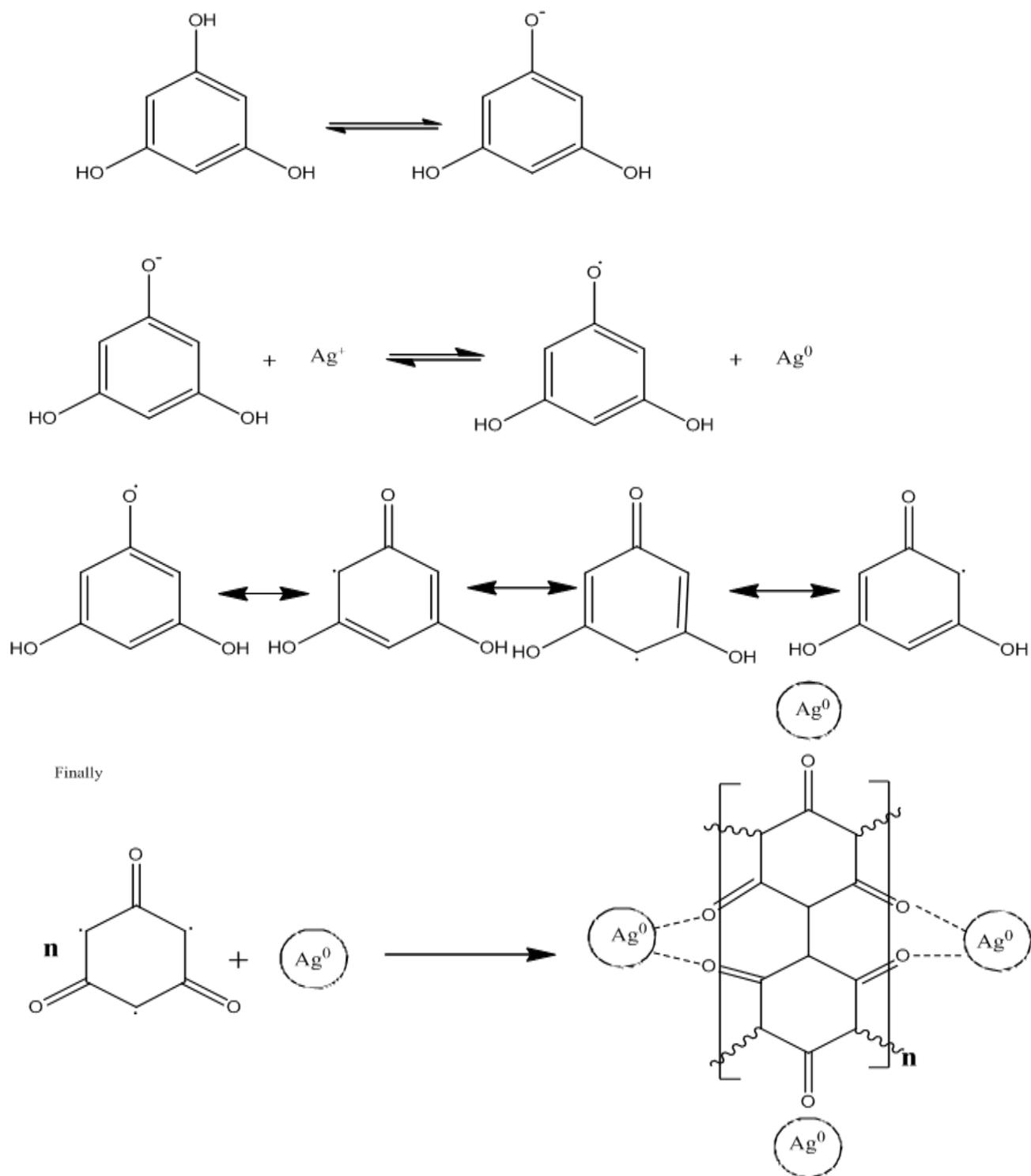
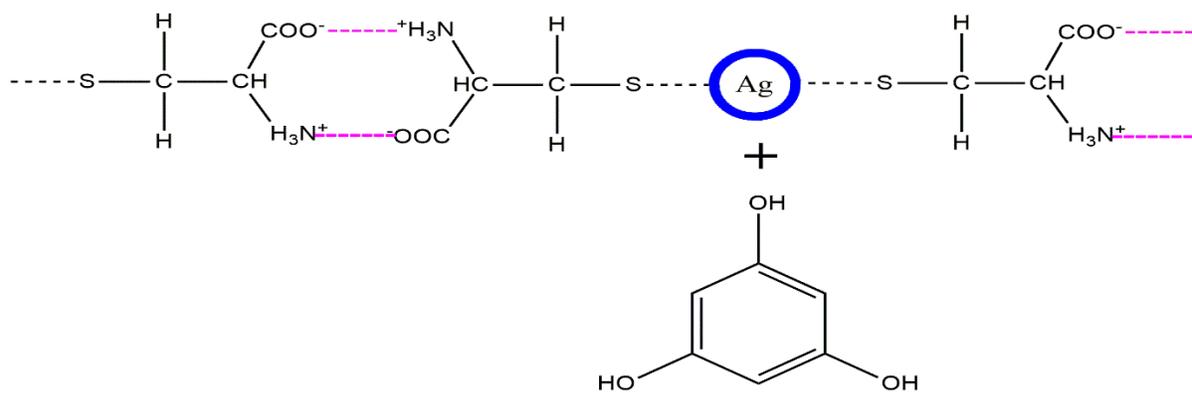
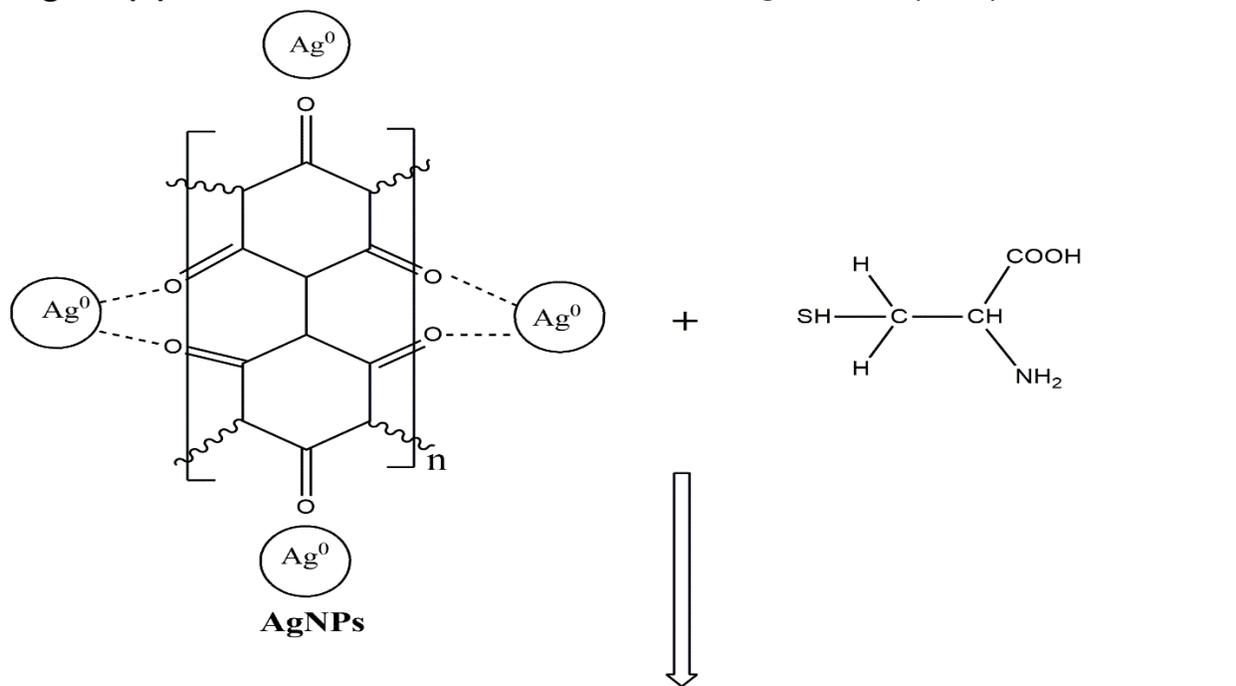
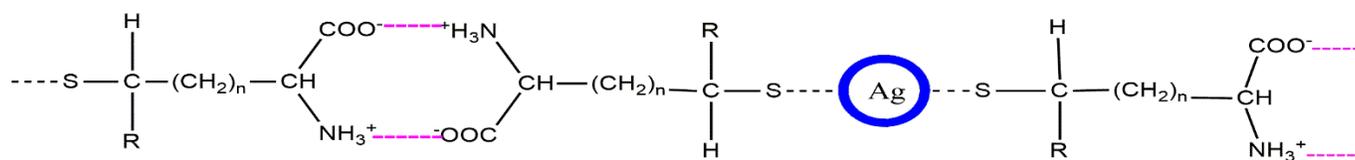


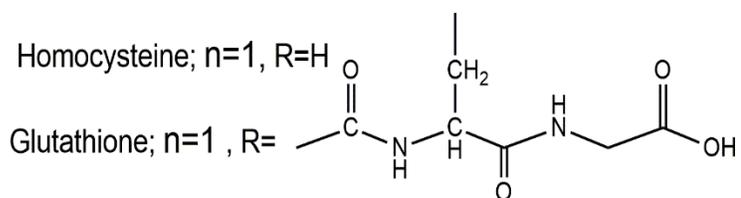
Fig.S26(b): Probable mechanism for the interaction of AgNPs with Cys, Hcys and GSH.

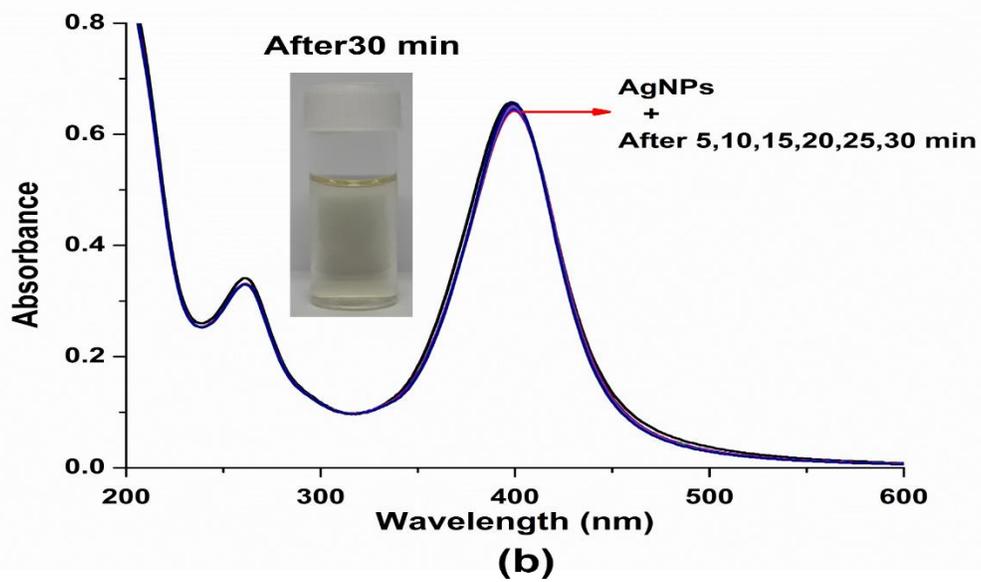
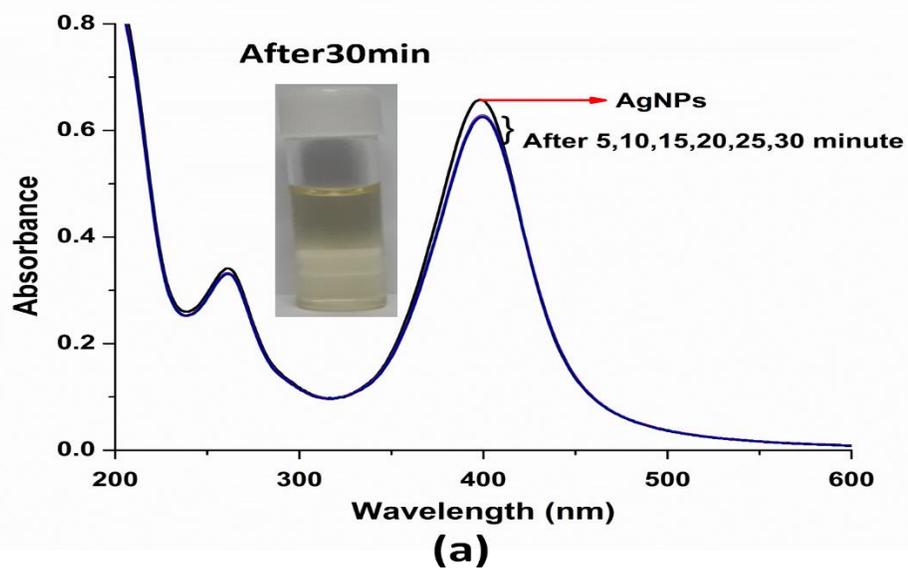


In general



For, Cysteine; $n=0$, $R=H$





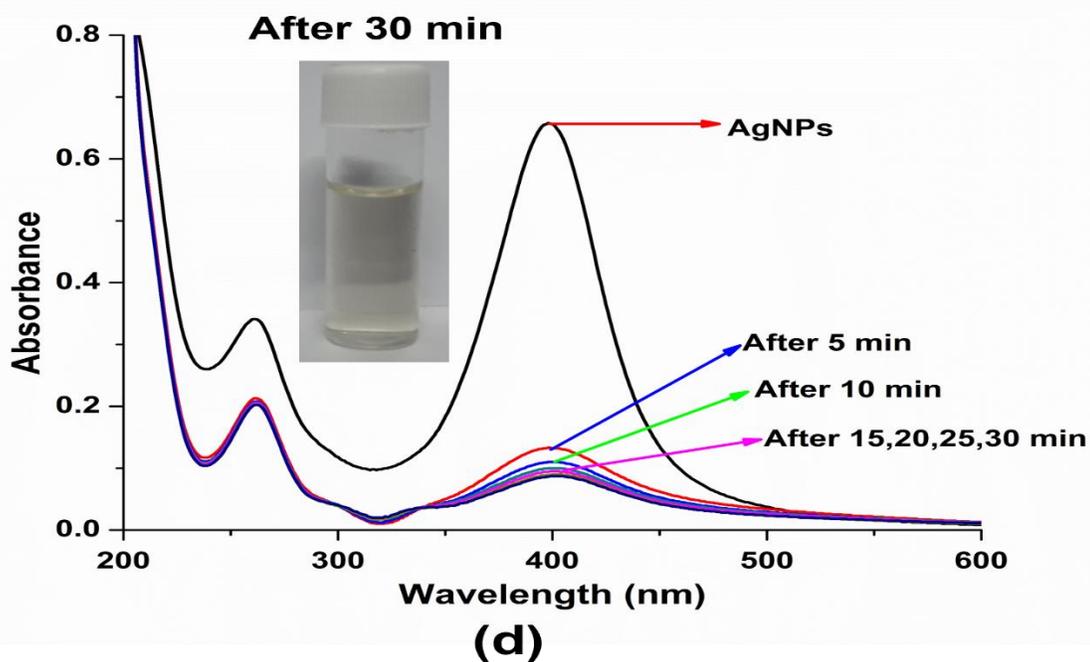
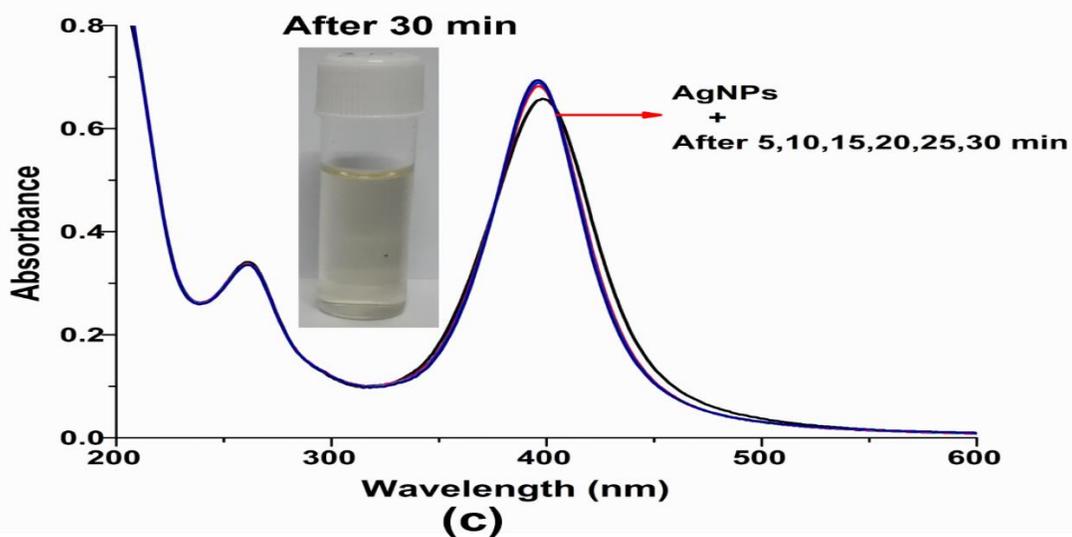


Fig.S27: Stability check through the electrolyte (NaCl) addition (a) 0.01M and corresponding UV-Visible spectra at the interval of 5 min. (b) 0.1M and corresponding UV-Visible spectra at the interval of 5 min. (c) 1M and corresponding UV-Visible spectra at the interval of 5 min. (d) 2M and corresponding UV-Visible spectra at the interval of 5 min.

Table S1: Showing comparison of LOD's in present case with similar previous studies.

	Analytes	LOD	References
1.	Cysteine Homocysteine	0.16 μM 0.25 μM	1
2.	Cysteine Homocysteine Glutathione ⁻	0.079 μM 0.041 μM 0.086 μM	2
3.	Cysteine Homocysteine	1.14×10^{-6} 0.64×10^{-7}	3
4.	Cysteine Homocysteine Glutathione	50 nM 10 nM 100 nM	4
5.	Cysteine Homocysteine Glutathione	260 nM 10 nM 4.11 nM	5
6.	Cysteine Homocysteine Glutathione	4.1 μM 0.16 μM 3.1 μM	Present study

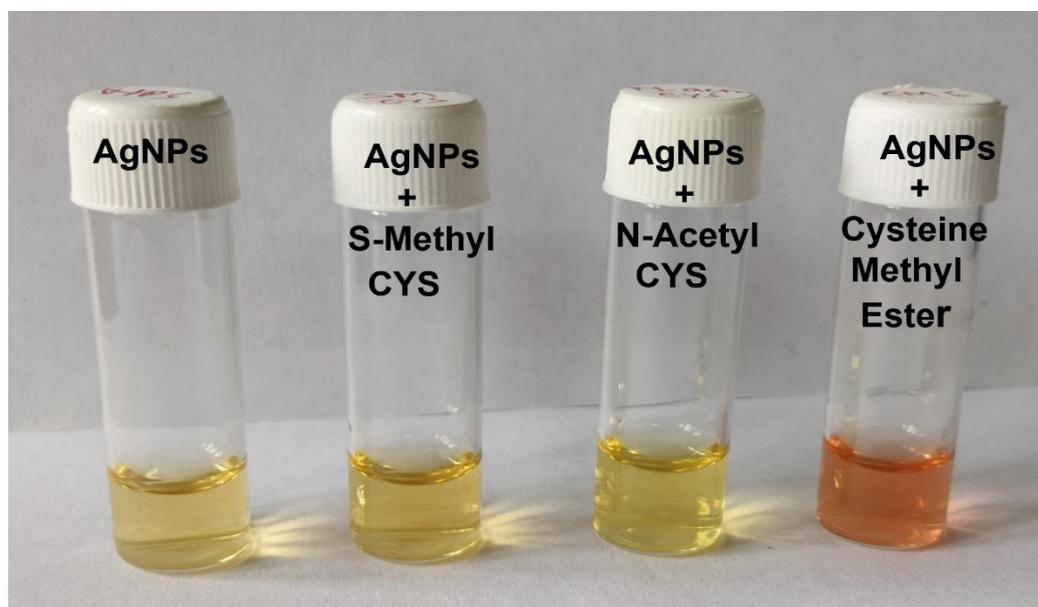
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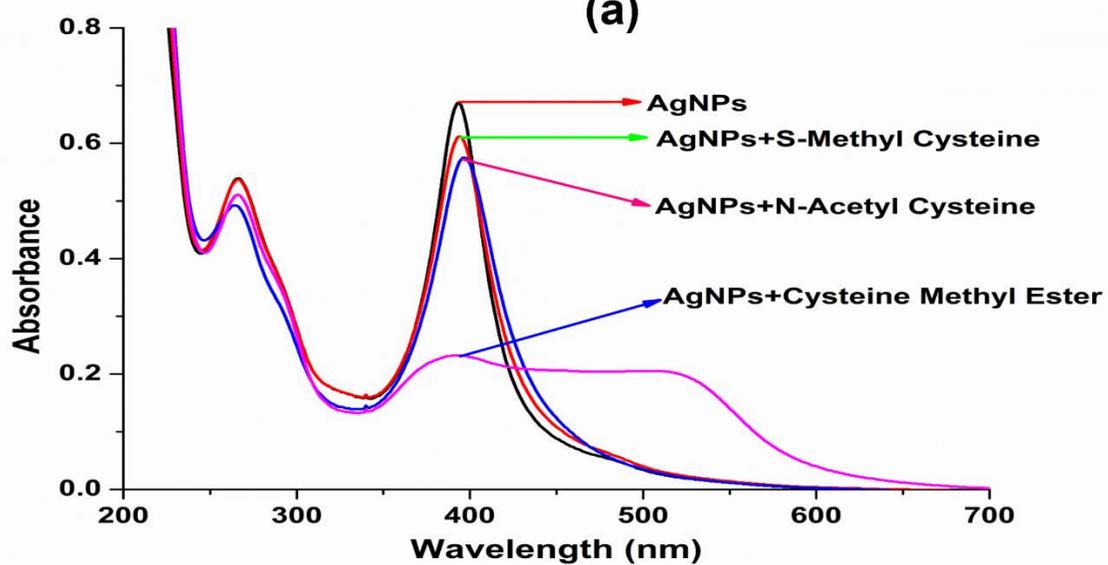
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(a)



(b)

Fig.S28: Showing (a) visual and (b) UV-Visible spectral changes for the interaction of AgNPs with; (I) S-Methyl cysteine (II) N-Acetyl cysteine (III) Cysteine methyl ester.