

4.1. Characterization:

To identify the phytochemicals responsible for the reduction reaction and stabilization of the formed MgONPs, the magnesium oxide nanoparticles was analyzed in a **UV-Vis** absorption spectrophotometer (Uniscop SM 7504) in the wavelength between 200 and 800 nm.

Morphological study to assess the microstructure, particle distribution and elemental composition of the MgONPs was performed in a scanning electron microscope (**SEM**) equipped with an energy-dispersive X-ray analyzer (**EDX**) unit (SEM: JEOL JSM 7660F). The sample was analyzed with an accelerating voltage of 15 kV.

Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy (FTIR: Nicolet iS10) with wavenumber in the range 350–4000 cm^{-1} was employed to assess the type of bonds present in the MgONPs so as to complement and confirm the result of the analysis with UV.

4.2. Results and Discussion:

4.2.1. FTIR spectrum:

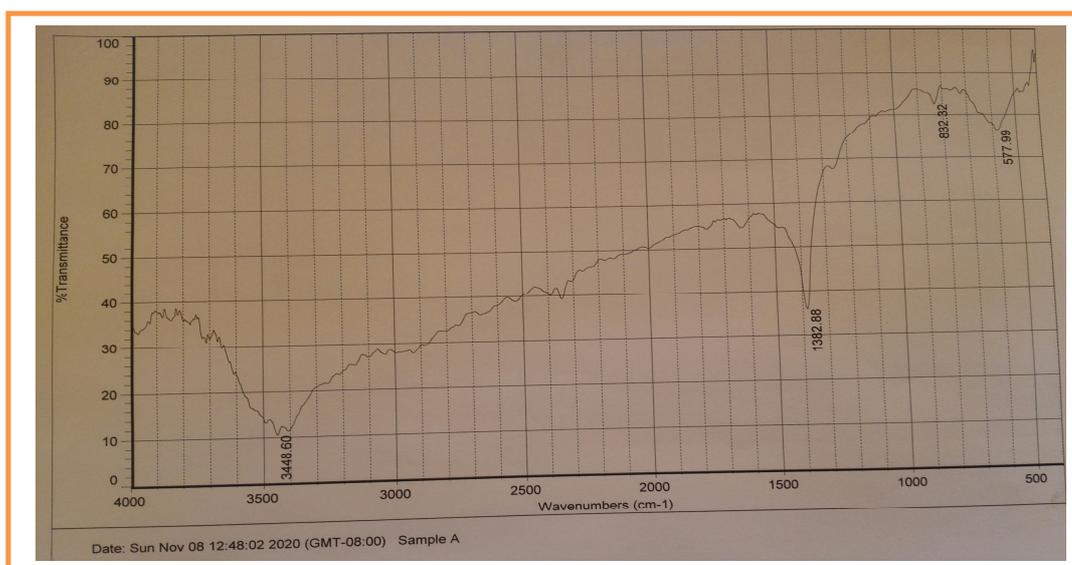


Fig. 1 FTIR spectrum of the MgONPs prepared by using sol-gel method

The FTIR spectrum of the MgONPs depicted in Fig.1A and 1B, The composition of the sample was analyzed by the FTIR measurement. The prepared powder was mixed with KBr and the pellet of the mixture was used for infrared (IR) spectroscopic measurement at room temperature while the wavelength was varied from 400 to 4000 cm^{-1} .

Fig.1A shows the spectra of as MgONPs prepared by using sol-gel method, The broad peak spectrum at (3448.6 cm^{-1}) shows the formation of MgO. The prominent peak at (1382 cm^{-1}) is assigned to Mg–O vibration, The peak observed around 832.82 cm^{-1} indicates the formation of hexagonal MgONPs.⁽¹²⁾

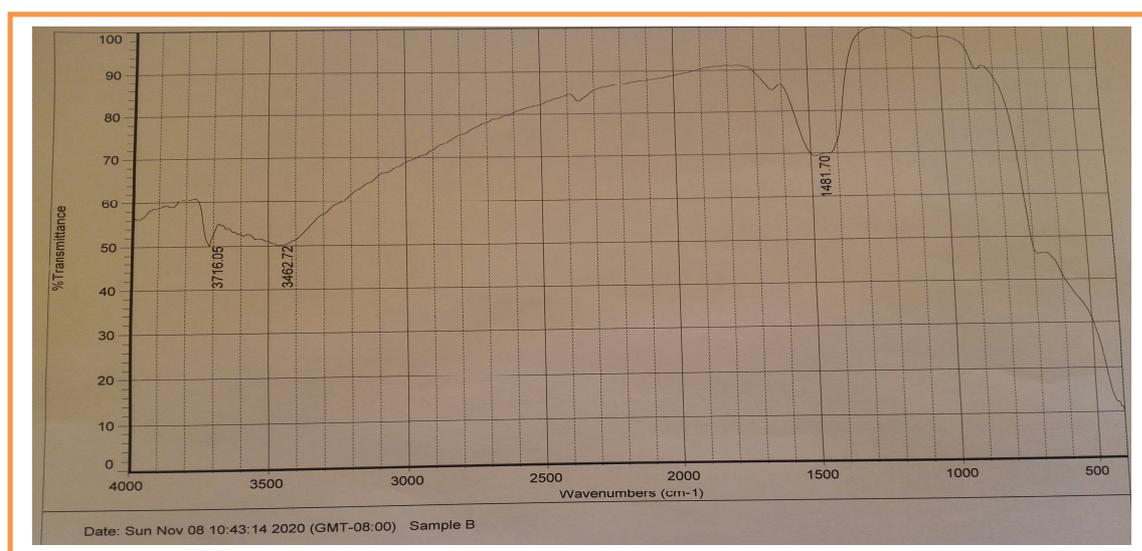


Fig. 1B FTIR spectrum of the prepared MgONPs prepared by using liquid phase method

Fig.1B shows the spectra of as MgONPs prepared by using liquid phase method, The peak at 3716.05 cm^{-1} is due to the O-H vibration of brucite phase of $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$, The broad peak spectrum at 3462.72 cm^{-1} shows the formation of MgO. The prominent peak at 1481.70 cm^{-1} is assigned to Mg–O vibration.⁽¹³⁾

4.2.2. Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and (EDX):

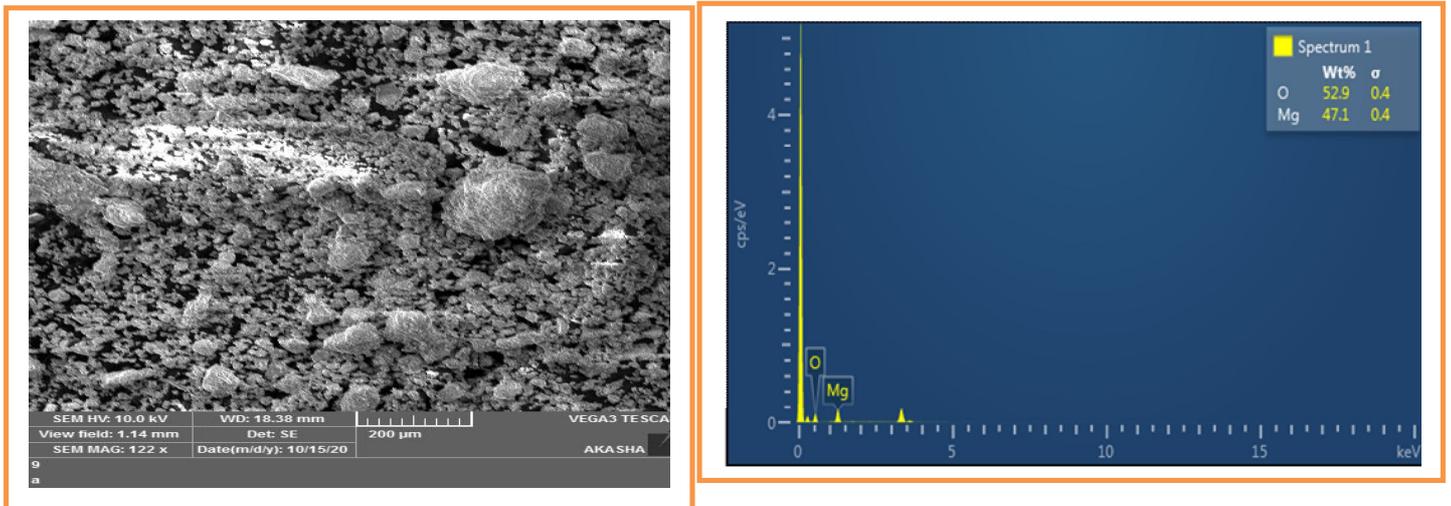


Fig. 2Aa SEM image of the MgO prepared by using sol-gel method **Fig. 2Ab** EDX spectrum of the MgONPs showing the presence of Mg and O at 1:1 atomic ratio

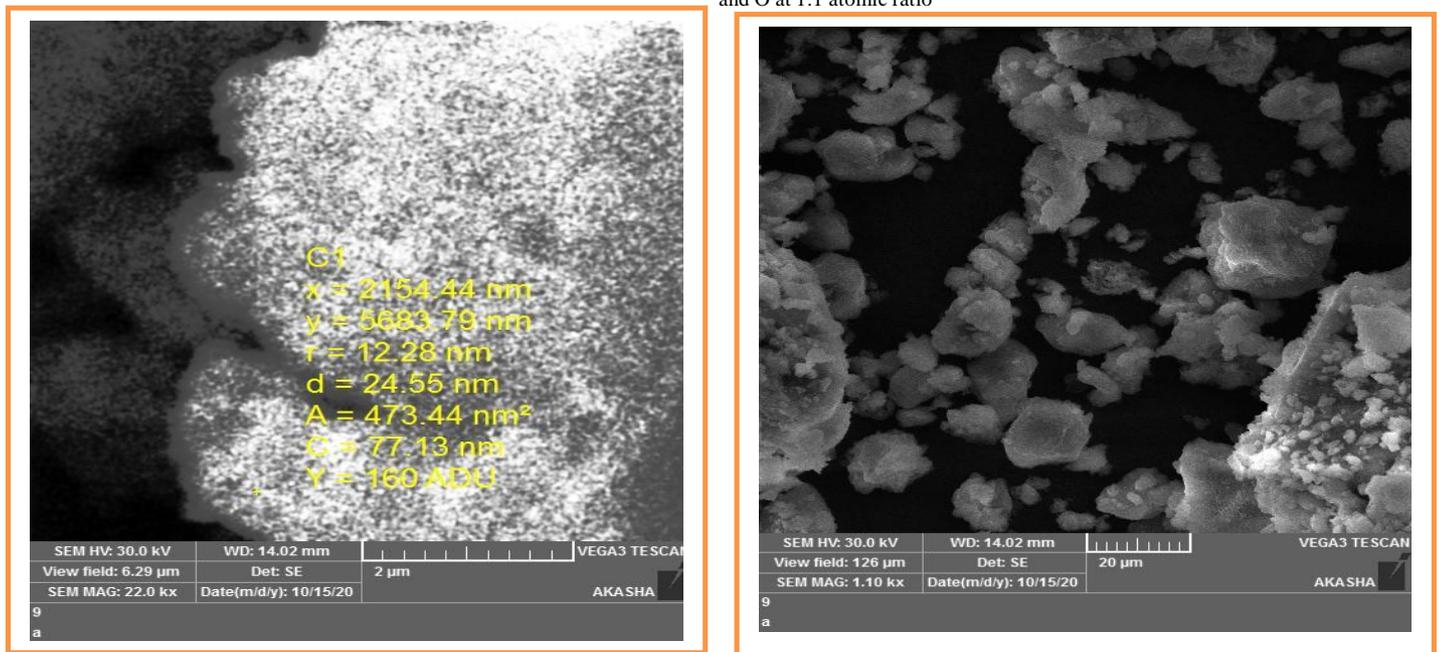


Fig. 2Aa SEM image of the MgO prepared by using sol-gel method

A scanning electron microscope is used to view the nanostructures and examine surface morphology of samples. The samples checked with a scanning electron microscope (SEM), type (Inspect S50), with a high magnification, it is noticed that there are dense chips.

In this image the MgO prepared by using sol-gel method, some of the particles that appear irregular, and group to irregularly shaped particles

are large and there are others with much smaller ones. An irregularity in the sizes evidenced by the images that there is clumping, and due to the limitation of the device that was within the microscopic range it is not clear. The shape of the nanoparticles, whether they are spherical, semi-spherical, or have other shapes, as shown in Figure 2Aa. Images measured at 200 μ m because images at smaller sizes were distorted and blurred.

the MgONPs is presented in Fig. 2Aa. The microstructure shows hexagonal particles of size between 70 - 85 nm appearing as different ensembles. The particles showed very little degree of agglomeration and were well distributed over the surface of the material to present a large surface area-to-volume ratio.

The formation of MgONPs was further confirmed by the EDX spectrum attached to the scanning electron microscope (Fig. 2Ab), through which the quality and quantity of elements present in each sample was determined. The images reveal the presence of the K α -transported Mg at energy 1.254 kV and oxygen for the K α transition at energy 0.525 kV, the graph shows a typical result of MgO.

Fig. 2Ab shows the presence of Mg and O in the sample and at 1:1 atomic ratio as found in pure MgO compound. As for other peak, its appearance is related to the test device.

The results of the SEM and EDX assay showed that the magnesium oxide particles were in the field of nanoscale and of high purity.

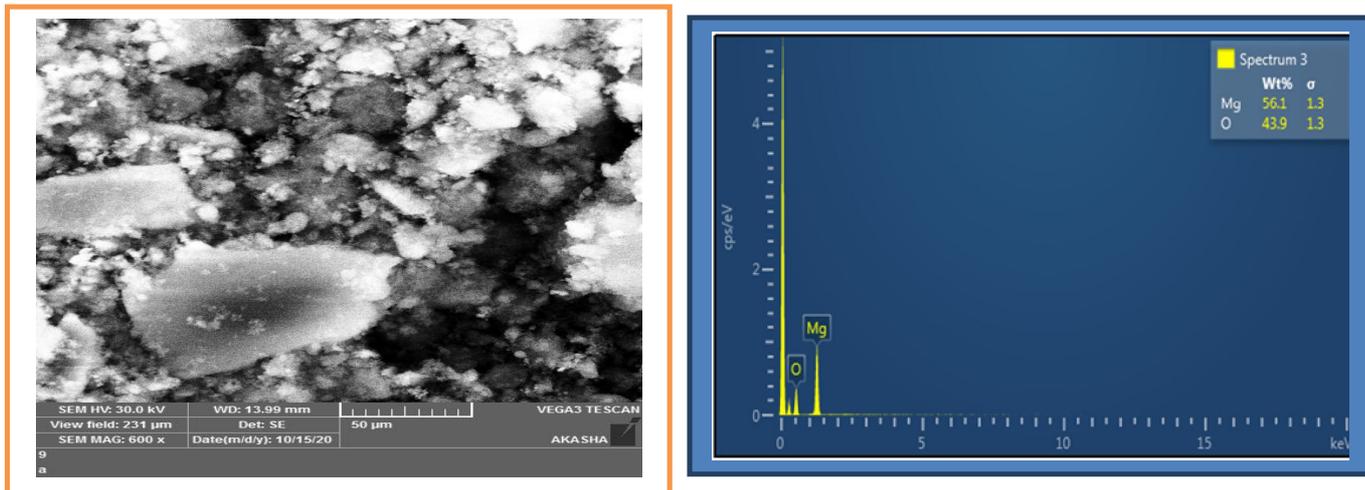


Fig. 2Ba SEM image of the MgO prepared by using liquid phase method **Fig. 2Bb** EDX spectrum of the MgONPs showing the presence of Mg and O at 1:1 atomic ratio

In this image the MgO prepared by using liquid phase method, some of the particles that appear irregular, and group to irregularly shaped particles are large and there are others with much smaller ones. An irregularity in the sizes evidenced by the images that there is clumping, and due to the limitation of the device that was within the microscopic range it is not clear the shape of the nanoparticles, whether they are spherical, semi-spherical, or have other shapes, as shown in Figure 2Ba. Images measured at 50 μm because images at smaller sizes were distorted and blurred.

The formation of MgONPs was further confirmed by the EDX spectrum attached to the scanning electron microscope (Fig. 2Bb), through which the quality and quantity of elements present in each sample was determined. The images reveal the presence of the K α -transported Mg at energy 1.254 kV and oxygen for the K α transition at energy 0.525 kV, the graph shows a typical result of MgO.

Fig. 2Bb shows the presence of Mg and O in the sample and at 1:1 atomic ratio as found in pure MgO compound. As for other peak, its appearance is related to with the test device.

4.2.3. Ultraviolet–visible spectroscopy (UV):

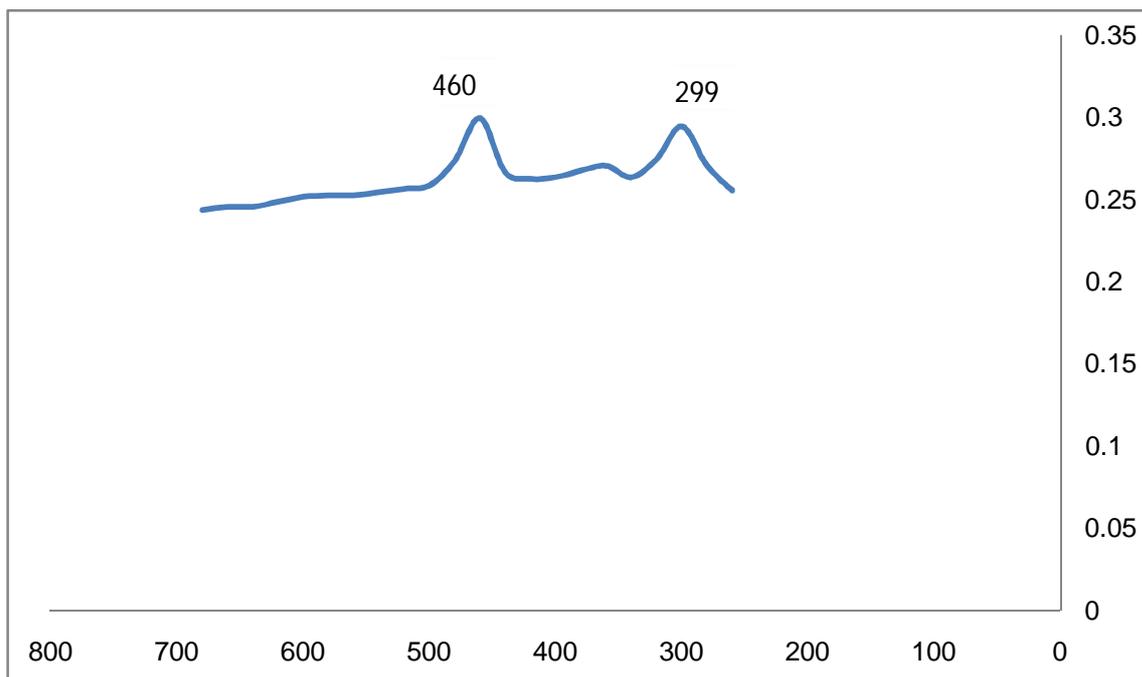


Fig. 3A UV spectrum of the MgONPs prepared by using sol-gel method

UV-vis spectrophotometer is used to record UV-visible spectra of the prepared MgO nanopowder in the absorbance mode, and in the wavelength range between 200–800 nm to determine the absorbance of MgO NPs. We obtained the distinctive absorption bands of MgO up to 800 nm. The spectrum of MgO contains several absorption peaks as observed in Fig 3A. MgO is reported to exhibit a broad absorption peak in between 260–330 nm. The spectrum has two absorption humps in the range of 320–400 nm centered at 380 nm and between 440–480 nm with the peak at 460 nm.

4.3. Conclusions:

The major conclusions of this work can be summarized as follows:

Magnesium oxide nanoparticles were prepared by green synthesis using lemon juice extract. The preparation method is environmentally friendly and depends on plant materials and chemicals at low temperatures. It also gives an abundant product of magnesium oxide particles with homogeneous nuclear dimensions, so it can be used for commercial purposes. The result was analyzed with (FTIR ,UV, SEM and EDX). The results of the SEM and EDX assay showed that the magnesium oxide particlesIt was in the field of nanoscale and of high purity

Nano-crystalline size MgO via liquid phase method was prepared successfully i.e. sol-gel technique so as this technique is simple, fast and effective.

magnesium oxide nanoparticles were Preparedby the sol-gel method using magnesium nitrate($MgNO_3 \cdot 6H_2O$) as a source material with sodium hydroxide.

(SEM) observations clearly show the cubic form of separated magnesium oxide nanoparticles of about 70-85 nm in size.

4.4. Recommendation:

Expanding the fields of nanotechnology to include the medical and environmental applications that the country currently needs.

Establishing a specialized conference on nanotechnology issues with the participation of research papers on the use of nanotechnology in industry and medicine, and preparing curricula for summaries of these researches.

Increasing cooperation between Sudanese universities.

Urging researchers in the field of nanoparticles to diagnose and apply the prepared nanoparticles.

Establishing a specialized center for the production of nanomagnesium oxide in large quantities and by simple methods locally.

Encouraging the use of nanomagnesium oxide in leather tanning because it helps reduce chromium pollution as well as the use of chromium.

The necessity of assessing and avoiding any risks resulting from the use of nanomaterials in the manufacture of nanomaterials by preparing technical specifications for dealing with these materials.