

Original Article**Estimate of Biological Activity of Parsley Extract on the Isolated Pathogenic Bacteria in Baghdad City****Ashwak Jasim Kzar Shammari***Lecturer Dr of Microbiology, Department of Medical Laboratory Technology, College of Health and Medical Technique, Middle Technical University, Iraq***Abstract**

This research investigates the most common urinary tract infection bacteria and their susceptibility to antibiotic disc and parsley (Aqueous and methanol) extracts. The urinary tract microbial were isolated from patients of urinary tract infection (UTI) pregnant women patients from Baghdad Hospital. The pathogenic organisms were collected, cultured and identified. 50 microbial isolate was set as, *E. coli* 56 (46.66%), *Staphylococcus aureus* 19 (15.8%), *Proteus mirabilis* 6 (5%) and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* 3 (2.5%). The pathogenic bacterial showed various zone of sensitivity to different antibiotics. Within the parsley Antimicrobial activity ranged from 3 to 20 mm. Antibacterial activity of parsley extract (5-22) mm on UTI isolated pregnant women and methanol extracts was between (3-15) mm. Therefore, Parsley extract had a pharmacological to treat all of 50 isolates that were identified from patients. In conclusion, the findings suggested that different extracts may contain as a broad-spectrum bactericidal factor, to control the emergent pathogens any way of their drug resistance mechanisms to treat urinary tract infections.

Key word: parsley, *Petroselinum crispum*, UTI infection, water, methanol, inhibition zone.

Introduction

Urinary infections, are the most common form of infection in community practice. Annually, Among the 150 million of people worldwide have been investigated with urinary tract infection⁽¹⁾. Managing urinary tract infection requires investigation, possible site for a responsible infection and pathogen that can include both the upper or the lower urine tract system⁽²⁾. Lower urinary tract infections (cystitis) are characterized by a spectrum of dysuria, urgency, recurrence and suprapubic pain⁽³⁾.

The causes of urinary tract infection, by (sex and age) before hand use of antibiotics and pollution inside or out of the hospital not to remind that they differ from environment to other. The microorganisms that at most cause urinary tract infection are G-negative intestinal microbial, essentially *Escherichia coli*, which are a lot of studied microorganisms, follow

by another G-negative bacteria like *Klebsiella*, *Enterobacter* sp, *Acinetobacter* sp, *Proteus* sp, *Pseudomonas S.*⁽⁴⁾. This problem was increased bacterial resistance. So in the last decade studies on natural remedies for the development of alternative drugs, whether natural or synthetic plant extracts have also been a valuable source of natural products to maintain health Human, and therefore in Iraq, increased plant compounds used for medical purposes as well as the world WHO Health Plants Ceremony is the best source for a variety of medications⁽⁵⁾.

Medicinal plants has become diffuse and has enriched massive different biological effect and the combination of native, European and African cultures⁽⁶⁾. A number of researchers around the world have investigated the antiactivity properties of plant extracts⁽⁷⁾. Parsley is a medicinal plant containing many proven medicinal properties including antioxidants,

anti-diabetic, analgesic, cramps, immunity, anticoagulant, ulcer, laxative, estrogen, diuretic, antihypertensive for fungus⁽⁸⁾. The beneficial effects of *Zucomonum crispum* on the digestive system claimed in ethnic medicine from various states, have been demonstrated by the mechanisms of spasm, analgesia, gastro protective, anti-secret and laxative in modern scientific investigations⁽⁹⁾. Many researchers indicate that in several plants there are multi compound such as peptides unsaturated with long chain alkaloidal (aldehydes, phenols, and ethanol, chloroform, water, butanol and methanol are soluble compounds)⁽¹⁰⁾. Furthermore, the activity, of plant *crispum* on urinary tract inflammation, has been demonstrated through diuretic activity. The antiseptic property, can be (urinary tract) due to antimicrobial activity. Therefore, The purpose of this study are isolation, identification of microbial urinary tract infection with testing the sensitivity of the microbial organism to some antibiotic disc and biological activities of (parsley extract plants) of medicinal uses in Iraq.

Material and Methods:-

Sample collection:- A total 50 urine samples were collected from pregnant women infected Urinary Tract Infections from Baghdad hospital. The samples were collected aseptically in sterile container from period April-August, 2019.

Diagnosis bacteria:- All isolated with selective and differential media were identified depend on morphological, Gram stain and classical method biochemical analysis, used for identification of bacteria including: IMVIC test.

Preparation plant:- For this work, plants parsley dried and ground to powdered of plant materials were used for extraction with different solvents (methanol and watery) were obtained from market in Baghdad City. The plants were cleaned with tap water then were process with (distilled water). The plant dried in room temperature, grounded to powdered, and stored in room temperature at 25°C until uses

Extract preparation:-

A total of 100 gm. of the leave parsley powder was steeped in (200 ml) of different solvent (ethanol, and watery) till 2 days, and filtered out of layer muslin cloth and centrifuged at 3000×g for 15 minutes. The ethanol and methanol extracts were concentration with a Rotator evaporator at 40°C. After that, the extract was kept aseptically in sterile vials at 4°C until use.⁽¹¹⁾

Antibacterial Activity of extracts by diffusion method:-

Antibacterial activity of parsley extract (watery and methanol) were evaluated by determine inhibition zone (mm) diameter and compared with standard antibiotic disc, disc diffusion method was used by sterile filter paper disc (diameter : 6 mm) which impregnated with extract in a known volume (20 µl) and appropriate concentration of the extract (500, 1000, 1500 µg/ml) and placed on a plate of inoculated nutrient agar , so used discs containing gentamicin (10 µg/disc) as positive controls and discs containing sterile water (20 µg/disc) as a negative control in the study. The incubation period (1 day), evaluated the antimicrobial activity of every concentration by measuring inhibition zone with (mm). All methods were performed in duplicate and the values of mean were taken.

Susceptibility for antibiotic disc:

The resistance of microbial isolates to different antibiotics was estimated by using the diffusion disk method on Mueller-Hinton agar plates (Bauer *et al.*, 1966)⁽¹²⁾. The antibiotics disc include the: amoxicillin (25 µg), Trimethoprim (10µg), Penicillin (10 U), Ofloxacin (5 µg), gentamicin (10 µg), Nitrofurantoin (100 µg). These antibiotic disks were submitted on culture agar plates and incubated at 37 C for 24 hrs. Then determine and measured Inhibition zone (mm) and recorded as sensitive and Resistance according to (CLSI) guidelines (CLSI, 2010)⁽¹³⁾.

Statistical Analysis

Statistically was carried out using statistically software (SPSS version 10). The comparisons between groups were done using $P < 0.05$ was considered as statistical significant.

Results

Petroselinum crispum a herbal plant it's used in traditional medicine for the treatment of UTI. For there, its precise role has not been investigated through a clinical study. Thus, our study is the first clinical trial study trying to explore the role of (*Petroselinum crispum*) parsley in the treatment of pregnant women at urinary tract infection. Urinary

tract infection, are caused by many microorganisms including gram positive like *Staphylococcus* and gram negative such as *E. coli* and *pseudomonas* and *protues*. A total of 50 bacterial isolate were collected from clinical sample of UTI patients from Baghdad hospital isolates as 43 positive culture while 7 as negative culture were isolated from 50 UTI sample.

Distribution of bacterial population in pregnant women with UTI was explained in the (table e 1.) which include four strain of organism. *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) was the most common organism isolated accounting for (n= 17, 34%) and the second highest organism was *Klebsiella* (n=11; 22%) followed by *Staphylococcus* (n=7; 14%) and *Proteus* (n=7; 16%).

Table 1: Distribution of bacterial population from urine sample according to (Number and percentage).

Organism isolated	Number (N0.)	Percentage (%)
Escherichia coli	17	34
Proteus mirabilis	7	16
Klebsiella pneumonia	11	22
Staphylococcus aureus	7	14
No growth	7	14
Total	50	34

Table 2 shown All the pathogenic isolates, represented differences in different biochemical characteristics, all the bacterial isolates were a negative result for motility excepted *Escherichia coli* and *Proteus mirabilis* as well as (+ve) positive (catalase and citrate) so urease (+ve) positive for all

except *E. coli*, while (-ve) negative oxidase for all bacterial isolate. The results observed that there is an agreement with the previous studies. Gram-negative non-sporulating rods that are oxidase negative and catalase-positive.

Table 2: Result of biochemical test of bacterial isolates.

Bacterial isolates	Biochemical test				
	Citrate	Urease	Oxidase	Catalase	Motility
Escherichia coli	+	-	-	+	+
Klebsiellapneumoniae	+	+	-	+	-
Staphylococcus aureus	+	+	-	+	-
Proteus mirabilis	+	+	-	+	+

The table (3), observed that *E. coli* were found sensitive to Nitrofurantoin, Gentamicin, Ofloxacin (I.Z = 16, 20, 18) mm respectively. While this bacteria was resistance to the other antibiotics. *Staphylococcus aureus* were found sensitive to Amoxicillin, Gentamicin, Ofloxacin with inhibition zoon (5, 10, 5) mm respectively. While this bacteria was resistance to

the other antibiotics. While the *Klebsiellapneumoniae* were found sensitive to Gentamicin, Ofloxacin with inhibition zoon (22, 18) mm respectively. While this bacteria was resistance to the other antibiotics. And *Proteus mirabilis* were found sensitive to Trimethoprim, Gentamicin with inhibition zoon (7, 10) mm respectively. While this bacteria was resistance to the other antibiotics.

Table 3: Antimicrobial susceptibility test against isolated pathogens.

Antibiotics	Organism type Name of Organism			
	Klebsiella	E. coli	S.aureus	Proteus irabilis
Amoxicillin	-	-	-	-
Trimethoprim	-	16	-	7
Gentamicin	22	20	10	10
Ofloxacin	18	18	5	-
Nitrofurantoin	-	-	-	-
Pencilline	-	-	-	-

The result in table (4) there was, a significant deference among all concentrations of watery extract toward each bacterial isolates, in the watery extract the results, showed appearance that aqueous extracts of Parsley was strong activity at high concentrations (1500µg/ ml) against all isolates while the weakest

activity at low concentrations (500µg/ ml) on *E coli*, *K. pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Proteus mirabilis*, the inhibition zones were increased with the increasing of concentrations of the extract treatment. The best concentration was at 100% against *E coli*, *K. pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Proteus*

mirabilis with inhibition zones of (22, 19.5, 12, 13) mm respectively when compared with positive control.

Table 4: The effects of watery extract of parsley on growth of bacterial isolates.

Bacteria Spp	Concentrations of watery extracts			Positive control
	500	1000	1500	Gentamycin
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	12	15	22	20
<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i>	11	16	19.5	22
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	6	8	12	10
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	7	8	13	10

Table (5) showed that, a significant difference among all concentrations, of Methanol extract toward each bacterial isolates. In the Methanol extract the results, showed that methanol extracts of parsley strong activity at high concentrations (1500 µg/ml) against *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Proteus mirabilis* with inhibition zones of (15, 11.5,

9.5, 8) mm respectively. Whilst the inhibition zone in both concentrations (500, 1000 µg/ml) for *E. coli*, was (5, 10 mm) followed by *K. pneumoniae* in (500, 1000 µg/ml) was (6 mm, 9 mm) inhibition zone. And weaker activity against was *Staphylococcus aureus* (6 mm, 8 mm) and *Proteus mirabilis* was (3 mm, 6 mm).

Table 5: The effects of methanol extracts of parsley stems on the growth of bacterial isolates

Bacteria Spp	Concentrations of Methanol extracts			Positive control
	500	1000	1500	Gentamycin
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	5	10	15	20
<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i>	6	9	11.5	22
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	6	8	9.5	10
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	3	6	8	10

Discussion

-In this paper (50) isolates. Include *E. coli* was most predominant, uropathogen with (34%), followed by (22%) *Klebsiella sp.*, *Staphylococcus aureus* (14%),

Staphylococcus sp. and *Proteus mirabilis* (14. %) These results agree with Rana et al⁽¹⁴⁾ who found that *E. coli* 43% followed by *Klebsiella pneumoniae* 14.1%, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Proteus mirabilis* 9.4 %, *Staphylococcus aureus* 7.8%, *Morganella morganii*

6.2%.

Result on antibiotics susceptibility is different, by clinical isolates has become a major factor in drug choice and success of treatment. Similarly other studies, was found gram negative bacteria isolate of UTI were multi drug resistant to Ampicillin, Amoxicillin, Ceftizoxime, Cefepime, Tetracyclin. and Nitrofurantoin⁽¹⁵⁾.

Result of this study present that (*Petroselinum crispum*) Parsley extracts had effect on both G positive (+ve) and G negative (-ve) bacteria isolated from pregnant women suffering of urinary tract infection. Except *staph. aureus* which showed no activity at concentrations (500µg/ ml), because the extracts of *parsley* are broad spectrum in their activities, The methanol extract weaker activity against *Staph.aureus*(500µg/ ml) (I.Z = 7 mm and *protuesmerabeles*(500µg/ ml) (I.Z =5) mm, while highly activity against *E.coli* , *k. pneumonia*.. The results of this study were agree with the results conducted by researches⁽¹⁶⁻¹⁷⁾ they areshowed ethanolic extracts are inhibited the different species of G positive and G negative bacteria with inhibition of 8 from 11 bacteria species. Therefore parsley leave extract could be use as one method because most of plant are safe with little side effect and a wide range of antibiotic resistant microorganisms parsley plants have been used for the treatment in traditional medicine of urinary tract disease⁽¹⁸⁾.

Conclusions

Our results in the current research conclude the aqueous and methanol extracts of parsley showed a significant antibacterial activity but the watery extract is more effective than methanol extract. Therefore it can be used against urine bacterial infections. All isolates have sensitivity to Gentamycin, so Gentamycin possess higher efficacy whilst Ofloxacin has lower efficacy except *Staph aureus*.

Recommendation In future study identification the chemical nature component of parsley and study

effect of each component on oral pathogenic bacterial growth and other organisms.

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