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### Abstract

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The strategic exploration of optimizing nanochitosan for fisheries and aquaculture signifies a comprehensive effort to elevate its effectiveness in tackling the daunting productivity challenges confronting the fisheries sector. Translating laboratory-scale synthesis to large-scale production is a common

hurdle. Maintaining the same properties and performance of nanochitosan at a larger scale requires careful consideration of the production process and conditions. Achieving consistent and reproducible synthesis methods for nanochitosan is also challenging. Variations in raw materials, reaction conditions, and equipment can lead to differences in the properties of the nanochitosan produced. This chapter presents promising optimization strategies that leverage on precise control over synthesis methods, utilizing sophisticated techniques such as acid hydrolysis, ionic gelation, nanoprecipitation, and various advanced approaches. Within these intricate processes, nanochitosan is carefully tailored to manifest specific properties that prove advantageous for diverse applications within aquaculture. Parameters like particle size, stability, and surface modifications are rigorously scrutinized during the optimization process, ensuring that nanochitosan assumes multifaceted functionalities. These functionalities encompass but are not limited to drug delivery mechanisms, prevention of diseases, enhancement of fish feed mixtures, and purification of water resources. The optimization process represents a nuanced understanding of the intricate interrelationship between the properties of nanochitosan and the stringent requirements of aquaculture practices. This depth of comprehension is indispensable for formulating solutions that are not only efficient but also sustainable, thus contributing significantly to the advancement of fisheries and aquaculture practices on a global scale.

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