

# Therapeutic Potential of Nanosilver Encapsulated Polysaccharide in Wound Healing

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## ABSTRACT

Chronic wounds create a major threat for an individual, which, if neglected, can cause severe infection in the form of sepsis. Therefore, early clinical diagnosis is very crucial to prevent further complications. Since conventional treatments are often inadequate and may lead to scar, innovative wound healing strategies are in greater demand. Recently, silver nanoparticles, due to their wide antimicrobial activity, greater surface area, and functionalization property, have garnered attention in wound healing. Apart from that, natural polysaccharides, due to their biodegradable, biocompatible, flexible properties and inherent antimicrobial and antioxidant properties, are gaining popularity in addressing the needs of wound healing. Despite their widespread use, silver nanoparticles and natural polysaccharides face certain stability issues and other formulation-related challenges. This paper outlines the mechanism and applications of silver nanoparticles and polysaccharides in wound healing and their limitations. The review thoroughly inspects the recent research to explore the strategies adapted to overcome the limitations of silver nanoparticles and advocates the use of the additive effect of polysaccharides and silver nanoparticles in formulation. Silver Nanoparticles are being conjugated with natural polysaccharides termed as Nanocomposites, which lower their cytotoxic potential and show additive effects as the polysaccharide itself possesses wound healing capacity. The paper focuses on Nano Silver-Polysaccharide conjugation, which provides better results in wound recovery and antimicrobial potency. Therefore, the present review focuses on the conjugation of silver nanoparticles and polysaccharides for an advanced and effective strategy for wound healing and emphasizes future research work in this arena.

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## INTRODUCTION

The wound requires immediate attention to decrease infection effectively and hasten the recovery process to regain the integrity of the tissues. The wound causes inflammation manifested by the release of mediators like Leukocytes and Cytokines. This inflammation is characterized by arterial vasodilation and an increase in small vessel permeability, which further causes exudation of fluid and swelling of the affected area.<sup>1</sup> Thus, the healing of wounds is a very complex and lengthy process. Although our body's defensive mechanism can combat and cure wounds, it is ineffective in cases of chronic wounds, leading to infection, cellulitis, or sepsis. Therefore, the use of an effective healing agent is imperative in chronic wounds.

The antibacterial agent, Silver, is known for its wide-spectrum antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant effects. Although marketed formulations, Silver Sulfadiazine, Silver Nitrate are available, silver nanoparticles have sparked attention due to their exceptional antimicrobial spectrum, anti-inflammatory, and faster regenerative properties, healing chronic wounds. They have greater surface area, a high surface-to-volume ratio, flexibility for conjugation, target-specific surface properties, and are more potent than bulk silver.<sup>2</sup> Silver Nanoparticles (AgNPs) destroy microbial cells by oxidative stress by generating Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS). They block proinflammatory mediators, Tissue Necrosis Factor- $\alpha$ , interleukin-6 and increase anti-inflammatory mediators like Interleukin-10, thereby decreasing chronic inflammation states.<sup>2</sup>

However, AgNPs lose their antimicrobial property in the presence of high bacterial load. It shows cytotoxicity when administered at high concentrations or during long-term usage.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, silver nanoparticles can be coated to enhance their stability. Natural, unutilized polysaccharides are now widely exploited for their biocompatible, biodegradable, and immunocompatible nature. They facilitate cell proliferation, angiogenesis, and tissue



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repair at the wound site, promoting faster recovery. Several natural polysaccharides inhibit microbial growth at the wound site but require a long healing period. Therefore, AgNPs can be encapsulated within natural polysaccharides for their additive antimicrobial property and minimize their limitation to get a safe, potent wound healing agent. Moreover, the polysaccharide coating can also impart a sustained release of AgNPs from it. Nguyen *et al.*, have capped green-synthesized AgNPs with pectin and chitosan to develop biofilm for wound healing to enhance bioavailability and antimicrobial properties.<sup>4</sup> Similar studies were conducted where, polymer integrated AgNPs showed improved stability, antimicrobial potency, and effective wound healing property.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, polysaccharides having antimicrobial activity can be utilized to encapsulate AgNPs to minimize the cytotoxicity of silver-based formulations and synergize the efficacy of wound healing.

The current review focuses on the advancements of nanosilver-based formulations and nanosilver polysaccharide composites. It highlights the polysaccharides with wound healing property, and compares the antimicrobial properties of silver nanocomposites to explore the novel concept of encapsulating AgNPs within natural polysaccharides.

## METHODOLOGY

The peer-reviewed literature data from multiple databases, including Science Direct, PubMed, Google Scholar, and Web of Science, for the last fifteen years were collected. The search was based on the keywords "Silver Nanoparticles", "Wound Healing", and "Natural Polysaccharides". Out of 250 articles, 127 articles were considered based on their citation score, scientific quality, and relevance. All the articles were thoroughly analyzed.

## MECHANISMS OF NANO SILVER FORMULATIONS IN WOUND HEALING

Silver Nanoparticles promote wound healing through cell proliferation, facilitating tissue regeneration, imparting anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial property.<sup>6</sup> Silver stimulates keratinocytes and promotes differentiation, maturation and migration of cells. It helps in the expression of  $\alpha$ -Smooth Muscle Actin, converting fibroblasts to myofibroblasts and quickens the healing process. AgNPs exhibit antibacterial activity primarily due to their surface properties as illustrated in Figure 1. Silver ions being cationic, adhere to the cell wall and cytoplasmic membrane of bacteria, and easily permeate through the membranes causing rupture and leakage of the cellular materials. Increased expression of growth factors by AgNPs leads to enhanced tissue regeneration, collagen matrix, re-epithelialization, and, faster wound closure. AgNPs lower the level of proinflammatory cytokines, and raises anti-inflammatory cytokines, facilitating angiogenesis and tissue repair.<sup>6</sup>

## LIMITATIONS OF SILVER NANOPARTICLES

### Cytotoxicity

Silver Nanoparticles have carcinogenic effects and can permeate through the Blood-Brain Barrier (BBB) causing toxicity at a higher concentration. Noga *et al.*, revealed that AgNPs induce cytotoxicity and abnormal cell morphology in the Human Hepatoma Cell Line above the concentration of 1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ .<sup>7</sup> A study on Alveolar Macrophage AgNPs with an average size of 15 nm destroyed the mitochondrial integrity and its activity. Another study on Lung Cell lines, shows that smaller nanoparticles (10 nm) showed more toxicity than larger particles.<sup>3</sup>

### Stability Issues

Poorly capped and unstable AgNPs excessively release silver ions, imparting high toxicity. They may degrade due to chemical oxidation, temperature, and light conditions, losing their therapeutic potential. AgNPs are prone to aggregation, leading to altered size and impaired therapeutic potential. Thus, controlling the aggregation, ensuring particle stability, and delivering AgNPs at a low dose is a challenge posed to effectively balance the wound healing potential and cytotoxic risk of AgNPs.<sup>6</sup> Therefore, the green synthesized nanoparticles with lower toxicity, their therapeutic applications and synthesis is emphasized in Table 1.

## POLYSACCHARIDE AND ITS MECHANISM IN WOUND HEALING

Polysaccharides exert wound healing properties through antibacterial, antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory activities, promoting cell proliferation. Natural polysaccharides like chitosan and polysaccharides from olive leaves show extensive bactericidal activities by inhibiting biofilm formation, altering their permeability, causing leakage of cellular materials.<sup>22</sup> Polysaccharides inhibit RNA Synthesis by binding to DNA molecules and inhibiting Phospholipid Pathway to interrupt cell functions.<sup>23</sup> Chitosan has hemostatic properties for wound healing, Sodium Alginate absorbs exudates and maintain hydration. Hyaluronic Acid helps in tissue regeneration and re-epithelialization by enhancing cell migration and angiogenesis.<sup>24</sup>

Natural polysaccharides are easily available, biodegradable, biocompatible, and flexible, which makes them a suitable candidate for conjugation. A summary of such polysaccharide-based formulations is represented in Table 2. Polysaccharides are generally used to control the release of drugs, acting as carriers and providing stability to formulations; therefore, researchers are utilizing natural polysaccharides to entrap silver nanoparticles to get the best therapeutic outcome. Though natural polysaccharides possess wound healing and antibacterial properties, they face some potential limitations, like low solubility, stability and poor mechanical properties.<sup>22</sup> Integration of the polysaccharides with

silver nanoparticles will strengthen their wound healing potential and minimize their limitations.

## NANOCOMPOSITE FORMULATIONS FOR WOUND HEALING

Silver nanoparticle encapsulated in a polysaccharide matrix can be an effective wound healing agent as shown in Figure 2 and the nanocomposites can be formulated into different dosage forms as depicted in Figure 3.

### Transdermal Patch

A Transdermal Patch loaded with Gallocatechin and AgNP showed extensive wound healing by decreasing Malondialdehyde content and increasing antioxidant activity.<sup>33</sup> Ahsan *et al.*, by impregnating green synthesized AgNP from *Brassica oleracea* with PVA-based hydrogel showed extensive wound healing during 20 days of study.<sup>34</sup>

### Hydrogel Dressings

A hydrogel dressings of Sodium Alginate, Gelatin, *Dactyloctenium aegypticum* plant extract-mediated green synthesized AgNPs showed significant wound closure with accelerated wound healing in 9 days.<sup>35</sup> Pooja *et al.*, formulated hydrogel from *Premna integrifolia* L. roots mediated AgNPs with extensive wound healing activity against *S. aureus*-induced wounds.<sup>36</sup> A glass hydrogel coated with Hyaluronic Acid-Pluronic F-127 AgNPs conjugate increased the expression of Cyclin-D1,  $\beta$ -Catenin, enhancing wound healing.<sup>37</sup> A dual network hydrogel of polyethylene glycol diacrylate and catechol-modified hyaluronic acid with silver-doped mesoporous silica nanoparticles showed high antibacterial activity accompanied by angiogenic capability and cytocompatibility.<sup>38</sup>

## Nanocomposite Films

Gelatin-neem-silver-nanocomposite films from *Praecitrullus fistulosus*, showed extensive regeneration of tissues.<sup>39</sup> Benkhira *et al.*, formulated amidated pectin, gelatin, tannic acid-based silver nanocomposite films, showing extensive antibacterial activity.<sup>40</sup> A chitosan-AgNP nanotubes showed extensive wound healing potency with enhanced antimicrobial effect and fibroblast cell compatibility.<sup>41</sup> Elabbasy *et al.*, formulated a Carboxymethyl Cellulose-polyvinyl-based nanocomposite film with AgNPs for wound healing.<sup>42</sup> Ozelin *et al.*, prepared bacterial cellulose-AgNP-based Nanocomposite films, with 97% wound contraction and inflammation.<sup>43</sup> A PVA-based silver nanocomposite films offer a greater cell multiplication.<sup>44</sup> Mohammadi *et al.*, formulated castor oil-polyurethane silver nanocomposite with increased antimicrobial activity.<sup>45</sup>

## Nanofiber

An Ethyl Hydroxy Ethyl Cellulose-PVA-based silver nanofiber found effective against burns and heals without scar formation.<sup>46</sup> A chitosan-PVA-AgNP films regenerates and heals the wound quickly.<sup>47</sup> Sariipek *et al.*, formulated chitosan nanofibrous scaffolds with curcumin-reduced AgNPs, with extensive antibacterial and wound healing potency.<sup>48</sup> Balakrishnan *et al.*, fabricated riboflavin-PVA- $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin Nanofibrous Scaffolds with AgNP exhibiting greater wound healing and skin regeneration potency.<sup>49</sup> Nematollahi *et al.*, prepared Polyhexamethylene biguanide AgNP-Chitosan-Thiourea nanofibers exhibiting extensive burn wound healing activity.<sup>50</sup>

Several FDA approved nanocomposites available are Acticoat™, Tegaderm™, SilvaSorb, and AQUACEL Ag. The recent research on wound healing potential of Silver nanocomposites are discussed in Table 3 and nanocomposite of metallic nanoparticles like Zinc oxide, gold, and copper, showing efficient wound healing activity, are mentioned in Table 4.

**Table 1: Applications of AgNPs-Based Formulations in Wound Healing.**

Sl. No.	Formulation	Polysaccharide Source	Application	References
1	AgNP	<i>Cotyledon orbiculata</i> , <i>Hybanthus enneaspermus</i> , <i>Achyranthes aspera</i> , <i>Cinnamomum verum</i> , <i>Cyanobacterium Synechocystis</i> .	Antibacterial, anti-inflammatory activity, fibroblasts differentiation, accelerates keratinocyte migration, collagen synthesis.	8-11
2	AgNP Hydrogel	Halofuginone, Levan, <i>Woodfordia fruticosa</i> , <i>Saccharomyces boulardii</i> , <i>Ocimum sanctum</i> .	Promotes skin fibroblast healing, stops proliferation of microorganisms, potentiates anti-inflammatory activities.	12-15
3	AgNP Nanofiber	Collagen, Casein, <i>Mimosa pudica</i> .	Increases re-epithelialization, Fibroblast cell proliferation, excellent exudate uptake, Inhibits microbial growth.	16-18
5	AgNP Ointment	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i> .	Higher wound healing rate.	19
6	AgNPs- cotton fabrics	<i>Curcuma longa</i> , <i>Scutellaria barbata</i> .	Extensive wound-healing properties.	20-21

**Table 2: Polysaccharide based formulations in Wound Healing.**

Sl. No.	Formulation	Polysaccharide Used	Therapeutic Outcome	References
1	Hydrogel	Sodium Alginate, Gelatin, carboxymethyl chitosan, Dextran, bacterial cellulose.	ROS scavenging activity, reduces inflammation, induces diabetic wound healing activity, Improves cell proliferation, skin migration.	25,26
2	Nanofibrous Matrix	Collagen, Hyaluronic Acid, Chitosan, <i>Cleome droserifolia</i> , <i>Allium sativum</i> extract.	Effective wound recovery with Scarless skin regeneration, enhances neovascularization and collagen deposition.	27,28
3	Nanocomposite	Halloysite powder, chitosan oligosaccharides.	Better skin re-epithelization.	29
4	Proteins	Fish collagen.	Efficient in wound contraction and quick wound healing.	30
5	Membranes	<i>Gluconacetobacter xylinum</i> cellulose, <i>Acetobacter xylinum</i> , chitosan.	Wound healing and faster re-epithelization collagen deposition.	31,32

**Table 3: Silver Nanocomposites in Wound Healing.**

SI No.	Silver Nanocomposite	Polysaccharide source	Therapeutic outcome	References
1	Nanocomposite	<i>Moringa oleifera</i> , chitosan, Bacterial Cellulose, <i>Sanghuangporus sanghuang</i> , Carbon Composites, Filter Paper.	Rapid wound contraction, internal tissue growth, Fibroblast Cell Proliferation.	51-53
2	Nanocomposite Film	Chitosan, Alginate, Bacterial Cellulose, Carboxymethyl chitin.	Ruptures microbial biofilm, Enhances skin healing, collagen deposition, angiogenesis, higher antibacterial and wound-healing potency.	54,55
3	Nanofibrous scaffolds	Chitosan, Cellulose Acetate, Bacterial Cellulose.	Extensive wound healing, Increases Fibroblast proliferation, wound contraction, reduces inflammation.	56, 57
4	Nano Hydrogel	Galacto-xyloglucan, Bamboo Cellulose, Chitosan, Alginate.	Increased Wound Healing by improving the level of growth factors, better wound healing properties.	58,59
5	Gold AgNPs	Carbohydrate.	Scar-free regeneration of infected wounds.	60
6	AgNPs sponge	Egg White, Konjac glucomannan.	Accelerates fibroblast proliferation and re-epithelialization.	61

## EVALUATION OF WOUND HEALING ACTIVITIES

### Antimicrobial Activity

Silver nanocomposite inhibits microbial growth and shows potent bactericidal activity. The antimicrobial efficacy of *Lepidium draba* synthesized AgNP against *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Enterococcus faecalis* showed Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) of 62.5 µg/mL, reflecting highest growth inhibitory effect and antibacterial potency.<sup>79</sup> Wypij *et al.*, studied the antimicrobial activity of Actinobacterial strain SF 23 synthesized AgNP, against *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae*, and *P. aeruginosa*.<sup>80</sup> Another AgNP prepared from *Rheum ribes* have lethal effect of 55.35%, 48.96%, 83.23%, and 66.85% against *S. aureus*, MRSA, *B. subtilis*, and *E. coli*, respectively, advocating a wide antimicrobial spectrum.<sup>81</sup>

### Anti-Inflammatory Activity

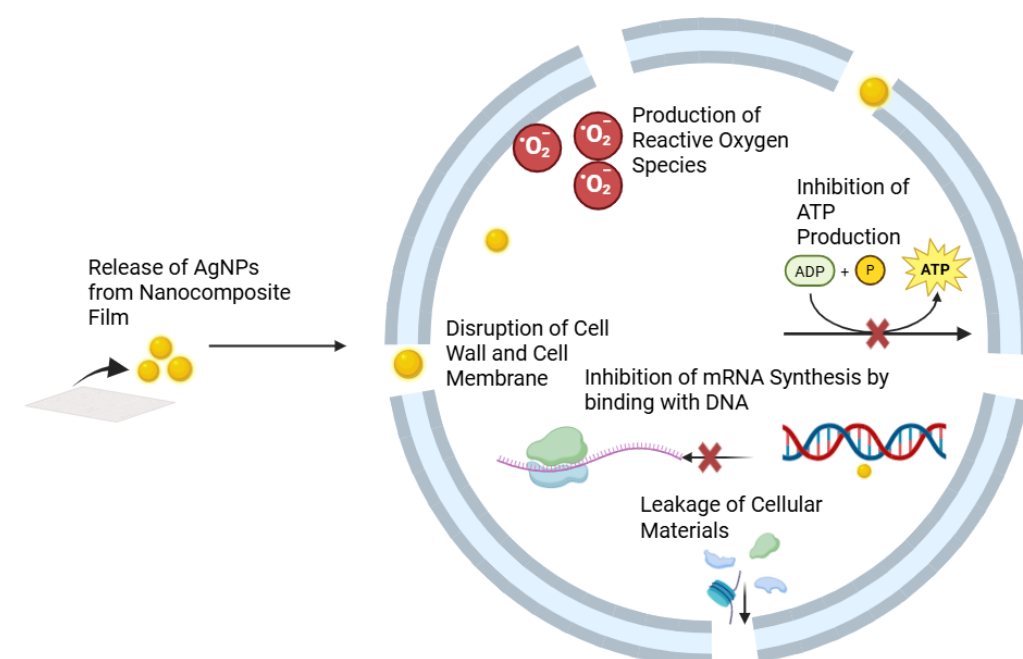
Chi *et al.*, formulated AgNPs from *Azadirachta indica*, showing anti-inflammatory activity of 69.77%.<sup>82</sup>

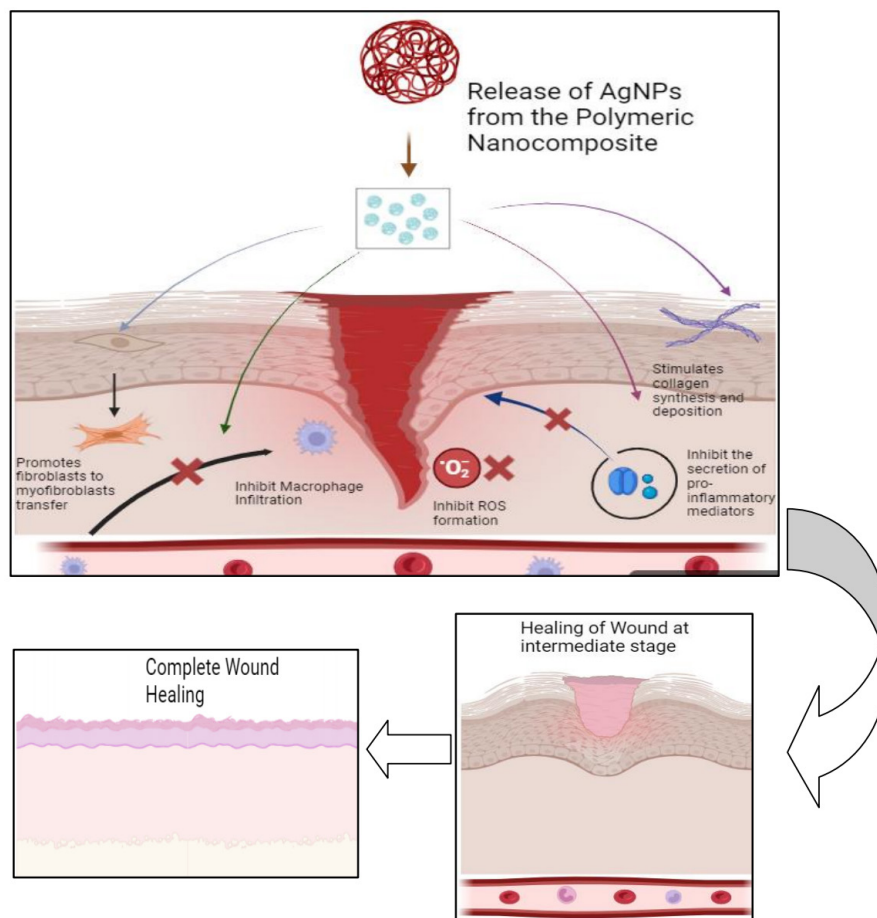
### Antioxidant Activity

In Acute Wounds, ROS acts as a signaling molecule for the hemostasis, inflammation, but in chronic wounds, ROS is overproduced and inhibits cell proliferation and migration. A nanocomposite of Chitosan-AgNP revealed antioxidant potential against DPPH and Hydrogen Peroxide, at 100 µg/mL concentration.<sup>83</sup> Arya *et al.*, formulated AgNP from *Cassia accidental* L. seed extract showing highest DPPH free radical scavenging activity as IC<sub>50</sub> value (345 µg/mL), showing potent antioxidant activity.<sup>84</sup>

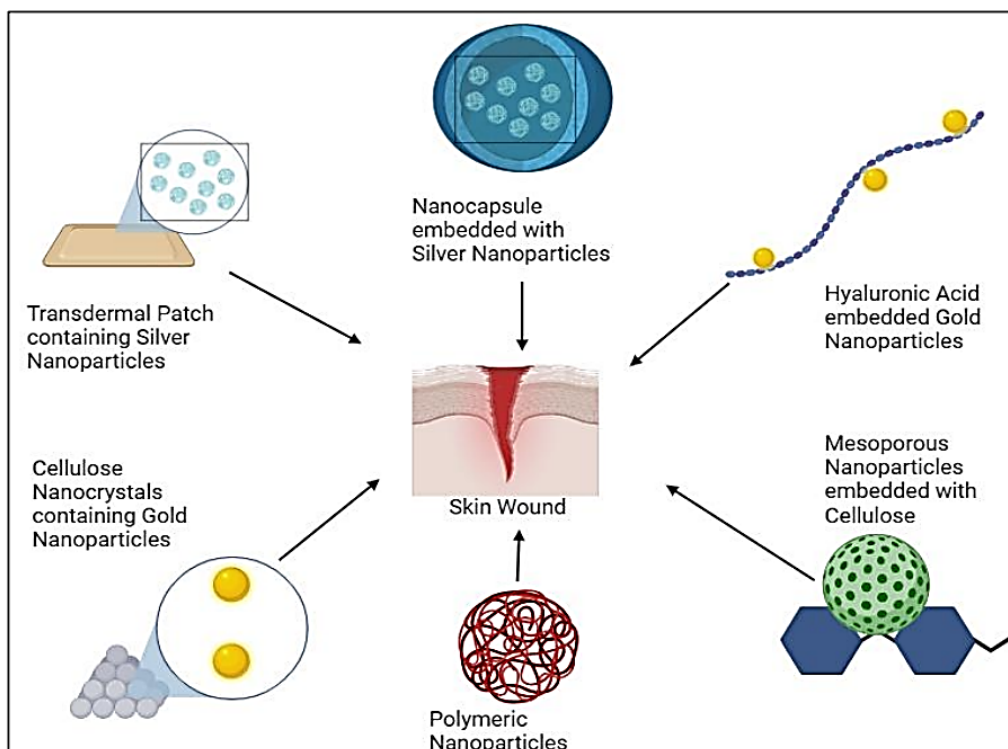
**Table 4: Applications of other Metallic Nanoparticles in Wound Healing.**

Sl. No.	Formulation	Polymer Source	Application	References
1	Gold Nanoparticles	Collagen, Chitosan, Snail Slime, Hyaluronic Acid, <i>Alteromonas macleodii</i> .	Cutaneous wound healing, Enhances epithelialization, wound contraction, Prevents oxidative damage, promotes collagen synthesis, cell differentiation, growth factor levels.	62-64
2	Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles	<i>Elettaria cardamomum</i> , Silymarin, Alginate, Chitosan, <i>Aspergillus niger</i> , <i>Barleria gibsoni</i> , Acacia, Starch, Tragacanth.	Faster epithelialization, cell growth, collagen deposition, anti-inflammatory effects, rapid vascularization, Extensive chronic/ acute wound healing, bactericidal potency.	65-68
3.	Zinc-Magnesium Oxide Nanoparticles	Silk Fibroin, <i>Aspergillus terreus</i> .	Promotes cell proliferation, Accelerates wound healing.	69,70
4.	Potamine Nanoparticle	Hyaluronan Oligosaccharides.	Increases angiogenesis and Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor.	71
5	Copper oxide Nanoparticle	Sodium Alginate, <i>Ficus religiosa</i> , Starch, <i>Calotropis gigantea</i> .	Significant Diabetic Wound Healing Activity with increased antibacterial and antioxidant effects.	72,73
6	Titanium Dioxide Nanoparticle-Biofilm.	Gellan Gum.	Promotes cell proliferation, cell migration, and faster excision wound healing, Absorbs large amount of wound exudates.	74
7	Copper-Zinc Oxide Nanocomposite	<i>Calotropis gigantea</i> .	Potentiates wound healing.	75
8	Silver-Zinc Oxide nanocomposite	Chitosan.	Promotes re-epithelialization and collagen deposition.	76
9	Silver-Magnesium Nanocomposite	<i>Aloe vera</i> , Xanthan Gum.	Efficient in wound closing.	77
10	Magnesium Oxide Nanoparticle	<i>Dillenia indica</i> .	Represents an essential tissue regrowth scaffold.	78

**Figure 1: Bactericidal Mechanism of Silver Nanoparticles.**



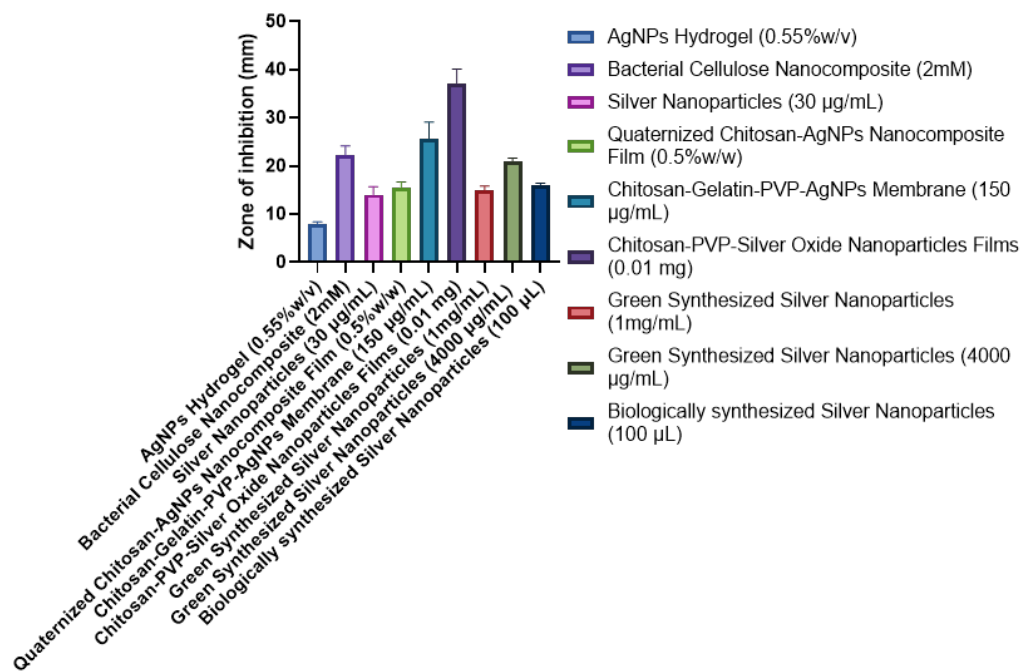
**Figure 2:** Mechanisms of Nano Silver embedded Polysaccharide in Wound Healing.



**Figure 3:** Nanoparticle embedded Polysaccharide Formulations in Wound Healing.

**Table 5: Comparative study of Antimicrobial potential of Silver nanocomposite on *S. aureus*.**

Sl. No.	Formulation	Polysaccharide source	Dose of Silver	Zone of Inhibition (Nanocomposite)	Zone of Inhibition (Control)	References
1.	AgNPs-Membrane	Chitosan, gelatin	150 µg/mL AgNP	25.5 mm	0 mm	5
2.	AgNPs	Moringa oleifera	30 µg/mL AgNP	14 mm	0 mm	51
3.	Nanocomposite Film	Quaternized Chitosan	0.5% (w/w) AgNPs	14.2 mm	13.7 mm	54
4.	Nanocomposite	Bacterial Cellulose	2 mM Silver Nitrate	22.33 mm	0 mm	55
5.	Nanofiber	Bacterial Cellulose	-	3.46 mm	0 mm	56
6.	Nanosilver Films	Chitosan	0.01 mg Silver oxide	37 mm	Control- 0 mm	57
7.	AgNPs Hydrogel	Galacto-xyloglucan	0.55% AgNPs	7.5 mm	0 mm	59
8.	AgNPs	Cymbopogon citratus	100 µL AgNPs (1mg/mL)	15.00 mm (Flower Extract mediated AgNPs)	7.00 mm (Flower Extract)	87
9.	AgNPs	Hypnea pannosa	100 µL AgNPs (4000 µg/mL)	21 mm	0 mm	88
10.	AgNPs	Neem and Turmeric	100 µL AgNPs	20 mm	33 mm (Positive Control)	89

**Figure 4:** Comparative analysis of Antimicrobial Activities of Silver Nanocomposites on *S. aureus*.

## Analgesic Activity

Silver nanoparticles reduce the release of proinflammatory cytokines and inhibit the infiltration of leukocytes and specific peripheral nerve receptors, responsible for pain signaling.

## Hemostatic Activity

Polymers like chitosan, cellulose, and alginate, as well as nanoparticles like silver and silica, have hemostatic activity by platelet activation, aggregation, thrombin formation, and promote the release of coagulation factors. A Chitosan-Cellulose sponge, formulated showed rapid blood clotting in 34 sec, much faster than traditional gauze and gelatin sponge.<sup>85</sup> Jiang *et al.*, fabricated a AgNP-chitin sponge with blood-absorbing ratio, 2.4-fold and 2.7-fold higher than the normal chitin sponge and marketed polyvinyl formal sponge, respectively.<sup>86</sup>

## ANTIMICROBIAL ANALYSIS OF SILVER NANOCOMPOSITES ON *S. AUREUS*

Figure 4 represents a comparison of silver nanoparticle-based formulations and their antimicrobial activity (Zone of inhibition) on *S. aureus*, as per the data represented in Table 5. The comparative analysis from the research work done evolved that AgNP-chitosan conjugate at its highest concentration is having highest antimicrobial activity when compared to AgNPs at their highest concentrations, thus advocating greater antimicrobial potential of AgNP-polysaccharide conjugate.

## CONCLUSION

The study discussed the exceptional wound healing potential of silver nanoparticles and natural polysaccharides along with its potential challenges related to toxicity and stability. Therefore, the review throws light on the remedial measures that can be adopted to meet the challenge of exploring more potent and safer silver nanoparticles-polysaccharide formulations with improved stability. The study identified the effectiveness of Nano Silver-Polysaccharide Conjugates in treating chronic wounds over Nano Silver or Polysaccharide alone. Nano Silver encapsulated formulations regenerate the tissue faster, subsequently faster wound closure. They show broader antimicrobial spectrum, preventing sepsis and promoting efficient wound healing. Thus, the current review emphasizes on utilization of natural polysaccharides to explore their antimicrobial, immunocompatible, and tissue regeneration properties. Apart from that, the limitations of AgNPs emphasize the need to be encapsulated to reduce its toxicity and improve stability and antimicrobial potency of the formulation. Therefore, the review offers an additive approach of silver nanocomposite, which may serve as an effective alternative to currently available marketed formulations and pave the way for future research encompassing the exploration of the potential

of unutilized natural polysaccharides in chronic wound healing cases.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**AgNPs:** Silver Nanoparticle; **PVA:** Poly(vinyl) Alcohol; **MIC:** Minimum Inhibitory Concentration; **MRSA:** Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; **ROS:** Reactive Oxygen Species; **IC<sub>50</sub>:** Inhibitory Concentration 50; **PDA:** Polydopamine.

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interest.

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## SUMMARY

The review focuses on the emerging scopes of polysaccharides in encapsulating silver nanoparticle and their additive therapeutic efficacy in wound healing. The review starts with the mechanism of silver nanoparticles in wound healing. It discusses the applications of silver nanoparticles as well as their limitations. The use of polysaccharides in encapsulating silver nanoparticles to prevent the limitations of silver nanoparticles, the formation of nanocomposites, their applications, and the evaluation of wound healing activity are discussed and compared. The article discusses the recent studies of silver nanoparticle-encapsulated polysaccharide formulation and shows their therapeutic effectiveness in wound healing.

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