

Opinion

# Hydrogen Peroxide Utilizing Silver Nanozyme: A Revolutionary Advancement in Biomedical and Environmental Applications

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Hydrogen peroxide is a powerful oxidizing agent that plays a crucial role in various industrial, medical, and environmental applications. However, its safe and efficient utilization remains a challenge. The emergence of silver nanozymes as catalysts for the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide has opened up new possibilities for harnessing the potential of hydrogen peroxide in a controlled and sustainable manner. In this article, we explore the innovative concept of utilizing silver nanozymes for hydrogen peroxide decomposition and their transformative impact in biomedicine and environmental remediation.

#### DESCRIPTION

Nanozymes are nano materials with intrinsic enzyme-like activities. Unlike natural enzymes, which are protein-based, nanozymes can be engineered with precise control over their size, shape, and surface properties. Silver nanoparticles have been recognized as powerful nanozymes due to their catalytic properties, particularly in the presence of hydrogen peroxide. However, its high reactivity and potential toxicity make handling and storage challenging. The controlled decomposition of hydrogen peroxide is essential to avoid undesirable side reactions and ensure safe application. Silver nanozymes act as highly efficient catalysts in this process, facilitating the controlled breakdown of hydrogen peroxide into oxygen and water. In the field of biomedicine, hydrogen peroxide plays a vital role as an antiseptic, disinfectant, and wound-healing agent. However, its rapid degradation in biological environments limits its sustained efficacy. Silver nanozymes offer a solution to this limitation by continuously decomposing hydrogen peroxide, thereby extending its antimicrobial activity and promoting faster wound healing. Additionally, silver nanozymes can be designed to selectively target and eliminate harmful bacteria while sparing healthy cells, making them promising candidates for antibacterial therapies.

The unique properties of silver nanozymes have also led to their exploration in cancer therapy. Hydrogen peroxide is often generated in tumor microenvironments due to increased metabolic activity. By employing silver nanozymes, researchers can locally enhance the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide, leading to the generation of Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) that selectively target cancer cells. This approach, known as ROS-based cancer therapy, holds great potential as a non-invasive and targeted cancer treatment. Hydrogen peroxide is a common component in various wastewater treatment and environmental remediation processes. However, its decomposition is often hindered by the presence of organic pollutants and other contaminants. Silver nanozymes have demonstrated exceptional catalytic efficiency in breaking down hydrogen peroxide even in the presence of complex pollutants, making them valuable assets in environmental cleanup efforts. In water purification systems, the presence of hydrogen peroxide can adversely affect water quality and lead to unwanted by-products. By employing silver nanozymes as catalysts, the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide can be effectively controlled, ensuring safer and more efficient water treatment processes.

## CONCLUSION

The utilization of silver nanozymes for the catalytic decomposition of hydrogen peroxide marks ground breaking advancement in various fields, including biomedicine and environmental remediation. Their unique properties as efficient and selective catalysts offer unparalleled opportunities for harnessing the potential of hydrogen peroxide in a controlled and sustainable manner. As research continues to progress, silver nanozymes hold the promise of revolutionizing the way we approach biomedical treatments, cancer therapy, water purification, and environmental cleanup, leading us towards a greener and healthier future.

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