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## A new method for the synthesis of PbO nano-rods and its application in ionizing radiation shielding

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### Abstract

We successfully synthesized PbO nanorods by a simple and low-cost approach using  $\text{Pb}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , NaOH as the starting materials without any surfactants in water media at room temperature. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM), energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS), x-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), ultraviolet–visible spectroscopy (UV–Vis), and photoluminescence spectrophotometer (PL) were used to characterize the samples. The prepared nanorods had the average diameter of about 40 nm, the average length of about 6  $\mu\text{m}$  and the average crystallite size of about 57 nm. PbO nanorods showed good gamma and beta attenuation; so, they could be considered as a potential candidate for radiation shielding.

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