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Iron oxide/silver hybrid nanoparticles impair the cholinergic system and cause reprotoxicity in *Caenorhabditis elegans*

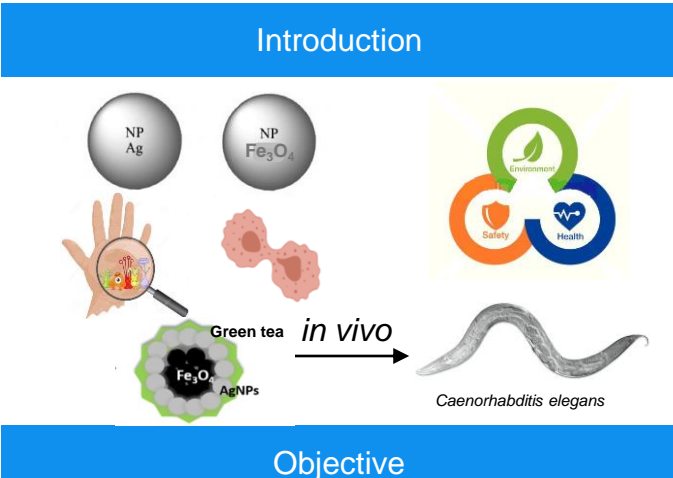
Las nanopartículas híbridas de óxido de hierro y plata alteran el sistema colinérgico y causan reprotoxicidad en *Caenorhabditis elegans*

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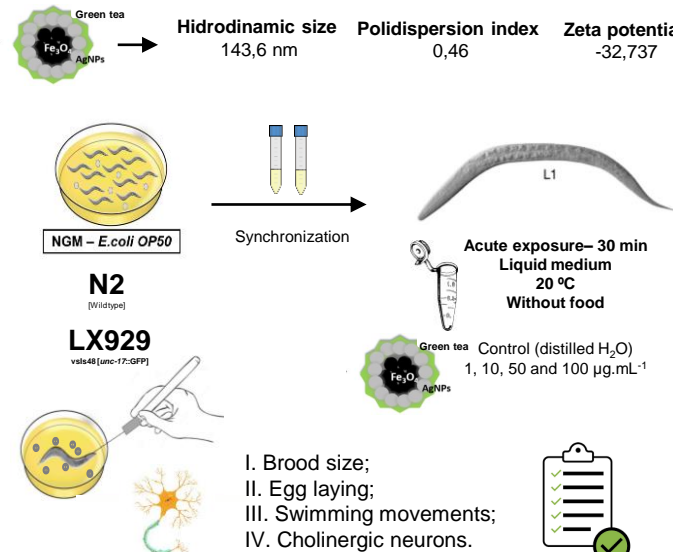
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To evaluate the toxic effects of acute exposure to Fe₃O₄@Ag-NPs synthesized biogenically in the alternative model *Caenorhabditis elegans*.

Material and Methods



Results

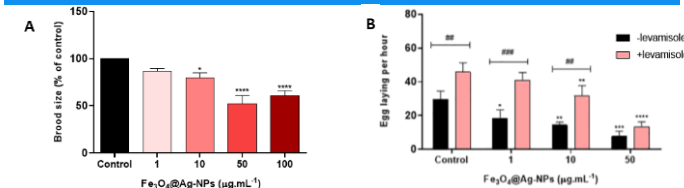


Figure 2. Reproduction. (A) Total brood size of worms exposed to Fe₃O₄@Ag-NPs (n=6) (N2). Data were expressed as mean ± standard error of mean (SEM). (*) Indicates a statistically significant difference in relation to the control group with *p<0.05, ***p<0.0001 by One-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's comparisons test. (B) The egg-laying difference between worms with levamisole and without levamisole after exposure to Fe₃O₄@Ag-NPs in the first day adult (N2) (n=4). (#) Indicates statistically significant difference in relation to the (-) levamisole group with ##p<0.01, ###p<0.001, ####p<0.0001. (*) Denotes statistically significant difference in relation to control with *p<0.05, **p<0.01 by Two-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparisons test. Data were expressed as mean ± standard error of mean (SEM).

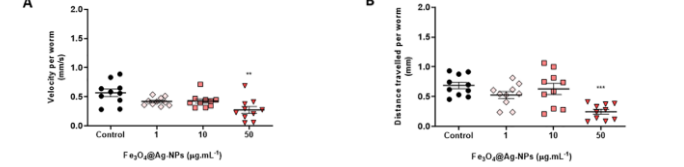


Figure 3. Swimming movements. (A) Velocity and (B) distance travelled by the worms during the swimming assay (1 min; N2; L4 stage) (n=10). Data were expressed as mean ± standard error of mean (SEM). For the velocity analysis (*) indicates a statistically significant difference in relation to the control group with *p<0.01 by nonparametric Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparison test. For the distance travelled analysis (*) denotes a statistically significant difference in relation to the control group with *p<0.001 by One-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison test.

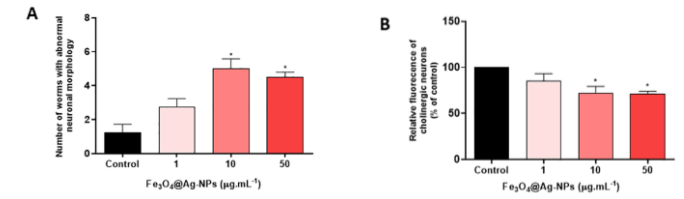


Figure 4. Cholinergic neurons. (A) Number of abnormalities and (B) fluorescence intensity of cholinergic (n=4) (LX929; L4 stage). Data in A and B were expressed as mean ± standard error of mean (SEM). For the number of abnormalities analysis (*) indicates a statistically significant difference in relation to the control group with *p<0.05 by nonparametric Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparison test. For the analysis of fluorescence intensity of cholinergic neurons (*) denotes a statistically significant difference in relation to the control group with *p<0.05 by One-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison test.

Conclusion

Our results indicate the reprotoxicity caused by high levels of Fe₃O₄@Ag-NPs, as well as cholinergic neurotoxicity in *C. elegans*. To elucidate the mechanisms of toxicity of these NPs we evaluated other parameters.

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