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Antibiofilm Activity of Eucalyptus Camaldulensis for Combating Bacterial Infections

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Abstract

Background: Traditional treatment of infectious diseases is based on compounds that kill or inhibit bacterial growth. Eucalyptus (river red gum) is considered an important medicinal plant worldwide. It is used for medicinal purposes, especially as a cough remedy, and has a significant role against most of the microbial pathogens that impose serious diseases. The main aim and objective of this study were to identify the antibiofilm activity of Eucalyptus camaldulensis against biofilm-forming bacterial pathogens affecting humans. Methodology; Samples were collected from Haripur. All samples (leaves of plants) were collected from different regions of Haripur. Agar well diffusion method was used for the initial antibacterial activity of plant from leaf extract sample (100g/ml). Muller Hinton agar was used for antibacterial activity of bacterial pathogens by using the temperature of 37°C for 1 to 2 days of incubation. Then antibiofilm activity was tested on 96 well plates. Cultured samples were stained using crystal violet stain. For confirmation of strains, Congo red method was performed. Blackish and red colonies with dry crystalline consistency indicated biofilm producers. Results: Plant extracts were rich in over 250 detected chemicals via GC-MS analyzer. The antimicrobial activity of some of the compounds was known e.g. eucalyptol(37%) and 10S,11S-HIMACHALA-3(12),4-DIEN(56%) which may be used against the antibiofilm activity of bacteria, while other compounds needs further research for which no record were found in literature

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review for antibacterial activity. Acetonic leaf extracts of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* may be used in suitable formulation against bacterial diseases. Conclusion: These findings underscore the promising applications of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* extracts in both antimicrobial and antibiofilm interventions. And can be effected against different diseases such as cough remedy, and disease caused by *Escherichia coli* and *staphylococcus aureus*. Further exploration of their specific mechanisms of action and potential therapeutic applications of different metabolites and chemical compounds are warranted to harness the benefits offered by these natural extracts.

Keywords: Biofilm forming microorganism, Extracts, Antimicrobial and anti-biofilm activity

Introduction

The disaster of antimicrobial resistance increases day by day due to misuse of these agents that is why bacterial strains become more resistant (Adonizio et al., 2008). *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* which is resistant against many diseases while *Staphylococcus aureus* which is resistant against methicillin similarly enterococci is resistant against vancomycin antibiotic (Nelson, 1997). Due to the emergence of multidrug-resistance, the efficacy of antibiotics against pathogenic bacteria is now reducing (Aslam et al., 2018). The development of biofilm is one of the most important pathway which is used in bacteria and emerging for developing such resistance (Tajkarimi et al., 2010) (El-Taweel, 2015) (Schmidt-Silva et al., 2011). Natural compounds has significant effect against multi-drug resistant microorganisms (Jadhav et al., 2013). These new-found antimicrobial agents could be unseen in medicinal plant extracts and essential oils. One of the significant medicinal plants is *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (Dung et al., 2008). *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* common name is river red gum tree which belongs to Myrtaceous family and genus is *Eucalyptus* it is a common tree found in many countries and also called River Red Gum (Elaissi et al., 2012).

Eucalyptus camaldulensis a well-known medicinal plant. It is also considered one of the most widely planted trees in the world. Extracts are affecting against microorganism (El-Taweel, 2015). It is already identified that essential oils have antimicrobial activity due to presence of some bioactive compound, some specific compounds, mainly terpenoids and phenylpropenes with the most energetic being phenols like carvacrol, thymol and eugenol (Ventola, 2015).

Large quantity of bioactive compounds are obtained from plant Zhao et al., (2005). The important eucalyptus bioactive compounds are terpenoids and thymol). The vital component of plant is alpha pinene and apellandrene

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(Robbins et al., 2017). Their percentage varies in different species of plants. aphellandrene (20.8%), 1,8-cineole(9.48%) c-terpinene are most commonly used. Their percentage varies in different species of plants. Many studies have been conducted to evaluate the repressive activity of essential oils of plants against microorganisms. There are few reports showing the action of the essential oil against Gram positive bacteria Ellwanger et al., (2015); Negreiros et al.,(2016).Dried leaves extract of Eucalyptus citriodora are traditionally used as anti-inflammatory remedies used as analgesic, respiratory infection, flu, cold and sinus congestion. (Gilling et al., 2014).

Eucalyptus camaldulensis are also known to contain bioactive products that showed antibacterial, antifungal, analgesic and anti-inflammatory effect, antioxidative and antiradical activities (Mabona et al., 2013)..The bacterium Pseudomonas aeruginosa causes very severe infection in immune-compromised patients (Sebei et al., 2015) and is responsible for about 57% of all nosocomial infections. Phytosterols from oil are sitosterol, stigmasterol and campesterol and they most commonly consumed. Their percentage varies in different portion in each specie kernel(Nasir et al., 2015).The presence of eucalyptol which is naturally occurring compound along with other medicines helps to improve the functioning of thyroid gland and immune system. (Nosratabadi et al., 2015) 1-8 cineole in essential oil has ability to control blood pressure by regulating blood cholesterol level (Reda et al., 2017).Biofilms are the large community of microorganisms. It is an extracellular membrane which is made up of proteins, lipids and extracellular DNA(Palomino et al., 2002). Pseudomonas aeruginosa is source of serious life threatening diseases may lead to AIDS, cancer, hospital required pneumonia and urinary tract infection in developing countries where there is limitation of disease control methods and ability of biofilm formation of Pseudomonas aeruginosa make it more susceptible (Thuille et al., 2003).

Previous reports tells us that 10 to 20 % of hospital infections occurs due to Pseudomonas aeruginosa strain PAO1 (Aqil et al., 2014).There are certain compound which inhibit QS system of Pseudomonas aeruginosa can help to restrict it biofilm formation (Aqil et al., 2014). So the best system for inhibition of biofilm is quorum sensing. Numerous plants have been testified having antibacterial activity against various bacterial pathogens that causing disease in humans and animals. (Wang et al., 2021)

Plants also have phenolic compounds which bind with receptors to recognize the invading microorganisms and act as a medicine (Olawore and Ololade, 2017). Today natural compounds of plants have well developed to stop the attack of pathogen by inhibiting invasion of microorganism into the tissue of plants and triggering the wide range of defensive reactions against different types of pathogens(Selim, 2011). It is accepted that the extract of plant have anti-bacterial and antifungal properties (Jemâa et al., 2012).One of the most effective ways is biofilm inhibition and quorum sensing method (Nelson, 1997)

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Materials And Methods

The present study involves checking the antibiofilm activity of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* plant leaf extract against pathogenic bacteria. Leaf extract prepared in ethanol, methanol, and acetone was used against biofilm-forming bacteria. Much of this study was carried out in the Microbiology Laboratory, The University of Haripur.

Study Pathogens

Six strains of bacteria *Salmonella typhi*, *Bacillus subtilus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Staph. aureus* and *Escherichia coli* Pathogens were collected from NESCOM Hospital Islamabad and transported to laboratory of microbiology university of Haripur.

Sample Collection

Sterilized polythene bags were used for sample collection. Samples were collected all over the fields Of Haripur district Pakistan. Collection of healthy leaves of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* is started in summer season from university of Haripur. Plant were identified by taxonomist. Healthy leaves of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* were collected and unhealthy leaves were detached rest were dried at room temperature. The collected samples were properly labelled and brought to Microbiology laboratory. The samples were stored at room temperature until process Samples were prepared from Haripur. Samples were washed under running tap water prior to surface sterilization. The surface sterilization was done by using 0.5% of sodium hypochlorite solution for 1-2 minutes and then washed in autoclaved distilled water. The sterilized samples were grind by using grinder. Samples were prepared for inoculation. Drying of samples at room temperature .The dried leaves were then ground to a fine powder using a grinder. The leaf powders 115g were weighed and stored in closed glass containers in the dark at room temperature.

Extraction

Acetone, methanol and ethanol solvents were used in extraction process. Powered leaf extract were dissolve in three solvents. Two gram of leaf sample were dissolved in 20ml of each solvent. Sonicator was used for 20 minutes, vigorously shaken the mixture and then discharged in centrifuge tube. Centrifuged these tubes for 10 min at 4000g. Next the supernatant was collect together and filtered through filter paper. For further drying rotatory apparatus were used. After drying leaf extract were weighted and concentration of 100mg/ml in acetone, methanol and ethanol were set for further assays.

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Figure 01: Plant Collection and Extraction Preparation

Well Diffusion Method

Antimicrobial activity was performed on muller Hinton agar. Then wells were made with a cork borer. Then inoculate bacterial strains such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Staphylococcus aureus* on the surface of agar. Incubate these plates for 24 hours. Then the antimicrobial activity of the microbes is noticed by the appearance of a zone of inhibition around the agar plug. ANOVA test was applied for antibacterial activities by means of SPSS software (Griffin et al., 2000).

Minimum Inhibitory Concentration

MIC was done by the micro-dilution method. Tests were performed in 96 well flat-bottom plates. Each cell containing 100 μ l of two-fold dilution of plant extracts. Concentration was inoculated in wells. Two controls were included without plant extract, one with broth and other with 100 μ l broth and bacteria. Plates were incubated at 37 °C for 24 hours. After incubation, reading of tested plates was taken at 560 nm. Next, percentage was calculated. The lowest concentration that inhibited bacterial growth, i.e., no visible growth as compared to test control, was considered as the MIC value of the tested plant extracts. For minimum bacterial concentration (MBC) for plant extracts, 20 μ l from each concentration that showed no visible growth were inoculated on sterile nutrient agar media in plates. The cultured plates were incubated at 37 °C for 24 hours. After sub-culturing, the lowest concentration which showed no visible growth on nutrient agar was considered as the MBC value. (Eloff, 1998).

Congo red agar (CRA) Method

0.8 g of Congo red dye was dissolved in 36 g of sucrose and 37 g/L brain heart infusion agar. Mixed completely by dissolving the ingredients in distilled water. Media was autoclaved at 121 °C. After autoclaving, media was cooled for some time in a laminar flow hood at room temperature. Media was poured into petri plates and left them for some time for the solidification of media. Bacteria were inoculated on media. Incubate plates for 24 hours at 37 °C. Black and red color growth indicate all strains are biofilm-producing bacteria.

Biofilm Inhibition Assay

Fresh culture of bacteria was prepared in Muller Hinton broth. Incubate test tubes for 24 hours at 37 °C. Poured 10 μ l bacterial suspension with OD value 0.1 in

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which has OD value 0.1 in 96 well plate. Incubated well plate for 24hr at 37°C Next 50ul extract was added in each well. Again well plate was incubated for 24hr at 37°C. Applied 25ul crystal violet solution in each well and left for 15 minutes at room temperature. Removed crystal violet and washed well plate thrice with distilled water. Next 95% ethanol solution were added in each well. Absorbance was measured by spectrophotometer at 590nm. (Djordjevic et al., 2002).

Cytotoxicity

This test tells us about the safety of drug on target cells. Similarly, cytotoxicity of medicinal plant give gives the information about its safety. 600microliter blood was added with 400 microliter phosphate buffer saline solution. Source of blood was human. Centrifuged at 4000rpm speed for 10 minutes. Supernatant was removed and 400microliter phosphate buffer saline were added. Washing of blood was done with 400microliter phosphate buffer saline until the supernatant become colorless. Standard tube contained RBC, PBS and 1% Triton X-100. Control tube contained red blood cells and phosphate buffer saline only. Experimental tube contained 50microliter of plant extract containing both red blood cells and phosphate buffer saline. Incubated three tubes for 1 hour at 37 °C. Centrifuged these tubes at 4000rpm for 10 minutes. Then supernatant collected from pipette and pour in micro titer plate. Absorbance was measured at 540nm. (Dzoyem et al., 2016) .

GCMS Analysis

Crude leaf extract was used as a sample. Initial temperature was 50°C. Final temperature was 230°C. Peaks of various compounds eluted from the column of GC were recorded along with their retention time. Helium gas(1ml/m) worked as carrier. Initial temperature was 50°C but after 20 minutes run was directed then temperature reached at 250°C. 40-600m/z was the range of spectrum. The spectrum was noted in the range of 40-600m/z. Mass spectra were used for data analysis. Database of similar compounds was interrelated along with their retention time and molecular mass. GC-MS of methanol extract of leaves samples showed the presence of bioactive compound. Due to known biological activity of several bioactive compounds leaves extract of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and references are provided in in Table 2.ss

Results And Discussion

Antibacterial Activity Of *Eucalapytus Camaldulensis*

Methanol solvent showed maximum zones of inhibition against *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* as compared to other bacterial strains. Replicative data of observed zones of inhibition were calculated through excel tool. Observed zones of inhibition against bacterial pathogen on MHA plate shown in figure # 2.1. Measured values of zones of inhibition shown in table # 3.1

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Table-1: Zone of Inhibitions by Extracts

Pathogens	Eucalyptus camaldulensis		
	Methanolic	Ethanollic	Acetonic
Escherichia coli	24mm	23mm	27mm
Staph. aureus	14mm	12mm	11mm
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	20mm	21mm	15mm
Salmonella typhimurium	15mm	20mm	12mm
Klebsiella pneumoniae	Nil	20mm	20mm
Bacillus subtilis	Nil	Nil	15mm

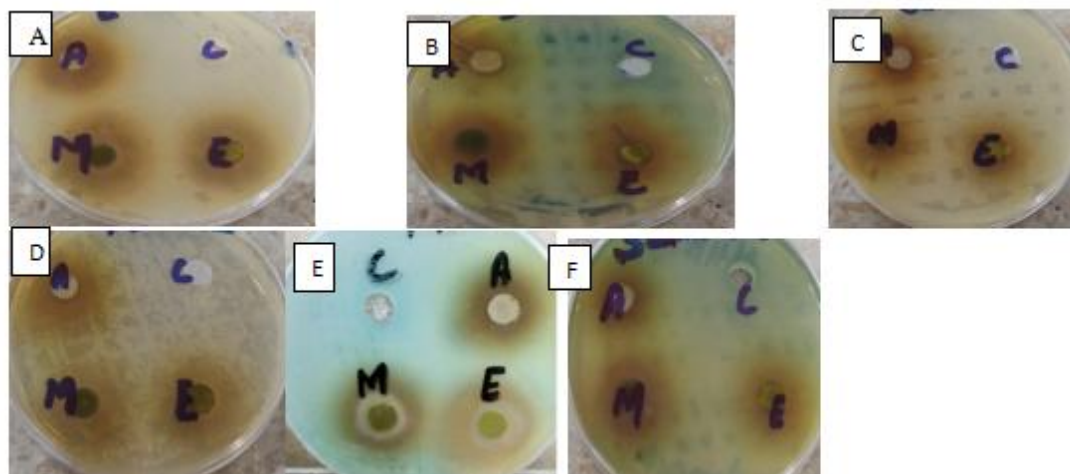


Fig-02: Zone of inhibition by different extracts against selected Pathogens

A= Zones of inhibition by Eucalyptus camaldulensis against Escherichia coli

B= Zones of inhibition by Eucalyptus camaldulensis against Staph. aureus

C= Zones of inhibition by Eucalyptus camaldulensis against Bacillus subtilis

D= Zones of inhibition by Eucalyptus camaldulensis against Klebsiella pneumoniae

E= Zones of inhibition by Eucalyptus camaldulensis against Pseudomonas aeruginosa

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F= Zones of inhibition by *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* against *Salmonella typhimurium*

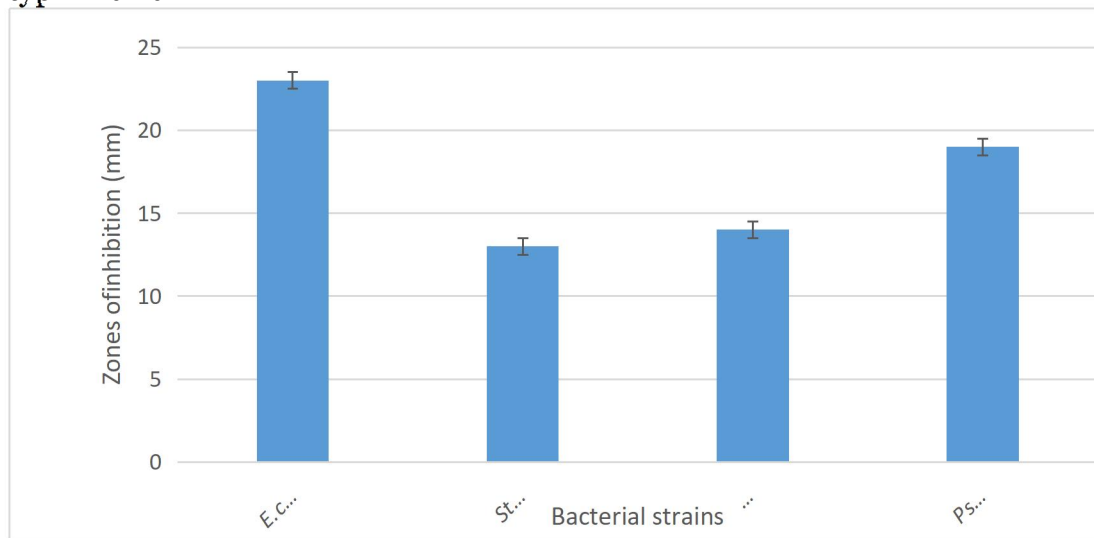


Fig- 3: Zones of inhibition showed by *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* leaves extract against selected pathogens in methanol solvent

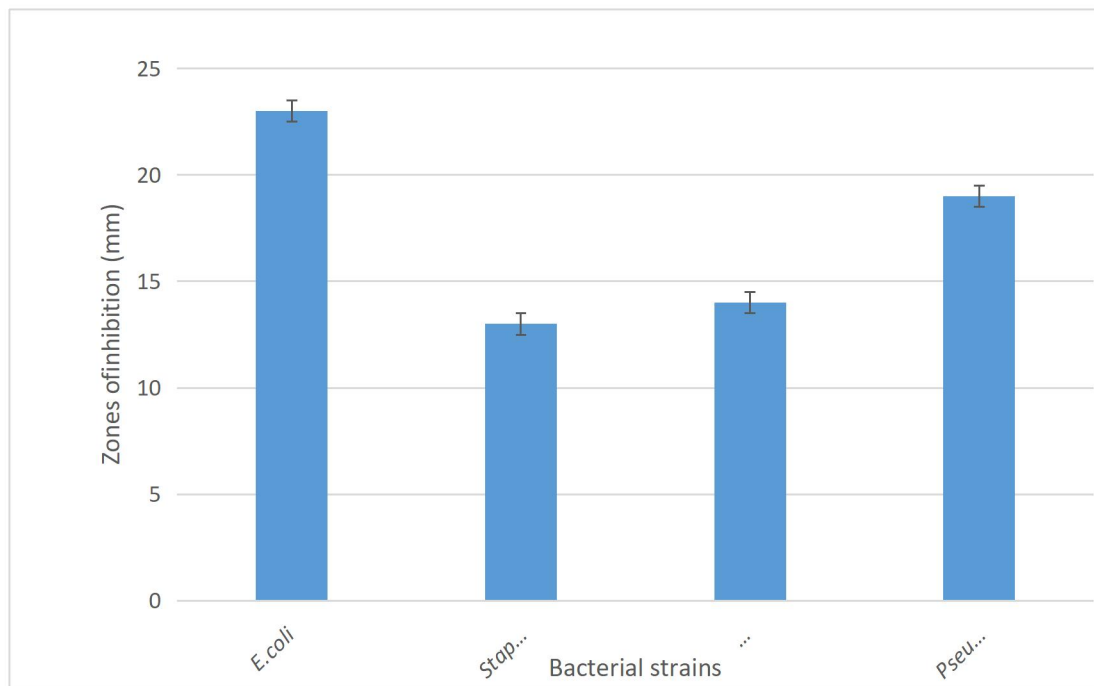


Fig-04: Zones of inhibition shown by *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* leaves extract against selected pathogens in acetone solvent

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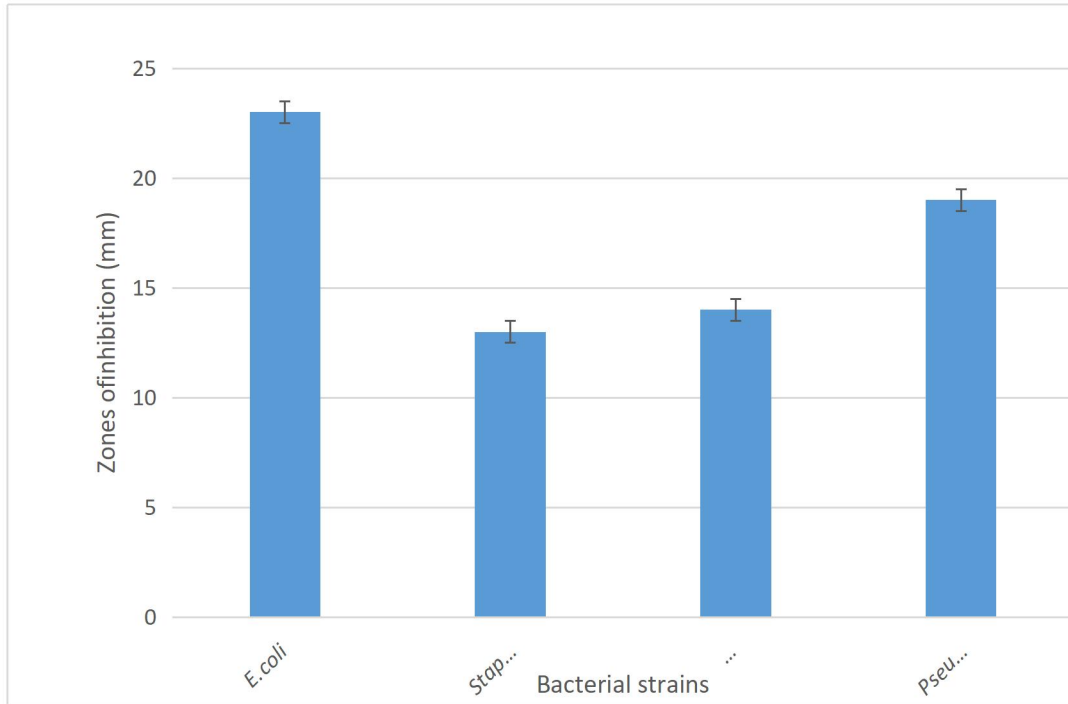


Fig-05: Zones of inhibition shown by Eucalyptus camaldulensis leaves extract against selected pathogens in ethanol solvent.

Minimum Inhibitory Concentration

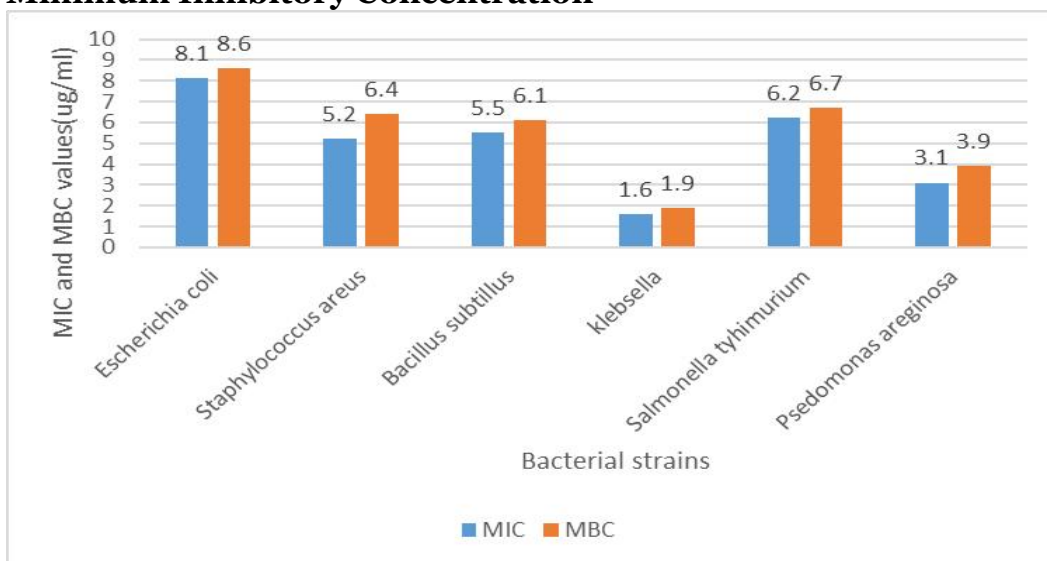


Fig-06: MIC and MBC determination of extracts in Ethanol solvent

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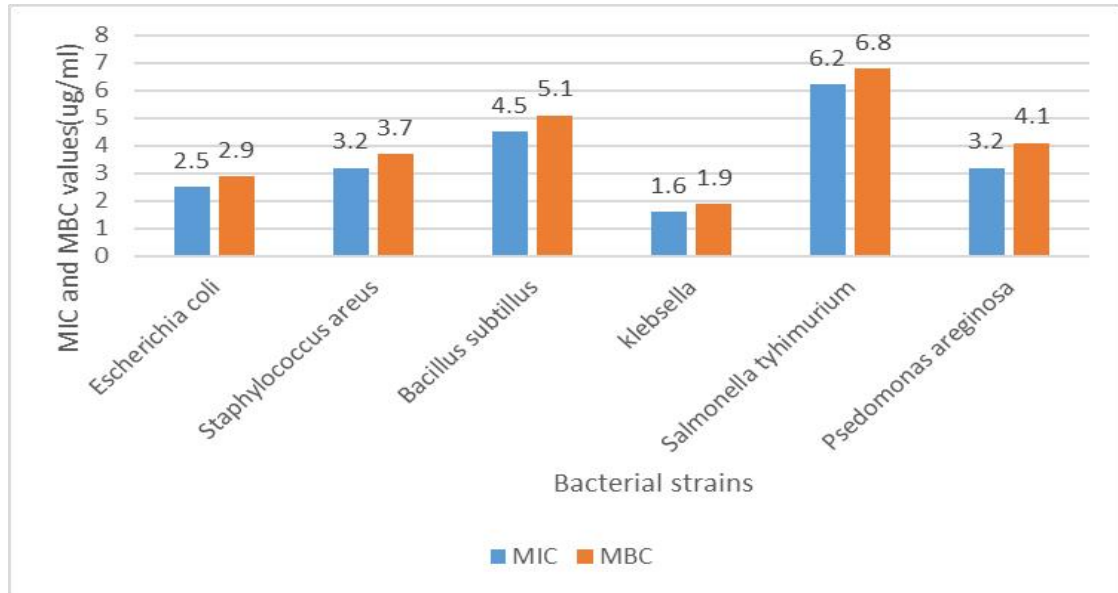


Fig-07 MIC and MBC determination of plant extracts in Methanol solvent

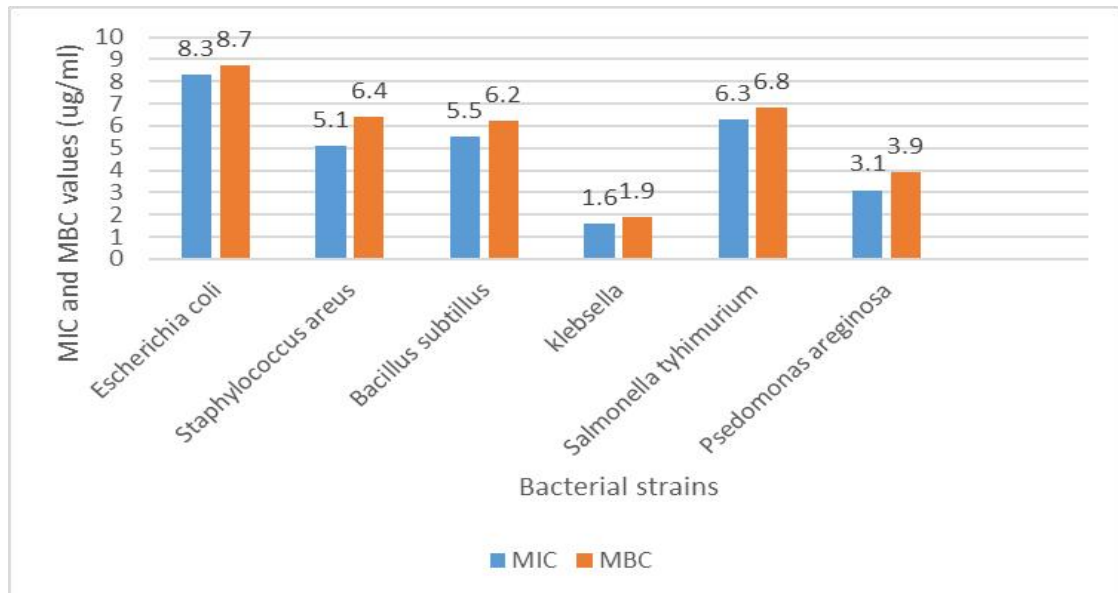


Fig-08 MIC and MBC determination of plant extracts in Acetone solvent

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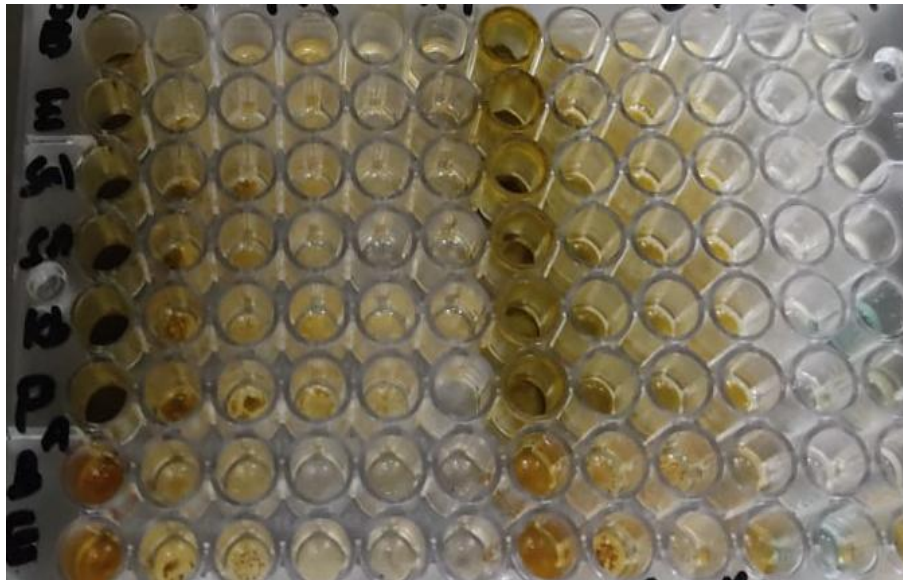


Fig-09: MIC and MBC determination of plant extracts of selected pathogens

Congo Red Agar Method

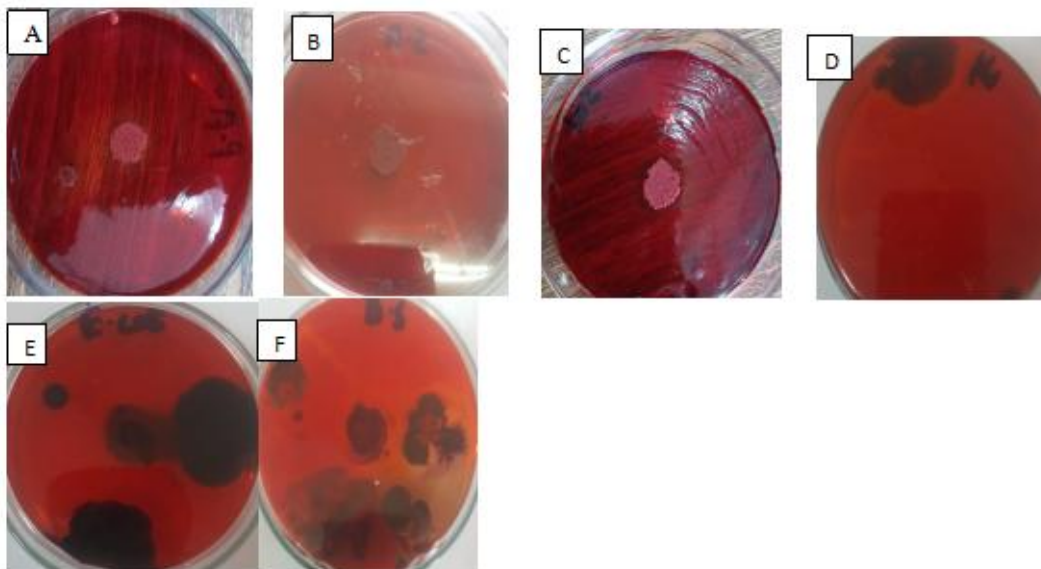


Fig:10: Congo red agar method against (A) Pseudomonas aeruginosa (B) Staphylococcus aureus, (C) Salmonella typhimurium), (D) Klebsiella pneumoniae,, (E) Escherichia coli, (F) Bacillus subtilis

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Biofilm Inhibition Assay

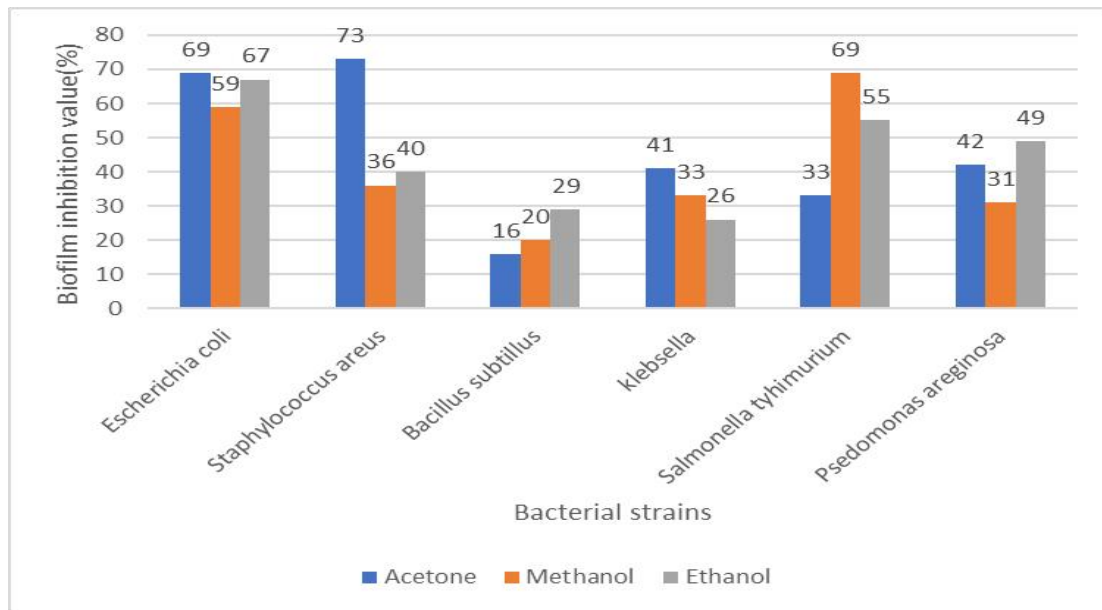


Fig-11: Biofilm inhibition by (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) plant extracts against bacterial strains. Acetone was the best solvent in biofilm inhibition assay against *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus* while methanolic solvent showed maximum inhibition against *Salmonella tyhimurium* as compared to other solvents

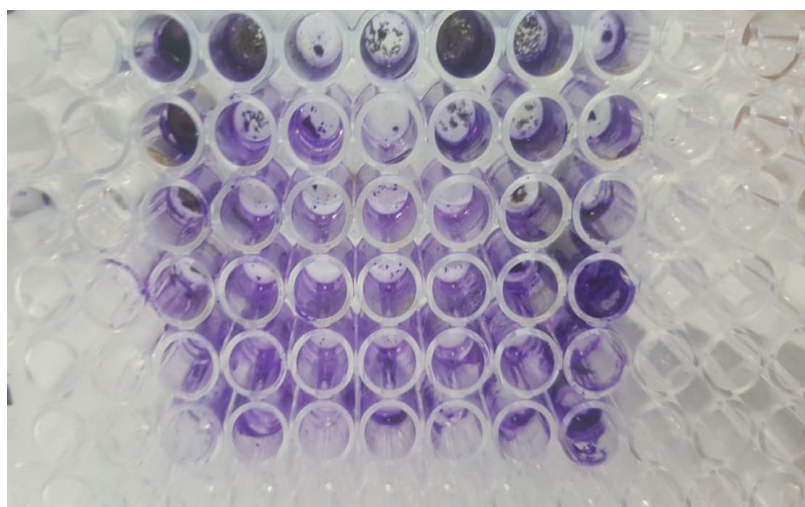


Fig-12: Biofilm inhibition by (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) plant extracts against bacterial strains

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Cytotoxicity

Table 02: Cytotoxicity value of plant extract in different solvents.

Solvents	Hemolysis (%)
Acetone	2.4%
Methanol	9%
Ethanol	3%

GCMS Analysis

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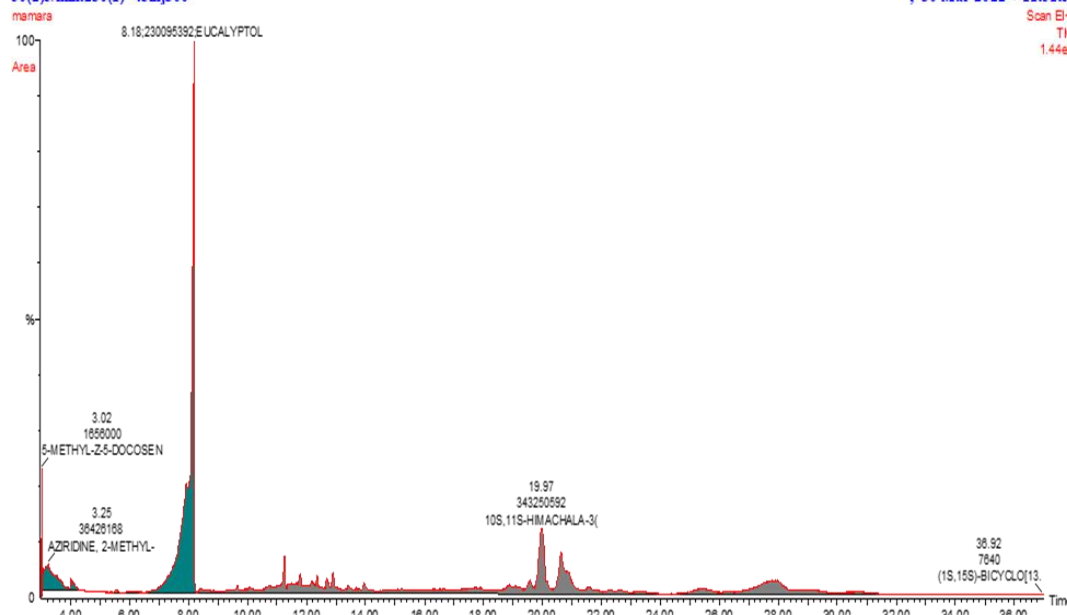


Fig-13:Compound detection, area and retention time in Eucalyptus camaldulensis leaf extracts by GCMS

Gcms Studies of Eucalyptus Camaldulensis

In figure 13 identified compounds EUCALAPTOL at retention time 8.1 with molecular formula $C_{10}H_{18}O$ has antimicrobial activity (Aslam et al., 2018). Another identified compound in figure 13 10S,11S-HIMACHALA-3(12),4-DIEN at retention time 19.9 with molecular formula $C_{15}H_{24}$ has antimicrobial activity (Ashour, 2008).

In figure 13 identified compounds METHYL-Z-5-DOCOSENE at retention time 3.01 with molecular formula $C_{23}H_{46}$ has antioxidant activity (Khan et al., 2005). Another identified compound in figure 13 BACCHOTRICUNEATIN C at retention time 36.1 with molecular formula $C_{25}H_{23}O$ has antibacterial activity (Knezevic et al., 2016)

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Table-03: Compound detection in Eucalyptus camaldulensis leaf extracts by GCMS

Name	Formula	RT	Area	%comp
5-METHYL-Z-5-DOCOSENE	C ₂₃ H ₄₆	3.018	1656000	0.270237
AZIRIDINE, 2-METHYL-2-(2,2,4,4-Z,Z-6,28-HEPTATRIACTONTADIEN-2-CYCLOHEXANEMETHANOL, 4-METHYLE	C ₁₂ H ₂₅	3.249	36426168	5.94
CYCLOPROPANEOCTANAL, 2-OCTYL-	C ₂₅ H ₂₉	5.314	67095.92	0.01
CYCLOPROPANEOCTANAL, 2-OCTYL-	C ₆ H ₁₂	5.559	889331.4	0.145
CYCLOPROPANEOCTANAL, 2-OCTYL-	C ₁₉ H ₃₆ O	5.775	76287.89	0.012
CYCLOPROPANEOCTANAL, 2-OCTYL-	C ₁₉ H ₃₆ O	5.82	14240.13	0.0023
EUCALYPTOL	C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O	8.181	2.3E+08	37
10S,11S-HIMACHALA-3(12),4-DIEN	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	19.971	3.43E+08	56
2-METHYL-3-(3-METHYL-BUT-2-ENY	C ₂₅ H ₂₆ O	35.8	154218.5	0.025
BACCHOTRICUNEATIN C	C ₂₅ H ₂₃ O	36.1	5735.9	0.0009
(1S,15S)-BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE	C ₆ H ₈	36.1	868.1	0.0014
2-METHYL-3-(3-METHYL-BUT-2-ENY	C ₂₅ H ₂₆ O	36.1	8963.6	0.004
2-METHYL-3-(3-METHYL-BUT-2-ENY	C ₂₅ H ₂₆ O	36.2	30488.6	0.004
TETRACONTANE-1,40-DIOL	C ₄₀ H ₈₂	36.3	7591.4	0.01
(1S,15S)-BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE	C ₆ H ₁₀	36.4	18032	0.002
(1S,15S)-BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE	C ₆ H ₁₀	36.5	17436.7	0.002
(1S,15S)-BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE	C ₆ H ₁₀	36.5	5296.7	0.0008
(1S,15S)-BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE	C ₆ H ₁₀	36.6	11160.2	0.001
(1S,15S)-BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE	C ₆ H ₁₀	36.6	4760.8	0.0007
(1S,15S)-BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE	C ₆ H ₁₀	36.6	7978.6	0.001

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BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE

TRANS,CIS-1,8- $C_{12}H_{22}$ 36.6 10963.7 0.001

DIMETHYLSPIRO[4.

NAPHTHALENE, DECAHYDRO- $C_{10}H_{18}$ 36.7 7039.9 0.001
1,4A-DI(1S,15S)- C_6H_{10} 36.7 1598.0 0.002

BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE

TETRACONTANE-1,40-DIOL $C_{40}H_{82}$ 36.8 1598.0 0.002(1S,15S)- C_6H_{10} 36.9 7639.9 0.001

BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE

(1S,15S)- C_6H_{10} 36.9 2053.5 0.001

BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE

(1S,15S)- C_6H_{10} 36.9 2612.4 0.0004

BICYCLO[13.1.0]HEXADE

Discussion

Eucalyptus plant is a medicinal plant to many bacterial pathogens that causes infectious diseases in humans and animals. Present research study showed the antibiofilm activity of Eucalyptus camaldulensis for combating bacterial infections. Leaf extract of Eucalyptus camaldulensis is effective against Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Salmonella typhimurium, Staphylococcus aureus, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Escherichia coli, Bacillus subtilis. Acetonic leaf extract samples showed significant inhibition against Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli, while methanolic solvent show maximum inhibition against Salmonella typhimurium. Similar research was performed Jedidi et al., (2018) who reported that Pseudomonas aeruginosa inhibition against leaf extract. The bacterial strain were isolated from both fresh and stored samples.

(Pesci et al., 1997) screened antibacterial activity for pathogenic bacteria they reported 18 strains of bacteria including Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Salmonella typhimurium, Staphylococcus aureus, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Escherichia coli, Bacillus subtilis and enterococcus faecalis. These results are comparable to present study that showed among two compounds were effective against bacterial and fungal strains. A study undertaken by (Chaves et al., 2018) reported the presence of antibacterial activity of Eucalyptus camaldulensis and their essential oils. Samples were cultured on nutrient agar medium. Anti-bacterial activity was performed by first amplifying leaf extract and then essential oils. The isolated strain was identified as Salmonella spp. Similarly current study showed the methanolic leaf extract give significant result against Salmonella spp from leaf extract Eucalyptus camaldulensis samples of Haripur. The antibacterial activity result showed maximum inhibition against biofilm producing bacteria and no antibacterial activity were shown against Bacillus subtilis.

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Current study also resulted no antibacterial activity of leaf extract against *Bacillus subtilis*. Only samples showed the antibacterial activity against, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Enterococcus faecalis*. Present study is in accordance to Peng et al., (2015) who reported bacterial disease of humans. The caustic agent of this disease is *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and their subspecies were also reported by (Chaves et al., 2018) from infected samples. The research aimed to investigate the antimicrobial compounds produced by leaf extract of plant

Two types of compounds were detected in leaf extract, EUCALAPTOL and 10S, 11S-HIMACHALA-3(12), 4-DIEN. Current research study also reported the detection of bioactive compounds against biofilm producing bacteria from the leaf extract samples of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* from Haripur. Many different bacterial species were used which are biofilm producer including *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus subtilis*. Present research work also demonstrates the presence of antibiofilm activity of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli* in the leaf extract sample of plant. Hence leaf extract of river red gum is effective against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli* (Stepanović et al., 2007).

Present study detected antibacterial compounds from leaf extract samples. GCMS results were comparable to study conducted by (Azwanida, 2015) identified EUCALAPTOL is used as a oral medicine in bacterial diseases, it has significant antibacterial activity and used as a drug against multi drug resistant bacteria. Bacterial strains was previously identified through morphological appearance and molecular basis. Strains used in the study were biofilm producers. Eucalyptol is one of the antimicrobial drug that limits the bacterial growth by degrading their enzymes, which is the major structural component of bacterial cell structure.

Present research showed the presence of 10S,11S-HIMACHALA-3(12),4-DIEN in leaf extract of river red gum plant.(Azwanida, 2015) reported from 10S, 11S-HIMACHALA-3(12),4-DIEN from *Syzygium Grande* showed maximum antibacterial activity , while fungal species were resistant to this compound. These two antibacterial compounds were also found in river red gum which may be utilize as antibiofilm compounds against bacteria. Different species of *Eucalyptus* are present in Pakistan, some of these do not contain these bioactive compounds.

Present study detected bioactive compounds from the leaf extract samples from Haripur. These results were comparable to study conducted by (Ashour, 2008) detected medicinal compounds which may effective against biofilm producing strain of bacteria. Acetonic leaf extract showed significant inhibition against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*.

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Conclusions

The acetonic extracts of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* show maximum antimicrobial activity against biofilm producing strains. Two compounds were detected against biofilm producing strains (*Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Bacillus subtilis*) as compared to methanolic and ethanolic leaf extract. Most effective solvent was acetone which inhibits *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. Some of the compounds detected by GCMS were also found as antibacterial agents by previous literature search e.g. 10S, 11S-HIMACHALA-3(12),4-DIEN and EUCAYPTOL. Antibacterial activity of other compounds need to be tested, since more than 250 compounds were detected and they might have potential antibacterial activity against several bacterial strains. Hence eucalyptol and 10S, 11S-HIMACHALA-3(12),4-DIEN could be used against these biofilm forming bacteria.

Recommendations

Identification of other antibacterial and antifungal compounds is needed, to find out remedies to protect humans. Screening of other bioactive compounds in various plants which is resistant against viruses, bacterial and fungal is also needed. Hence transformation of pathogen resistant genes into non-resistant, usage of these bioactive compounds will result in development of resistance in these microbes. This will certainly help to overcome the challenges of resistance in microbes which causes different infectious diseases in humans and animals.

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