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Plant-Derived Nanoparticles in Veterinary Medicine: A Novel Approach to Zoonotic Disease Management

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ABSTRACT

Plant-derived nanoparticles (PDNPs) offer a novel approach to managing zoonotic diseases in veterinary medicine, providing sustainable, eco-friendly, and effective solutions. These nanoparticles, synthesized using plant extracts, exhibit remarkable antimicrobial, antiviral, and antifungal properties, making them ideal for treating infections in animals. PDNPs enhance drug delivery systems by targeting specific sites, improving therapeutic outcomes while reducing resistance in zoonotic pathogens. They also contribute a lot in vaccine development and immunomodulation and enhanced the immunity response against diseases such as rabies, brucellosis, and avian influenza. Beyond direct therapeutic uses, PDNPs play a part in One Health by reducing the transmission of disease from animal to human and good health. Challenges still abound in issues concerning scalability, regulatory approval, and environmental safety. Future research should focus on optimizing synthesis methods and ensuring an opportunity for potential commercialization, aiming to integrate PDNPs into routine veterinary practice for a more efficient and sustainable management of zoonotic diseases.

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Introduction

Diseases in animals are caused by bacteria, viruses, parasites, or fungi and are transmitted between animals and humans. Prominent examples of animal diseases include Rabies brucellosis and avian influenza WHO reports that emerging infectious diseases account for more than 60% of all animal diseases, with particularly severe economic and social impacts in low- and middle-income countries that rely on animals for sustenance. This Single Health framework's focus on the critical link between humans, animals, and environmental health in efforts to combat these diseases is also appealing. This includes classic methods in veterinary medicine. and includes vaccines, antibiotics, and biosafety measures. Vaccine development often faces effectiveness problems. Accessibility and scalability Advanced diagnosis and treatment are effective but expensive. This causes a risk of resource shortages. in the same sense Synthetic chemicals and drugs can result in environmental toxicity and ecosystem disruption. These challenges create a need for innovative and sustainable solutions to manage zoonotic diseases.

Advances in veterinary medicine hold promise for nanotechnology. especially through plant-derived nanoparticles (PDNP). Due to its biocompatibility and environmental sustainability, PDNP is synthesized from bioactive plant extracts. The natural biological activity of plant compounds gives nanoparticles antimicrobial and antiviral properties. Reduces systemic side effects and required dosage and make production easier to reduce costs Making it possible for underserved regions, PDNP provides an innovative and sustainable approach to managing zoonotic diseases (1).

Plant-Derived Nanoparticles: Properties and Synthesis

Definition and Characteristics

Plant-derived nanoparticles (PDNP) are nano-sized materials produced with the help of plant extracts. It takes advantage of natural bioactive compounds found in plants. PDNP exhibits special properties that make it ideal for veterinary and biomedical applications. PDNP is biocompatible and is at risk of toxicity and symptoms. It is the least adverse in animals. Phytochemicals such as flavonoids, phenols and alkaloids provide biological activity. This gives them antimicrobial, antiviral, antioxidant properties. and adjust immunity Natural capping agents in plant extracts stabilize those nanoparticles. This makes them more durable and stable for storage. Additionally, the synthesis process comes from renewable sources and abundant plant resources (2).

Synthesis Techniques

Plant nanoparticle (or NP) synthesis is a process in which plant extracts act as reducing, stabilizing, and capping agents to convert metal ions or other precursors. into nanoparticles green synthesis is an environmentally friendly and sustainable process. It is divided into several steps. Plant extracts, which are usually made from different parts of plants such as leaves, fruit, flowers, roots, or bark. It is used with aqueous organic solvents. These extracts are then combined with silver nitrate and other metal salt precursors. for silver nanoparticles under controlled conditions Phytochemicals in plant extracts act as reducing agents to convert metal ions into nanoparticles and act as stabilizers to prevent nanoparticle aggregation (3, 4).

Types of Nanoparticles

Various types of nanoparticles can be synthesized using plant extracts. Each type has unique properties and applications in veterinary medicine. AgNPs have strong antimicrobial and antiviral effects. Makes it effective in resisting many types of germs. It is used to treat animals from bacteria and viruses, treat wounds, and prevent infections in animals. Gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) are biocompatible. It can be used immediately and has anti-inflammatory properties. This makes these particles good candidates for drug delivery systems. Diagnostic tools and anti-inflammatory therapy. Diversity in types of plant nanoparticles Solutions tailored to different challenges in veterinary medicine provides Therefore, we support effective management of diseases from animals to humans (5).

Applications for Plant-Derived Nanoparticles in Veterinary Medicine

Antimicrobial Activity

Plant-derived nanoparticles (PDNP) are potent antimicrobial agents that address animal infections caused by bacteria, viruses, and fungi. The bioactive compounds of plant extracts give nanoparticles potential to combat insults. More microorganisms with several mechanisms of action Compared to pathogenic bacteria, PDNP (such as silver nanoparticles) has a high bactericidal effect. Especially against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Therefore, it is used to treat infectious diseases such as mastitis in dairy cows (6). and respiratory infections in poultry for viruses, PDNP has shown antiviral activity against the virus that causes avian influenza. Foot and mouth disease and rabies These nanoparticles can interfere with virus particles. This prevents them from infecting host cells. It is said to be effective against skin diseases and fungi that cause skin infections (7).

Vaccines and Immunomodulation

The enormous potential of nanoparticles in promoting the development of vaccines against plant-borne diseases lies in their unique properties. This may be suitable for increasing vaccine efficacy. One adjuvant property similar to PDNPs is the enhancement of immune response. Therefore, an increase in vaccine immunogenicity can be seen when gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) and silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) are used to improve antigen delivery. to immune cells They are very suitable for vaccines against diseases such as influenza. PDNP can stimulate immune cells such as macrophages, dendritic cells, and T cells through the action of phytochemicals contained in these nanoparticles. This stimulates additional

immune modulation activity. Such immunomodulatory actions can regulate the immune response and control excessive inflammation.

Drug Delivery Systems

The use of plant nanoparticles is a major advance in veterinary medicine, offering many advantages over conventional methods. Targeted therapy agents can deliver drugs directly to infected tissues or organs. thus, improving treatment results and reducing side effects. This can be very effective for local infections such as mastitis or pneumonia in animals. This aspect is very useful in treating chronic diseases such as parasitic infections. rheumatoid arthritis Viral infections throughout the body require continuous treatment. This can lead to improved clinical outcomes, reduced dose, cost, and potential side effects. PDNP-based drug delivery systems take advantage of these advantages. It offers one of the most advanced approaches to treating zoonotic diseases to advance veterinary medicine. And especially for the health and welfare of animals (8, 9).

Wound Healing and Skin Infections

Therefore, plant nanoparticles may represent important applications in wound healing and skin infection control in animals. They use these nanoscale materials to accelerate tissue repair or fight skin conditions. The anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial and even antioxidant properties of PDN. Finally, tan makes it excellent for accelerating wound healing. For example, silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) improve tissue repair and reduce wound site infections by Stimulating the production of collagen and other molecules that play an important role in the wound healing process is thus facilitated. Recovering from wounds, burns, and surgical wounds. It is also useful in treating skin infections caused by various bacteria, fungi, and parasites. Silver and zinc oxide nanoparticles (ZnONP) act against pathogens by having a calming effect on inflamed skin. This leads to deeper delivery of therapeutic substances.

Table 1: Overview of applications, benefits and challenges of PDNP in veterinary medicine for the management of zoonotic diseases

Sr. No.	Aspect	Description	Applications	Benefits	Challenges
1	**Synthesis Method**	Green synthesis using plant extracts	Use of leaves, fruits, or roots	Eco-friendly, cost-effective	Variability in plant extract composition
2	**Antimicrobial Activity**	Effective against bacteria, viruses, fungi	Treats infections like mastitis, rabies, etc.	Broad-spectrum antimicrobial effects	Risk of toxicity and environmental concerns
3	**Drug Delivery**	Nanoparticles enhance targeted drug delivery	Drug delivery to specific infected sites	Increased bioavailability, controlled release	Production scalability issues
4	**Vaccine Development**	Nanoparticles as adjuvants or delivery vehicles	Used in vaccines for zoonotic diseases	Boosts immune response, enhanced antigen delivery	Regulatory approval for veterinary vaccines
5	**Immunomodulation**	Enhances immune response in animals	Treatment of chronic infections	Improves immune response to infections	Long-term safety and toxicity concerns
6	**Wound Healing**	Promotes faster tissue regeneration	Healing of cuts, burns, skin infections	Speeds up healing and reduces infection risk	Ensuring safety for long-term use in animals
7	**Zoonotic Disease Control**	Reduces pathogen transmission to humans	Controls diseases like brucellosis, rabies	Reduces risk of human-animal disease transfer	Environmental impact and sustainability
8	**Resistance Management**	Reduces the risk of pathogen resistance	Combats antimicrobial-resistant strains	Minimize resistance development	Development of effective, large-scale production
9	**One Health Strategy**	Addresses interconnected with the health of humans, animals, and environment	Promote animal health and disease prevention	Improves public health outcomes	Collaboration across disciplines for integration
10	**Commercialization**	Potential for mass production and market integration	Commercial veterinary use	Cost-effective and accessible treatment option	Regulatory hurdles and market adoption barriers

Role in Zoonotic Disease Management

Direct Benefits

Plant-based nanoparticles (PDNP) have proven to be important in fighting zoonotic diseases. and has provided answers to specific veterinary challenges. This results in improved efficacy through increased drug absorption and targeted administration of antimicrobial, antiviral, or antiparasitic drugs at the site of infection. Increase the intensity of topical treatment and thereby reduce treatment failure. brucellosis Leptospirosis Animals suffering from diseases such as rabies in addition to accelerating recovery, PDNPs also address antimicrobial resistance. which is a major problem in pathogens from animals to humans. This is because they use mechanisms such as disruption of microbial membranes. generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS), interference with replication, etc. These mechanisms are very effective in fighting multidrug resistant bacteria. Examples include silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) extracted from plants. Against strains such as Escherichia coli and Staphylococcus aureus, PDNPs also have multiple functions by combining their roles as delivery systems for antimicrobial, antiviral, and antiparasitic properties related to phytochemicals (10).

Indirect Benefits

In addition to direct medical applications, PDNPs also contribute to the management of zoonotic diseases through broader public health and ecological considerations. Effective treatment of zoonotic diseases in animal populations is likely to reduce the risk of disease spreading in the human population, for example by using nanoparticle vaccines for dogs. which is the main reservoir of rabies. It will greatly reduce the incidence of serious diseases in humans. Therefore, PDNP can be used to control brucellosis and leptospirosis in livestock in the same way that humans are exposed to them through milk, meat and water sources. contaminated. It reduces other beneficial treatments. For parasites from animals to humans such as echinococcosis and toxoplasmosis in animals, disrupting the human cycle is also beneficial with PDNP is also aligned with the One Health approach, emphasizing the tight integration of human, animal and environmental health.

Challenges and Future Perspectives

Although plant-derived nanoparticles (PDNPs) are promising in the field of veterinary medicine, there are still many obstacles. Scaling up production is challenging due to the variability in plant extract composition and high processing costs. Regulatory limitations including safety and efficacy assessments This delays approval of veterinary applications. In addition, long-term environmental effects and concerns about potential toxicity require careful investigation to ensure safe use. Future research should focus on standardizing and optimizing green synthesis techniques to improve scalability and reduce costs. Commercial efforts should integrate PDNP into veterinary practice. With a focus on antimicrobial therapy, drug delivery, and vaccines, collaboration between academia, industry, and regulatory agencies can accelerate the development of PDNP-based solutions that address animal health and sustainable management of zoonotic diseases. and within a single health framework (11).

Conclusion

Plant-derived nanoparticles are one of the most remarkable advances in veterinary medicine to date. They offer the possibility of environmentally friendly and biocompatible disease control in animals. PDNPs are known for their ability to deliver antimicrobials and immune modulation that address serious problems such as antimicrobial resistance. and ineffective treatments green synthesis from plant extracts aligns with the ecological and economic goals of PDNPs, making them a good alternative to conventional methods. However, their ability to improve Animal health and reducing zoonotic infections make it relevant for single health strategies. However, there are practical issues that affect the ability to scale production.

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