

Novel Route for Antibacterial Finishing of Cotton Fabric Based on Ag Loaded Cyclodextrin –PAN Copolymers

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HEREIN, we represent a novel route for antibacterial finishing of cotton fabric. The novelty involves preparation of cyclodextrins based copolymers which are applied along with silver nitrate to yield silver nanoparticles (AgNPs). The latter are intermediately associated with the copolymer which is distributed in the fiber-fabric structure. In a more specific sense, the present work comprises three main studies 1) Synthesis of novel finishes based on graft copolymerization of β -cyclodextrin (β -CD) and reactive cyclodextrin (RCD) with acrylonitrile AN, 2) characterization of obtained copolymers and 3) application of these copolymers along with AgNO_3 to cotton fabric to ultimately create AgNPs in the fiber-fabric structure. In the first study optimal condition of the synthesis of said copolymers were established. The second study was devoted to monitoring nitrogen content, graft yield percent and grafting efficiency percent. The third study emphasized the application of the copolymer in presence of silver nitrate which is converted to AgNPs under the copolymer dual reducing and stabilizing action. The copolymers containing AgNPs were embedded within the cotton fabric and imparted to it thermal stability along with antibacterial properties. It was also found that using RCD as a base for copolymerization with AN displays higher effects in terms of nitrogen content, graft yield, than β -CD.

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In recent years, there has been growing research interests in polymer modification by grafting method, which can introduce various functional groups onto polymers without altering bulk properties⁽¹⁻³⁾. Acrylonitrile is one of the most frequently used monomer for polymer modification⁽⁴⁾. Mishra *et al.* found that the tensile strength and modulus of sisal fibers increased by grafting with 5% acrylonitrile. The barrier property against oxygen of poly ethyleneterephthalate (PET) film could be greatly improved by grafting with acrylonitrile⁽⁵⁾. Because of various derivatives can be obtained by the reactions of nitrile groups, inert polymers can be functionalized by grafting with acrylonitrile to import reactive nitrile groups, which allow for further chemical treatments.

Acrylonitrile is oil soluble, and traditionally the grafting of acrylonitrile is conducted in organic solvents, which is not environment friendly. Emulsion

grafting ⁽⁶⁾ was found to be an efficient grafting method for oil-soluble monomers instead of the reaction in organic solvents

Ali *et al.* improved the electrical characteristics and thermal stability of polypropylene (PP) sheets via grafting with acrylonitrile ⁽⁷⁾. In another study the subsequent chemical modification of nitrile group with phenylenediamine and glyoxal to develop a conjugated double bond chain structure within PP chains. Amidoxime group derived from nitrile group can chelate some kinds of heavy metal ions such as Hg(II), Cu(II), Cd(II), Ni(II) and UO₂(II) ions with high efficiency ⁽⁸⁾. Therefore, grafting of acrylonitrile on to polymers can manufacture the sorbents containing amidoxime groups, which are promising in applications of wastewater treatment and extraction of uranium from seawater ^(9,10)

An antibacterial dressing material was prepared by immobilizing silver (I) ions onto acrylonitrile grafted silk fibers ⁽¹¹⁾. Jewrajka *et al.* revealed from his study that when Ag ions are reduced in presence of polyacrylonitrile (PAN) solution and followed by solvent evaporation, the produced Ag-Nps undergo aggregation and precipitation. This is due to the weak electrostatic interaction between CN and Ag-Nps surface in presence of PAN solution and followed by solvent evaporation ⁽¹²⁾

Cyclodextrins (CDs) are a family of soluble, non-toxic molecules consisting of 6, 7 or 8 d-glucopyranosyl residues (denoted as α -, β - and γ -CDs, respectively) linked in cyclic structure by β -1, 4 glycosidic bonds. They can form inclusion complexes incorporating various molecular guests within their hollow, truncated cone shaped cavity structure, enabling them to be used as drug carriers and enzyme mimics. Host-guest interaction has been attributed to a combination of weak interactions such as van der Waals forces, hydrogen bonding and hydrophobic interactions ^(13,14). Of the three cyclodextrins, β -CD, with an internal cavity diameter of 0.78 nm, is the most widely used but is too small to entrap silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) and simply binds via chemisorptions to the nanoparticles through rim hydroxyl groups. Unmodified β -CD has been used to prepare silver and gold nanoparticles in the presence of different reducing agents such as ethanol, dimethylformamide, ethylene glycol and sodium citrate. It was also reported that β -CD enhances the antibacterial properties of AgNPs ⁽¹⁵⁾.

Recent studies in our laboratories ⁽¹⁶⁻¹⁸⁾ have involved the synthesis and characterization of two polymeric products based on, cyclodextrin and monochlorotriazinyl- β cyclodextrin grafted with poly acrylic acid and their utilization by different method of treatments to prepare nano-silver colloidal solutions. The silver nanoparticles colloidal solution(s) was applied to cotton fabric. The innovative formulation in question results in fabrics with excellent and durable antibacterial properties.

We undertake this study with a view to synthesize novel antibacterial finishes for cotton textiles. The novelty is based on *insitu* perpetration of silver

nanoparticles (AgNPs)-loaded β -cyclodextrin (β -CD)-polyacrylonitrile (PAN) graft copolymer included in cotton fabric and, AgNPs loaded reactive cyclodextrin (RCD)-PAN graft copolymer within the fabric. In more specific sense, the said copolymer are independently copolymerized with AN using $K_2S_2O_8$ as initiator and the obtained copolymers along with silver nitrate ($AgNO_3$) are applied at pH 9 to cotton fabric where AgNPs are created within the copolymer which is intimately associated with fabric through physical forces and /or chemical bonding particularly in case of RCD-based copolymer. Synthesis of the copolymer is carried out under different conditions and they are submitted to analysis and characterization. The insitu preparation through concurrent application of the copolymers together with formation of AgNPs to cotton fabric is emphasized as a novel technique. Antibacterial activity of the treated fabric is investigated. Tentative mechanisms for grafting, antibacterial activity and Ag NPs formation are elucidated.

Materials and Methods

Materials

Cotton fabric

Mill desized, scoured and bleached 100% cotton fabric (Poplin) was supplied by Misr Spinning and Weaving Company, Mehala El- Kubra, Egypt. The fabric was further purified by washing at 100°C for 30 min. in a solution containing 2 g/l Na_2CO_3 , 1 g/l Egyptol (non-ionic wetting agent based on ethylene oxide condensate) The fabric was then washed for several times with boiling water followed by cold water and finally dried at ambient conditions.

Chemicals

Monochlorotriaznyl β -cyclodextrin referred to here as reactive (β CD) and (RCD) and β -cyclodextrin (β -CD) were purchased from Wacker Chemie GMBH, Germany, Sodium hydroxide, acrylonitrile, potassium persulphate and silver nitrate were of laboratory grade chemicals, Egyptol(non-ionic wetting agent based on ethylene oxide condensate) was of technical grade chemicals.

Copolymerization procedure

The graft polymerization was carried out in 100 ml stopper flasks containing two of such flasks one of which contains aqueous solution of β -CD and the other contains reactive β -CD (1g/50 ml H_2O) The two flasks were stopper and placed in a thermo stated water bath for a certain period until the required temperature (65°C) was reached. At this end potassium persulfate 0.006 mol/L, was added into each flask followed by drop wise addition of AN 0.9 mol/L. The flasks contents were shaken occasionally during the first 60 min polymerization time (60 min). After that the mixture was continuously stirred for 15 min. at room temperature, and the solid mixture was washed with distilled water till pH7, then washed by alcohol and finally dried at ambient condition. The product contained graft copolymer and homopolymer in order to remove the PAN homopolymer, the crude products were stirred at room temperature with dimethylformamide

(DMF) for several times, the pure β -CD -g-PAN and RCD -g-PAN were thoroughly washed with alcohol then dried at ambient conditions.

Cotton fabric treatment

Cotton treatment in our case study is depend on fixation of β -CD -g-PAN as well as RCD -g-PAN by two different method of treatment according to fixation method commonly used for each polymer separately This step is done concurrent with the step of synthesis of Ag nanoparticles.

a) Synthesis of Ag nanoparticles on cotton fabric using β -CD -g-PAN

1 gm of β -CD -g-PAN was dissolved using material to liquor ratio 1:30. 5% glutaraldehyde as a crosslinking agent and 1 % magnesium chloride as a catalyst were added to the treatment bath .The pH of the bath was adjusted to 9 by using 0.1 N NaOH, the contents of the bath were homogenized using homogenizer for 5 min, fabric was immersed in bath followed by a drop wise addition of AgNO_3 solution (0.0003 mol)) then squeezed to a wet pick-up of about 100% by padder. The cotton fabric was dried at 80°C for 5 min and then cured at 120°C for 3 min. Finally the treated fabric was washed with hot water and dried at ambient conditions.

b) Synthesis of Ag nanoparticles on cotton fabric using R-CD -g-PAN

1 gm of RCD -g-PAN, was dissolved using material to liquor ratio 1:30. The pH of the bath was adjusted to 9 by using 0.1 N NaOH, the content of the bath were homogenized using homogenizer for 5 min, then 0.5 gm fabric was immersed in the treatment bath followed by a drop wise addition of AgNO_3 solution (0.0003 mol)). The reaction temperature was raised to 70°C for 60 min. Finally the treated fabric was washed with hot water and dried at ambient conditions.

Analysis and characterization

Analysis

- Percent graft yield (GY %) and graft efficiency (GE %)

The extent of polymerization expressed as percent graft yield (GY %) and the percent graft efficiency (GE %) were calculated according to the following equations:

$$\text{GY \%} = (W_2 - W_1 / W_1) \times 100$$

$$\text{GE \%} = (W_2 - W_1 / W_m) \times 100$$

where W_2 and W_1 and W_m donate the weight of the β -CD-g- PAN or RCD-g-PAN , the weight of original β CD or RCD and weight of the monomer used, respectively.

- *Nitrogen content*

The nitrogen percent (N %) of the obtained graft copolymers was determined and calculated according to a method described elsewhere ⁽¹⁹⁾

Characterization

- Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) was recorded on a Nicolet-20 DXB-Infrared spectrophotometer using the potassium bromide disk technique in the range of $4000\text{--}400\text{ cm}^{-1}$. The disk was prepared from grinded samples (2 mg) and KBr (45 mg) using 400 kg/cm pressure for 10 min.
- Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) was used to detect the changes in the surface characteristics of the cotton fabrics due to treatment with β CD-g- PAN or RCD-g-PAN. Surface morphology of prepared cotton samples were examined on a JEAOL JXA-840 scanning electron microscope (SEM). The prepared samples were coated with a thin layer of palladium gold alloy after mounting on a double sided carbon tape.
- Energy dispersive X-ray (EDS) was employed to analyze the surface elemental compositions using a scanning electron microscope (JEOL, JXA-840A Electron Probe Micro analyzer-Japan) equipped with an energy dispersive X-ray system (EDX) (INCAX- 145 Sight-England).
- Thermo Gravimetric Analysis TGA measurements were carried out using 8–10 mg of the samples at a heating rate of $283\text{ K}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ in an N_2 atmosphere using a TGA/SDT Q600 analyzer. The TGA was conducted with the compounds placed in a high-quality nitrogen (99.5% nitrogen, 0.5% oxygen content) atmosphere with a flow rate of 20 ml min^{-1} , to avoid unwanted oxidation. Each sample was scanned over a temperature range from 298 to 1073 K.
- Antibacterial Activity of the treated samples against *Staphylococcus aureus* (G +ve) bacteria and *Escherichia coli* (G-ve) bacteria were determined using agar plate method. The plates were incubated at $37\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 hr, a growth free zone of inhibition around the fabric appears as the antibacterial agent migrates from the fabric onto the agar, and diffused outward. Diameter of inhibition zones was determined according to AATCC test method 100-199.

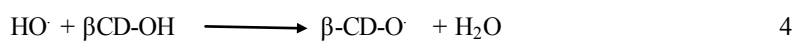
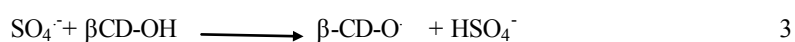
Results and Discussion

Tentative mechanism

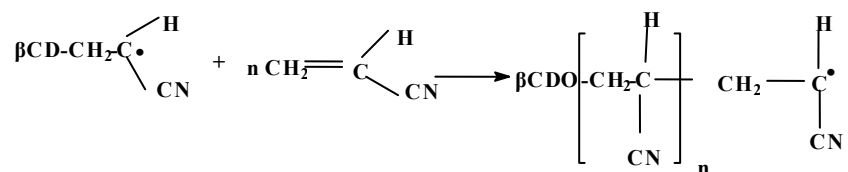
In an aqueous solution containing β CD, $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$, acrylonitrile (AN), a typical free radical polymerization reaction operates. The mechanism involved in the system proceeds as per several reactions, notably graft copolymerization and homopolymerization as shown by Scheme 1. Virtually all free radical chain reactions require a separate initiation step in which a radical species is generated in the reaction mixture. Decomposition of $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ gives rise to $\text{SO}_4^{\cdot-}$ which can undergo a series of reactions leading ultimately to HO^{\cdot} (hydroxyl free radical). The $\text{SO}_4^{\cdot-}$ and/or HO^{\cdot} abstract hydrogen atom from β -CD, molecule to yield β -CD, free radical to which an AN molecules is added forms the initiation step of

graft copolymerization Subsequent addition of AN molecules to the so initiated chain forms the propagation step. Termination of growing grafted chains occurs via coupling of two graft radicals or through disproportion. Concurrently with grafting, propagation and termination of homopolymer occur.

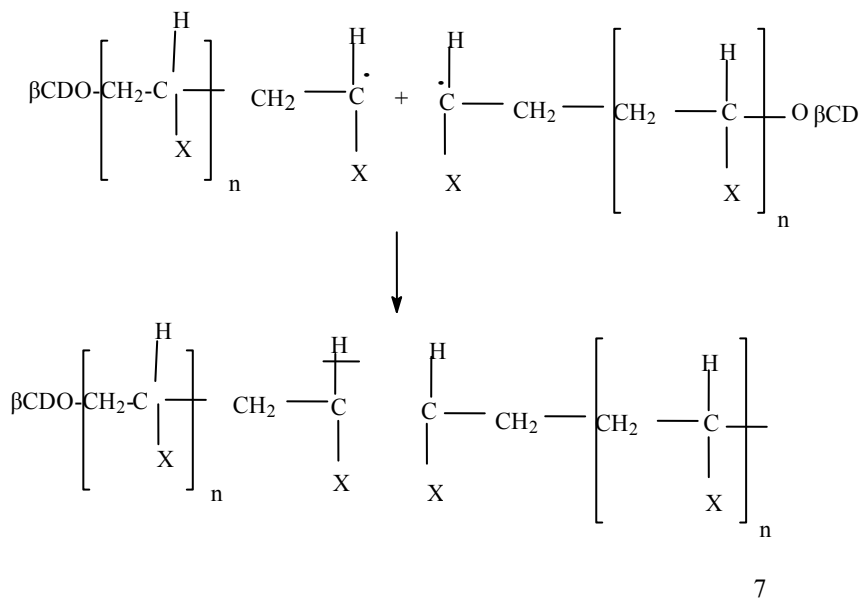
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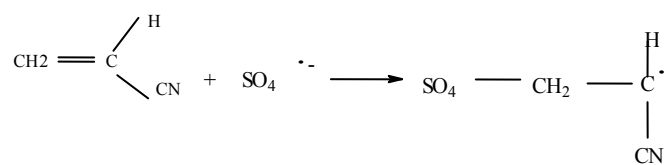
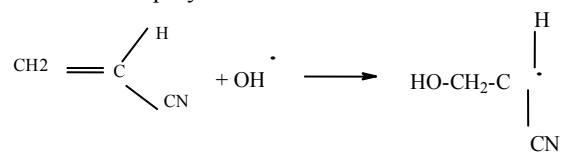
Propagation of grafting



Termination of grafting, for example, by coupling

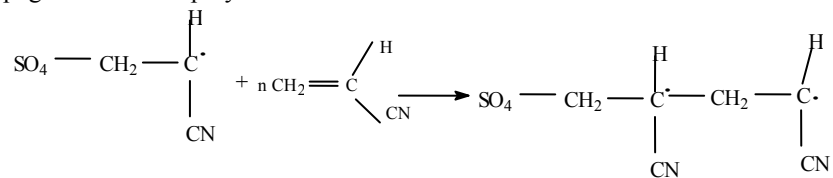


Initiation of homopolymerization



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Propagation of homopolymerization



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Synthesis of β CD and RCD-PAN graft copolymers

Synthesis of β -CD-PAN and RCD-PAN graft copolymers was conducted under different conditions including time of polymerization as well as concentration of monomer (AN) and initiator concentration (potassium persulphate). This was done to discover the most appropriate conditions for synthesis of the copolymers in question.

Time of the polymerization Reaction

Figure 1(a,b) shows the effect of polymerization time on the percent graft yield (GY%) and graft efficiency (GE%), when acrylonitrile (AN) was polymerized independently onto β -CD and RCD. The polymerization reaction was carried out at 65°C using potassium persulphate as detailed in the experimental section. Care was taken to keep the polymerization system in a tightly closed vessel to avoid evaporation of acrylonitrile (78°C -79°C). It is seen (Figure 1a and b) that the polymerization reaction exhibit induction periods of one hour in case of β -CD and 20 minutes in case of RCD graft polymerization to start with AN, After the induction period the polymerization reaction with both β -CD and RCD proceeds very fast to attain maximum then decrease sharply. It is certain, however, that RCD is more susceptible towards grafting than β -CD reflecting the favorable derivatization effect of β -CD on its amenability to grafting.

Decrement in the extent and rate of grafting of AN onto β -CD and RCD could be ascribed to depletion in both monomer and initiator concentration as the graft polymerization reaction proceeds. It is also likely that larger amount of homopolymer formation on the charge of grafting occurs during later stages of polymerization thus decreasing the magnitude of grafting formation. In combination with this is the possibility of modification of β -CD and RCD particularly, during the latest stage of polymerization. Such modification seems to have an adverse effect on diffusion and adsorption of monomer and initiator on the backbone of β -CD and RCD as parent substrate for grafting.

Initiator concentration

Figure 2 (a,b) shows the effect of potassium persulphate concentration on GY% and GE% of when AN was copolymerized with β CD and (RCD). Results disclose that no grafting occurs when potassium persulphate concentration was less than 0.004 mole /l which an concentration above (up to 0.006 mole/L) cause remarkable increase in the G.Y% and G.E% irrespective of the nature of cyclodextrin used, but with certainly that values of G.Y.% and G.E% are higher with RCD than β CD as discussed above. Using potassium persulphate concentration higher than 0006 mole/l is accompanied by a decrement in the G.Y.% and G.E.%.

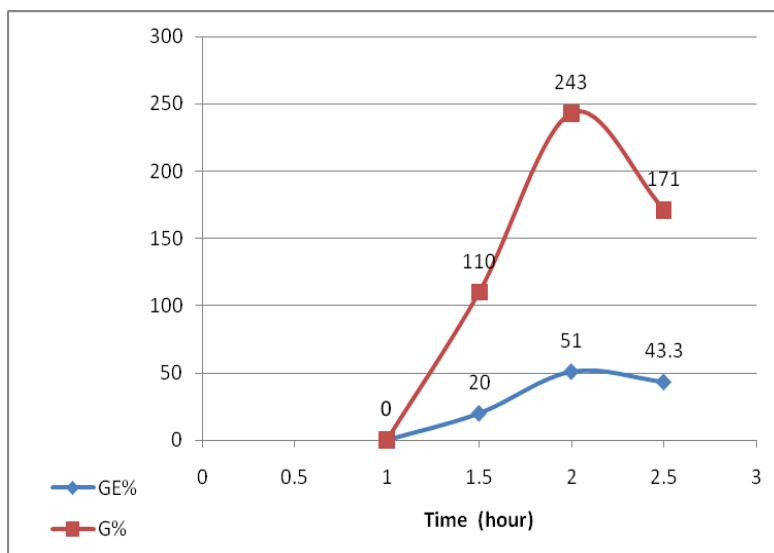


Fig. 1a. Effect of time on grafting of betacyclodextrin with acrylonitrile.

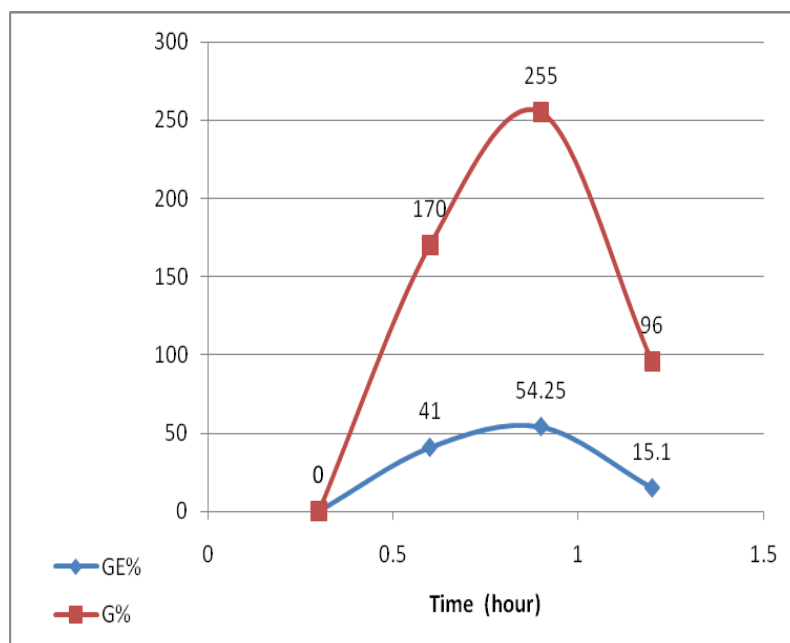


Fig. 1b. Effect of time on grafting of reactive cyclodextrin with acrylonitrile.

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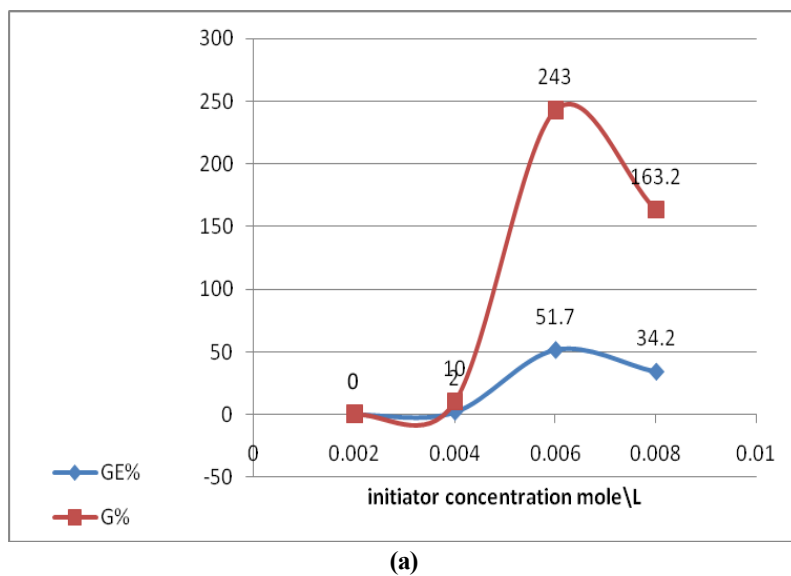


Fig. 2a. Effect of initiator concentration on grafting of beta cyclodextrin with acrylonitrile.

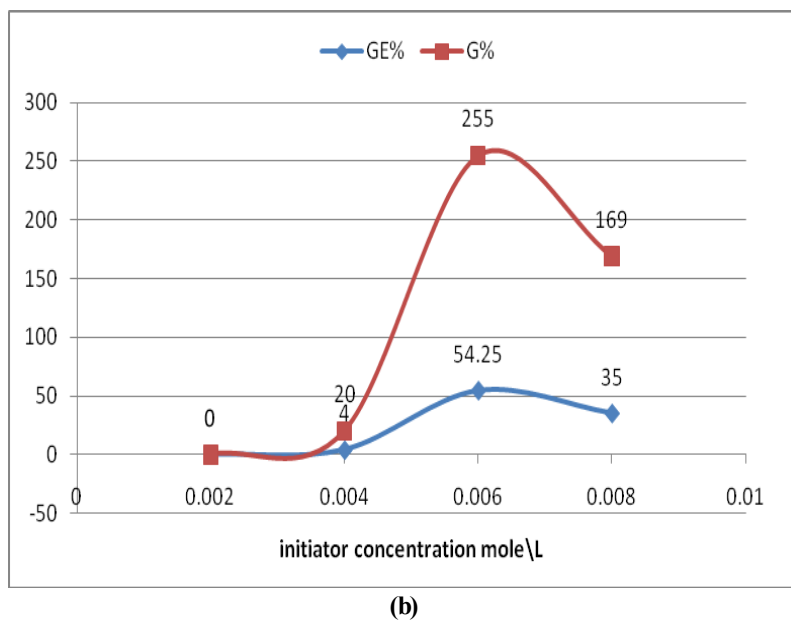


Fig. 2b. Effect of initiator concentration on grafting of reactive cyclodextrin with acrylonitrile.

Enhancement in G.Y. % and G.E. % by increasing potassium persulphate concentration up to 0.006 mole/L could be interpreted in terms of creation of more active species which contribute largely in initiation of polymerization. On the other hand, higher potassium persulphate concentration seems to result in termination of the polymerization reaction. It is logical that the ultimate effect of abundance of active species cause faster rate of termination, thereby giving rise to lower G.Y.% and G.E.%.

Acrylonitrile concentration

Figure 3(a, b) shows the effect of AN monomer concentration on the G.Y. % and G.E% when β -CD and RCD were independently polymerized with AN. As is evident no grafting occurs when AN concentration of 0.3 mole/L (based on weight of substrate) was used. Increasing monomer concentration from 0.3 mole/L to 0.9 mole/L is accompanied by a progressive increment in percent GY% and GE%, then levels off with further increase in AN concentration. The progressive increment in GY% and GE% by increasing AN concentration is a direct consequence of great availability of monomer molecules in the vicinity of cyclodextrin molecules at higher AN concentration. On the other hand, leveling off of grafting could be associated with a) shortage of active sites on the CD molecules at higher AN concentration due to progressive grafting and (b) the large PAN formation seems to make the diffusion of AN monomer or modifying the CD backbone in such a way that it becomes no more accessible for grafting.

Analysis and characterization of the synthesized copolymer

Analysis of β CD and β CD - PAN graft copolymer

Results of nitrogen content, graft yield and graft efficiency obtained when blank β -CD and RCD were grafted with AN to yield β -CD -g-PAN and RCD -g-PAN are rather interesting. The two cyclodextrin are substantially amenable to grafting with AN under the conditions used. However, RCD acquires higher graft content than β -CD as evidenced by the results of N%, GY% and GE%. This means that derivatization of β -CD via introduction monochlorotriazinyl moieties enhances the reactivity of β CD towards grafting with acrylonitrile. That is, the β CD derivative (RCD) is more susceptible to grafting than β CD (Table 1).

TABLE 1. Nitrogen content, GY % GE % and of the synthesized graft copolymers.

Substrate	N%	Graft yield (%)	Graft efficiency (%)
β CD-g- PAN	16.87	71.5	37.63
RCD-g-PAN	19.68	77.5	40.78

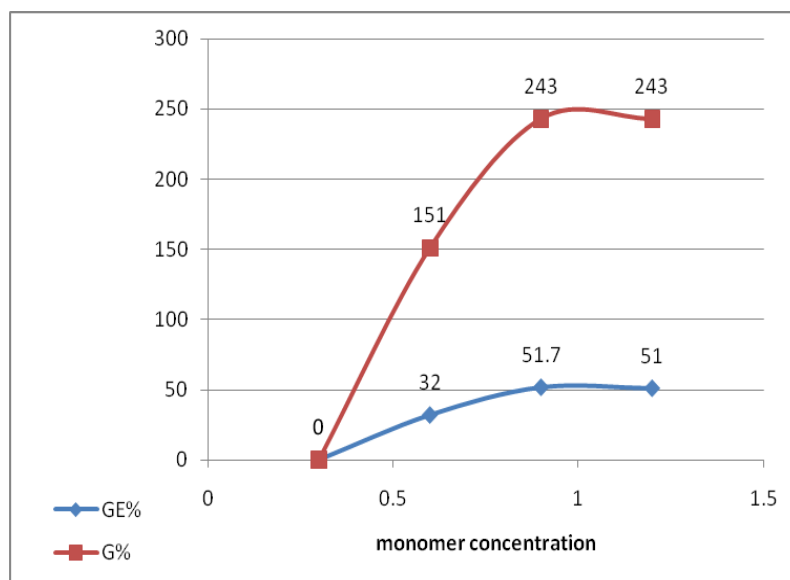


Fig. 3a. Effect of monomer concentration on grafting of betacyclodextrin with acrylonitrile.

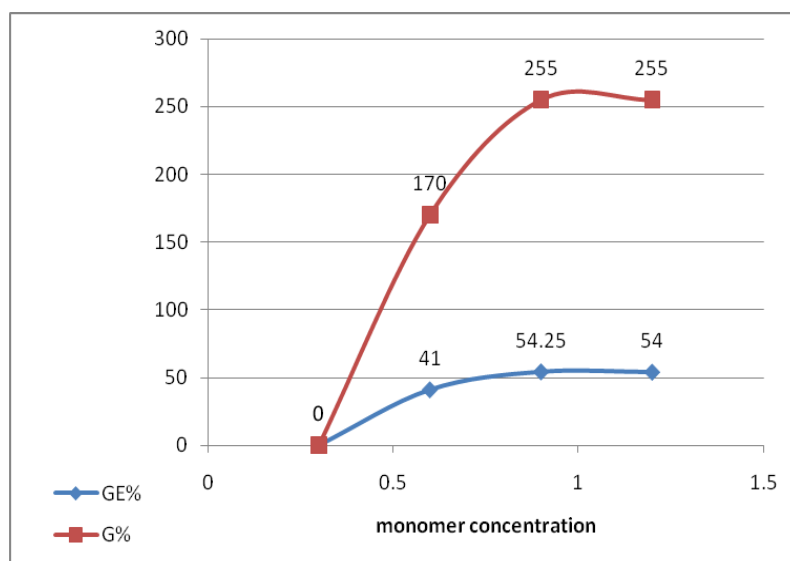


Fig. 3b. Effect of monomer concentration on grafting of reactive cyclodextrin with acrylonitrile.

FTIR of β CD, RCD, and their PAN graft copolymer

Structural changes of β CD, RCD and their graft copolymers with PAN were characterized by FTIR in Figure 4. (Fig. 4 a) illustrates the IR spectra of blank β -CD and its corresponding copolymer β -CD-g- PAN while Fig 4b represents blank RCD and its corresponding copolymer RCD-g-PAN. In FTIR spectra for both blank β -CD and blank RCD, the OH stretching absorption displays a typical broad peak 3371 cm^{-1} . The peak from 2932 cm^{-1} to 2119 cm^{-1} represents the CH_2 groups. Although it has CH_2 groups in their structure, the peaks are corresponding to the asymmetric stretching modes. The FTIR of β -CD-g- PAN and RCD-g-PAN, the Sharp peak observed at 2246 cm^{-1} appears in spectra were assigned to the stretching absorption of $-\text{CN}$, which prove the successful graft copolymerization of β CD, RCD and AN⁽¹⁹⁾.

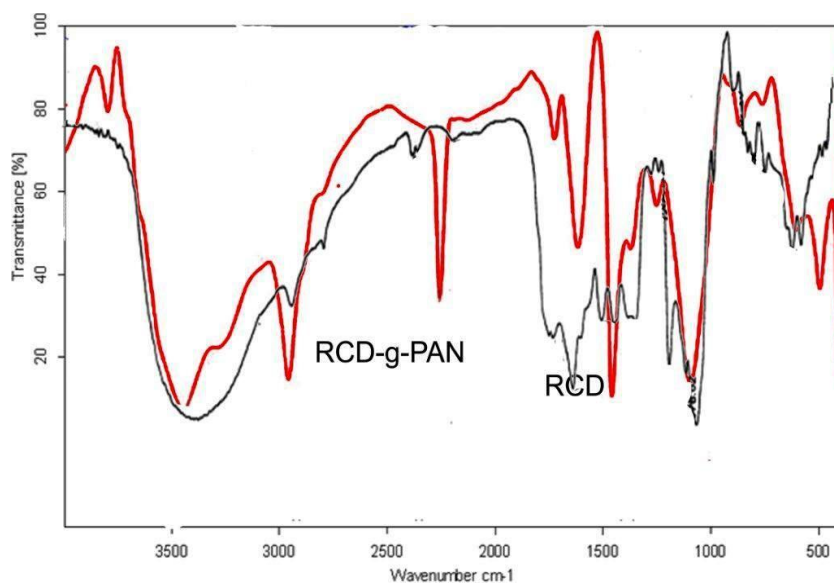
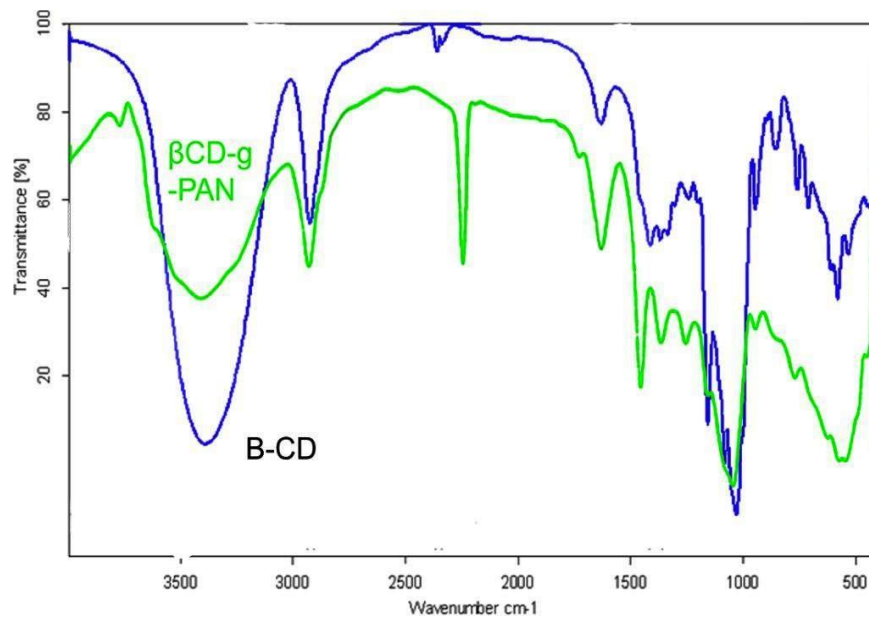
Application of the newly synthesized cyclodextrin copolymers to cotton fabric

Cotton fabric was treated with aqueous solution containing the cyclodextrin copolymers under investigation, cross linking agent (glutraldehyde), catalyst (magnesium chloride) and silver nitrate (Ag NO_3) at PH 9; keeping the sequence of ingredients addition as described in the experimental section. During the treatment the copolymer plays a dual role, (i) it acts as a reducing agent to convert Ag^+ to Ag^0 and its clusters (silver nanoparticles Ag NPs) and (ii) it acts as a stabilizing agent for AgNPs⁽²⁰⁾. The output is a cotton fabric bearing chemically attached cyclodextrin moiety, loaded with AgNPs in case of RCD-PAN graft copolymer as well as in case of CD-PAN graft copolymer.

SEM Morphological examination

Figure 5 (a, b, c, d) shows the SEM morphology β -CD and RCD as well as their copolymers namely β -CD-g-PAN and RCD -g- PAN respectively. It is seen that shaped particles are observed with the unmodified cyclodextrins (a, b). The contrary, these shaped particles disappear after copolymerization and SEM images reveal compact structure. This indicates that copolymerization of β CD and RCD with PAN destroys their particulate nature.

SEM images of fabric substrates containing β CD copolymer loaded with Ag NPs and RCD copolymer loaded with AgNPs are shown in Figure 6 (a,b), respectively. As is evident, AgNPs in cotton bearing either of the copolymers in question are formed within the matrix of the chemically attached cyclodextrin copolymer which in turn, is distributed on the surface of the fabric. The cyclodextrin copolymers are nominated in Figure 6 as : (a) cotton fabric treated with β CD-g-PAN loaded with AgNPs and (b) cotton fabric treated with RCD-G-PAN loaded with AgNPs(c).



Condition used: [initiator], 0.006 mole/L; time 1 hr Temp. 65°C, [RCD, β CD], 1 gm/50 ml

Fig. 4 . FTIR of β CD-, RCD and their PAN graft copolymers.

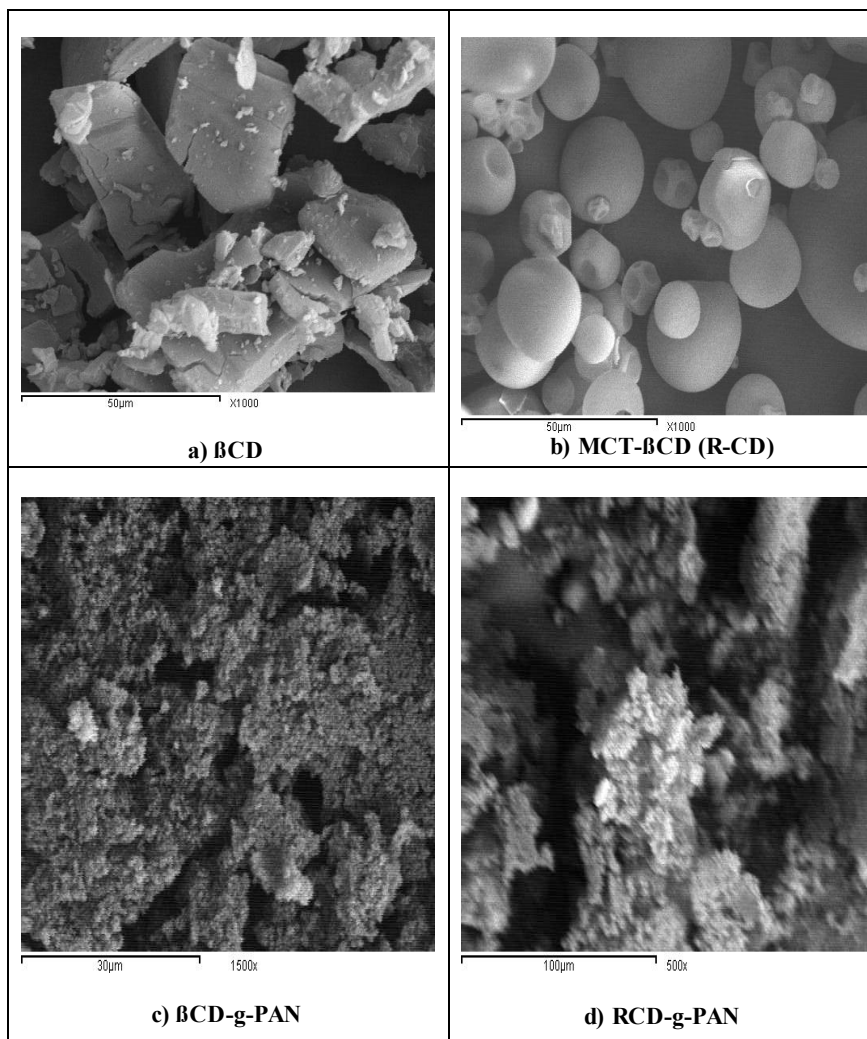


Fig. 5. (a,b,c,d). SEM images of β CD, RCD before and after being graft copolymerized with PAN.

Antibacterial activity

Microbiological studies were performed to investigate the antibacterial activity of the new materials against microorganisms *Escherichia coli* (ATCC-25922) and *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC -6538) using the agar plate method. Table 2 shows the antibacterial activity expressed as inhibition zone diameter (mm/1 cm) of the cotton fabric containing (β -CD-g- PAN), (RCD-g-PAN), Ag loaded β -CD-g- PAN and, Ag loaded (RCD-g-PAN). The untreated cotton fabric was also subjected to the same agar plate method. Nitrogen contents of the aforementioned substrates were also determined.

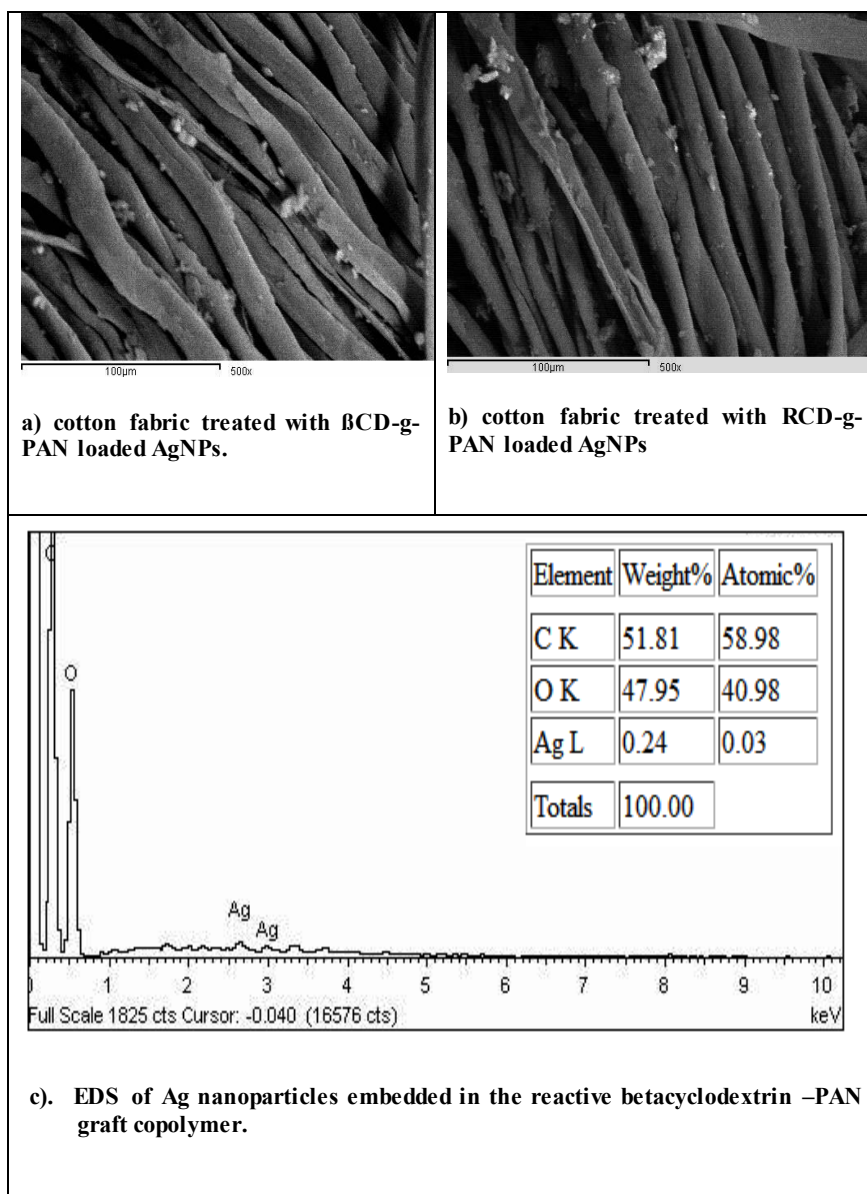


Fig. 6. SEM of treated cotton fabric where a) cotton fabric treated with β CD-g-PAN loaded AgNPs b) cotton fabric treated with RCD-g-PAN loaded AgNPs & c) EDS of AgNPs embedded in RCD-g-PAN.

It is seen (Table 2) that the antibacterial activity of the cotton fabric containing Ag-loaded (RCD-g- PAN) displays greater antibacterial activity than the cotton fabric containing Ag-loaded (β CD -g-PAN) as shown by the inhibition zone diameter. On the other hand cotton containing β -CD-g- PAN and RCD-g- PAN show no inhibition zone. The same holds true for the untreated cotton fabric. This is probably due to the mechanism of the antibacterial action of the said copolymers containing silver nanoparticles. The silver nanoparticles cause disruption in the bacterial membrane by releasing the silver ions from the copolymer (Figure 7). The Ag^+ ions form insoluble compounds with sulphhydryl groups in the cellular wall of the microorganism that are responsible for the inhibition halo in the seeded culture media. The antibacterial activity is confirmed by the presence of an inhibitory halo of the bacterial growth. It is proposed that intimate contact between AgNPs and organisms may enhance the transfer of Ag ions to the bacterial cell, whilst bacterial degradation of the β -CD saccharide promotes the release of silver ions. Such interactions as shown in Figure 7 have been described as Trojan-horse mechanisms and have been reported in the literature ⁽²¹⁾.

TABLE 2. The antibacterial activity and nitrogen percent of cotton fabric before and after treatment with Ag loaded with β CD -PAN or Ag loaded RCD-PAN copolymer.

Sample	Inhibition zone (mm/1cm sample)		Nitrogen content (%)
	<i>Escherichi a coli (G-)</i>	<i>Staphylococcus aureus (G+)</i>	
Cotton /Ag loaded RCD-g- PAN	17	18	0.65
Cotton containing Ag loaded β CD-g- PAN	15	15	0.40
Cotton fabric containing RCD-g- PAN	zero	zero	1
Cotton containing β CD- -g- PAN	zero	zero	0.75
Untreated cotton	zero	zero	zero

Figure 8 depicts the nitrogen percent of the aforementioned treated cotton fabrics. These results are represented in Table 2. As is evident, fabric containing RCD-g- PAN exhibits the highest percent nitrogen and accordingly the treated fabrics follow the order: cotton containing RCD-g-PAN > Ag-loaded (RCD-g-PAN) > Ag-loaded (β -CD-g-PAN).

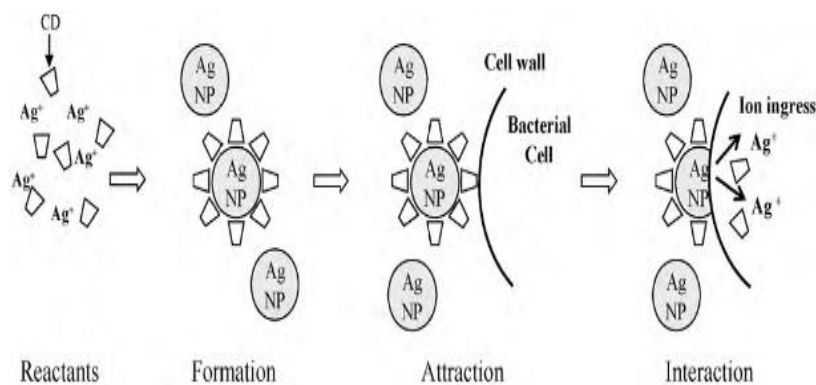


Fig. 7. Proposed bacterial interaction with β -cyclodextrin capped silver nanoparticles (Ag NPs).

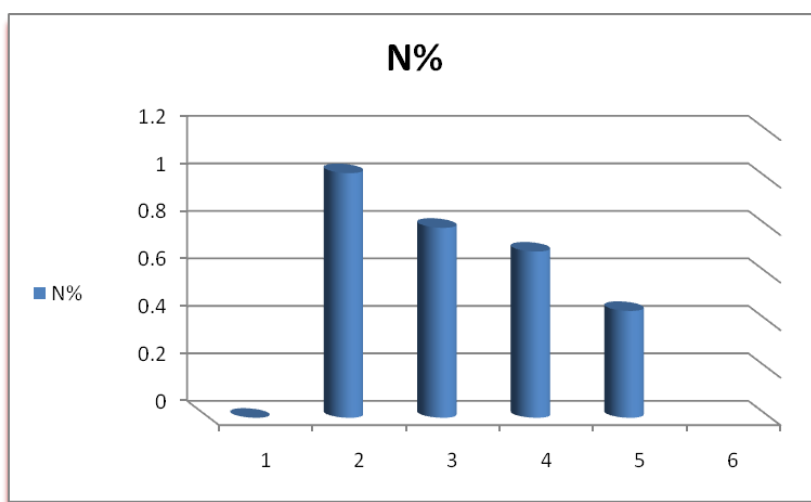


Fig.8. Nitrogen percent of treated cotton fabric, where 1) blank cotton , 2, 3) Cotton / RCD-g- PAN & Cotton / BCD-g-PAN and 4, 5) Cotton /Ag loaded RCD-g- PAN & Cotton /Ag loaded BCD-g-PAN.

Thermal degradation of cotton fabric containing RCD-g-PAN before and after loading with Ag NPs

Figure 9 (a,b,c) shows analysis of (TGA) of the uncoated cotton fabric, cotton fabric containing RCD-g-PAN and cotton fabric containing Ag loaded RCD-g-PAN. The TGA was carried out in nitrogen up to 600 °C ; the figure reveals a common profile consisting of three stages :

1. The first stage, below 100 °C, is due to loss of absorbed water and water of crystallization⁽²²⁾.
2. The second stage develops in a temperature range 250-400°C, which is associated with a weight loss of 75 % in case of untreated cotton fabric, and 55 % for both cotton containing RCD-g-PAN and cotton fabric containing Ag loaded RCD-g-PAN with the formation of residue (char) as seen Figure 10 (a,b,c).
3. The third stage (300-500 °C) shows slow thermal degradation of the char. The degradation temperature of the first stage is reported, in decreasing order with the relative weight loss ($\Delta W1$). It can be seen that there is a noticeable effect of the structure of the cyclodextrins on their thermal stability. The char yield (second stage) seems to increase when the thermal stability decreases. The thermal stability of the obtained chars was evaluated according to their weight to 400-600 °C in case of untreated cotton fabric and at 300- 500°C for both cotton containing RCD-g-PAN and cotton fabric containing Ag loaded RCD-g-PAN, and also to the decrease of weight to which they are subjected from 300 -600°C ($\Delta W2$) as shown in Figure 10 (a, b, c).

It is seen Figure (9 c) that the presence of silver nanoparticles in Ag loaded RCD-g-PAN with a concentration 0.24 (weight percent) as shown in EDS analysis (Figure b), has no effect on the thermal degradation of the copolymer

Conclusion

Conditions were established for synthesis of β and reactive - cyclodextrin PAN graft copolymers. After being submitted to analysis and characterization , the copolymers were applied to cotton fabric along with silver nitrate (AgNO_3) to create a novel route for preparation of cotton fabric which displayed excellent antibacterial properties due to *insitu* formation of silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) via conversion of silver nitrate. The β CD-PAN copolymer or RCD -PAN copolymer performs dual action :A) as reducing agent thereby converting Ag^+ ion into Ag^0 which forms cluster of AgNPs and b) as stabilizing agent for AgNPs by virtue of the polymeric nature of the copolymer.

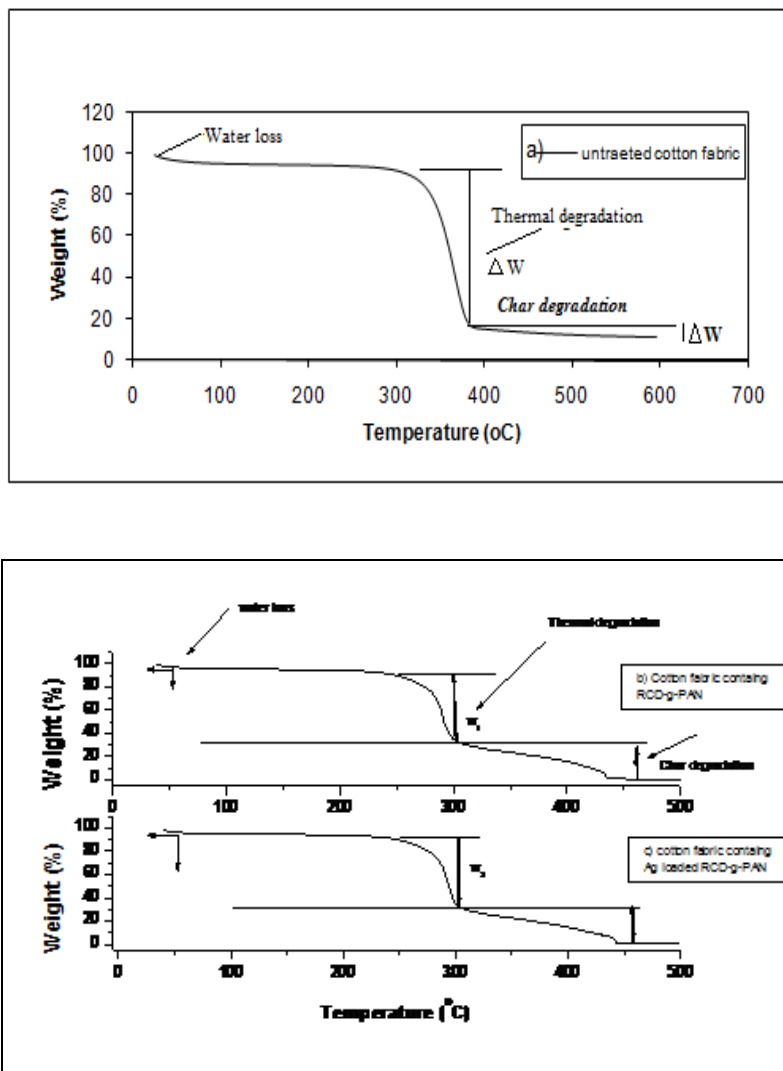


Fig. 9 (a,b,c) . Typical TGA curves of uncoated cotton fabric, cotton fabric containing RCD-g-PAN and cotton fabric containing Ag loaded RCD-g-PAN. Where ΔW_1 : weight loss of substrate after thermal degradation, ΔW_2 : decrease in weight according to the temperature to which they are subjected.

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تحضير أقمشة قطنية مقاومة للبكتريا عن طريق تخليق جسيمات الفضة النانومترية على كوبوليمر السيكلودكسترين – أكريلونيتريل أثناء عملية البلمرة وشبكها كيميائيا على هذه الأقمشة القطنية

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طريقة جديدة لتجهيز الاقمشة القطنية ضد البكتريا والفطريات وينضم البحث اتجاه جديد فى تحضير بوليمر مبنى على البيتا سيكلودكسترين فى وجود نترات الفضة لتكوين الفضة النانومترية وتتضمن الدراسة 1- تحضير مادة تجهيز مبنية على بلمرة بيتا سيكلودكسترين النشط بمونمر اكريلونيتريل 2 - توصيف البوليمر المتكون 3- تطبيق الكوبلمر فى وجود نترات الفضة على الاقمشة القطنية. اشتملت الدراسة الاولى على دراسة انسب الظروف لتكوين الكوبلمر المبنى على البيتاسيكلودكسترين والبيتا سيكلودكسترين النشط اما الدراسة الثانية الحصول على كوبلمر بافضل كفاءة وافضل نسبة تكوين بالتحكم فى نسبة النيتروجين للكوبلمر المكون بينما اشتملت الدراسة الثالثة على تكوين النانوفضة على الاقمشة القطنية فى وجود الكوبلمر المتكون الذى يعمل كمادة مختزلة ومثبتة لجسيمات الفضة المتكونة. تم دراسة النشاط البكتيرى للاقمشة المعالجة بالمجهزة وقد وجد ان الاقمشة المجهزة بالكوبلمر المبنى على البيتا سيكلودكسترين النشط يعطى افضل النتائج .

