

# Synthesis and characterization of ZnO nanogranules

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**Abstract :** In this paper, we report the synthesis of ZnO nanogranules by a solid state mixing of zinc nitrate tetrahydrate  $\text{ZnO}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  with citric acid monohydrate  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{O}_7$ , followed by aging and calcination at different temperatures of 400°C to 600°C. The crystallinity, structure and morphology of as prepared ZnO-nanocrystals have been characterized using powder X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron Microscopy (SEM) and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR). Optical properties of ZnO nanoparticles were also studied using an ultraviolet-visible (UV-vis) spectrophotometer.

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