

## REMOVAL ORANGE G DYE FROM AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS USING GRAPHENE OXIDE/MAGNESIUM OXIDE NANO COMPOSITE

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### ABSTRACT

Nanocomposite comprised of graphene oxide (GO) nanosheets and magnesium oxide (MgO) nanoparticles were synthesized by a sol-gel method. The GO/MgONCs synthesized weight ratio of GO /MgO 1:1. The synthesized samples were characterized using (FT-IR, X-ray diffraction, AFM, SEM). The results showed that MgO particles were decorated on GO. The adsorption of Orange G dye from aqueous solution onto GO/MgO NCs as adsorbent by batch method, under various experimental conditions including contact time, GO/MgO NCs dosage, pH, temperature, and initial Orange G dye concentration was investigated. Adsorption isotherms were used to test the adsorption data for (Langmuir, Freundlich, Dubinin, Temkin) as it was fit to Langmuir isotherm and type S according to Gilles classification. Thermodynamic functions data such as ( $\Delta H^\circ$ ,  $\Delta G^\circ$ ,  $\Delta S^\circ$ ) of the adsorption process were calculated, which show the adsorption endothermic process and the value of  $\Delta G^\circ$  was negative, this indicates that the adsorption happened spontaneously while the value of  $\Delta S^\circ$  is positive, that meaning the movement of dye molecules is unrestricted. Kinetic data were fit to pseudo-second order mode.

**Keywords:** Adsorption, Orange G, GO/MgONCs, Thermodynamics and Kinetic study.

### INTRODUCTION

Dyes are widely used in industries such as textile, leather; food and plastic materials<sup>1</sup>. The waste water generated from industrial activity contains a variety of potentially toxic and environmentally harmful compounds. These compounds present an increasingly serious threat to human and environmental health<sup>2</sup>. The most dyes are stable to light and oxidizing agents in nature<sup>3</sup>. Various methods such as biodegradation<sup>4</sup>, advanced oxidation<sup>5</sup>, ultrafiltration<sup>6</sup> and adsorption<sup>7</sup> have been applied to remove dyes from aqueous solutions. Adsorption has gained increased attention in removing dyes because of its simplicity, high efficiency, minimization of chemical sludge, and regeneration of adsorbents. A wide variety of adsorbents, have been used for the removal of dyes from aqueous solutions including activated carbon, zeolite<sup>8</sup>, perlite<sup>9</sup>, chitin<sup>10</sup>, lemon peel<sup>11</sup>, graphene oxide<sup>12</sup>. Graphene oxide (GO) is an oxidized derivative of graphene which contains epoxide, hydroxyl and carboxyl groups<sup>13</sup>. These functional groups lead to the negative charge, hydrophilicity and easy dispersion of

GO in aqueous solutions<sup>14</sup>. These properties make GO a great candidate for removal of different pollutants by adsorption due to its high surface area and functionalities. Magnesium oxide (MgO) with a destructive sorbent, high surface reactivity, high adsorption capacity and ease of production. Recently, MgO nanoparticles have been used for the removal of dyes, catechol, phenol, fluoride, and formaldehyde from wastewater<sup>15,16</sup>. Thus, considering the synergistic advantage and decoration of MgO NCs over GO platform, GO/MgO nanocomposites can be considered as a potential adsorbent for removal of pollutants. Therefore, the aim of this study is to investigate the adsorption of orange G dye from its aqueous solutions by GO/MgO NCs.

### MATERIALS AND EXPERIMENTAL

UV-Visible (Shimadzu, Japan 1700) was used to measure the dye concentration in aqueous solution. The pH of all solutions was recorded by pH meter (7110 (wtw), Germany). The temperature was controlled using isothermal water bath shaker (BS-11, Korea). ZnO was characterized using XRD (Shimadzu company

(Japan) (XRD-6000)) with Cu  $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.15406$  nm), the measurements conditions of XRD are 40 kv, 30 mA, the scanning range is 10-120° and the scanning speed 5 deg/min. FTIR (Shimadzu (IR PRESTIGE 21) with KBr pellet technique. The effective range was from 4000 to 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , AFM (SPM-AA3000, Advanced Angstrom Inc.), SEM (Type Tescan Brno-Mira 3LMU). All of the chemicals were used without further purification.

### Synthesis of GO

The GO is prepared according to the modified Hummers method<sup>17</sup>. Briefly, 2g of graphite powder was mixed with 50 ml sulfuric acid (98wt%) and 2g sodium nitrate in a 500 mL flask in an ice bath at 0 °C. While vigorously stirring, 6g of potassium permanganate was gradually added to the flask, and stirring was maintained for 2h where after 100 ml of DI water was added to the solution. The solution temperature was rapidly increased to 98 °C and maintained for 30 min. Then 100 mL DI water was added and the temperature was increased rapidly to 98 °C and kept for 30 min. 300 mL DI water was then added to the flask. Following that, 20 mL hydrogen peroxide (30wt%) solution was added, causing the color of the mixture to turn to yellow. The mixture was filtered and washed with hydrochloric acid (5%) solution and DI water several times to eliminate any residuals. Ultimately, GO was synthesized by sonication of the dispersion for 60 min and drying at 60 °C.

### Synthesis of MgO NPs

MgO nanoparticles were prepared as follows, 2 g of magnesium chloride hexahydrate was dissolved in 25 mL of DI water in a 250 mL flask, and 2.06 g of citric acid was dissolved in 25 mL of DI water in a 250 mL flask. Then mixing by addition of solution  $\text{MgCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to the solution citric acid by slowly with stirring, then added some drops of ammonia slowly for to be pH 7. And increase temperature to 60°C with stirring for 1h to generate the magnesium hydroxide. The solution was then centrifuged to separate the  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  gel from the suspension.  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  gel was washed a few times with DI water and calcination at 550 °C for 2h.

### Synthesis of GO/MgO NCs

The ratio of GO/MgO NCs (1:1) were prepared by impregnation. Briefly, 1g of GO was added in a beaker with 1L DI water and sonicated for 60 min. 1g of MgO nanoparticles were added to the dispersion beaker. After 30 min of sonication, suspension was collected by centrifuging and dried at 60 °C.

### Synthesis of Orange G solution

Orange G is water soluble ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  478 nm). A standard solution (1000 mg/L) was prepared by dissolving 1g of Orange G dye in 1L of DI water. The experimental solutions were prepared by diluting the standard solution of dye with DI water to give the appropriate concentration of the desired solutions (5-30) ppm and the solutions are left for 24 hours in order to homogenize. Dilute (0.1 M) HCl and (0.1 M) NaOH was used for pH adjustment. The UV-Visible spectrometer used to determine calibration curve for Orange G dye at  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (478 nm). The dye adsorption by batch process to study different parameters such as contact time (25-125) min, dose of adsorbate (GO/MgO NCs) (0.01-0.05g), pH (3-10), concentration of dye (5-30) ppm, temperature (20-40°C). The samples were shaken and kept in a thermostat for (125min), the samples were then filtered in a centrifuge for 15 min (at 3500 rpm) and then filtered again and analyzed spectrophotometrically. The percentage dye adsorption from the aqueous solution was determined according to the following equation (% Adsorption)<sup>18</sup>:

$$\% \text{ Adsorption} = \frac{C_0 - C_e}{C_0} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

Where  $C_0$  and  $C_e$  (both mg/L), are the initial concentration and the concentration at any time respectively. The adsorption capacity  $Q_e$  (mg/g).

$$Q_e = \frac{C_0 - C_e}{m} \cdot V_{\text{sol}} \quad (2)$$

$Q_e$ : Amount of solute adsorbed per unit weight of adsorbent (mg/g).

$C_e$ : Equilibrium concentration of solute (mg/L).

$V_{\text{sol}}$ : Volume of solution (L).  $m$ : mass of adsorbent (g).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Characterization of GO, MgO and GO/MgO NCs

In order to investigate the functional groups of MgO, GO, and GO/MgO NCs, FT-IR spectroscopy was used in the wave number range of 4000-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and the results shown in Figures 1-3. The FTIR spectra of MgO nanoparticles are shown in Figure (1). Metal oxides generally give absorption bands in the fingerprint region i.e. below 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  arising from inter-atomic vibrations. The peak at 1632  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  corresponds to Mg-O stretching. The sharp peak observed at 3700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  on MgO and GO/MgO NCs is related to the presence of hydroxyl groups. For MgO NPs, the hydroxyl group comes from the reaction between the surface of MgO NPs with water vapor in air or

defects<sup>16,19</sup>. The intensity of this peak decrease in GO/MgONCs. Fig.2. Shows the infrared spectra of GO the band in the range of 3100- 3500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the appearance of the stretching of – OH also for GO/MgONCs<sup>20</sup>. The FTIR of GO is in a good agreement with other reported studies<sup>21-23</sup>. The peaks at 1723  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1592  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  correspond to C = O and C = C stretching. The band located at 1391  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1072  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to C - OH stretching and C- O - C stretching vibrations mode of  $\text{sp}^2$  carbon skeletal, respectively<sup>16</sup>. The FTIR for GO/MgONCs is in a good agreement with<sup>16</sup> the peak at 3364  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is related to the stretching of - OH, the peak at 1446  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1087  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to C - OH stretching and C- O - C stretching, respectively as show in Fig 3.

Figure (4) shows diffraction peaks around the  $2\theta$  angles of 36.94° (111), 42.92° (200), 62.30° (220), 74.69° (311) and 78.63° (222) belong to cubic structure. All diffraction data are in good agreement with JCPDS files No., and the diffraction peaks are sharp and the crystal grows completely with high purity and good agreement with ref(16). In addition, the diffraction peaks at the  $2\theta$  value of 18.4°, 32.8°, 38.0°, 50.90°, 58.7°, 68.4° and 72.1° are matched with  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  was produced during modification of GO by MgO through a sonication process in DI water. Particle size for MgO has been estimated by using Debye-Scherrer's Equation

$$D = 0.9 \lambda / \beta \cos \theta \quad (3)$$

Where D: crystallite size,;  $\lambda$  wave length (0.154nm),;  $\beta$  full width at half maximum,;  $\theta$  diffraction angle,; D = 38.4 nm calcination at 550°C for 2 h.

XRD patterns of GO and GO/MgO are shown in figures (5,6). As shown in Fig. 5, for the GO, there is a strong and sharp peak located around  $2\theta = 11.84^\circ$ , corresponding to an interlayer distance of (0.747 nm), indicating the presence of oxygen functional groups on the surface of GO [16,24-26], also another strong peak at  $2\theta = 26^\circ$ , corresponding to an interlayer distance of (0.342 nm), which indicated to carbon skeletal for nanosheet i.e graphite<sup>16</sup>. For GO/ MgO NCs the peaks for GO, MgO and  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  is also observed as shown in Fig. 6., the peaks at  $2\theta = 38.07^\circ$  (111), 42.93° (200) and 62.31° (220) belong to MgO. The diffraction peaks for GO at  $2\theta = 11.33^\circ$  (001) and 26.82° (002) is also observed and its intensity was decreased.

Atomic force microscopy (AFM) is a powerful characterization tool for determination the particle size and surface organization of the synthesized materials. The wet ability of a surface is dependent on its chemical composition, and also on the topography of the surfaces MgO, GO and GO/ MgO are characterized by AFM images in two and three-dimensional and particles sizes distributions for adsorbent surface was represented in Figures (7-9). The average diameter of the particle was (69.02 nm) for MgO, 50% with average diameter 65 nm, and 90% with average diameter 75 nm, and the residual with diameter about 60- 100 nm, the highest for the sample under tests is 2.77 nm as shown in Fig .8.

AFM images show a three –dimensional AFM topography of GO as shown in fig.9. The highest value for thickness sheet is 6.21 nm, the length sheet is 1455 nm and the high is 2.38nm.

AFM images show a three –dimensional AFM topography of GO/ MgO NCs as shown in fig.10, show growth MgO Nanoparticles were sparsely distribution on surface of GO, the high of sample 4.3 nm. From Fig .10, observed the length sheet for GO (1499 nm) thickness sheet is 1.48 nm. While the area of MgO molecular about 40.8 nm, its length 85 nm, while its width 0.48nm as show on Fig .10.c The SEM images with different magnification power of MgO, GO and GO/MgO NCs are shown in Figures (11-13) shows that MgO powders and porous and agglomerated consistent with previous studies<sup>15,16,27</sup>. GO obtained from modified Hummers method is shown in Fig .12, with a layer of wrinkled graphene oxide sheet at a low magnification. SEM images of GO/MgONCs that are synthesized by the sonication method are shown in Fig 13. depicting that the surfaces of GO are covered by MgO. It is evident from the SEM images that MgO particles were anchored heterogeneously on the GO sheets. GO sheets show agglomerated leaf –like structure<sup>16</sup>.

#### Determination of Equilibrium Time of adsorption

Several adsorption experiments in (25-125) min of contact time range were performed and the results were shown in Fig.14. The removal rate of dye onto GO/MgO NCs gradually increased with the increase of contact time from 25 to 125 min and then remained constant<sup>28</sup> with further increase in contact time; therefore, a period of 125 min of equilibrium was selected for the next studies. In the initial stage, dye contact quickly with a

lot of available active sites on the surface of GO/MgO NCs, resulting in the occurrence of the fast adsorption with increase of the contact time, the available active sites gradually lessened and the driving force weakened, leading to the slow adsorption process and taking long time to achieve adsorption equilibrium.

### Effect of pH

The initial pH of the Orange G dye solution can significantly affect the adsorption capacity of the dye because it affects the charge distribution of the surface of the adsorbent (GO/MgO NCs) as well as adsorbate (the dye molecules). Figure (15) shows that in acidic medium the adsorption capacity is maximum and decreases with the increase pH and according to the following pH = 3. The pH of point of zero charge (pHpzc) of GO/MgO NCs was 10.5 and the best pH is 3 for removal dye below pHpzc so for other adsorption mechanisms between GO/MgO NCs and dye such as hydrogen bonding and  $\pi$ – $\pi$  interaction addition to the electrostatic attraction.

### Adsorbent Weight

The effect of adsorbent on percentage removal of dye was examined by taking different quantities of GO/MgO NCs ranging from 0.01 to 0.05 gm. Our results showed in Figure (16), which the best removal efficiency was obtained at 0.05gm<sup>29</sup>.

### Effect the concentration of dye on adsorption

Figure (17) shows that the effect concentration of dye on percentage removal of dye by taking different quantities of dye ranging from (5 -30) ppm. Our results showed in figure (8), that the best removal efficiency was obtained at 10 ppm<sup>30</sup>.

### Adsorption Kinetics

In order to assess the rate of the adsorption for Orange G dye, both pseudo first order and pseudo second order kinetics were applied to the adsorption data<sup>31</sup>.

$$\ln (q_e - q_t) = \ln q_e - k_1 t \quad (4)$$

$$t / q_t = 1/ k_2 q_e^2 + (1/ q_e)t \quad (5)$$

Where  $q_e$  and  $q_t$  (mg/g) are the amounts of dye adsorbed at equilibrium and time  $t$  respectively,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are the rate constant of pseudo first order ( $\text{min}^{-1}$ ) and pseudo second order ( $\text{g/mg} \cdot \text{min}$ ). The plots of the equations were examined for best fit by comparing their correlation coefficients ( $R^2$ ). Figure (11 and 12)

shown the straight plots of  $\ln (q_e - q_t)$  vs  $t$  and  $t / q_t$  vs  $t$ , respectively. The correlation coefficients of the linear curves of both kinetics shows that the process more likely follows a second order kinetics. Pseudo-second order model assumes that the rate –limiting step involves chemisorption of adsorbate on the adsorbent. By fitting the experimental data (Figures 18 and 19), the adsorption rate constant for each model was calculated and summarized in Table (1). As can be seen from the table, the kinetics data were well fitted by the pseudo-second order, as demonstrated by the higher regression coefficient ( $R^2$ ) obtained. In addition, the calculated  $q_e$  values for the pseudo-second order is highly matched with the experimental data as compared with those of the pseudo-first order model. This indicated that the adsorption kinetics of dye on GO/MgO NCs was not diffusion controlled<sup>32</sup>.

The adsorption isotherms are to explore the relation between the adsorbate concentration in the bulk (at equilibrium) and the amount adsorbed at the surface. In this study four commonly used isotherm models (Langmuir, Freundlich, Timken, and Dubinin-Kaganer-Radushkevich) were applied to the experimental data to explain the dye –Nano GO/MgO NCs interaction. The Langmuir isotherm model assume monolayer coverage of the adsorbate over a homogenous adsorbent surface with identical adsorptions sites and their binding energies and neglecting any interactions between adsorbed ions, atoms or molecules<sup>33</sup> with each molecule adsorbed onto the surface having the same adsorption energy. The Langmuir isotherm is expressed as<sup>34</sup>:

$$\frac{C_e}{Q_e} = \frac{1}{q_{\max} K_L} + \frac{C_e}{q_{\max}} \quad (6)$$

Where  $C_e$  is the equilibrium concentration of dye (mg/L),  $q_{\max}$ ,  $Q_e$  are the maximum adsorption capacity corresponding to complete monolayer coverage on the surface (mg/g) and capacity at equilibrium (mg/g) respectively and  $K_L$  is Langmuir constant (L/mg)<sup>35</sup> related to energy of sorption. Therefore, a plot of  $C_e/Q_e$  versus  $C_e$  gives a straight line of slope  $1/q_{\max}$  and intercept  $(1/ K_L q_{\max})$ . From the intercept and slope of the plots in Figure (20). The values of  $q_{\max}$  and  $K_L$  were listed in Table (2), the values of  $q_{\max}$  and  $K_L$  are increased when the solution temperature increased from 20 to 40°C, indicates that the dye is favorably adsorbed by GO/MgO NCs at lower temperatures, which shows that the adsorption process is endothermic. A dimensionless constant separation factor of Langmuir isotherm ( $R_L$ ) was also calculated

using equation <sup>36</sup>:

$$R_L = 1 / (1 + K_L C_e) \quad (7)$$

The Frenudlich model is a case for multilayer adsorption and adsorption on heterogeneous surface energies and it gives an exponential distribution of active sites. The linear form of this model is represented by:

$$\ln Q_e = \ln K_F + 1/n \ln C_e \quad (8)$$

The Frenudlich constants  $K_F$  and  $n$ , which respectively indicating the adsorption capacity and the adsorption intensity are calculated from the intercept and slope of plot  $\ln Q_e$  versus  $\ln C_e$  respectively, as shown in Figure (21). The intensity of adsorption ( $n$ ) showed low values ( $n < 1$ ); this indicates a very low affinity between adsorbents and adsorbate. The Freundlich constant ( $K_F$ ) decreases with increasing the temperature and this indication for exothermic reaction. The values of  $n$  are larger than 1, which represents a favorable removal condition <sup>(37)</sup>.

A more common isotherm than Langmuir is the Dubinin-Kaganer –Radushkevich (DKR) model was proposed by Dubinin which does not assume a homogenous surface of surface of sorbent .It is applied to determine the adsorption mechanism (physical or chemical). The linear form of (DKR) as follows <sup>38</sup>:

$$\ln Q_e = \ln q_{\max} - \beta \epsilon^2 \quad (9)$$

Where  $q_{\max}$  is the maximum sorption capacity (mg/g),  $\beta$  is the activity coefficient related to mean sorption energy ( $\text{mol}^2/\text{J}^2$ ), and  $\epsilon$  is the Polanyi potential defined as:

$$\epsilon = RT \ln (1 + 1/C_e) \quad (10)$$

Where  $R$  is the gas constant (KJ/mol. K).The slope of the plot of  $\ln q_e$  versus  $\epsilon^2$  gives  $\beta$  and the intercept yields the sorption capacity  $q_{\max}$ , as shown in Figure (22). Prognostication of the adsorption mechanism (physical or chemical sorption) can be done by calculating the value of the mean sorption energy,  $E$  (J/mol) from the relation <sup>39</sup>:

$$E = (-2 \beta)^{-0.5} \quad (11)$$

The values of  $\beta$ ,  $q_{\max}$ ,  $E$  and  $R^2$  as a function of temperature are listed in Table (2). If the values of  $E$  were less than 8 kJ/mol, the mechanism maybe a physical adsorption, While  $E$  values between 8-16 kJ/mol assumes the adsorption to be controlled by ion exchange and  $E$  greater than 16kJ/mol

presume a particle diffusion mechanism (chemical process).It can be observed that the values of  $E$  may be physical (electrostatic) in nature. The Temkin isotherm in the linear form has been used as the following:

$$Q_e = B \ln K_T + B \ln C_e \quad (12)$$

Where  $B = RT/b$  is related to heat of adsorption of adsorption (J/mol),  $K_T$  is equilibrium binding constant (L/gm),  $R$  is the gas constant (8.314 J/mol. K) .Both  $K_T$  and  $B$  are calculated (as shown in Table (5)) from the intercept and the slope of curve between  $\ln C_e$  and  $Q_e$  as in Figure (23).As presented in Table (2), the adsorption of Orange G dye on GO/MgO NCs nanoparticles was fit to Langmuir isotherm by higher correlation factor ( $R^2$ ) values. The results show what is otherwise based on the correlation coefficient data <sup>40</sup>.The values of dimensionless sorption factor ( $K_L$ ) were close to zero and this indication for favorable adsorption. The intensity of adsorption ( $n$ ) showed low values ( $n < 1$ ); this indicates a very low affinity between adsorbents and adsorbate <sup>37</sup>. The Freundlich constant ( $K_F$ ) decreases with increasing the temperature and this indication for exothermic reaction. In isotherm Dubinin (DKR), the energy equation gives us a perception of the adsorption mechanism. ( $E < 8$  KJ /mol) indicates that the physical force influence adsorption and that ( $E > 16$ ) indicates the spread of molecules and when ( $E$ ) is between (8-16) indicates that adsorption is directed by ion exchange, and the values of ( $B$ ) less than (40 kJ/mol) this indication for physical adsorption <sup>30</sup>.

### Thermodynamics parameters

The thermodynamics parameters ( $\Delta H^\circ$ ,  $\Delta G^\circ$ ,  $\Delta S^\circ$ ) of the removal of dye on GO/MgO NCs were calculated according to the following relations:

$$K_c = A e^{-\Delta H/RT} \quad (13)$$

$$\ln X_m = -\frac{\Delta H}{RT} + K \quad (14)$$

Where  $\ln X_m$  is the natural logarithm for greatest amount adsorbed (mg/g),  $K$  is the constant of Van't Hoff equation,  $R$  is the universal gas constant ( $8.314 \cdot 10^{-3}$  J/mol.K<sup>-1</sup>) and  $T$  is the temperature in Kelvin.

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K \quad (15)$$

$$K = \frac{Q_e \times m}{c_e \times V} \quad (16)$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ \quad (17)$$

$$\Delta S^\circ = \frac{\Delta H^\circ - \Delta G^\circ}{T} \quad (18)$$

The value  $\Delta H^\circ$  was calculated from the slope and intercept of the Van't Hoff plots (the plots of  $\ln X_m$  versus  $1/T$ ) (Figure (24)) and listed in Table (3)<sup>41</sup>. The value of  $\Delta H^\circ$  was positive for by meaning the adsorption processes is endothermic, the value of  $\Delta G$  is negative this indicate that the adsorbent may be can happened spontaneously while the value of  $\Delta S$  is positive and that meaning the movement of molecules isn't restricted.

## CONCLUSION

Based upon the experimental results of this study show that Nano-GO/MgO NCs can be considered as an adsorbent for the treatment of Orange G dye from waste water. In batch experimental, the influence of contact time,

initial dye concentration, amount of GO/MgO NCs, temperature were show to be effective. The removal of dye is an exothermic process. It was found that the pseudo –second order model might have followed by the adsorption process as supported by correlation coefficients of the linear plots, and also  $q_{cal}$  were very close to the  $q_{exp}$  for the pseudo –second order rate kinetics. The isotherm study indicates four isotherms models. Adsorption data was fit to Freundlich isotherm, the Freundlich constant ( $k_F$ ) decreases with increasing the temperature and this indication for exothermic. In isotherm Dubinin (DKR), the energy equation gives us a perception of the adsorption mechanism. ( $E < 8$  KJ /mol) indicates that the physical force influence.

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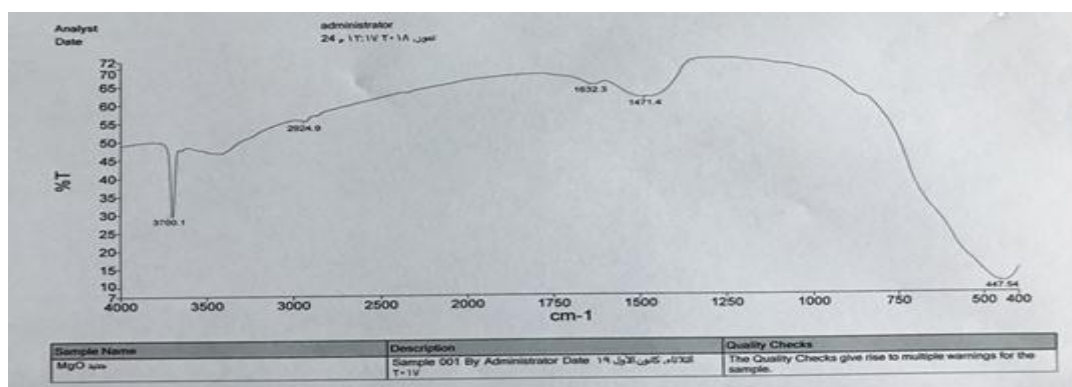


Fig. 1: FTIR spectra of MgO Nanoparticles

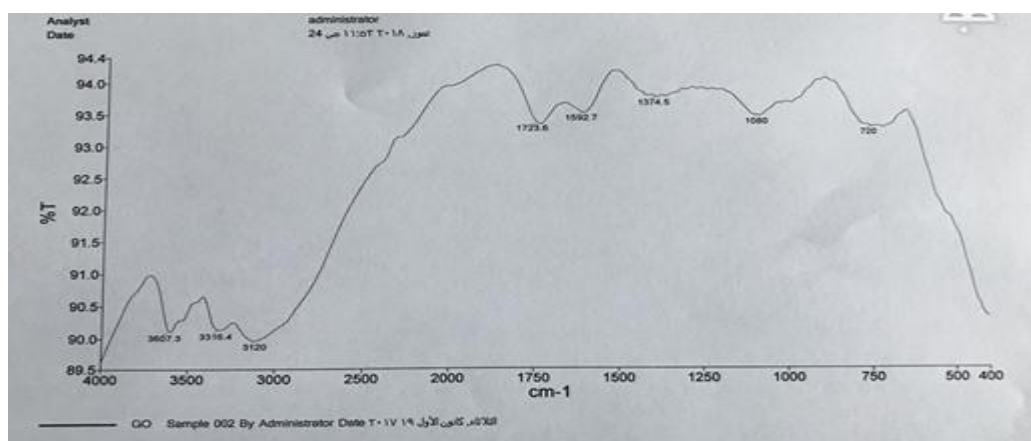


Fig. 2: FTIR spectra of GO

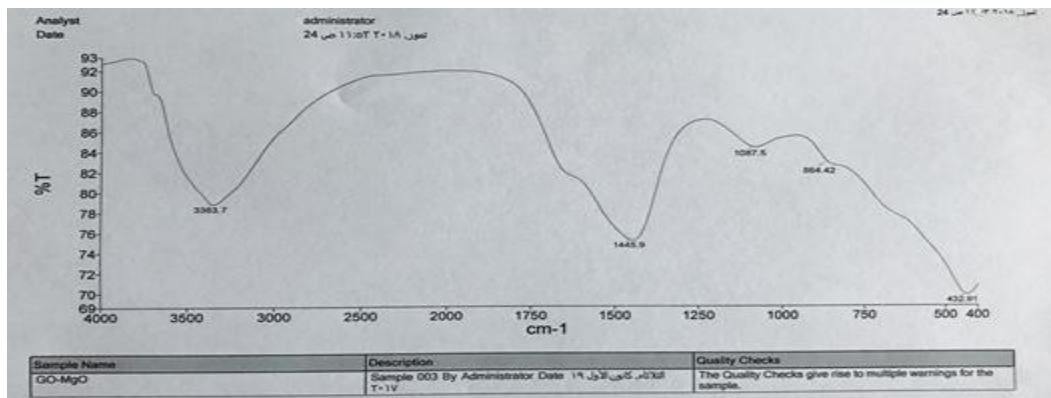


Fig. 3: FTIR spectra of GO/MgO NCS

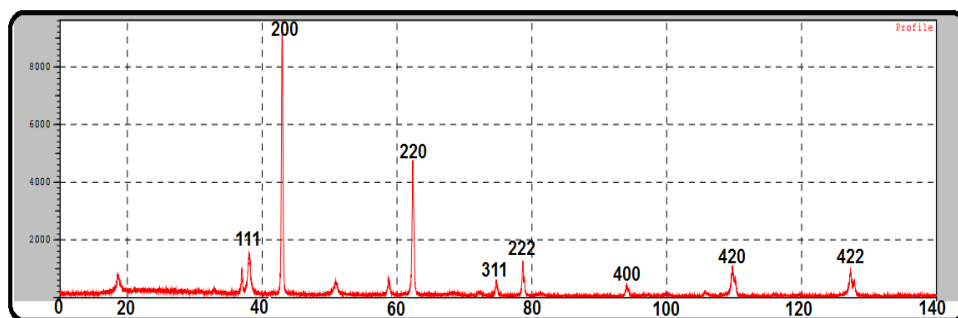


Fig. 4: XRD pattern of MgO nanoparticles

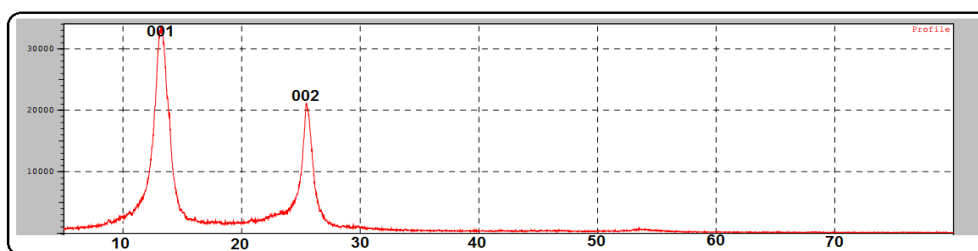


Fig. 5: X-ray diffraction spectra of the GO

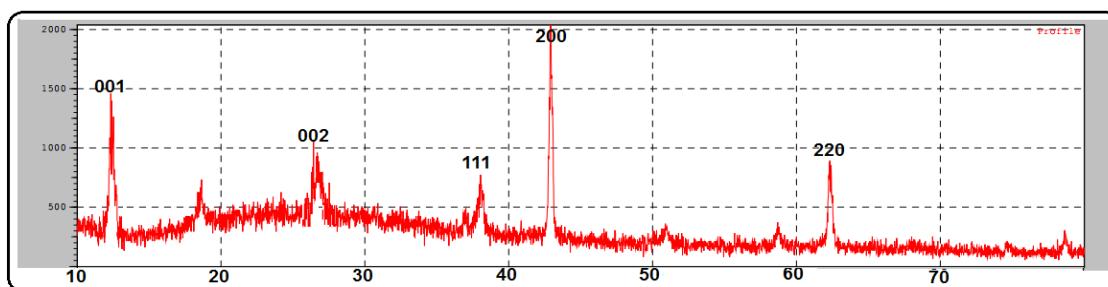


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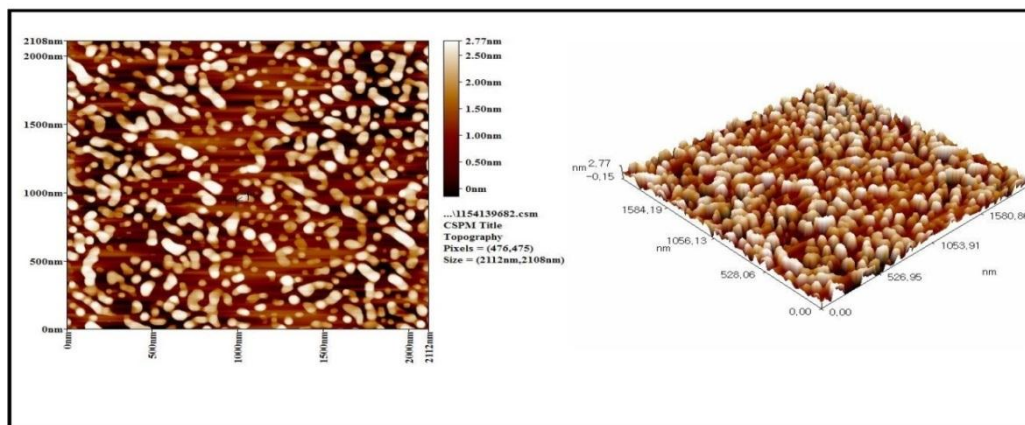


Fig. 7: AFM images of MgO nanoparticles

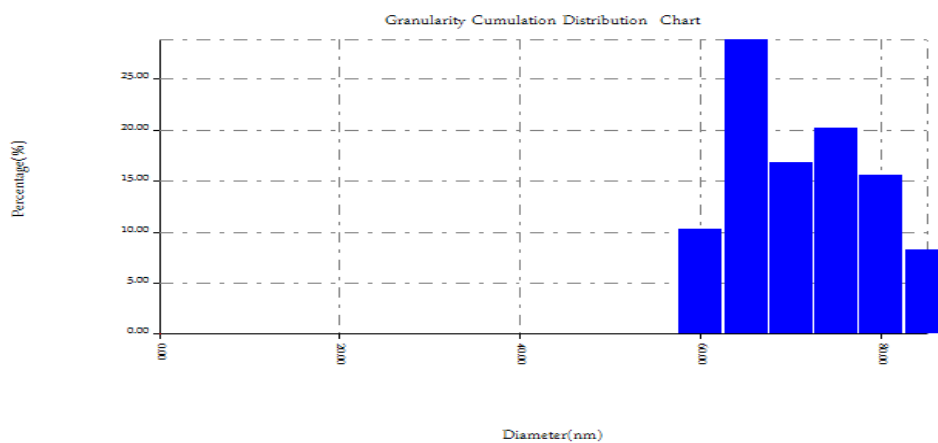


Fig. 8: Particle size distribution MgO Nano particles

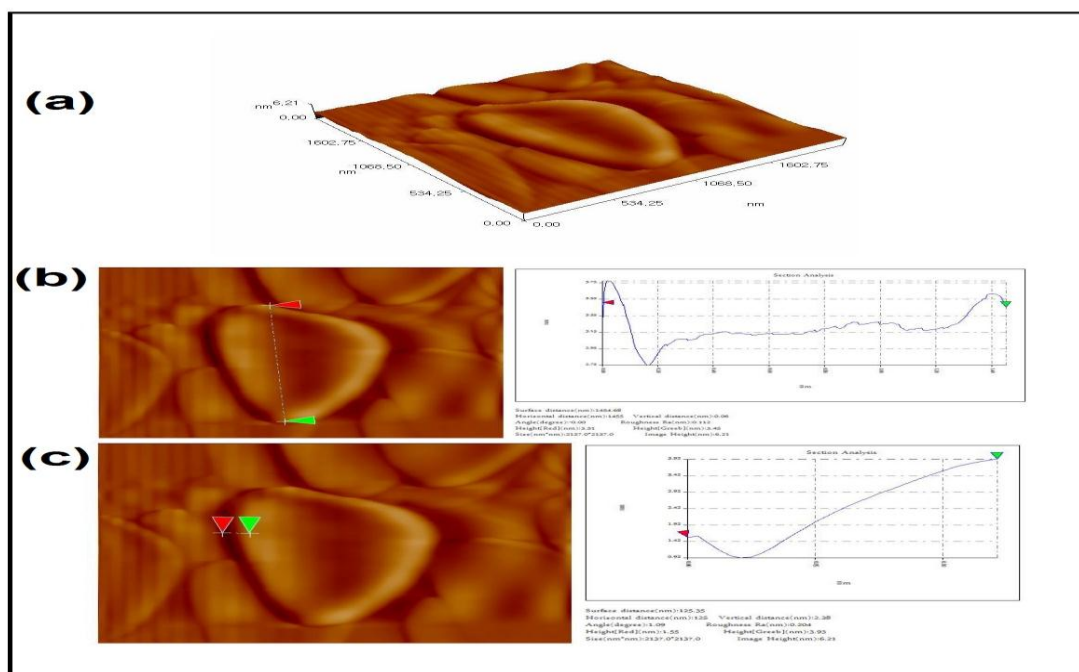


Fig. 9: AFM images of GO Nano sheet percentage of MgO nanoparticle



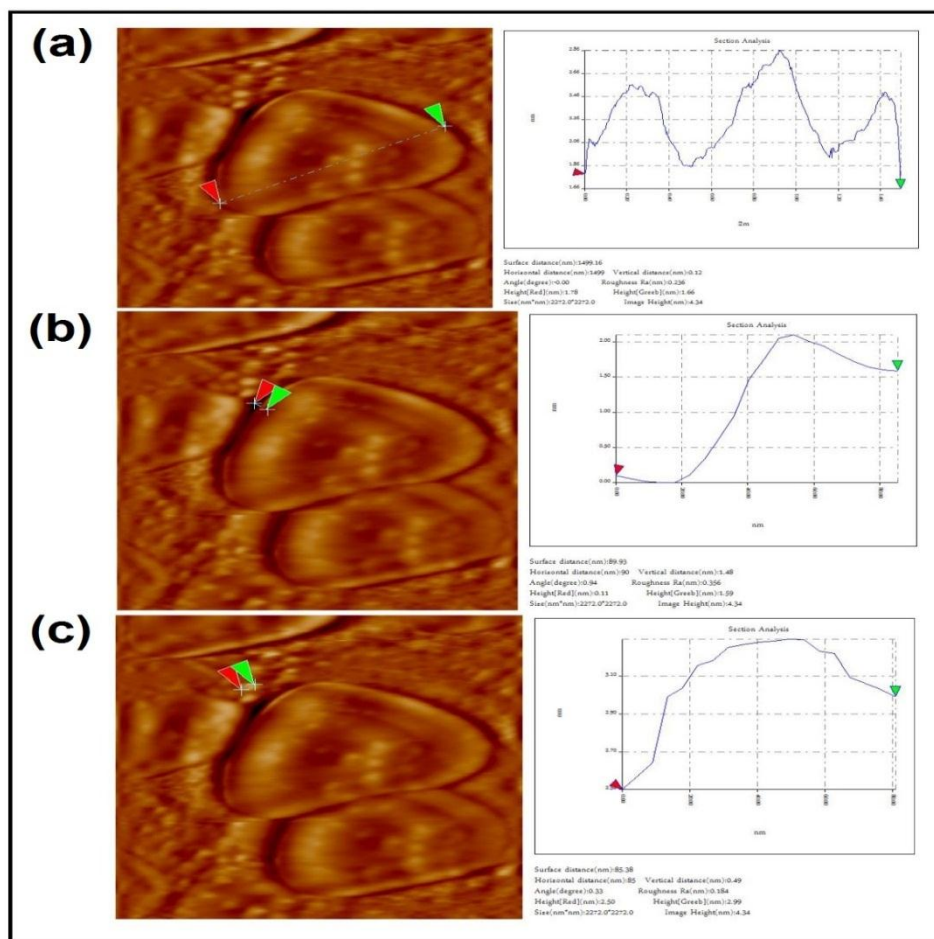


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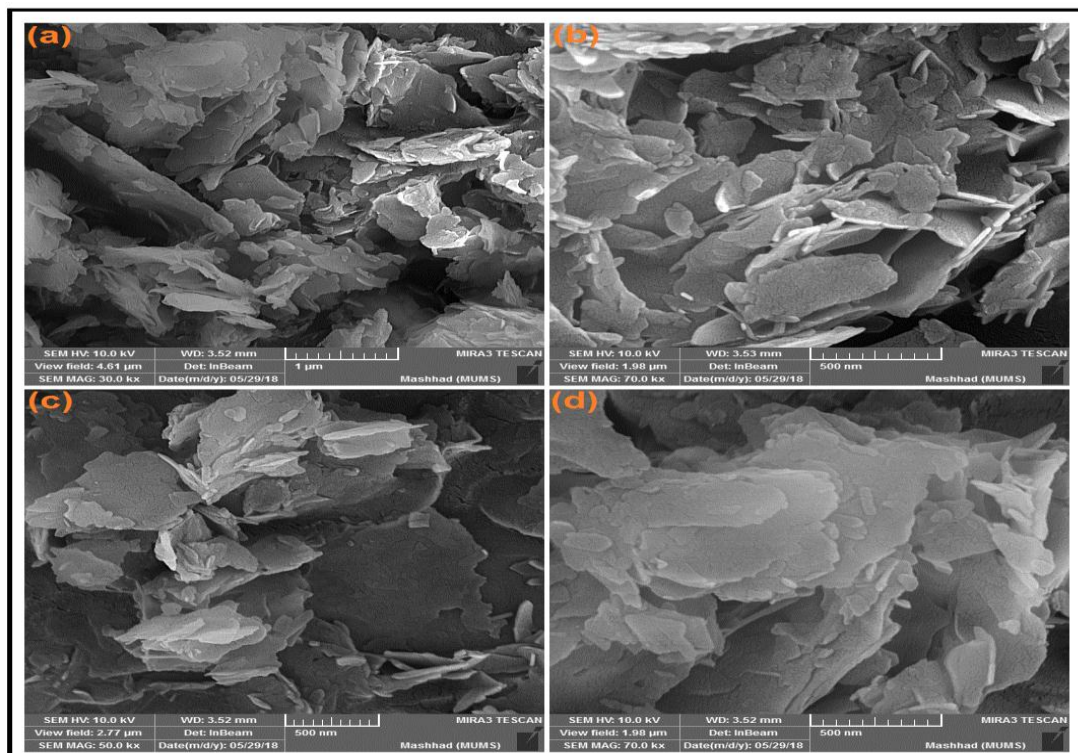


Fig. 11: SEM images with different magnification power of MgO nanoparticle

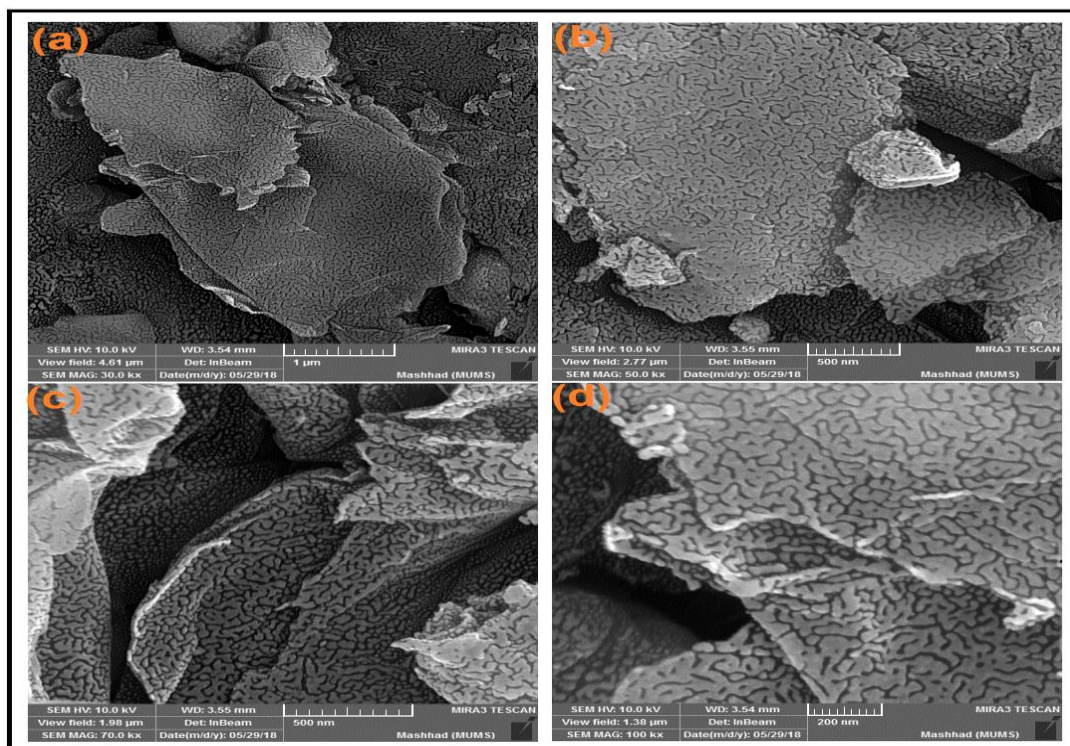


Fig. 12: SEM images with different magnification power of GO

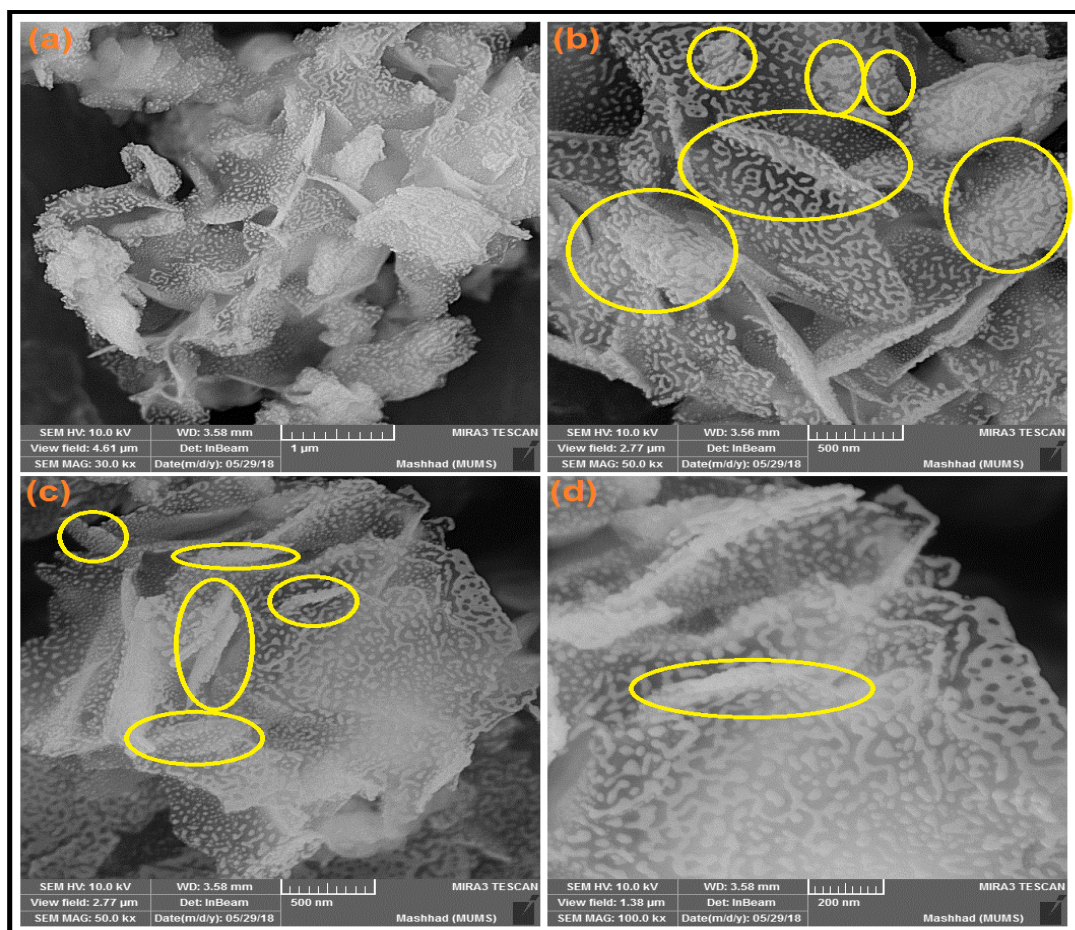


Fig. 13: SEM with different magnification power of GOMgO NCs

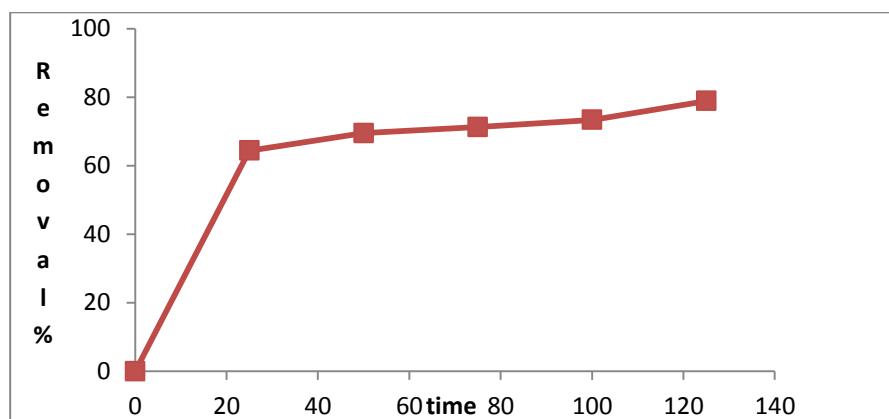


Fig. 14: Effect of equilibrium time for adsorption of Orange G dye on (GO/MgO NCs) nanoparticles at (25 °C,  $C_0=30$  ml of 10 ppm, dose 0.04 g and pH=8)

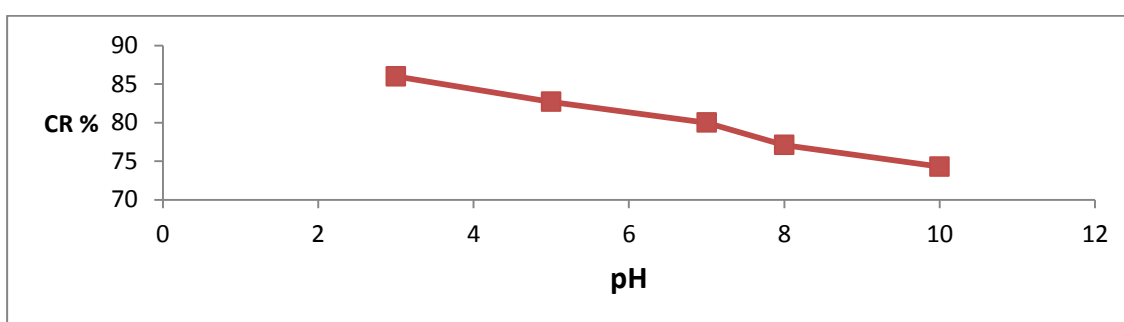


Fig. 15: Effect of pH on the adsorption of Orange G dye on GO/MgO NCs nanoparticles at (25°C. 30ml of 10 ppm dye and dose 0.04gm)

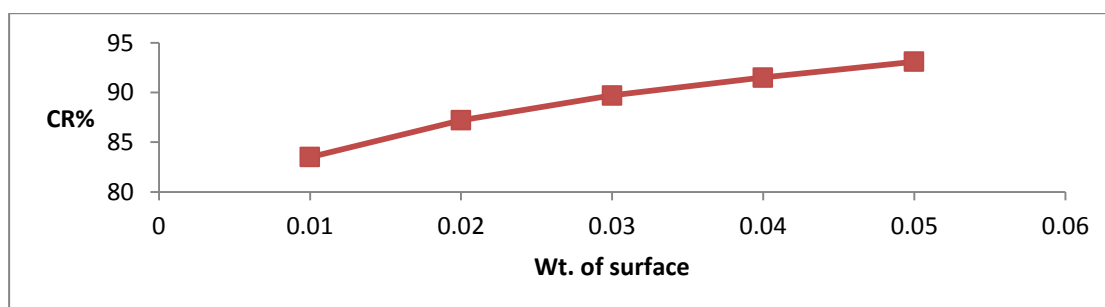


Fig. 16: Effect of adsorbents weight on the adsorption of Orange G dye on (GO/MgO NCs) nanoparticles at (25 °C,  $C_0=30$ ml of 10 ppm and pH=3)

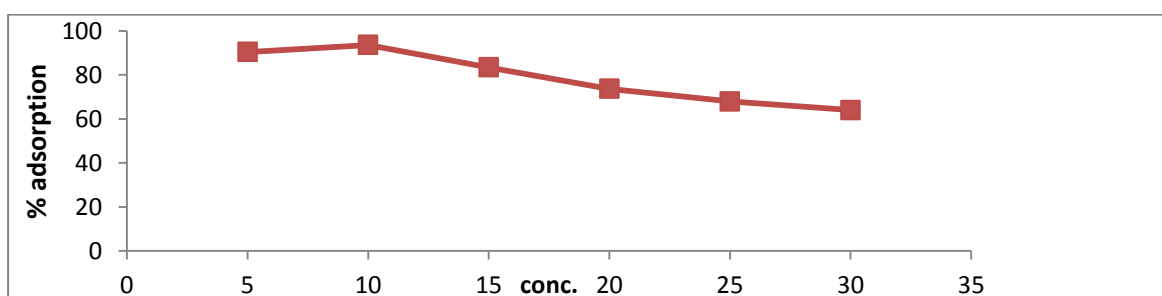


Fig. 17: Effect of dye concentration on adsorption of Orange G dye on (GO/MgO NCs) nanoparticles at (25 °C, dose 0.05gm and pH =3)

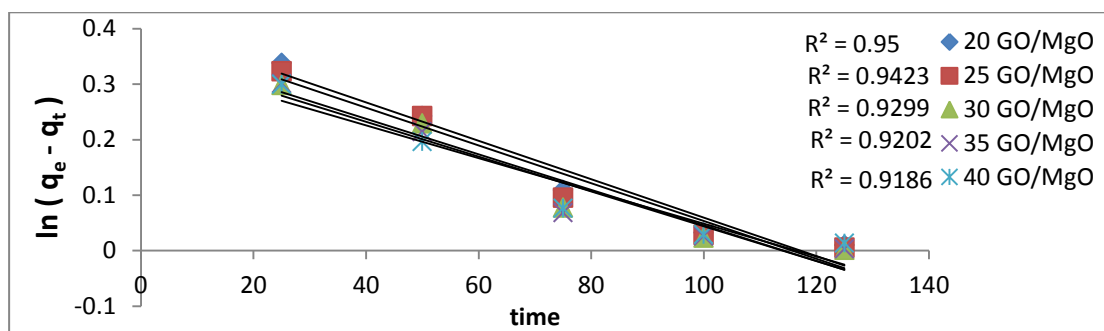


Fig. 18: plot of pseudo-first order model of Orange G dye on GO/MgO NCs

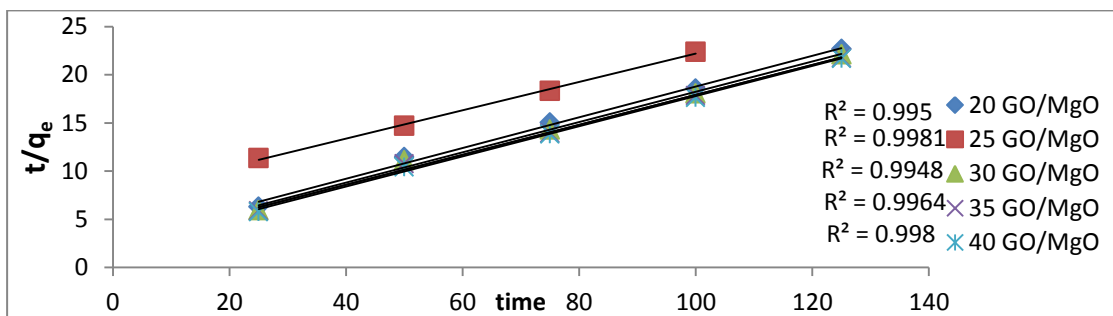


Fig. 19: plot of pseudo –second order model of of Orange G dye on GO/MgO NCs nanoparticles at different temperature

Table 1: Kinetics parameters for adsorption of Orange G dye on GO/MgO NCs

C <sub>0</sub>	T (°C)	Pseudo first order			Pseudo second order			
		q <sub>e</sub> (exp.)	K <sub>1</sub> Min <sup>-1</sup>	q <sub>e</sub> (calc.)	R <sup>2</sup>	q <sub>e</sub> (calc.)	K <sub>2</sub> g.mg <sup>-1</sup> .min <sup>-1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>
10 Ppm	20	5.57	0.0035	4.43	0.95	5.57	0.0089	0.995
	25	5.61	0.0034	4.39	0.942	5.61	0.0028	0.998
	30	5.66	0.0032	4.34	0.929	5.66	0.0097	0.994
	35	5.76	0.0031	4.24	0.920	5.76	0.0101	0.996
	40	5.84	0.003	4.16	0.918	5.84	0.0110	0.998

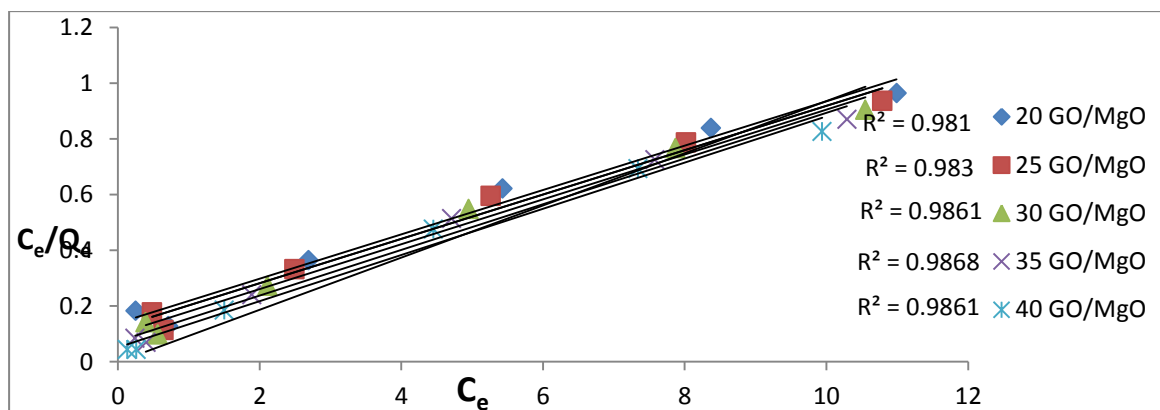


Fig. 20: Isotherm Langmuir for Orange G dyes on GO/MgO NCs nanoparticles

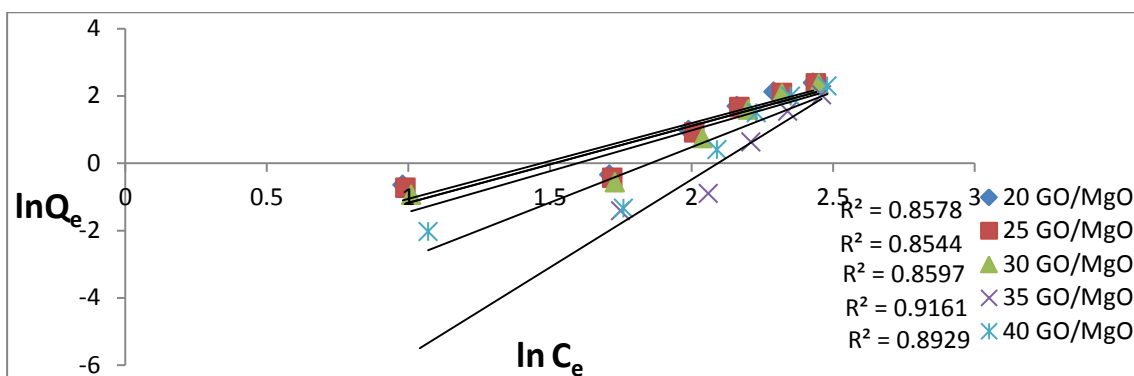


Fig. 21: Isotherm Freundlich for Orange G dyes at different concentrations on GO/MgO NCs

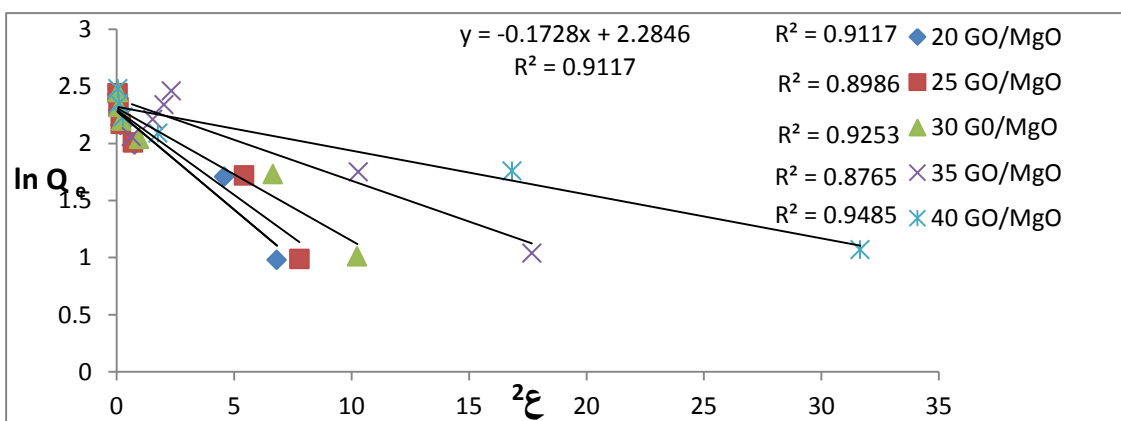


Fig. 22: Isotherm Dubinin (DKR) for Orange G dye on GO/MgO NCs

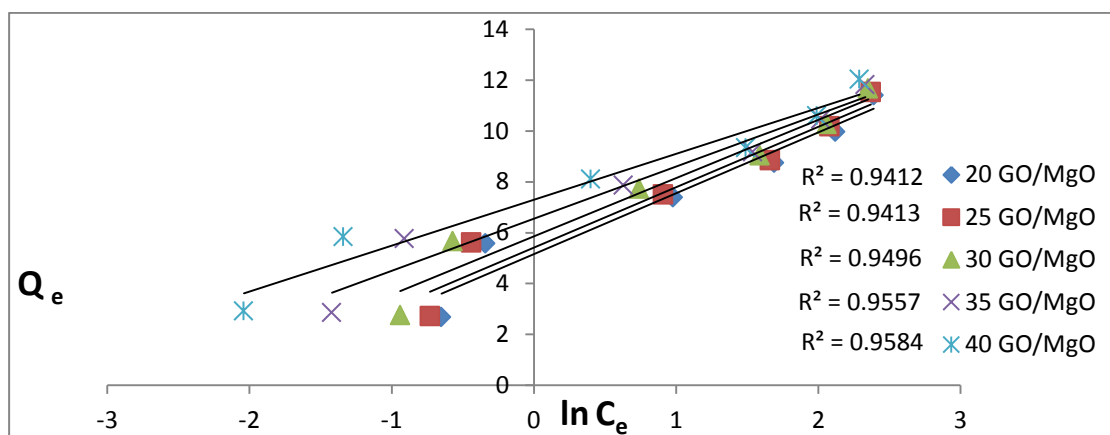


Fig. 23: Isotherm Temkin for Orange G dye on GO/MgO NCs

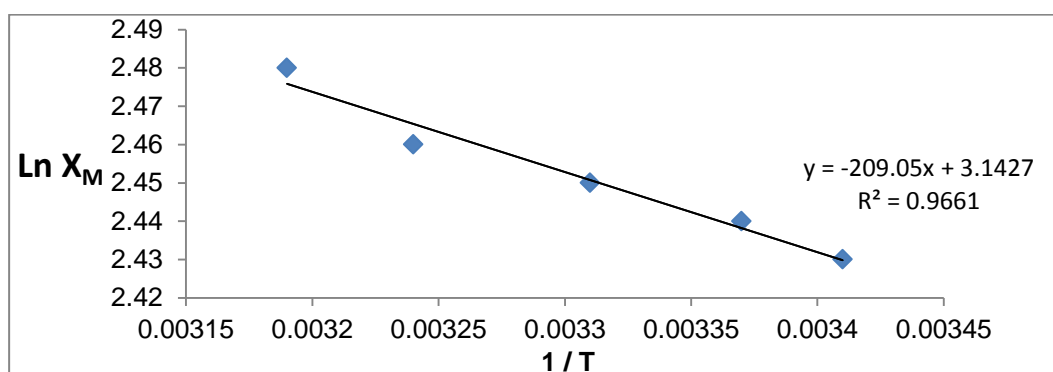
Table 2: The calculated adsorption parameters of the four used isotherms

T(°C)	Langmuir				Freundlich		
	K <sub>L</sub>	R <sup>2</sup>	q <sub>max</sub>	R <sub>L</sub>	K <sub>F</sub>	1/n	R <sup>2</sup>
20	0.5722	0.9754	5.57	0.0636	3.300	2.248	0.857
25	0.6432	0.9092	5.61	0.0608	3.455	2.281	0.854
30	0.8025	0.9808	5.66	0.0554	3.874	2.423	0.859
35	1.1052	0.9806	5.76	0.0475	10.908	5.217	0.916
40	1.6003	0.9804	5.84	0.0384	6.112	3.294	0.892

(DKR)				Temkin		
$\beta$	$q_{\max}$	E	$R^2$	$K_T$	B	$R^2$
-0.1728	2.284	0.586	0.911	5.154	2.392	0.941
-0.1489	2.293	0.544	0.898	5.408	2.377	0.941
-0.1164	2.311	0.481	0.925	5.854	2.293	0.949
-0.0715	2.387	0.376	0.876	6.554	2.048	0.955
-0.0384	2.320	0.277	0.948	7.296	1.802	0.958

**Table 3: Values of thermodynamic functions for adsorption Orange G dye on (GO/MgO NCs)**

$C_e$ (mg/L)	Thermodynamic function	20 °C	25 °C	30 °C	35 °C	40 °C
30ppm	$\Delta H \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$	1.738				
	$\Delta G \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$	-0.08	-0.16	-0.25	-0.35	-0.49
	$\Delta S \text{ J.mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$	6.17	6.34	6.53	6.75	7.09



**Fig. 24: Values of greatest amounts adsorbed ( $\ln X_m$ ) for Orange G dye on (GO/MgO NCs) at different temperatures (293-318 K)**

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