

## Antimicrobial Materials: New Strategies to Tackle Various Pandemics

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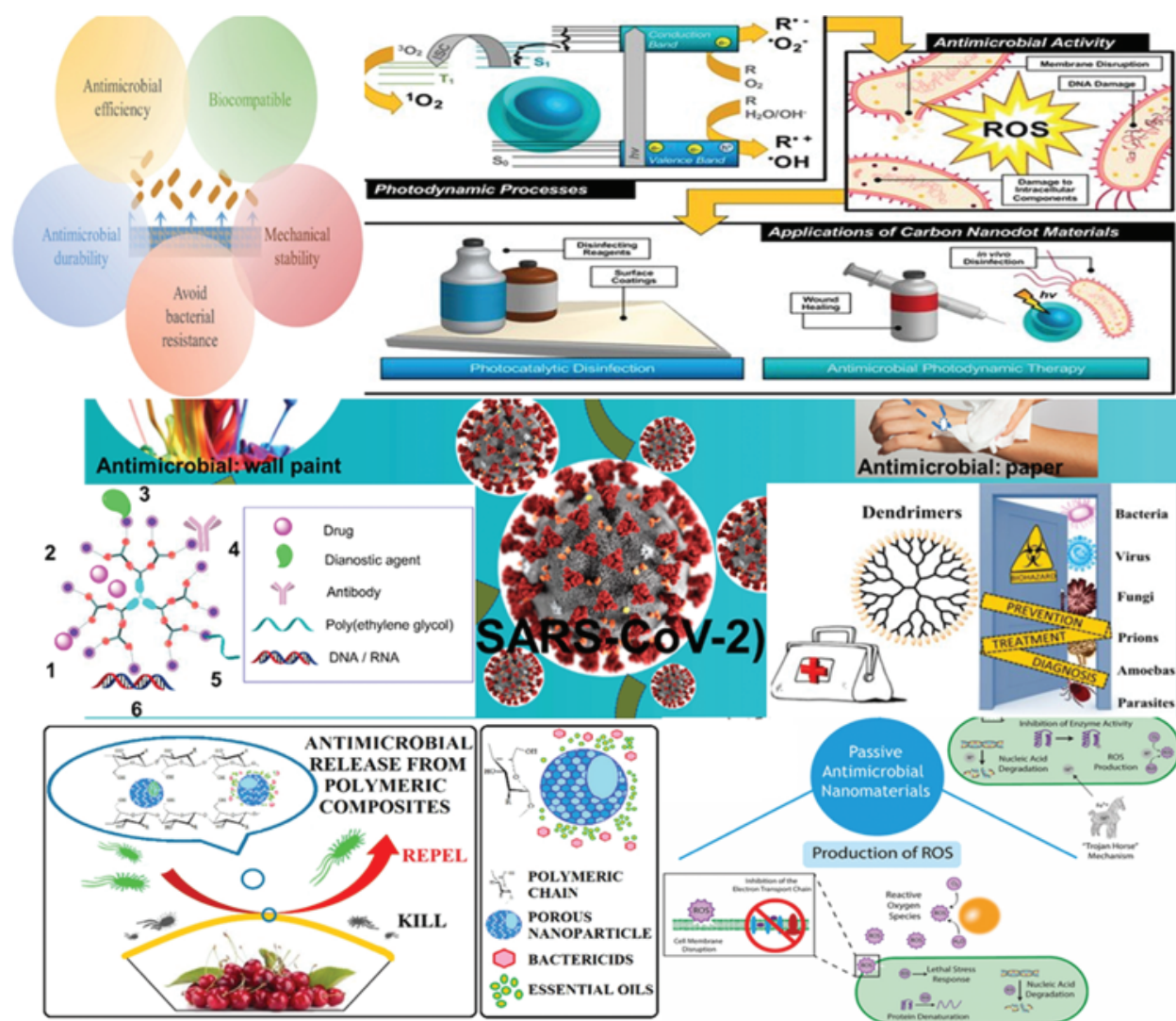
**Abstract:** Coronaviruses are responsible for a developing budgetary, human and fatality trouble, as the causative factor of infections, for example, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). It has been well recognized that SARS-CoV-2 may survive under severe atmosphere circumstances. Hence, efficient containment approaches, for example, sanitizing, are crucial. Commonly, living compounds contribute a substance of chemical heterogeneity, with antiviral movement, and therefore can have efficacy as therapeutic tools toward coronavirus diseases. Here, in this review article, we have described the antimicrobial-based materials, which can be used to inhibit the spreading of the COVID-19. We have categorized these materials in three sections; (i) antimicrobial wall paint, (ii) antimicrobial papers and (iii) antimicrobial materials surface coating to be utilized as the antimicrobial-based materials for controlling the COVID-19. In the last section, we have given the concluding remarks with prospects in this area.

**Keywords:** Antimicrobial; SARS-CoV-2; wall paint; surface coating



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### Graphical Abstract

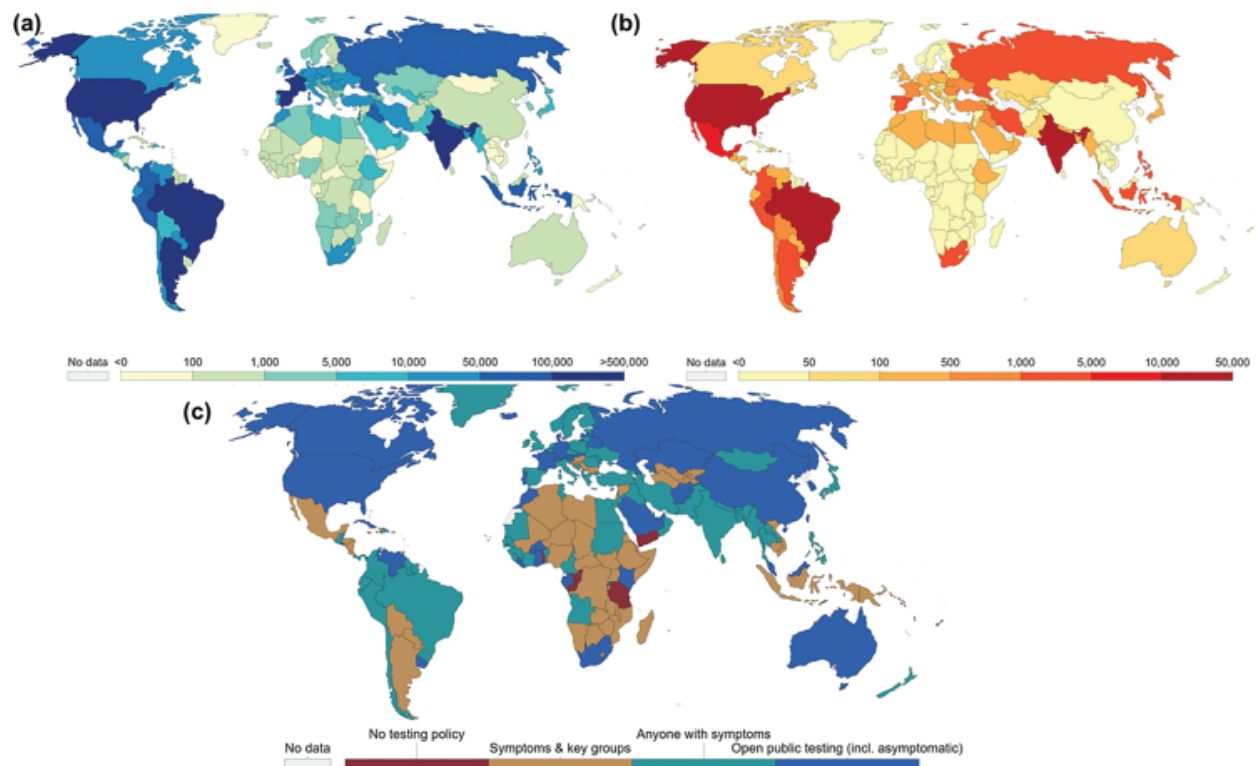


## 1 Introduction

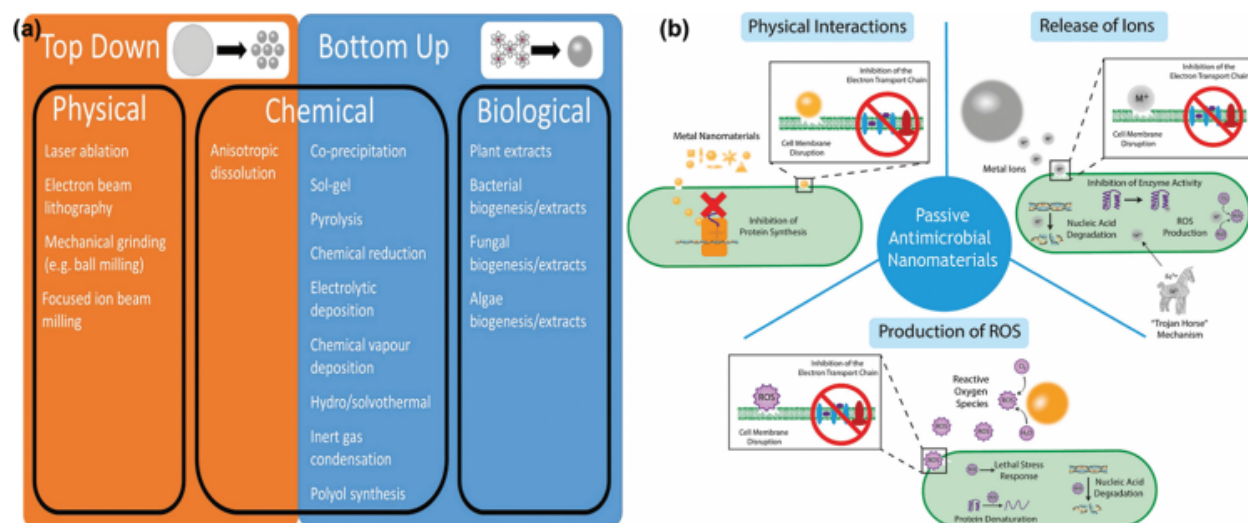
Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has put enormous pressures on wellness and civil care policies and sources worldwide. The importance of disease inhibition and direction in quantities has now been featured on a societal level so far, for example, hand sanitation, group isolation and individual-privacy. This is essential to examine the quick and long-period outcomes, which COVID-19 can have upon antimicrobial utilization and drug-rebellious diseases. A potential concern about the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic is the long-period spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) within the critical care context, emerging from improved patient disclosure to antimicrobials, usually sub-optimally or unsuitably utilized [1]. COVID-19 research and date: (a) Confirmed COVID-19 cases, (b) Confirmed COVID-19 deaths and (c) COVID-19 testing policies (Fig. 1) [2].

Antimicrobials have allowed pharmaceutical progress across numerous decades. However, the perpetual development of protection towards antimicrobials reduces our capacity to heal infections and restrains attempts to enact general wellness coverage and the health-linked sustainable improvement. AMR is a

disregarded global disaster, which needs critical recognition and development. Besides the progress in antibiotic-immune bacteria, attention within the generation of individual sterilizing exteriors has converted a field of investigation, which has seen a demand for concern in current times [3,4]. These additives, while combined within industrial commodities, for example, pharmaceutical types of equipment [5,6], and hospital surfaces [7], would decrease the figure of contaminations instigated through pathogenic germs. Furthermore, layers exhibiting a surface independent of microorganisms would be remarkably beneficial towards the hygienic purposes, for example, in wellness care and food development fields. However, they can have also instant applications in oceanic conditions were spotting from microorganisms increments ship friction and fuel burning, occurring in enhanced prices and decreased performance [8,9]. Several active ingredients for individual-decontaminating exteriors have been examined, with general antimicrobials [10,11], metals [12], quaternary ammonium salts (QAS) [13], and antimicrobial peptides (AMP) [14]. Samuel et al. [15] have in their interesting work have summarized different antimicrobial nanomaterials with prime focus on metal nanomaterials and their passive antimicrobial properties. Fig. 2a displays the different synthesis methods. This involves techniques, for example, laser ablation, electron beam lithography, automatic grinding, or centred ion beam milling. In comparison, Fig. 2b describes the extent of passive antimicrobial tools. Despite various reports toward nanomaterial-microbial synergies, the mechanisms accountable to the passive antimicrobial characteristics of metal nanomaterials are yet poorly recognized. This is somewhat owing to the multifactorial essence of the performance, that presents it hard to decouple the specific mechanisms. Physical communications acquired numerous recommended mechanisms along with chemical interactions, for example, the generation of ROS and the improved release of metal cations.

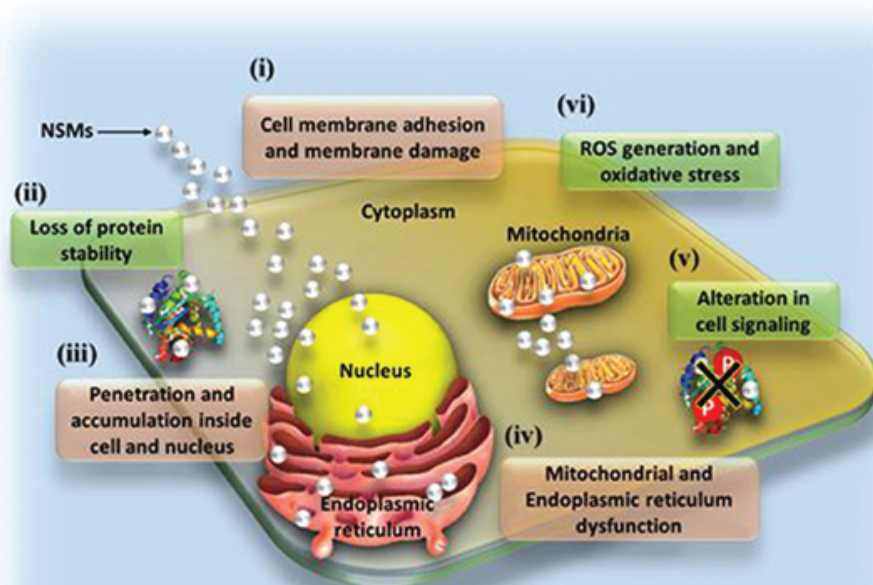


**Figure 1:** COVID-19 research and date: (a) Confirmed COVID-19 cases, (b) Confirmed COVID-19 deaths and (c) COVID-19 testing policies (Source: Our world in data [2])



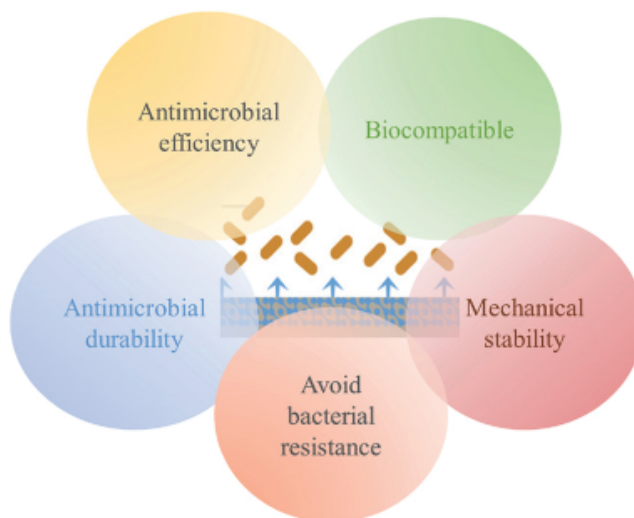
**Figure 2:** (a) Description of “top-down” and “bottom-up” physical, chemical and biological assembly of metal nanomaterials. (b) A view schematic design describing the extent of passive antimicrobial mechanisms of metal nanomaterials (not to scale) with physical communications, the liberation of ions and generation of ROS. Reprinted with permission from reference [15]

Anupriya et al. [16] have reported their study on summarizing the different prospects of antimicrobial agents derived from nanostructured materials (NSMs) and composites thereof along with their antimicrobial action. However, NSMs have conferred spectacular antimicrobial impact versus more than 500 microbial varieties; though, precise mechanism following their microbicidal activity is not hitherto more clearly. Fig. 3 summarizes the commonly accepted modes of mechanisms of antimicrobial action.



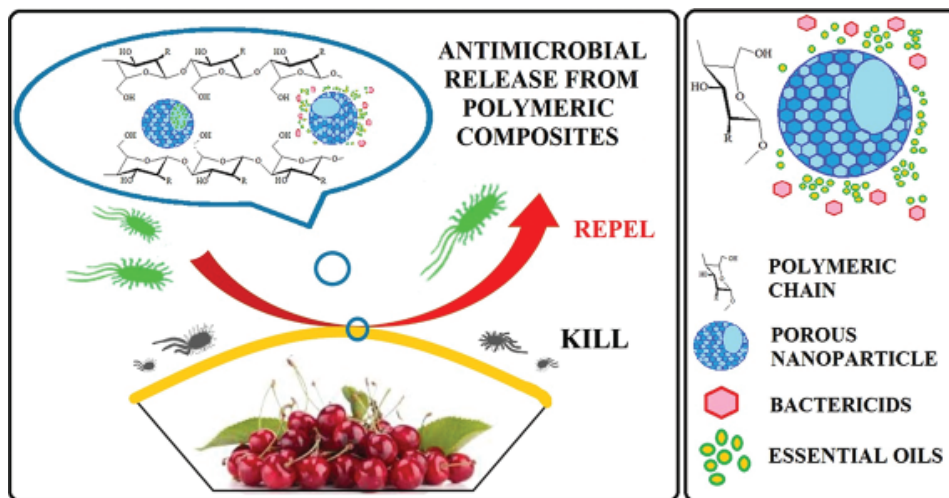
**Figure 3:** Several methods of microbial poisonousness produced by nanostructured materials. Reprinted with permission from reference [16]

Sereno et al. [17] have in their work provided detailed information about the different strategies based on nanoscience to engineer the different antimicrobial surfaces to address device-associated infections (DAIs). Fig. 4 depicts the different requirements that are must for an efficient antimicrobial surface, including specific characteristics and functionalities that may vary depending upon the required function and position of the intended surface. Here, current progress and significance of each of these circumstances are pointed out.



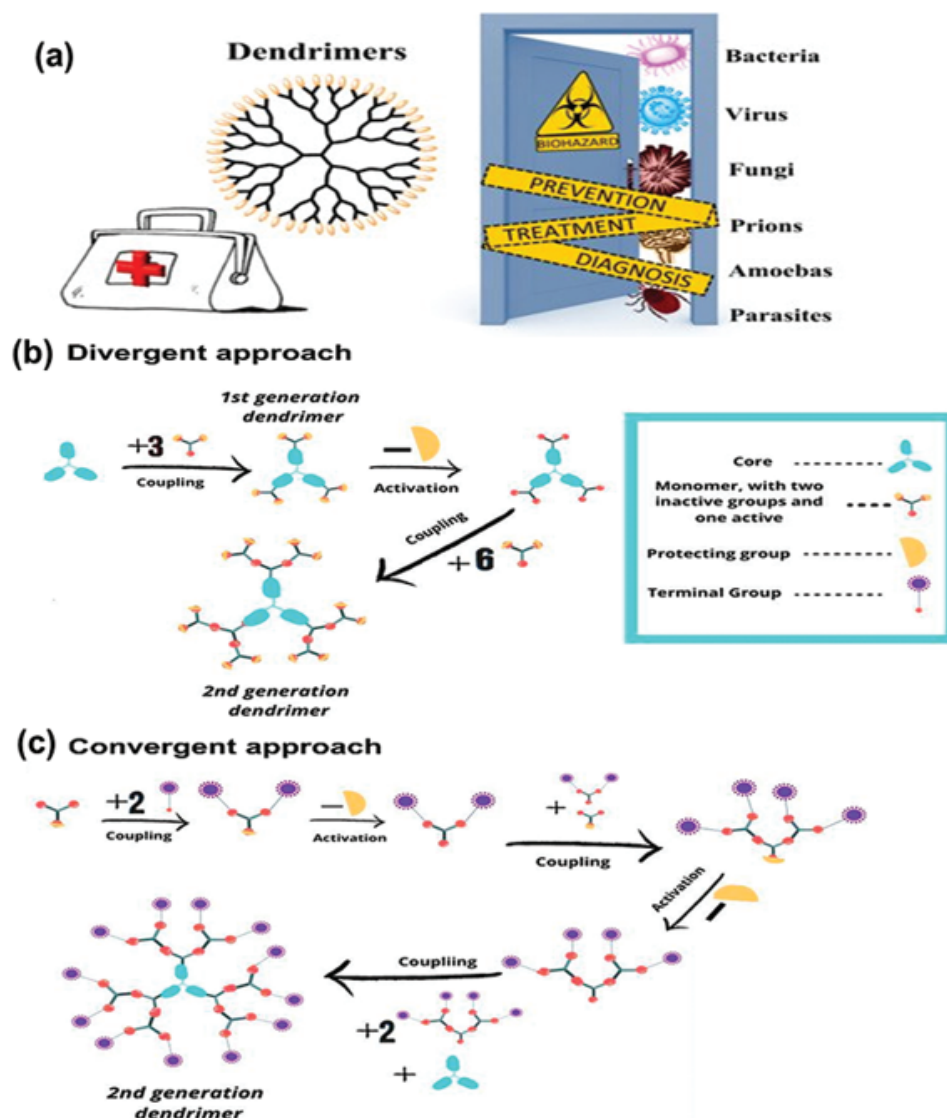
**Figure 4:** Necessities of antimicrobial and antibacterial surfaces towards stopping DAIs. Reprinted with permission from reference [17]

In another work, Ludmila et al. [18] have provided a perspective on the antimicrobial packaging materials domain with particular emphasis on the antifungal, antibacterial, and antioxidant activities that can be induced by the main polymer for packaging application by the addition of an appropriate material such as natural agents (bacteriocins, essential oils, natural extracts, organic and inorganic (Ag, ZnO, TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles). Fig. 5 demonstrates the diagram for biodegradable antimicrobial food packing.



**Figure 5:** Schematic for biodegradable antimicrobial food wrapping. Reprinted with permission from reference [18]

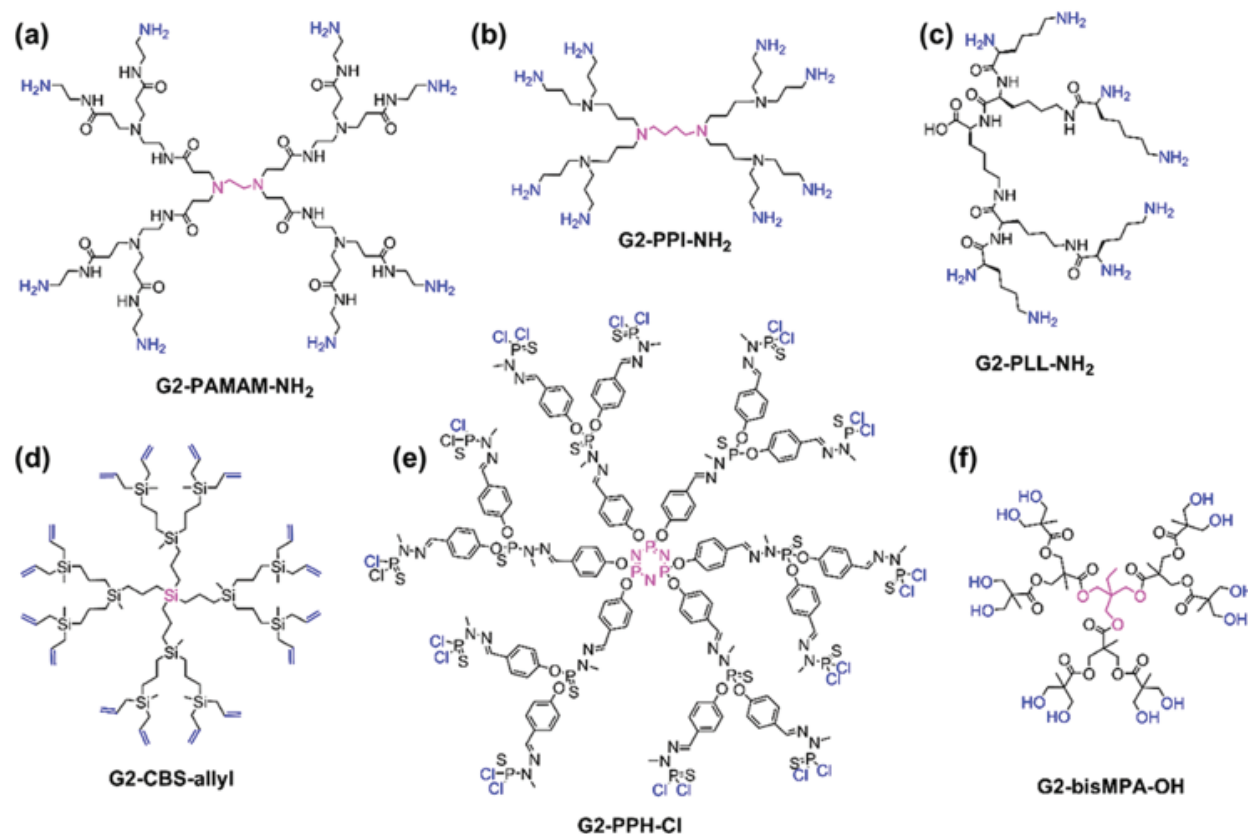
Miguel et al. [19] have summarized the work carried out on dendrimers and dendritic materials (Fig. 6a). Dendrimers consist of three principal regions: (1) The essence, positioned in the middle of the dendrimer, that may include one or more than one atom; (2) The branching assemblies, those are covalently connected to the centre, whose reiteration guides to a range of dialectically-concentric films. The quantity of these films is recognized as the dendritic “formation”; and (3) The terminal assemblies, essentially positioned upon the exterior of the dendritic structure, and highly effective of the dendrimer characteristics. Two “conventional” synthesis paths are widespread (Figs. 6b and 6c).



**Figure 6:** (a) Dendrimer based constituents for transmittable viruses. Outline showing the traditional synthesis methods to dendrimers. (b) Different development method, inside-out approach from the core. (c) Convergent development method, outside-in approach from the terminal groups. Reprinted with permission from reference [19]

A comprehensive range of dendritic scaffolds has been defined by Miguel et al. [19], including a target driven perspective. Within the biomedical area, the dendritic groups those stand out are poly (amino amide)

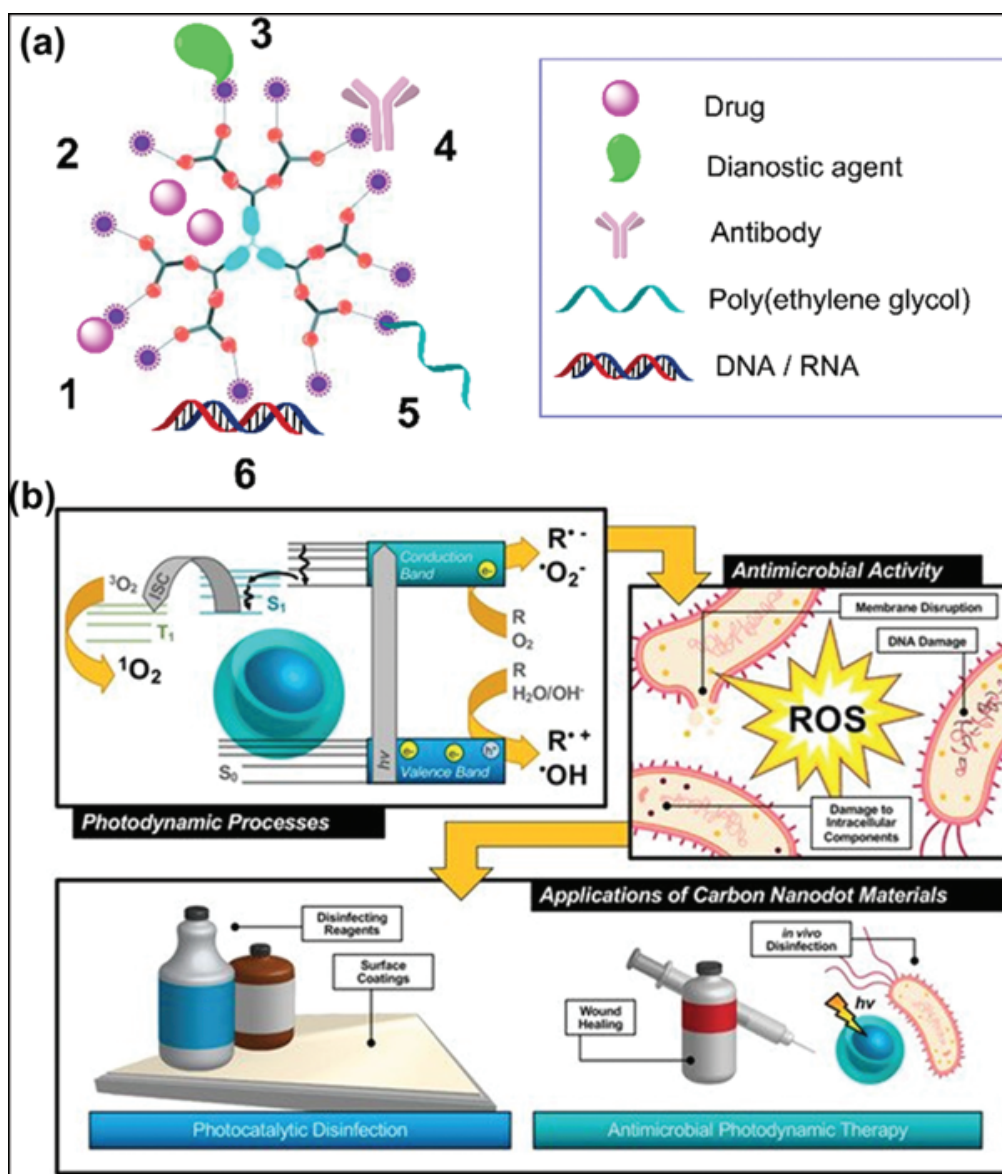
(PAMAM), poly (propylene imine) (PPI), poly (L-lysine) (PLL), carbosilane (CBS), poly (phosphor hydrazone) (PPH), and polyester dendrimers (Fig. 7). The biocompatibility, docility, and practical accessibility are after their occurrence in this area.



**Figure 7:** Outline of the most common dendritic groups in biomedical fields, representing the assembly of second-generation dendrimers. (a) PAMAM, (b) PPI, (c) PLL, (d) CBS, (e) PPH and (f) Bis-MPA polyester. The core is emphasised by pink and the terminal groups by blue colour. Reprinted with permission from reference [19]

Rachael et al. [20] in another interesting article have summarized the usage of carbon nanodots in photodynamic disinfection. In this work, different studies of carbon dots as intrinsic photosensitizers along with the structural tuning strategies for optimization have been reported. Fig. 8a Design of a second-generation dendrimer and its synergies among various agents, along with covalently bound drugs (1), incorporated drugs (2), covalently bound symptomatic factors (3), antibodies (4), poly (ethylene glycol) (5), and electrostatic synergy beside nucleic acids (6). Fig. 8b Graphic representation of antimicrobial photodynamic treatment and photocatalytic disinfection utilizing carbon nanodots.

In this review article, we have primarily focused upon the antimicrobial materials, which can inhibit or kill the transmission infection. Additionally, we have described materials that can also be used to inhibit the spreading the COVID-19. We have categorized them in three sections; (i) antimicrobial wall paint, (ii) antimicrobial papers and (iii) antimicrobial materials surface coating to utilize the antimicrobial-based materials for controlling the COVID-19. In the last, the concluding remarks with prospects in this area.



**Figure 8:** (a) Design of a second-generation dendrimer and its synergies among various agents, along with covalently bound drugs (1), incorporated drugs (2), covalently bound symptomatic factors (3), antibodies (4), poly (ethylene glycol) (5), and electrostatic synergy beside nucleic acids (6). (b) Graphic representation of antimicrobial photodynamic treatment and photocatalytic disinfection utilizing carbon nanodots. Reprinted with permission from reference [20]

## 2 Overview of the SARS-CoV1, SARS-CoV-2 Virus and the Recent COVID-19 Pandemic

The SARS-CoV-2 is an extensive, covered, positive-sense RNA infection, including a nucleocapsid, by a comparable composition to the SARS-CoV-1; and a width dimension scale about 80 to 140 nm [21]. The SARS-CoV-2 also identified as 2019-nCoV, which reasons COVID-19.

This zoonotic COVID-19 has grown a significant problem of developing respiratory infection and has quickly spread throughout the worldwide, transforming billions of humans, and triggering sudden variations within the healthcare practice, global economics, and communications within communities global. Executing



plans to decrease its expanse needs the support of the entire community, along with the evolution of unique forms of joint, profession, and health systems. Various proposals have been executed to restrain COVID-19, from attacks intended on developing individual sanitation methods to social strategies, for example, human hostility and isolations. Amongst the recommended public wellness, enterprises to discuss this epidemic are (1) effective lodge-at-home execution, (2) quick SARS-CoV-2 examination, and (3) effective health care rejoinder. Last but not least point recognizes defending the well-being care specialists with implementing devices to obstruct nosocomial diseases, from getting proper personal protective equipment (PPE) possible to securing sterilizing systems [22]. Appropriate sterilizing trials are crucial. A new investigation exhibited that SARS-CoV-2 could be identified at plastic and stainless-steel tops able to 72 h, while at copper (Cu), not feasible SARS-CoV-2 was sounded afterwards 4 h of dosing [23].

The neutralization of the virus on copper is not shocking, as this is understood that transition elements may contain neutral viral units [24–27]. Therefore, nanotechnology can implement an option toward sanitizing facades, through antimicrobial and antiviral nanomaterials. Hence, if a sick person interacts with the plastic or stainless-steel surfaces now, then the chances will be that the virus may be carried if the person touches the same surfaces within 2 to 3 days. If the cover is cardboard, the worry of the virus will be generally restricted up to 24 hours, and if it is Cu, this will remain up to 4 hours. Cu has an antibacterial characteristic, while stainless steel does not have that characteristic. Cardboard can act differently if it is moist, where microbes may remain for a more extended duration if it is dry.

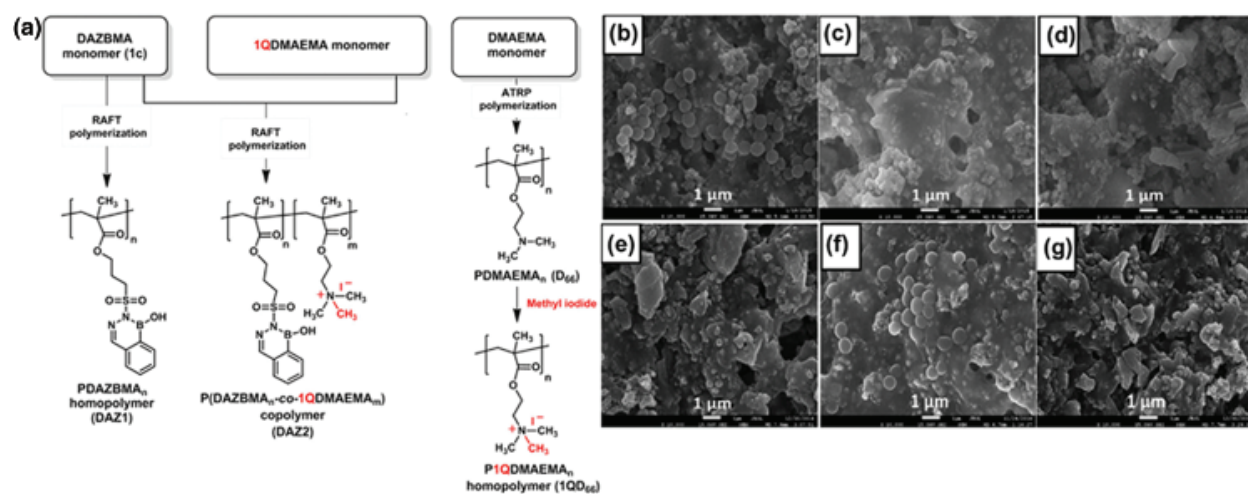
### **3 Antimicrobial Materials Against COVID 19**

Transmissible infection administration has grown an expanding hurdle in the recent era. Pathogenic microorganisms are of essential anxiety in clinics and other healthcare places, as they influence the proper functioning of pharmaceutical tools, operational tools, bone types of cement, *etc.* Resisting microbial diseases has become severe health anxiety and main challenging problem owing to AMR and has grown a vital study area in science and medication. Antibiotic resistance is an aspect where microorganisms get or innately hold resistance to antimicrobial factors. Innovative substances give an encouraging antimicrobial approach as this may eliminate or restrain microbial extension on their facade or in the neighboring atmosphere, including superior efficiency, low contaminant and decreased atmospheric issues [28,29]. The existing review article concentrates on the kind of antimicrobial materials, surface incorporation and design specifications and their method of fighting against COVID-19.

#### **3.1 Antimicrobial Wall Paint**

Most houses will choose for antimicrobial colors toward internal walls because they are repellent to decay, fungus and bacteria. Alternately, few additives may be incorporated into any paint for making it antimicrobial. Antimicrobial performance of Zinc oxide partly spread, including silver nanoparticles composed with Flame Spray Pyrolysis (FSP) being an additive to combine into waterborne colors including encouraging uses in fields as institutions, dispensaries or hospital surroundings and food manufacturing machinery and tools has been described [30,31]. Fabrication of antibacterial agents (biocides) within particular commodities may hinder the propagation of microorganisms at the facades of products while a potential microbial growth can occur. This expertise is essential towards the character of life, not just in advanced nations but also in emerging nations [32]. In various purposes, for example, leather, stainless steel, plastics, ceramics, covering substances uses these commodities and are of growing interest within sectors as healthcare, house and individual sanitation, foods, fresh packaging, automotive and textiles. The foremost aims of this technology are to manage toxic microorganisms. However, these methods have to ensure few features, such as significant antibacterial efficiency, atmosphere protection, lowering poisonous, economic and ease of incorporation [33,34]. Recently, Boccalon et al. [35] reported a facile synthesis of organic-inorganic hydrogels comprising Ag or important oil, including antimicrobial properties.

Kocak et al. [36] incorporated a novel diazaborine-comprising monomer and its polymers as a potential applicant to apply as an additive in industrial water-soluble colors. Antibacterial performance of the polymer was developed with copolymerizing this by methyl iodide quaternate DMAEMA. Sheet surfaces made by the copolymer-colorant composite exhibited antibacterial performance and interference versus nosocomial *S. aureus* MU 40 biofilm production. These unique composites can be utilized in wellness care organizations and different areas whether it is necessary to combat antibiotic-immune bacteria and their biofilms. Fig. 9a showed the synthesis process of PDMAEMA (2-dimethylamino ethyl methacrylate, D<sub>66</sub>) homopolymer. D<sub>66</sub> was quaternized among methyl iodide for getting P1QDMAEMA (1QD<sub>66</sub>, complete transformation) homopolymer. The impact of the producing colorant compounds comprising DAZBMA polymers upon *S. aureus* MU 40 biofilm growth was defined through SEM. Without a repressive impact upon the growth of each planktonic microorganisms or biofilm accumulation was identified within the industrial colorant which was employed to control (Figs. 9b and 9c) The colorant mix made through combining DAZ2 copolymer remarkably restrained *S. aureus* MU 40 planktonic bacterial development with biofilm generation shows in (Figs. 9d and 9e). Figs. 9f and 9g homopolymers are incorporated by an exopolysaccharide film which does not have antibiofilm characteristics. Biofilm growth is usually a QS-adapted phenotype [37]. This is a more than one-step method, which includes initial establishment, surface addition, maturation, and occasionally scattering. Biofilm development has usually been connected toward pathogenicity [38,39]. The product grows essential as 80% of microbial diseases are linked via biofilms, along with the protection of microorganisms upon antimicrobial factors [40]. As of all these ideas, the DAZ2 accomplished as a copolymer, which may be utilized as an additive in aqueous solution colorants that hold anti-fungal, anti-microbes, and QSI characteristics into the sterile air circumstances.



**Figure 9:** (a) Schematic display of the assembly of homopolymers and copolymer. SEM pictures of few polymers versus *S. aureus* MU 40: (b) paint including bacteria, (c) paint in absence of bacteria, (d) paint + DAZ2 including microorganisms, (e) paint + DAZ2 in absence of bacteria, (f) industrial paint + 1QD<sub>66</sub> including bacteria, (g) paint + 1QD<sub>66</sub> in absence bacteria. Reprinted with permission from reference [36]

Menetrez et al. [41] mark analyzed and estimated the effectiveness of antimicrobial colour commodities which limit the appearance of mould upon earlier infected and refined *gypsum wallboard* (GWB) was transferred. Colours were chosen and examined upon GWB infected by *S. chartarum* below controlled situations of high moisture. The objective of the investigation was to examine the antimicrobial effectiveness of all commodities for inhibiting or reducing the regrowth of *S. chartarum* on GWB below

huge RH circumstances. *S. chartarum* was adopted to the group of experiments because this is generally observed in structures including critical water contamination.

### 3.2 Antimicrobial Paper

Similar to all enterprises and corporations around the globe, the pulp and paper manufacturers never thought that COVID-19 might fit a social disaster, grasping all projects delay and prompt deaths of millions of humans. While works toward growing antibacterial paper for decreasing the clinic caused infections, were being manufactured with the paper manufacturers from the last decades, recently a new hurdle arose, and all locus is now on developing new paper products to assist in restricting the expanse of COVID-19.

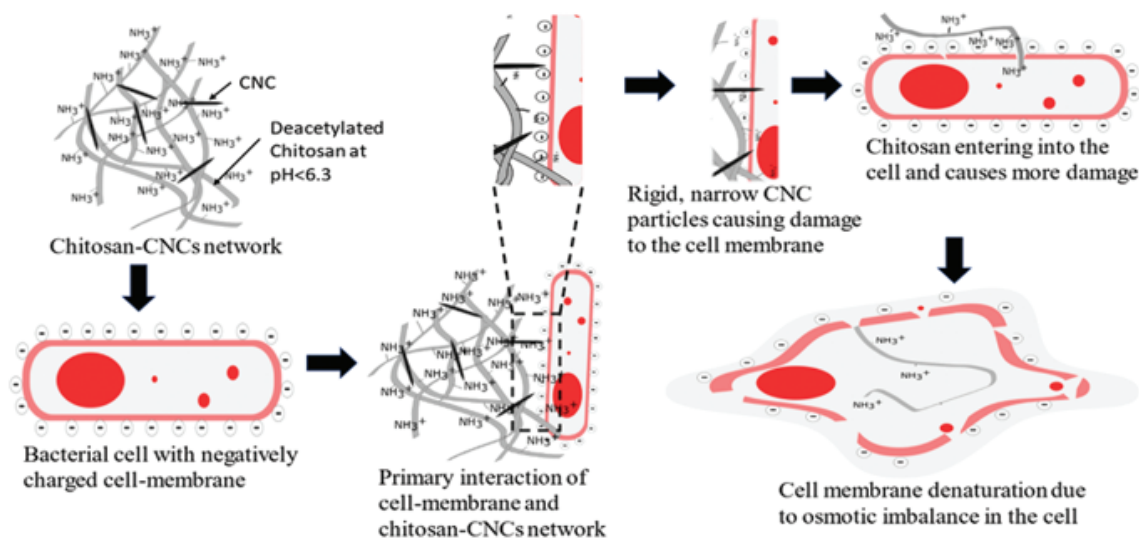
#### 3.2.1 Tissue Paper

Contagious infections are the main reason for mortality global, hitting higher than 17 million humans every year. While recent advancements as antibiotics and vaccines have overcome various infections, the worldwide COVID-19 outbreak reveals exactly how helpless we are. At NC State's College of Natural Resources, scientists have produced a novel device, which would sometime assist stop, the expanse of COVID-19 and different transmissible viruses: antimicrobial tissue paper. Here this tissue paper can be one of the most innovative goods toward the sanitation manufacturers. This can block communicable infections and give a sustainable and economical individual hygiene product to those who usually cannot have way.

Pal and his coworkers explored a sustainable and cost-effective option over the petroleum-based synthetics observed in several antimicrobial outcomes. Further, they applied a composite covering of chitosan-a sugar that is taken by the exterior design of shellfish-and cellulose nanocrystals-novel nanomaterials obtained from cellulose, a material discovered within the walls of plant cells-to films of re-used tissue paper. Pal stated the film eventually works as an antimicrobial and strength tool. Antimicrobials are actual or plastic materials applied to eliminate or decrease the development of microorganisms-bacteria, infections, fungi and parasites. Now, these elements may be observed within antibiotics, pesticides and sanitation products similar to detergents and hand creams.

The reason, which chitosan (Ch) and nanocellulose crystals (CNCs) composited systems of an exact ratio will give combine antimicrobial impacts while applied within tissue paper. Further, particularly, this was hypothesized that when a bacterium faces hard, tight, solid, rod-like CNC bits, this will experience notable cell membrane destruction. It harms toward the cell-membrane could cause microbial cells sensitive to protonated-Ch (Fig. 10) [42].

The scientists have put their views on antimicrobial tissue as the correct solution upon growing of COVID-19. This depends upon a hydrophobic spray a layer of Ch and CNCs complex. The investigations have been executed on a small range, where the nanocellulose and Ch composite made hand films, that was applied onto paper by spray coating, and the antimicrobial characteristic was examined versus the bacteria *Escherichia coli*. The Ch nanocellulose catalyst-based tissue paper exhibited restraint around 98% on the bacteria. At plasma processing, the antimicrobial characteristic of the tissue paper is also improved [43,44]. Verónica et al. [45] analyzed two distinct methods to combine bacterial cellulose-Ch (BC) including Ch to get a unique nanocomposite based upon BC paper and examine the physical as well as its antioxidant, antimicrobial, and antibiofilm characteristics. This research is expressed within the analysis field of bioactive papers including possible uses inside the form of biomedical tools and into the packaging of food and valuable products.



**Figure 10:** Schematic description of purpose and plan of practicing nanocellulose and Ch commonly toward tissue coverings to antimicrobial and superabsorbent tissue papers. Reprinted with permission from reference [42]

### 3.2.2 Facial Tissues

By the growing concern within ecologically degradable outcomes, there has also been increasing awareness to more vigorous sanitation and disease interception devices. Conventional hygiene, hand wash, etc. that may reduce the expanse of microorganisms and recognized as virus inhibition models. During 2012, there has been an estimating of 8, 71,000-linked mortality global owing to bad and unclean hygiene. As per the Michigan Disease Surveillance System, there were about 6098 presented crisis records/month toward airborne infection during 2017 [46]. Owing to the ecological and geological situation inside Bangladesh, there is an increment into the transmissible morbidity rate, and it has grown a difficulty to manage infection creating microbial performance with giving usual cleanliness and sanitation [47]. Now, for eliminating bacterial infections and diseases, humans are quite conscious of much cleanliness, and antibacterial facial tissue paper stocks are presently fashionable.

Chitosan (Ch) is one of the most exciting biopolymers received by natural reservoirs that has been investigated to their antibacterial characteristics. Ch is obtained through deacetylation of chitin that is the other most adequate biopolymer within nature next to cellulose [48–51]. Chitin is found in the exoskeleton of arthropods, for example, bugs, kinds of seafood, shrimps, shellfish and particular fungal cell surfaces. Ch is the just pseudo-natural cationic polymer that has several possible biomedical and different utilization. Ch has been employed strongly toward injury bandage and bone muscle design. This also exhibits excellent activity during drug control including analgesia [48–51]. Within several areas, chitosan implemented in the food manufacturing and pharmaceuticals owing to the advantageous characteristics as antimicrobial performance, outstanding biocompatibility and low poisonousness. The appearance of existing combinations (amides, hydroxyl) within Ch particles supported its distinct practices being an antibacterial representative [52]. As of the appearance of responsive amino and hydroxyl operative clusters within Ch, this is commonly combined including different polymers toward cross-linking for improving its functional characteristics [53].

An anti-viral facial cloth has been frequently used including a suspension to neutralized cough and flu germs during a cold, sneeze, or nasal flow for blocking develop the infection upon others. The antibacterial tissue papers are designed differently, including few organic composites depend on antibacterial agent, and this is examined to be useful during its antibacterial performance into the industry. Though, while it works outward, and humans apply this, several circumstances include its capability of antibacterial characteristics. The most crucial thing to identify is that while the tissue paper is applied, its discarding has to be appropriately managed or otherwise if an infected body has utilized this and thrown off, it can have an unfavorable impact.

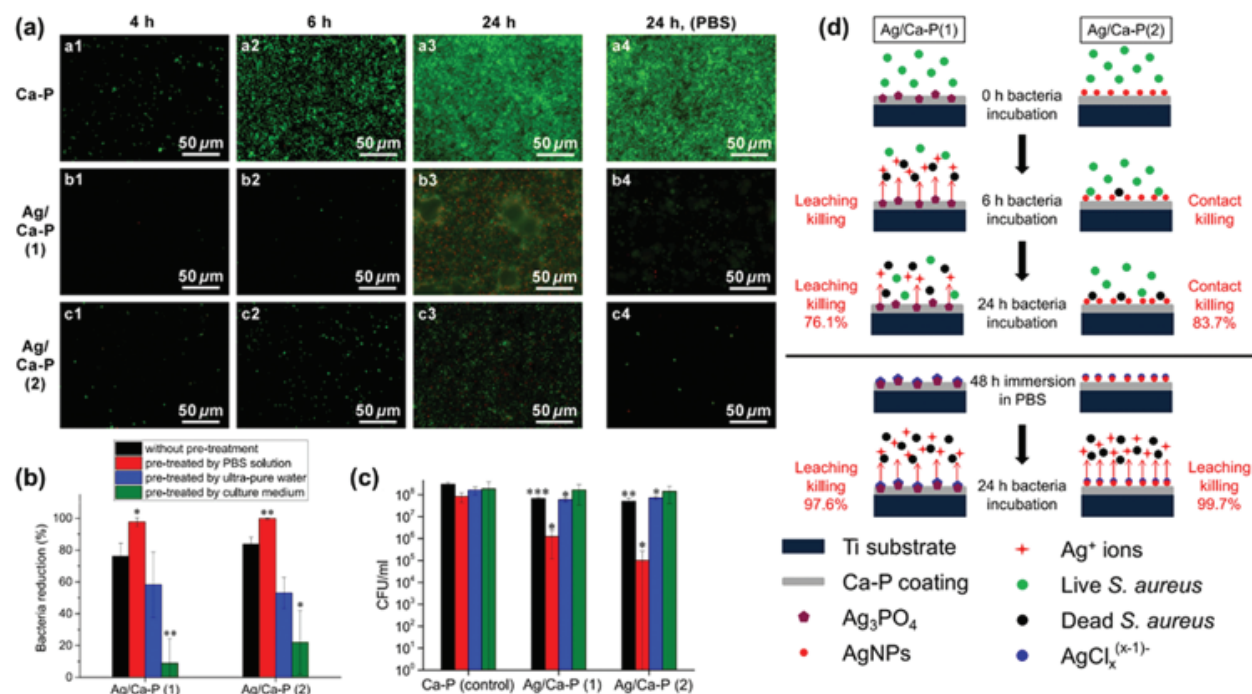
### 3.3 Antimicrobial Materials Surface Coating

Nanomaterials-based films are currently applied toward different purposes, and several outcomes are possible, especially by metallic particles, for example, silver, bismuth, Cu, or Ti [54–56]. Furthermore, nanostructured surfaces may decrease the affection of pathogens and disorder the composition of the pathogens owing to the nanoscale topography system. Nanomaterials may be fixed into colors or coats toward pharmaceutical devices, photocatalysts, walls, and different extremely-touched exteriors, for example, door handles, railings, filters etc. to decrease the appearance and feasibility of diseases and additional pathogens [54–59].

Copper, including its compounds (brasses, bronzes, Cu-Ni-Zn etc.) is a natural antimicrobial material. Earliest civilization have employed the antimicrobial characteristics of Cu abundant before the idea of microbes grew followed during the nineteenth era. The antimicrobial characteristics of Cu are yet below ongoing research. Molecular tools practical toward the antibacterial performance of Cu have been a matter of intense investigation. Researchers are additionally actively showing the essential ability of Cu alloy “touching panels” to kill a broad array of microorganisms which scare human’s wellness [60,61]. Sambhy et al. [62] manifest a facile approach of incorporating beneficial dual-action antibacterial compounds comprising of a cationic polymer pattern and fixed silver bromide (AgBr) nanoparticles. The integrated composites have the strong antibacterial performance to mutually gram-positive and negative microbes. The substances produce suitable layers at facades and eliminate together air- and waterborne microbes. Coverings painted by these catalysts combat biofilm development.

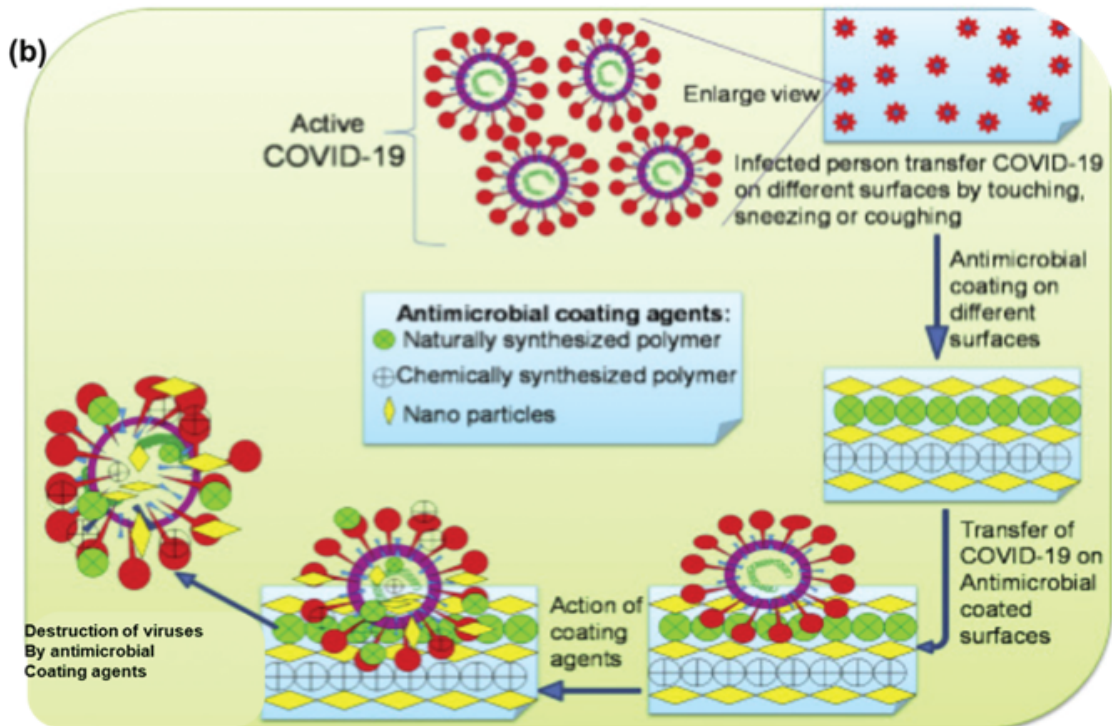
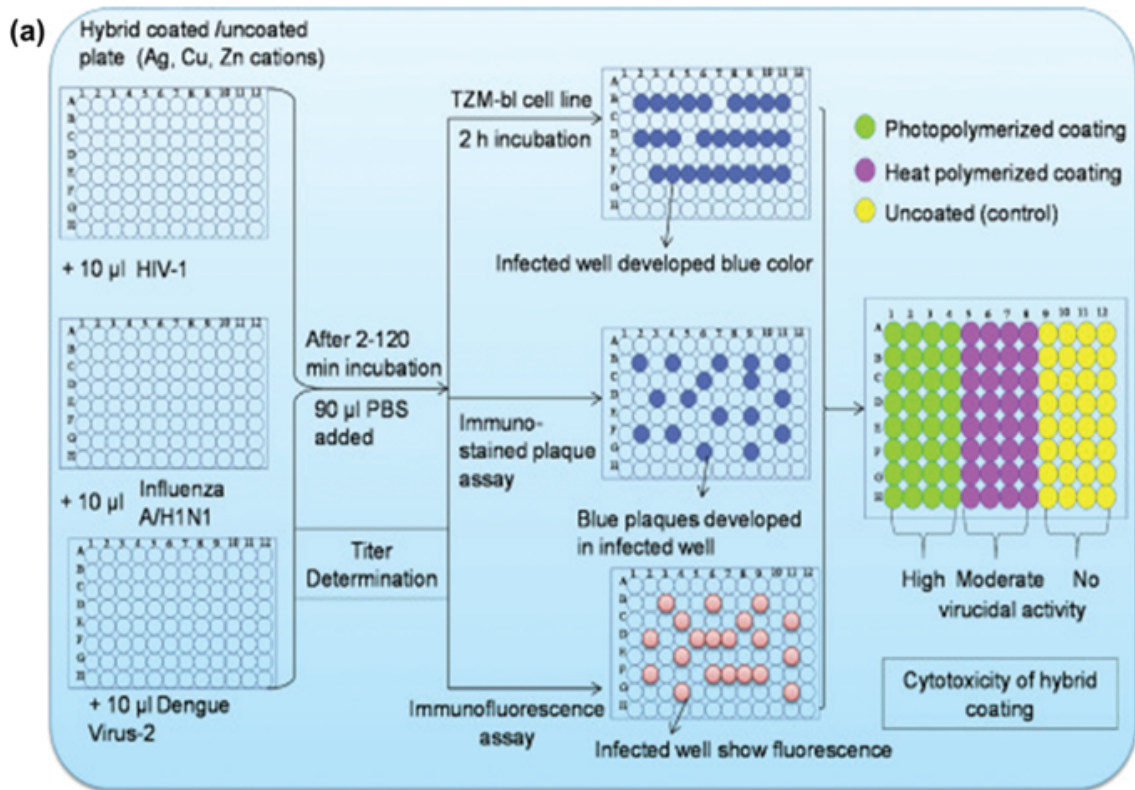
Recently silver has grown broadly accepted antimicrobial tools that are being utilized into different patterns to design base applicability. The basic design upon the material surface usually painted of produced into different configurations (metallic Ag bits, Ag salts, composites, and chelates) in the pattern form (i.e. polymer) or used in a polymer layer as storage to measure Ag ion discharge. Polemically, a lengthy discussion continues beyond the potential inactivation of Ag arbitrated antibacterial performance within physiological liquids and across the lower biocompatibility contents of Ag. It defined through the low inception concentration toward cytotoxic impacts, particularly during within the appearance of nanoparticles [63–65].

Mokabber et al. [66] have synthesized Ag-containing calcium phosphate varnishes which show high antimicrobial efficiency. Fig. 11a exhibits the bacteria cultured toward different time interval upon the layers pretreated by PBS. At the calcium phosphate (Ca-P) coating, an actual number of live bacteria adhere and make a thick biofilm. In contradiction, at the single-step Ag-containing Ca-P (Ag/Ca-P (1)) and two-step: Ag/Ca-P(2) covers, just a little amount of alive bacteria are recognized. Fig. 11b Percentage of bacteria loss versus *S. aureus* and Fig. 11c number of CFUs after 24 h incubation upon the Ca-P and Ag/Ca-P sheets with and without the pretreatment in several solutions. Fig. 11d shows a schematic diagram of the recommended antimicrobial device of the Ag/Ca-P films.



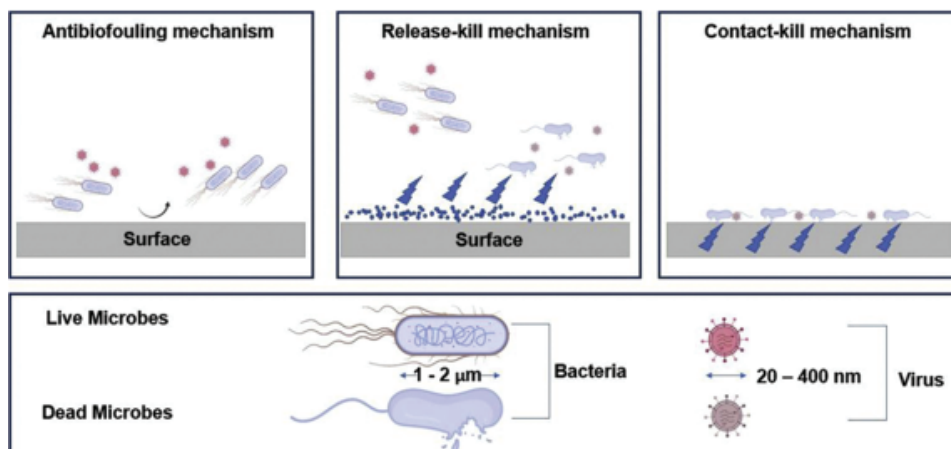
**Figure 11:** (a) Fluorescence microscopy pictures of *S. aureus* on (a1-a4) Ca-P film as control, (b1-b4) Ag/Ca-P(1) layer, and (c1-c4) Ag/Ca-P(2) film after incubation for (a1-c1) 4 h, (a2-c2) 6 h and (a3-c3) 24 h, and (a4-c4) next 24 h incubation on the films pretreated by PBS suspension. Green and red show live and dead bacteria, sequentially. (b) Percentage of bacteria loss versus *S. aureus* and (c) quantity of CFUs after 24 h incubation on the Ca-P and Ag/Ca-P layers with and without the pretreatment within various solutions. (d) Schematic representation of the killing device of Ag/Ca-P films. Reprinted with permission from reference [66]

Antimicrobial layers are chemical materials that are one of the chemically integrated nanoparticles/polymer/natural bioactive polymers, which may eliminate or control the germination of pathogenic microbes, parasites, and infections. These factors inhibit the addition of bacteria at the surface with passing the microbial film and preventing by the metabolic way occurring into variations within membrane composition and purpose. The hybrid antimicrobial film by Ag, Cu, and Zn cations have significant viricidal impacts upon hidden infections, for example, HIV-1, human herpesvirus 1, and dengue kind 2 diseases. This makes them exceptional viricidal to be implemented into joint facades (Fig. 12a). Schematic illustrations of performance of antimicrobial substance upon COVID-19 for blocking its transmission are shown under Fig. 12b.



**Figure 12:** (a) A tool to manage the disease of wrapped infections by the composite covering. (b) A hypothesized mechanism to stop COVID-19 by the antimicrobial film. Reprinted with permission from reference [67]

Li et al. [68] synthesized a versatile antimicrobial film by biocompatible polymer incorporated  $\text{ClO}_2$  including anti-sticking, touch-inhibition, and liberation-killing. More interest in the fast extension of vital concern potential to control SARS-CoV-2 is the potentially enhanced rate of the nosocomial virus in the clinic atmosphere. Numerous investigations described disappointed to classify recording on crucial and noncrucial care environments, a high ratio of recorded viral coinfections in COVID-19 findings rise to be healthcare-connected, with necessary line-linked bloodstream viruses, and ventilator-connected pneumonia [69–71]. Among recognized stress as put-upon healthcare arrangements recently throughout the attack of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, instruction need concentrate at the keeping of reasonable virus restraint, antimicrobial stewardship, and intense monitoring toward healthcare-related viruses and AMR. Securing way toward centre antimicrobials necessity also be the main aim [72]. Goel et al. [73] described the antimicrobial surfaces that were based on three major mechanisms (Fig. 13). These include (i) the anti-biofouling mechanism that resists microbes and stops them by adhering to the façade (ii) liberation stopping mechanism where bacteria are destroyed in the close to the surface atmosphere by a release of antimicrobial operators and (iii) the surface-killing mechanism where bacteria adhere and are prohibited upon the exterior.



**Figure 13:** Mechanisms over the antimicrobial exteriors. Reprinted with permission from reference [73]

The SARS-CoV-2 pandemic is recently controlling all perspective of health concern over the world, placing another longer-period public fitness problem with the constant growth of AMR into the screen. However, there will be a moment next COVID-19, and we should not drop view of issues which will continue and can be increased through this pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic places enormous stress upon all healthcare specialists, not limited to transmissible infection and disease administration professionals. We support that antibiotic stewardship systems will remain to be implemented and supported also in these difficult circumstances [74].

#### 4 Conclusion and Future Prospects

In conclusion, the epidemic of SARS-CoV-2 during December 2019, substantial countrywide and globally arbitrations had started to concentrate upon decreasing the possible prospect consequence of AMR on community. Antimicrobial layers would be an efficient model to manage the importation of COVID-19 on a society level. To alleviate the possible low and long-period consequence of COVID-19 upon antimicrobial usage and AMR, healthiness and social care policies need the commitment to guarantee that information and data are entirely associated with shaping understanding and informing action quickly.



The results of this pandemic have the possibility to increase enormously in the post-COVID-19 period. By enhanced communal sensitization to arising warnings by transmissible viruses and the notion of communication and possession of infection, this can consequently inspire more inclusive promise among the issue of AMR. However, this pandemic can have a more significant influence upon the community by the unintended spread of AMR. At the same time as assuredly the concentrate of healthcare need be at managing the propagation of SARS-CoV-2 and decreasing the instant influence upon unique inmates, we need not drop view of the longer-period warning of AMR if the contemporary compositions and stewardship plans are entirely interrupted through this unusual moment.

By rising demand at healthcare foundation throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, a broad indication depends upon which to improve antimicrobial guiding and stewardship policies is needed to sustain proper medication results and restriction of the unintended outcomes of antimicrobial practice at the self and broader community. These must be approved through adequately powered, proposed clinical investigations concentrating at the prescript and stewardship of antimicrobial treatment where feasible.

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