Microwave Synthesis of Magnetic Fe₃O₄ Nanoparticles

Greta Zambzickaite^{1, 2}, Lina Mikoliunaite^{1, 2}

 ¹ Department of Organic Chemistry, Centre for Physical Sciences and Technology, Sauletekio av. 3, LT-10257 Vilnius, Lithuania
² Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences, Vilnius University, Naugarduko St. 24, LT- 03225Vilnius, Lithuania greta.zambzickaite@ftmc.lt

Magnetic nanoparticles play a major role in the emerging fields of nanotechnology to facilitate rapid advancements in biomedical and industrial platforms. The specific diverse applications of nanoparticles arise from the physical characteristics of the nanomaterials they are comprised of. Nanomaterials often reveal novel and distinct electrical, optical, magnetic and chemical properties as against their bulk materials. [1].

In the literature the methods of magnetic nanoparticles such as coprecipitation, thermal decomposition, microemulsion, hydrothermal, solvothermal, sol–gel, sonochemical, chemical vapor deposition, and ball milling are reviewed [2].

In this work, we present iron oxide nanoparticles (FeMgNP) synthesized in the organic medium by microwave technique using polyethylene glycol (PEG) agent, different synthesis time (from 1 to 120 min) and temperature (200, 220, 230, 250 °C). Obtained nanoparticles were investigated using X-Ray spectroscopy, transmission electron microscopy (TEM).



Fig. 1. TEM of FeMgNP with PEG (a) and without PEG (b)

Acknowledgement

This research is funded by the European Social Fund under the No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712 "Development of Competences of Scientists, other Researchers and Students through Practical Research Activities" measure.

Keywords: nanoparticles, iron oxide, microwave. References:

1. S. Natarajan et al. Multifunctional magnetic iron oxide nanoparticles: diverse synthetic approaches, surface modifications, cytotoxicity towards biomedical and industrial applications. *BMC Mat* **1 (2)** (2019)

2. RS Juang et al. Fabrication of Magnetic Fe_3O_4 Nanoparticles with Unidirectional Extension Pattern by a Facile and Eco-Friendly Microwave-Assisted Solvothermal Method. *Journal of nanoscience and nanotechnology* **19 (12)** p. 7645-7653 (2019)