

# Antibacterial activities of moringa oleifera freeze dried extract on staphylococcus aureus



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## Abstract

**Objective:** The aim of this study is to determine the antibacterial activities of *M. oleifera* freeze dried extract on *Staphylococcus aureus*.

**Material and Methods:** The antibacterial activities using two methods, microdilution method and agar diffusion method. The minimum inhibitory concentration is determined. The measurement of absorbance in microdilution method using a spectrophotometer at length wave 590 nm. The inhibition zone is measured using scalimeter.

**Results:** The results showed both microdilution method and agar diffusion method present the inhibition activity of *M. oleifera* freeze dried extract on *staphylococcus aureus*.

**Conclusion:** The finding confirmed *M. oleifera* freeze dried extract as the promising antibacterial natural agent, particularly on inhibiting *S. aureus* strain.

**Keywords:** Antibacterial, freeze dried, *Staphylococcus aureus*

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## Introduction

Moringa oleifera is derived from the family Moringaceae. *M. oleifera* is rich in nutrition due to its variety of important constituents present in its leaves, pods and seeds.<sup>1</sup> *M. oleifera* is relatively grow in both tropical and subtropical areas of the world with a temperature between 25–35°C. It needs sandy or loamy soil with a little acidic to a little alkaline pH and a remaining rainfall of 250–3000 mm.<sup>1,2</sup> *M. oleifera* leaves, pods and seeds possess some phytochemicals like tannins, sterols, saponins, terpenoids, phenolics, alkaloids and flavanoids like quercetin, isoquercetin, kaempferic acid, isothiocyanates and glycoside compounds are present.<sup>1</sup>

Moringa oleifera and its constituents have been used for multiple medicinal properties such antioxidant activity,<sup>3,4</sup> anti-inflammatory activity,<sup>4</sup> antimicrobial activities,<sup>5-9</sup> blood pressure lowering effect,<sup>10,11</sup> antitumor,<sup>12</sup> anticancer,<sup>13-15</sup> cholesterol lowering effect,<sup>16</sup> antidiabetic,<sup>17</sup> and antiobesity.<sup>18</sup> The antibacterial properties of *M.oleifera* have been tested to some microbiomes like *escheria coli*, *staphylococcus aureus*,<sup>7,8</sup> *streptococcus mutans*, *candida albicans*,<sup>19</sup> *streptococcus pyogenes*, *bacillus subtilis*, *corynebacterium pyogenes*, *klebsiella pneumoniae*, *salmonella typhi* and *pseudomonas aeruginosa*.<sup>20</sup> Among those antibacterial methods, ethanolic and aqueous extract were commonly used in the experimental procedures.<sup>5,8,9,19</sup>

Previous study compared the different ways including freeze dried extract of food preparation

and preservation which may affect significantly the concentration and availability of minerals, vitamins and other essential compounds in food. State of the art, the aim of this study is to determine the antibacterial activities of moringa oleifera freeze dried extract on *staphylococcus aureus* using two antibacterial test methods (microdilution method and agar diffusion method).

## Material and Methods

### Plant extraction

Plant of *M. oleifera* were placed in container flask and added with ethanol with comparison 1;1 for 72h, the extracts were filtrated with Whatman filter paper and then evaporated 1 ml to obtain weigh the dried extract I in 1mL. Then adjust concentration from 500 µg/mL to 0.48µg/mL.

### Determining minimum inhibitory concentration

Prepare the Ethanol extract of *A. vera* and *M. oleifera* with various concentration were used are 3.9µg/mL, 1.9µg/mL, 0.9µg/mL, 0.48µg/mL). Test minimum inhibitor concentration used microdilution using 96 well, each well contain 1.5µL members of cells, 30 µL extract plant and 150 µL medium broth and then incubated for 48h. Ic50 determined using online tools from link <https://www.aatbio.com/tools/ic50-calculator>.

Antibacterial experiment; microdilution method; bacteria are cultured on agar nutrient media (NA) at 37°C for 24 hours. The bacterial

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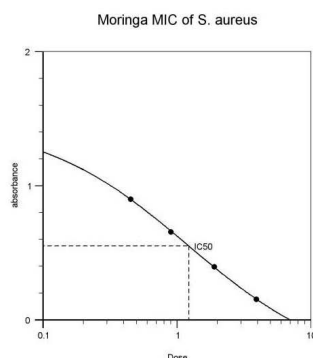
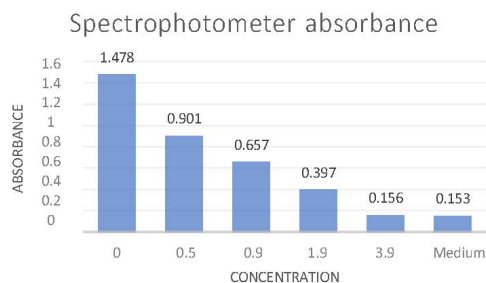
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suspension was done by taking bacterial culture and dissolved in saline solution (0.9% NaCl) aseptically. Suspension turbidity level compared to the 0.5 McFarland standard visually and measurement of absorbance with using a spectrophotometer at length wave 590 nm, the absorbance range was allowance is 0.08 - 0.13 which is equivalent to  $1-2 \times 10^8$  CFU / mL (clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, 2009) for dilution testing. Then pipetted as much as 100  $\mu$ l and dilution media were added (nutrient broth) up to 10 ml so that it was obtained microbial suspension with a number of colonies  $1-2 \times 10^6$  CFU / ml. This bacterial suspension which is then used to test the activity, and must be used no more than 30 minutes after manufacture.

Agar diffusion method; the antibacterial activity of *M. oleifera* samples used paper disc diffusion method. The liquid broth was obtained by using following procedure. 3.9 g Nutrient Broth (NB) was added by 300 mL distilled water and mixed with 4.5 g Nutrient Agar. The mixing solution was liquefied in autoclave for 20 minutes. Each 15 ml mixing solution was positioned in petri dish. The petri dishes were left in the UV light for 24 hours.



**Figure 1** Antibacterial test of moringa oleifera on staphylococcus aureus (96 well plate) first well is medium + bacteria, next well drug with low doses (0.5) to high doses (3.9). Last well is medium



**Figure 2** Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of Moringa oleifera on staphylococcus aureus

The bacteria pathogen strain was spread over the surface of agar plates. Sterilized filter paper discs of 6 mm diameter (paper Whatman® #41) were saturated with 50  $\mu$ l of different concentration (25, 50, 75, 100 mg/mL) of green tea samples. The saturated discs were then placed in the middle of plates and incubated for 24 h at 27°C. Negative control was prepared with distilled water and commercial antibiotic (tetracyclin) was used as positive control. The diameter of each inhibitory zone was measured (scalimeter).

## Results

### Antibacterial results (microdilution method)

**Figure 1** Microdilution method of antibacterial activities of *M. oleifera* freeze dried extract on staphylococcus aureus. **Figure 2** shows since the concentration of 0.5  $\mu$ g/ml has antibacterial activities of *M. oleifera*, however the MIC present the IC50 on dose > 1  $\mu$ g/ml. The results confirmed *M. oleifera* has an antibacterial activity. **Figure 3** also presents the inhibition to be better in the higher concentration. The inhibition of the concentration 0.9  $\mu$ g/ml is higher than the concentration 0.5  $\mu$ g/ml. It also presents in the concentration 1.9  $\mu$ g/ml and 3.9  $\mu$ g/ml compared to the lower concentration. It was surprisingly report, because in the concentration 3.9, the absorbance value is identical to the medium absorbance value. It's finding can determine the bactericidal activity of *M. oleifera* freeze dried extract. This finding supports the previous study of *M. oleifera* using ethanolic extract can kill the growth of the bacterial isolates completely.<sup>21</sup>

### Antibacterial results (agar diffusion method)

The results of microdilution method are strengthened by the results of agar diffusion method. In the concentration 3.9 mg/ml, *M. oleifera* freeze dried extract has the mean of inhibition zone  $17.1 + 0.3$  mm and in the concentration 7.8 mg/ml has the mean of inhibition zone  $18.85 + 0.05$  mm and in the concentration 16.6 mg/ml has the mean of inhibition zone  $20.55 + 0.25$  mm. The results indicated *M.oleifera* freeze dried extract has moderate to strong effect in inhibiting staphylococcus aureus strain. The finding corroborates previous studies which reported the antibacterial activities of *M. oleifera* by various extract methods has antibacterial activities on *Staphylococcus aureus*.<sup>5,7,8,19,20</sup>

## Discussion

*M.oleifera* possess some phytoconstituents saponins, tannins, phenols alkaloids.<sup>9,21</sup> The constituents



**Figure 3** Antibacterial activity of *M. oleifera* freeze dried extract on *staphylococcus aureus* (agar diffusion method)

are reported to justification for the action of anti-microbial activity.<sup>22,23</sup> Saponins played the role to inhibit bacterial growth under cultural condition. Increase of definite action of phosphofructokinase (PFK) and isocitrate dehydrogenase (ICDH) was equivalent with stress response and feedback to pathogenic attack of several bacteria.<sup>24</sup> One constituent, tannins, has been tested to inhibit *Staphylococcus aureus*.<sup>25</sup> The antibacterial mechanisms of tannins through 3 ways; (i) the astringent property that can encourage complexity, many microbial can be inhibited when exposed with tannins, (ii) its activity on the bacterial membrane, and (iii) complexation of metal ions of tannins which may become toxicity.<sup>26</sup>

The bacteria activity of *M. oleifera* freeze drying extract has proven, in this study showed *Moringa oleifera* freeze drying extract could inhibit activity of *Staphylococcus aureus*. Previous study reported *M. oleifera* seed extract has inhibitory effects on growth, survival, and cell permeability of several pathological bacterial and also reported to contain active pterygospermin antibiotics that have strong antibacterial and fungicidal effects. Deoxyniazimisin aglycone isolated from the chloroform fraction of ethanol extract of *M. oleifera* root bark is known as an antibacterial and antifungal activity.<sup>27</sup>

*S. aureus* is one the most common bacterial infections in humans and are the causative agents of multiple human infections, including bacteremia, infective endocarditis, skin and soft tissue infections. *S. aureus* becomes resistant to more and more antibiotics, many attempts have been made to find other ways to treat infections.<sup>28</sup> Recently study showed *Moringa oleifera* as the strong antibacterial, this study showed *Moringa oleifera* with low concentration effectively inhibited *staphylococcus* growth.

In general, to determine the antibacterial activity screening and evaluating methods, several bioassays such as diffusion and dilution methods are well known and commonly used. This study used

two of methods, agar-diffusion and microdilution methods and the results significantly inhibit *S. aureus* growth in low concentration. Using combination methods between diffusion and dilution methods could result the significant concentration of antibacterial activity. The diffusion method was appropriate only as a preliminary screening test prior to quantitative MIC determination and broth microdilution as the MIC values determined by antibacterial activity of plant as a fast screening method for MIC determination. Several previous study determined MIC and antibacterial activity also used combination methods (diffusion and dilution) and the it is for activity antibacterial some of methods used diffusion methods.<sup>29</sup>

## Conclusion

The study reported promising inhibitory activities of *M. oleifera* freeze drying extract on *Staphylococcus aureus*. The antibacterial activities have been showed in the low concentration and presented moderate to strong effect. Future studies may compare the antibacterial activities between aqueous extract, ethanol extract and freeze-dried extract.

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## Conflict of Interest

The authors report no conflict of interest.

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