

Comparative Study on the in vitro Antibacterial Efficacy of Aqueous and Methanolic Extracts of *Quercus infectoria* Gall`s Against *Cellulosimicrobium cellulans*

ABSTRACT

The in vitro antibacterial efficacy of aqueous and methanolic extract of *Quercus infectoria* Olivier (Fagaceae) galls was tested against *Cellulosimicrobium cellulans* using extract concentration ranging from 0.25 to 4 mg mL⁻¹. Both types of extract showed significant inhibition of *C. cellulans* growth with strong correlation between extract concentrations and degrees of antibacterial activity for concentrations ranging from 0.5 to 4 mg mL⁻¹. Although, slight reduction of average diameter of inhibition zones after 24 h of incubation for aqueous extract (0.96 ± 0.148 cm) compared to methanolic extract (1.00 ± 0.182 cm), both extracts still attained the MIC value beginning at a concentration of 0.5 mg mL⁻¹ but established higher concentration for the MBC at 2 mg mL⁻¹. The antibacterial activity of methanolic extract was also significantly affected by the temperature with an optimum inhibition zone being obtained at 30 °C (1.38 ± 0.05 cm) and this was reduced to approximately 20% at temperatures of above 50 °C.

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