

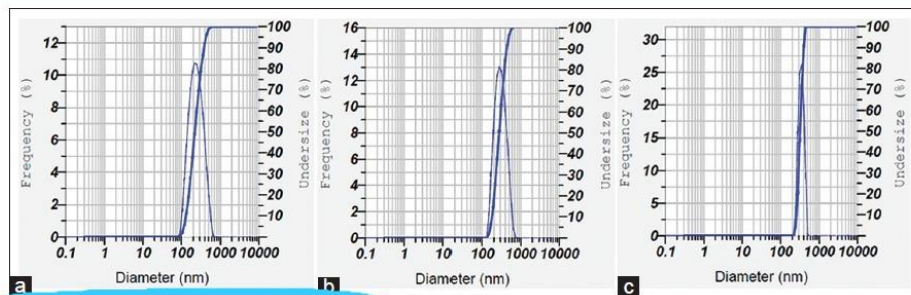
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12 Figure 2: Particle size distribution in the three formulations

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X-ray diffraction (XRD) characterization on polymeric nanoparticles ethanol fraction of green tea leaves.

The diffractogram pattern shows the results of  $2\theta$  angle and intensity values. It depends on the strength of the intermolecular electron bonds in the molecule. It is shown in Figure 3.

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In the DSC curve, sodium tripolyphosphate shows the peak of the endothermic phase at a temperature of  $120.06^{\circ}\text{C}$ , which is indicated as the material's melting point. This pattern also illustrates that sodium tripolyphosphate is in a crystalline form. Meanwhile, chitosan and carrageenan polymers demonstrated a glass-transition pattern, which indicated an amorphous form.

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# Cytotoxicity and antiproliferative activity of ethanol and ethyl acetate fractions from polymeric nanoparticles of green tea leaves (*Camellia sinensis*) in breast cancer cell line MDA-MB-132

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Green tea (*Camellia sinensis*) has benefits. Its main potential content is epigallocatechin gallate, which has many bioactivity and pharmacological properties. However, herbal medicines have limitations on low solubility and stability. A nanoparticle delivery system is a perfect form of active ingredient development, because it can mediate the increase in solubility, dissolution rate, and strength of a targeted delivery system. This study aimed to make and test the formulation of the ethanol and ethyl acetate fraction from green tea leaves in the form of a nanoparticle delivery system using chitosan biopolymer as the primary carrier polymer combined with sodium tripolyphosphate as a crosslinker and then carried out the tests on the MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cell line. The results showed that the particle size value was 199.7 nm, the zeta potential was -56.7 mV, and the polydispersity index was 0.337. X-ray diffraction and differential scanning calorimetry test results showed that the *C. sinensis* fraction was perfectly dispersed molecularly in the nanoparticle system. The results of the cytotoxic test on the MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cell line obtained IC50 values for both fractions, namely 10.70 µg/mL (nano ethanol fraction) and 12.72 µg/mL (nano ethyl acetate fraction). This result showed a significant increase in anticancer activity in both fractions compared to those not formulated ( $P < 0.05$ ). These results also show that the *C. sinensis* tea fraction formulated in a nanoparticle delivery system has a great potential as a new therapeutic agent for breast cancer.

**Key words:** Cytotoxicity test, drug delivery system, ethanol, ethyl acetate fraction of *Camellia sinensis* green tea leaves, MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cells, nanoparticle technology