Epoxyaconitic Acid as Prospective Capping Ligand for Magnetite Nanoparticles: Synthesis and Complexation with Magnetite

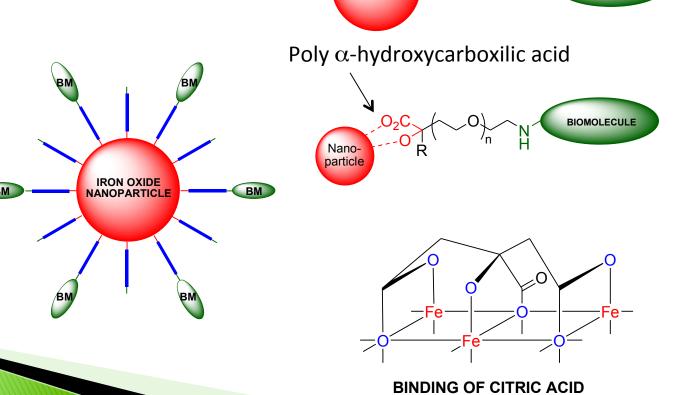
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Background

MRI contrast and drug delivery agents

Iron oxide nanoparticles

Organic ligand



IRON OXIDE

ORGANIC LIGAND ~~~

ON IRON OXIDE'S SURFACE

BIOMOLECULE

Synthetic Approach via Triethyl *trans*-Aconitate

$$CO_2H$$
 EtOH CO_2Et Ag_2O/I_2 CO_2Et Ag_2O/I_2 CO_2Et CO_2ET

Synthetic Approach via *trans*-Aconitic Acid

$$HO_2C$$
 CO_2H
 DDO
 $PH \sim 7$
 $PH \sim 7$
 CO_2H
 CO_2H

Magnetite Colloid Synthesis and Oxidation

$$2Fe_3O_4(H_2DEG) + O_2$$
 \longrightarrow $2Fe_3O_4(HDEG) + H_2O$

Complexation of Epoxyaconitic Acid with Magnetite

Future Work

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