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Ecofriendly/Rapid Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles Using Extract of Waste Parts of Artichoke (*Cynara scolymus* L.) and Evaluation of their Cytotoxic and Antibacterial Activities

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Recycling wastes and providing their use in useful fields attract attention every day. In our study, with the extract prepared from the parts of the *Cynara scolymus* L. (artichoke) plant that is not suitable for human consumption, silver nanoparticles were easily synthesized in an ec-friendly, energy-free way. Characterization of the obtained nanoparticles was done with a UV-visible spectrophotometer (UV-Vis.), fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), X-ray diffraction diffractometer (XRD), scanning electron microscope (SEM), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), and zeta potential analysis data. In these data, it was determined that AgNPs have a maximum absorbance at 458.8 nm wavelength, a crystal nanosize of 28.78 nm, and a spherical appearance. The zeta potential of (-) 16.9 mV indicates that silver nanoparticles exhibit a stable structure. Particles show antimicrobial effects on pathogenic species at concentrations of 0.03-0.25 µg/ml, and it was determined by using the minimum inhibition concentration (MIC) microdilution method. By examining their cytotoxic effects on U118, CaCo-2, and Skov-3 cancer cell lines and healthy HDF cell lines by the MTT method, concentrations of inhibitive effects on survival were determined.

1. Introduction

Metallic nanoparticles are valuable materials with their wide-spread use. Nanoparticles such as silver (Ag), gold (Au), iron (Fe), and zinc (Zn) are some of them. There are different methods such as heat treatment and photochemical and chemical processes in obtaining them [1]. Although the application stages of these methods are difficult, they also bring high costs. Another disadvantage is that it contains toxic chemicals in the process. Against these methods, the synthesis of

metallic nanoparticles with ecofriendly biological methods has recently attracted considerable attention [2].

Silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) are used in many different fields such as medical [3], bioremediation studies [4], catalysis applications [5], food [6], cosmetics industry [7], agricultural activities [8], and electronics [9]. Biological resources such as algae [10], bacteria [11], fungi [12], and plants [13] are used in the synthesis of AgNPs by biological methods. Among these, the use of plant sources, when compared to other organisms, to obtain a greater amount of

nanoparticles, the more stable particles obtained [14], the simpler and more economical application steps [15] increase the preference for this field. Plants' leaves [16], fruits [17], roots [18], flowers [19], and aboveground parts of the plant [20] are structures used for the synthesis of AgNPs.

Bioactive components such as alcohols, flavonoids, phenols, and terpenoids found in the structure of plant sources form AgNPs by reducing Ag⁺ ions in the aqueous structure to the Ago form [21].

Cynarascolymus L. (artichoke) is a herbaceous plant cultivated in the Mediterranean region since ancient times. Today, it is widely cultured in many parts of the world. The leaf contains caffeinated quinic acid derivatives, flavonoids, lactones, tannin, and inulin. It prevents lipid peroxidation through polyphenols and flavonoids in artichoke content. It is known that this effect is caused by strong antioxidants such as cynarin and silymarin [22]. The head part is the popular vegetable consumed. It is consumed by making salads, jams, and canned food [23]. It creates a large amount of waste, except for the consumed part.

This study is aimed at synthesizing and characterizing AgNPs by using the extract obtained with the parts of the artichoke in a waste state economically and simply, with an eco-friendly method, and to examine their antimicrobial and cytotoxic activities.

2. Material and Method

2.1. Plant Material. Artichoke (*Cynarascolymus*) is a perennial herb with purple flowers belonging to the *Asteraceae* (Compositae) family. Artichoke, which is rich in antioxidants, is often grown in Mediterranean countries. As the study material, the parts of the artichoke fruit that are not consumed as food were used [23].

2.2. Instruments. The analysis was made by using, respectively, PerkinElmer one UV-visible spectrophotometer (UV-Vis.), Rad B-DMAX II computer-controlled X-ray diffractometer (XRD), EVO 40 LEQ scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and Jeol Jem. 1010 transmission electron microscopy (TEM), RadB-DMAX II computer-controlled energy dispersive X-ray diffraction (EDX), and Malvern zeta potential devices were used to determine the formation, presence, crystal structure, dimensions, morphological appearance, and surface structures of AgNPs. Besides, PerkinElmer one fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) device was used to evaluate the bioactive groups in the extract participating in reduction. The OHAUS FC 5706 model refrigerated centrifuge (6000 rpm) was used to separate the AgNPs from the extract at the end of synthesis.

Sigma-Aldrich brand solid compound form of % 98.8 AgNO₃ (silver nitrate) was used. Commercially purchased vancomycin, colistin, and fluconazole were used as standard antibiotics.

2.3. Plant Extract and Solution Preparation. The edible part of the 3 kg artichoke fruit is approximately 500 g. The rest is in the waste state as it is not consumed. After weighing 200 g of the parts to be discarded, they were cut into small

pieces and dried under room conditions for use as material. It undergoes a series of washing processes to purify it from material residues. The extraction process was carried out at room temperature using a heated magnetic stirrer (150 rpm). In the extraction process, after the mixture reaches boiling temperature, it is left to boil for 5 minutes. Then, it was cooled at room temperature and then the extract and residue are separated using Whatman no. 1 filter paper. The obtained extract was made ready to use for synthesis.

A solution with a concentration of 20 mM (millimolar) was prepared from the AgNO₃ salt.

2.4. Synthesis of AgNPs and Characterization. 500 ml of plant extract and 20 mM AgNO₃ solution was transferred into a 2000 ml glass flask. It was left on a stable surface at room conditions after simple mixing. Observations were made depending on the time. Samples were taken according to the color change, wavelength, and absorbance measurements were made in the UV-vis spectrophotometer.

To detect the formation and presence of AgNP analyses, the UV-visible spectrophotometer was used. Functional groups of bioactive components involved in reduction were evaluated with FTIR analysis data. A high-speed centrifuge was used to separate the AgNPs from the liquid phase after synthesis. After the reaction was finished, the dark solution was centrifuged at 6000 rpm for 25 minutes. The centrifuge process was repeated several times by adding distilled water. Then, the removed particles from the residue were left to dry at 80°C. The dried and powdered material was used in FTIR analysis. XRD analysis results were examined to determine the crystal sizes and structures. SEM, TEM, and EDX data were evaluated to determine the morphological structure and element composition content. The zeta potential analysis results were examined in the surface analysis of nanoparticles and in determining the charge distribution.

2.5. Determination of Antimicrobial Activity Using the Minimum Inhibition Concentration (MIC) Microdilution Method. *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*) ATCC 25923, *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) ATCC25922 strains, and *Candida albicans* (*C. albicans*) clinic isolate were obtained from İnönü University Medical Faculty Hospital Microbiology Laboratory, and *Bacillus subtilis* (*B. subtilis*) ATCC 11774 and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (*P. aeruginosa*) ATCC27853 were obtained from Artuklu University Microbiology Research Laboratory.

Gram-positive (*S. aureus* and *B. subtilis*) and Gram-negative (*P. aeruginosa* and *E. coli*) bacteria were inoculated on a nutrient agar medium. *C. Albicans* yeast was inoculated on sabouraud dextrose agar medium and left to grow in an oven at 37°C overnight. Following the growth control the next day, microorganism suspensions were prepared according to McFarland standard 0.5 [24] (the colony in 1.5 × 10⁸ units (CFU) ml⁻¹) concentration for each of the microorganisms grown from the plates in solid form.

Muller Hinton broth (for bacteria), RPMI (Roswell Park Memorial Institute) broth for yeast, and AgNP solution prepared at concentrations of 20 µg/ml⁻¹ were added to 96 well microplates. A series of dilutions were made to the first well

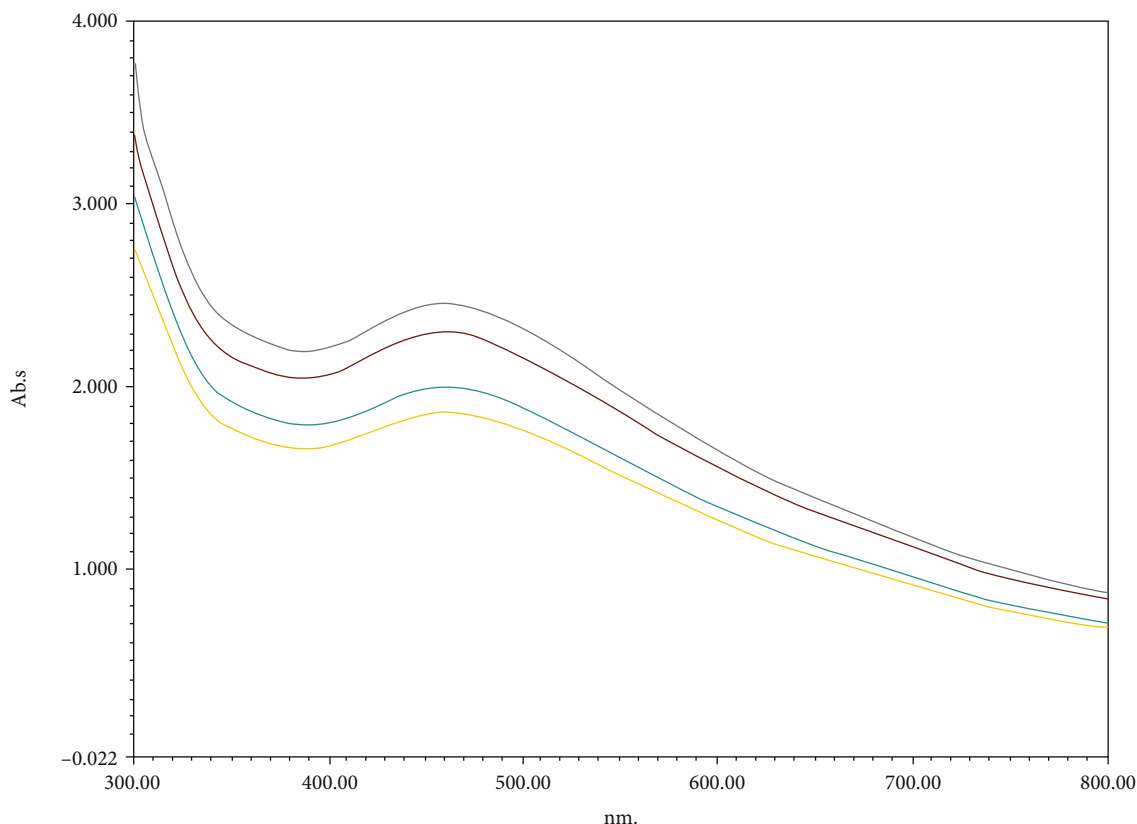


FIGURE 1: UV-vis showing the formation and presence of AgNPs: spectrophotometer data.

and then the other wells. Then, suspension prepared for each microorganism was added to each diluted well.

To compare the effects of AgNPs, the same application steps were repeated using vancomycin for Gram-positive strains, colistin for Gram-negative, and finally fluconazole antibiotics for the yeast *C. albicans*. Microplates were allowed to grow at 37°C for 24 hours. At the end of the period, the concentration of the well before the well where the growth started was determined as the minimum inhibition concentration.

2.6. Analyzing of Cytotoxic Effects of AgNPs. Cytotoxic effect application was made in Dicle University Scientific Research Centre Cell Culture Laboratory with human dermal fibroblast (HDF), glioblastoma (U118), human colorectal adenocarcinoma (CaCo-2), and ovarian sarcoma (Skov-3) cells obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC).

The 3 cell types used were cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM) 75 t-flasks that include 10% FBS, 100 U/ml penicillin-streptomycin (Penstrep.), and 2 mM L-glutamine. Over sarcoma (Skov-3) cells were cultured in Roswell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI) 75 t-flasks that include %10 FBS and 100 U/ml penstrep.

The cultured flasks were incubated at 37°C, 5% CO₂, 95% air, and humidity conditions. After the cells reached approximately 80% confluence in the hemocytometer measurement, they were suspended in different concentrations, transferred to 96 well microplates, and subjected to an overnight incubation. The next day, cells were treated with nanoparticles with concentrations of 200 µg/ml, 100 µg/ml,

50 µg/ml, and 25 µg/ml and incubated for 48 hours. After waiting, MTT solution was added to the plate wells, 3 hours of incubation, and then DMSO was added and left at room temperature for 15 minutes. The absorbance of the microplates at 540 nm wavelength was measured using the Multi ScanGo, Thermo instrument.

Using these absorbance values, the concentration in which the percentage of viability of AgNPs is inhibited on cells was calculated: %viability = $U/C \times 100$ [25, 26].

U defines absorbances of cells treated with AgNPs, and C defines the absorbance values of control cells.

3. Result and Discussion

3.1. UV-vis. Spectrophotometer Data. Colour transformation from yellow to dark brown was observed one hour after mixing the plant extract and 20 mM AgNO₃ solution [2]. This color change is caused by the reduction of Ag⁺ ions to Ago while transforming to AgNPs and the occurrence of vibrations (SPR) on the plasma surface [27, 28]. On the UV vis. device readings of samples taken regarding color changes, maximum absorbance value was found at 458.8 nm wavelength (Figure 1). It refers to the samples taken every two minutes in the UV-Vis spectrophotometer.

These peaks represent the maximum absorption of samples taken at different times.

The results of color change and maximum absorbance wavelength are the data showing the formation and presence of AgNPs in the dark-colored liquid [24, 29].

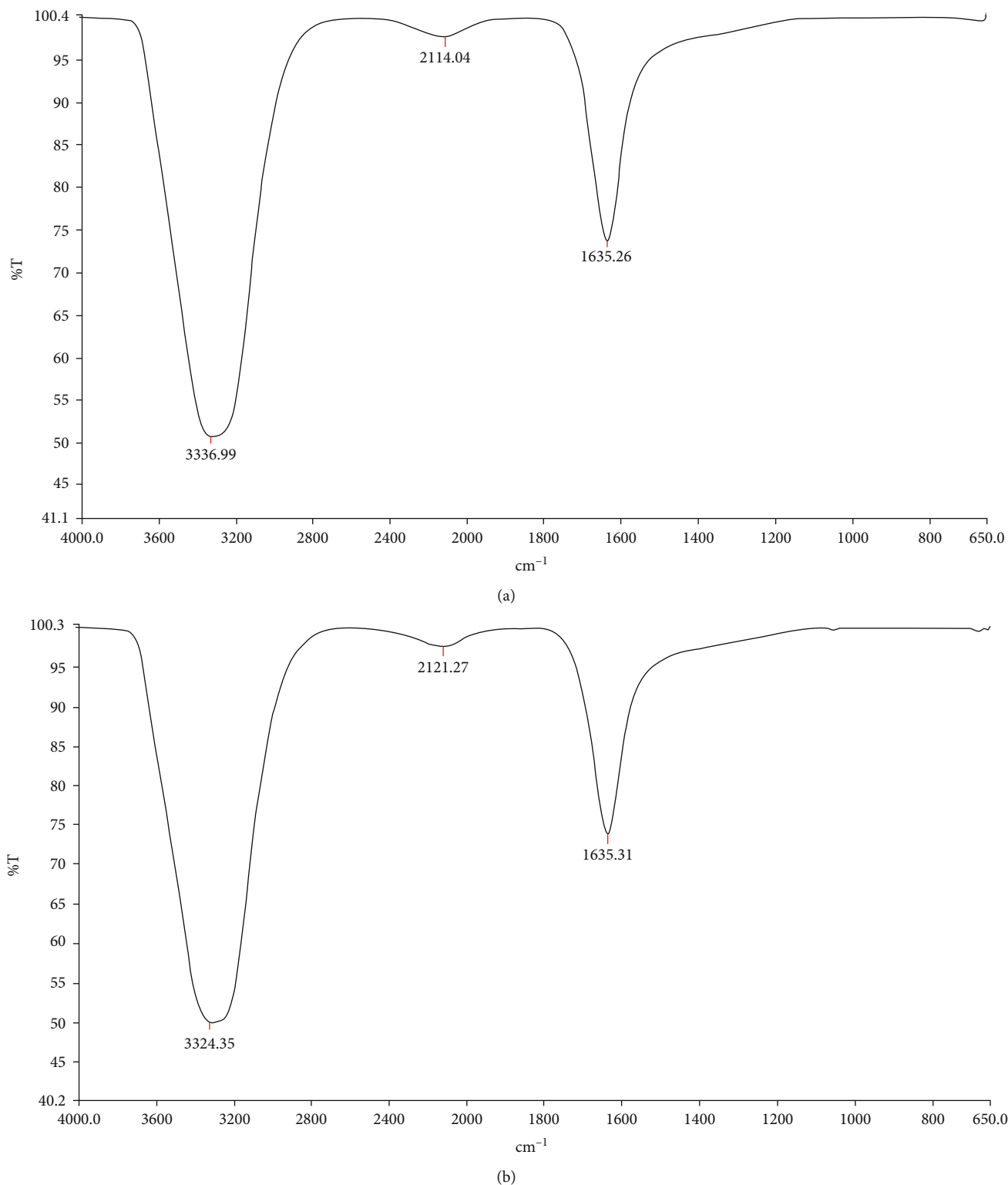


FIGURE 2: Infrared spectra of (a) extract of *Cynara scolymus* L. and (b) the reducing functional groups that play a role in the formation of AgNPs.

In synthesis studies using plant extracts, the maximum absorbance wavelength results of 460 nm [30] and 453 nm [9] have been associated with the presence of AgNPs.

3.2. FTIR Analysis Data. The functional groups involved in reduction were evaluated by looking at the FTIR results. Frequency shifts occurred at 3336.99-3324.35 cm^{-1} , 1635.26-

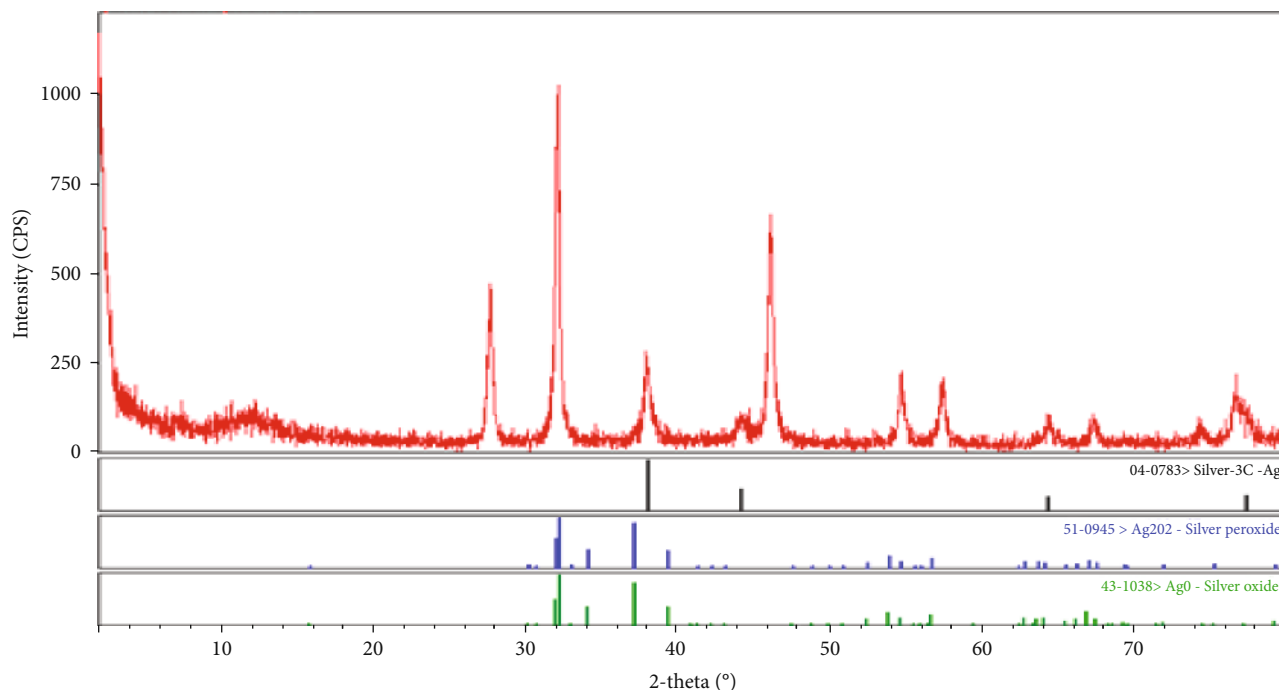


FIGURE 3: X-ray diffraction data of the crystal pattern of AgNPs.

1635.31 cm^{-1} , and 2114.04–2121.27 cm^{-1} . The shifts in these frequencies suggest that -OH (hydroxyl) groups [15], N-H amine groups [31], and $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ alkyne groups [32] are functional groups involved in the reduction (Figure 2).

3.3. XRD Analysis Data. At 2θ , in the XRD results, it was seen that the crystal structure of silver was cubic, and the peaks belong to 111° , 200° , 220° , and 311° [33]. The values of these peaks were read as 32.16, 46.10, 64.44, and 76.68, respectively (Figure 3).

Using the peak values, the crystal nanosize was calculated according to the Debye-Scherrer equation ($D = K\lambda / (\beta \cos \theta)$) [33].

The meanings of the symbols in this equation are D is the particle size, K is the constant value (0.90), X-ray wavelength λ value (1.5418 Å), β value of peak at maximum height (FWHM), and Bragg θ angle of a high peak. As a result of the calculation, it was concluded that it has a crystal nanosize of 28.78 nm. In other studies calculating the crystal nanosize of AgNPs using the Debye-Scherrer equation, 35 nm [18] and 40 nm [34] crystal nanosizes were calculated.

3.4. SEM, TEM, and EDX Analysis Data. SEM, TEM, and EDX analysis data were used to determine the morphological structures and element compositions of AgNPs obtained after synthesis (Figure 4). It was determined that obtained AgNPs are in spherical view [34, 35]. Strong peaks of silver in EDX data indicate that the element composition is largely silver content and the presence of AgNPs [36]. Weak C and O peaks are due to contamination from extract [37] (Figure 4).

3.5. Zeta Potential of AgNPs. In the zeta potential analyses made to determine the surface charges of AgNPs, it was

examined whether AgNPs were negatively or positively charged. As seen in Figure 5, the zeta potentials of AgNPs obtained were measured as -16.9 mV. When AgNPs are in positive and negative charges, they show clustering and clumping features [26]. The (-)16.9 mV value we obtained shows that AgNPs have only negative charges and exhibit a stable structure. Since the silver nanoparticles we synthesize are of plant origin, it is natural to have a negative zeta potential. We think that this is due to the negatively charged structures in the plant structure. Having only a negative charge indicates that there is no clustering and clumping [38]. These negative charges may be due to the extract. The zeta potentials of AgNPs were found to be -14 mV [25] and -19 mV [26] in the studies. In a synthesis study, a zeta potential value of +5.68 mV was found, and it was reported that AgNPs exhibit clustering and clumping character [2].

3.6. Evaluation of Antimicrobial Activities of AgNPs. When we evaluated the activities of AgNPs, we obtained on pathogen species, and we determined that concentrations of 0.12 and 0.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ and were effective on Gram-positive *S. aureus* and *B. subtilis* bacteria, respectively. We determined that the concentration of 0.07 and 0.13 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ was effective on *P. aeruginosa* and *E. coli* in Gram-negative bacteria, respectively. The lowest concentration where AgNPs are effective is the concentration of 0.03 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ on *C. albicans* yeast. When we compared the effects of AgNPs obtained with silver nitrate solution and antibiotics, we concluded that they were effective at lower concentrations against these groups (Figure 6 and Table 1).

Silver ions ionize in an aqueous structure and show a high level of reactivity. Positive silver ions interact with the negatively charged cell membranes of microorganisms with an electrostatic attraction force. After this interaction, they

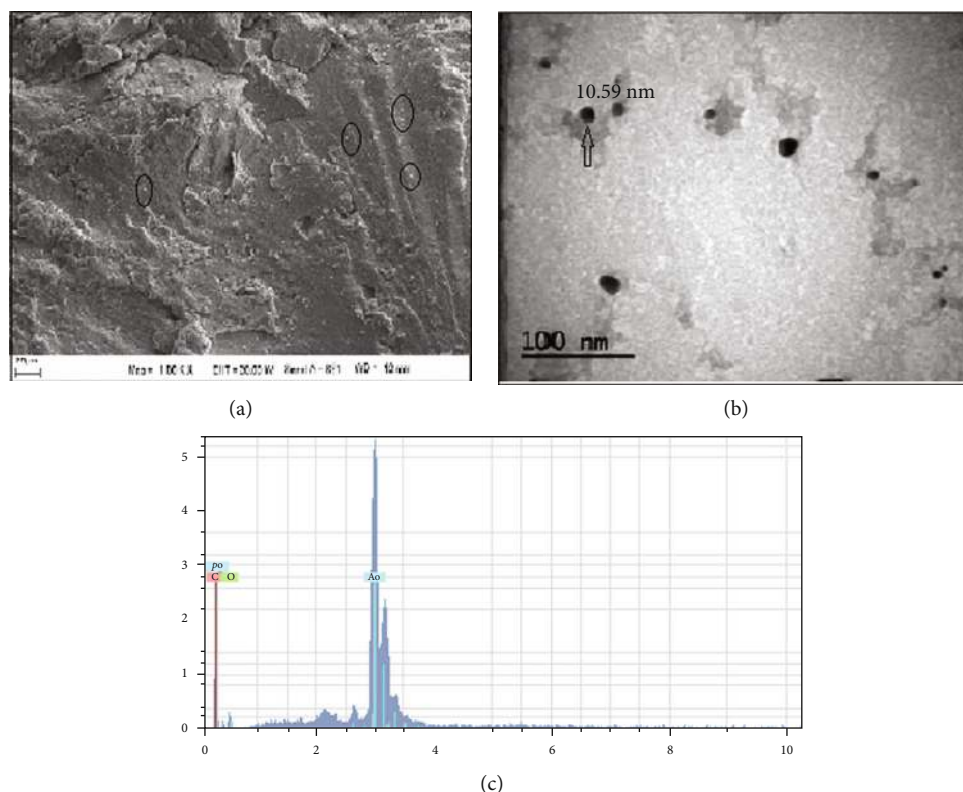


FIGURE 4: Morphological images and element composition of AgNPs: (a) SEM, (b) TEM images, and (c) EDX profile element.

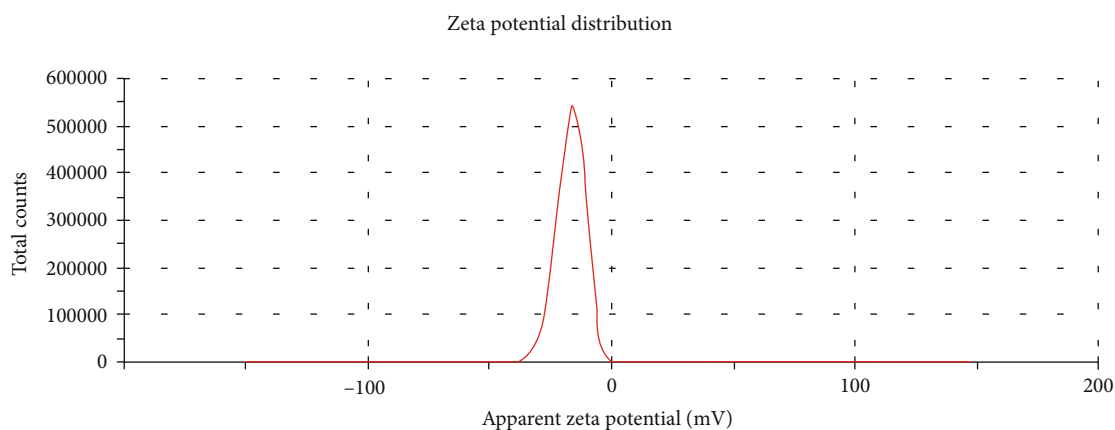


FIGURE 5: The zeta potential data of the surface charge distributions of AgNPs.

cause an increase in reactive oxygen species (ROS). With the increase of ROS, the cell wall structure is disrupted. The functions of the cell membrane and the nucleus membrane are impaired and undergo structural changes. The functions of structures such as DNA, RNA, and protein synthesis that have an affinity for these species are disrupted. Cell death occurs with cellular destruction [39–42].

When we examined some researches on the antimicrobial effects of AgNPs, it was found that the AgNPs are obtained using the plant extract of *Pistacia vera L.*, and it was observed to be effective on *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, and *C. albi-*

cans species at concentrations of 0.04, 0.66, and 0.16 $\mu\text{g/ml}$, respectively [15]. In a study aimed at obtaining AgNPs in different sizes, it was determined that those with 5 nm sizes were effective on *B. subtilis*, *S. aureus*, and *E. coli* with concentrations of 0.8–6 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ [43]. In another study, it was emphasized that AgNPs were effective at 30 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ concentration on *P. aeruginosa* [24].

AgNPs may show different effects in different strains. Among the factors that affect their activities, characteristics such as concentration, size, shape, microorganism wall structure, temperature, and pH play a decisive role [42, 44].

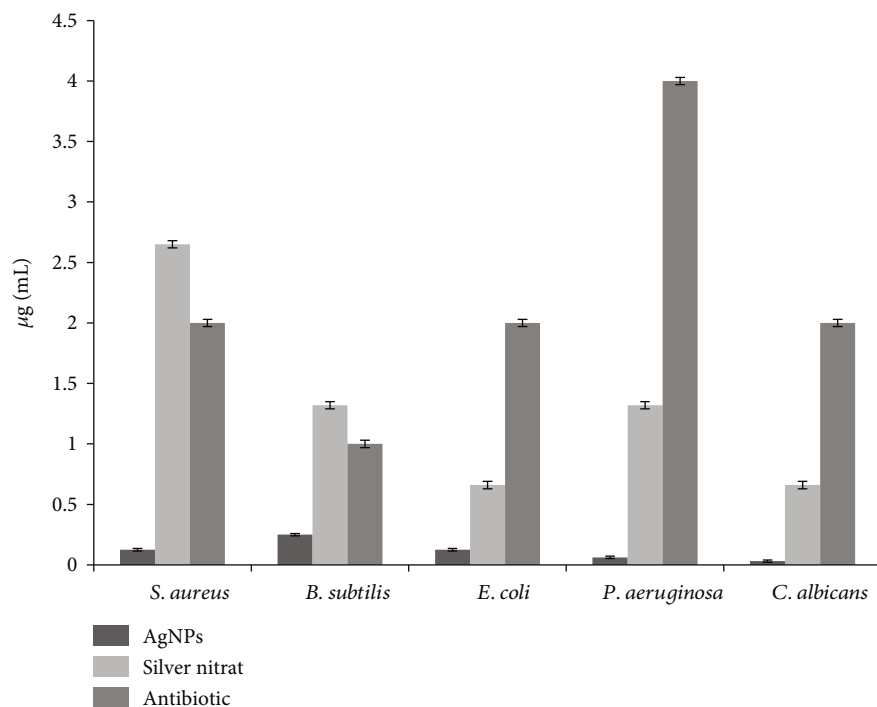


FIGURE 6: MIC values of AgNPs, silver nitrate solution, and antibiotics on the growth of pathogenic microorganisms.

TABLE 1: MIC values where AgNPs, silver nitrate, and antibiotics are effective in antimicrobial activity.

Tested organism	AgNPs $\mu\text{g/ml}$	Silver nitrate $\mu\text{g/ml}$	Antibiotic $\mu\text{g/ml}$
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 29213	0.12	2.65	2
<i>B. subtilis</i> ATCC 11773	0.25	1.32	1
<i>E. coli</i> ATCC25922	0.13	0.66	2
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> ATCC27833	0.07	1.32	4
<i>C. albicans</i>	0.03	0.66	2

3.7. Cytotoxic Activities of AgNPs. The data on the cytotoxic activities of the AgNPs we obtained on U118, HDF, CaCo-2, and Skov-3 cell lines are presented in Figure 7 and Table 2. 44.76% viability was seen on HDF cells at a concentration of 25 $\mu\text{g/ml}$. On the U118 and Skov-3 cell lines, 58.98% and 74.55% viability was determined at a concentration of 25 $\mu\text{g/ml}$, respectively. A concentration of 25 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ was toxic in the U118 and CaCo-2 cell lines. The increase in the percentage of viability versus the concentration of AgNPs in the U118 cell line is due to the proliferative properties of cancer cells [45].

AgNPs exhibit strong oxidative properties. The release of the Ag⁺ form may induce immunological, cytotoxic, and genotoxic responses in biological environments; therefore, it is of great importance to examine its effects [46]. AgNPs settle at different points in the cells. These spots are the cell membrane, nucleus, and mitochondria. AgNPs show toxic effects by inducing apoptosis with ROS increase [45, 47].

In cell line studies on the cytotoxicity of AgNPs, it was determined that CaCo-2 cells at 3.75 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ [46] and Skov-3 cells at 9.4 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ [25] had toxic effects. In a study conducted on HDF cell lines, it was stated that a concentration of 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ has a toxic effect [48].

Several parameters can have a significant effect on the toxicity of nanomaterials. Some of them are concentration, exposure time, charge, the chemistry of surface composition, degree of deposition, shape, and size [41].

The different cytotoxic concentrations of AgNPs we obtained in all these studies and ourselves maybe since AgNPs are synthesized from different sources and have different sizes and morphological structures.

4. Conclusion

Artichoke (*Cynara scolymus* L.) is a plant that cannot be used except for the edible part and generates a large amount of agricultural waste. We synthesized AgNPs with an easy, economical, and ecofriendly method with the extract we prepared from these parts to transform these wastes into useful fields for human life. We characterized the AgNPs obtained with UV-vis., FTIR, SEM, TEM, EDX, XRD, and zeta potential analysis data. According to the results of the XRD analysis, the average nanosize was calculated to be 28.78 nm. As can be seen from the SEM images, it was determined that the silver nanoparticles were spherical, and the AgNPs averaged 10.59 in the TEM analysis. It was determined that AgNPs showed antimicrobial effects at low concentrations such as 0.03-0.25 $\mu\text{g/ml}$. It is important to examine and determine the toxic effects of AgNPs for their use as anticancer and antimicrobial agents in medicine. Cytotoxic effects of AgNPs on U118, HDF, CaCo-2, and Skov-3 cell lines were

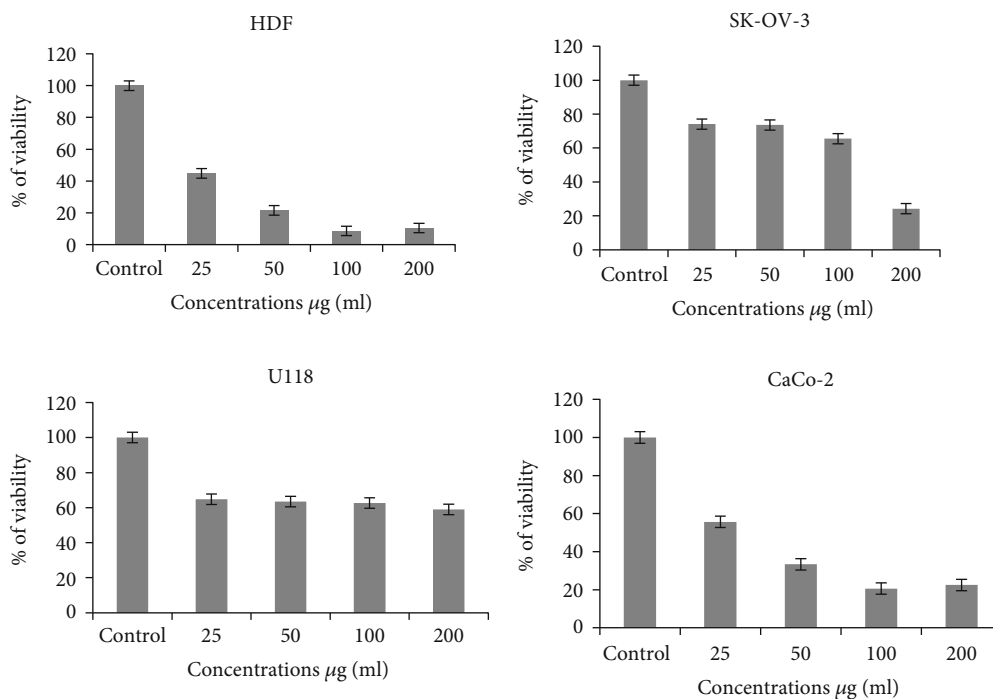


FIGURE 7: Viability rates of HDF, U118, CaCo-2, and Skov-3 cell lines 48 hours after interaction with AgNPs.

TABLE 2: Viability-suppressing concentrations of AgNPs on HDF, U118, CaCo-2, and Skov-3 cell lines.

Cell lines	25 µg/ml	50 µg/ml	100 µg/ml	200 µg/ml
HDF	44.76	21.52	8.61	10.44
U118	58.98	62.65	63.52	64.70
CaCo-2	55.64	33.37	20.624	22.50
Skov-3	74.15	73.62	65.57	24.25

examined. We determined an approximately 50% inhibition on cancer cell lines at a concentration of 25 µg/ml. These rates can be increased by developing method steps. It can be qualified to supply the demand for antimicrobial and anticancer agents.

Data Availability

All data used to support the findings of this study are included within the article.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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