

## Polyaniline-pectin nanoparticles immobilized paper based colorimetric sensor for detection of *E.coli* in milk and milk products



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### Introduction

- > Milk and milk products play an important role in human diet.
  - *E.coli* is One of the frequently microorganisms in milk and milk products.
- Rapid detection of *E. coli* is a major challenge faced by food processing industries.
- > Traditionally used conventional methods for the detection of *E. coli* culture-based.

- Detection approaches using paper-based colorimetric sensors: simplicity, selectivity, rapidity and cost effectiveness
- The developent of a simple and cost-effective paper based colorimetric sensor using Polyaniline-Pectin nanoparticles (PANI- PEC NPs).



# Methods





#### Synthesis of PAni- Pec nanoparticles





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#### Characterization of PANI- PEC nanoparticles

FTIR spectrum : range 4000–400 cm-1

UV–Vis spectrum : range 300–1000 nm

> Zetasizer nano







#### Construction of colorimetric sensor strips

1. Fabrication of PAni-pec solution(1-5mg/ml)

2. Drying at 45°C/30 min in incubator

3. Cutting into strips

4. Exposure to UV in 20 min for surface sterilization

5. PAni-pec strips











Environmental components with different concentrations(0.1-5%) were optimized for *E. coli* selection:

lactose, tryptophan, yeast extract, chondroitin sulphate, sodium lauryl sulphate, potassium chloride, tergitol-7, gentamycin sulphate and ampicillin trihydrate.

- Preparation Cell suspensions of different cell levels (~8-~0.5 log CFU/ mL) of *E. coli* in normal saline and inoculated into media prepared.
- ✓ Detection of *E.coli* with maximum growth in minimum time .



#### Optimization of sample volume

- > Prepare ~  $0.5 \log CFU/mL E. coli$  in normal saline .
- > Inoculation of different volumes of normal saline into the optimal medium.
- ➢ Rapid color change → Optimal sample volume
- Volume optimized: 500 μL



- Preparation of *E.coli* suspension with different concentrations of 8 log CFU/mL to ~0.5 log CFU/mL.
- Evaluated change coloration within 30 min to 12 h.
- > Perform protocols for raw milk, pasteurized milk .



#### Protocol for detection of *E. coli* using paper strip sensor

0.5 ml optimized media

Addition of 0.5 ml of sample

dittantes.

Vortex







Incubation at 37°C



Color change from blue to green indicates the presence of *E.coli* 



#### Selectivity study of PANI- PEC colorimetric strip-based sensor

- > Determination of sensor selectivity with gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria :
- *Listeria monocytogenes / Staphylococcus aureus / Bacillus cereus / Enterococcus faecalis*
- > Salmonella arizonae/ Enterobacter aerogenes / Shigella flexnerii

Citrobacter freundii / Yersinia enterocolitica / Proteus vulgaris

Klebsiella pneumoniae / Serratia marcescens



- > Store the strips at room temperature,  $4 \degree C$  and  $-20\degree C$ .
- ▶ Check the sensitivity and intensity of the color for 6 months at intervals of 15 days.



## Results

characterization of PANI- PEC nanoparticles



FTIR spectroscopy of PANI- PEC nanoparticles

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#### characterization of PANI- PEC nanoparticles



UV-Vis absorption spectra

Size distribution profile

Construction of colorimetric sensor strips



Optimization of PANI-PEC nanoparticles concentration.



Sensitivity of PANI-PEC paper strip for the detection of *E. coli.* (-ve C -:Negative control; MC:Media control; NSC: Normal saline control).



Plot showing sensitivity of PANI-PEC strip based sensor assay for detection of E. coli

Enrichment in MacConkey broth



Streaking on MacConkey agar

RM6	RM32	RM27
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Pink colonies with bile precipitate	Pink colonies with bile precipitate	Pink colonies

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Purple colonies with green metallic sheen

#### RM32











Shelf-life study of PANI- PEC colorimetric strip



Sensitivity of PANI-PEC colorimetric strips stored at different temperatures

- The developed PANI- PEC colorimetric strip-based sensor assay is simple, sensitive and selective. For this reason, it has good sensitivity and selectivity for identifying *E. coli* without interfering with factors like physico-chemical properties of milk.
- Absence of any bio-recognition elements such as antibody, DNA or any enzymes in the strips along with the excellent thermal and environmental stability of polyaniline dramatically improves its shelf life.

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Optimization of media components & sample volume

Optimization medium composition:

lactose (0.9%), tryptophan (0.1%), yeast extract (0.45%), chondroitin sulphate (0.015%), sodium lauryl sulphate (0.1%), potassium chloride (2%), tergitol-7 (0.0125%), gentamycin sulphate (0.00016%) and ampicillin trihydrate (0.015%).

> The sample volume for the assay was optimized to 500  $\mu$ L.

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### Selectivity study of PANI- PEC colorimetric strip-based sensor

Gram negative contaminants	Log CFU/mL
Salmonella arizonae	5.4 ± 0.12
Enterobacter aerogenes	$5.2 \pm 0.12$
Shigella flexneri	$7.4 \pm 0.12$
Citrobacter freundii	$6.3 \pm 0.76$
Yersinia enterocolitica	$6.5 \pm 0.15$
Proteus vulgaris	$7.6 \pm 0.11$
Serratia marcescens	$5.7 \pm 0.07$

Inhibition level of Gram negative contaminants in the developed assay