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## ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF VOLATILE OIL FROM AREAL PLANT Galinsoga formosa

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Purpose: The volatile oil shows various biological activities like antibacterial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, anticancer activity etc. The antibacterial activity of their components may be a solution to increasing antibiotic resistance of microorganisms that is due to use of commercial antimicrobial drugs. The plant Galinsoga formosa (Family-Asteraceae) contain volatile oil and used in wounds, cuts, snake bite, diabetes, vomiting, high BP, antimicrobial, blood pressure, nutritive, astringent.

Material and method: The purpose of study was to determine the antibacterial activity of volatile oil obtained from distillation using Clevenger apparatus. The gram positive bacteria Staphylococcus aureus was used as test organism, nutrient broth as culture media and ampicillin as reference antibiotic. The oil showed 1.1±0.1 mm zone of inhibition while ampicillin showed 6.1±0.12 mm zone of inhibition.

**Conclusion:** It was concluded that oil show antibacterial activity.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Since ancient times, the plants have been used as medicine. Their secondary metabolites/ bioactive compounds like glycosides, alkaloids, tannin, flavonoid, resins etc., have medicinal value due to several biological activities like antibacterial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory etc. Generally volatile oils show anti-microbial activity. During the last few decades, a great surge is in the study of various medicinal plants has increased rapidly due to their antibacterial and antioxidant activities, low toxicity and the potential to be a cheaper alternative to costly synthetic drugs. The antibacterial activity of these components may a solution to increasing antibiotic resistance of microorganisms that is due to use of commercial antimicrobial drugs.<sup>1</sup>

Galinsoga formosa (Family-Asteraceae) is a branching annual herb up to 100 cm tall, leaves are up to 11 cm long and flower heads are up to 22 mm. Each head has 5-15 white (sometimes with a purplish underside) ray flowers surrounding up to 100 yellow disc flowers as shown in Fig. 1. The whole plant contain volatile oil. It contain triacontanol, phytol, betasitosterol, stigmasterol, 7-hydroxy-beta-sitosterol, 7beta-sitosterol-3-O-beta-D-glucoside, hydroxystigmasterol, 3,4-dimethoxycinnamic acid, protocatechuic acid, fumaric acid, uracil and 48 volatile constituents in the hydrodistilled oil of the aerial parts.

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It is used in wounds, cuts, snake bite, diabetes, vomiting, high BP, antimicrobial, blood pressure, nutritive, astringent.<sup>6-1</sup>

## **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

The chemicals used were of analytical grade and procured from Renkem Pvt. Ltd.

#### Collection and authentication of plant

The plant Galinsoga formosa was procured from filed at STIBAS, Roorkee in the month of February and authenticated by Dr.Anjula Pandey, Principal Scientist, at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi (Voucher No. NHCP/NBPGR/2017-30/4812).

#### Isolation of volatile oil

Accurately weighed 500 g of fresh plant of Galinsoga formosa was sliced and placed in round bottom flask. The Clevenger apparatus was placed and run the assembly for 5 h to isolate the oil.<sup>10,11</sup>

### Determination of antimicrobial activity

### Test organism

The antibacterial activity was performed at Roorkee Research and Analytical Labs, Roorkee using Staphylococcus aureus.

#### Culture media

Nutrient agar media (Himedia Laboratories Ltd. India) was used as culture media. The sterilized media was transferred in laminar flow chamber under aseptic conditions.

### Inoculum

Nutrient agar media (Himedia Laboratories Ltd. India) was used to inoculate bacteria and incubated at  $37\pm2^{\circ}$ C for 4 h.

### Antibacterial assay

The anti-bacterial activity was measured by the standard disc diffusion method (IP-1996). The carpet culture technique was used to spread the bacteria on agar plates. Filter paper discs (6 mm diameter) were cut using a punch machine, sterilized in a dry heat sterilizer and kept in the refrigerator for further use. The disc previously dipped in volatile oil of *Galinsoga formosa* plant was placed on surface of culture mediumin Laminar air flow cabinet. The agar plates were incubated for 24 h at 37 °C in incubator. The zones of inhibition were determined by Fisher-Lilly zone reader after 24 h. The 10  $\mu$ g/ml concentration of ampicillin was used as reference antibiotic.<sup>12-22</sup>

### **Statistical Analysis**

All the experimental results were performed in triplicate and the results were expressed as mean  $\pm$  Standard Deviation (SD).<sup>23</sup>

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The zone of inhibition of *Galinsoga formosa* oil was found to be  $1.1\pm0.1$  mm and ampicillin was  $6.1\pm0.12$  mm that indicate the oil bears poor antibacterial activity than ampicillin (10 µg/ml) as shown in Fig. 2.



A B Fig1. *Galinsoga formosa* Plant (A) and Flower (B)



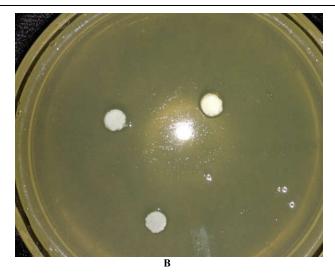


Fig 2 Antibacterial activity of Ampicillin (A), Galinsoga Formosa oil (B)

## CONCLUSION

The oil of *Galinsoga formosa* showed antimicrobial activity but it was very low as compared to standard antibiotic ampicillin.

#### **Conflict of Interest Statement**

We declare that we have no conflict of interest.

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