

## *In vitro* antibacterial activities of some medicinal plants used to treat urinary tract infections

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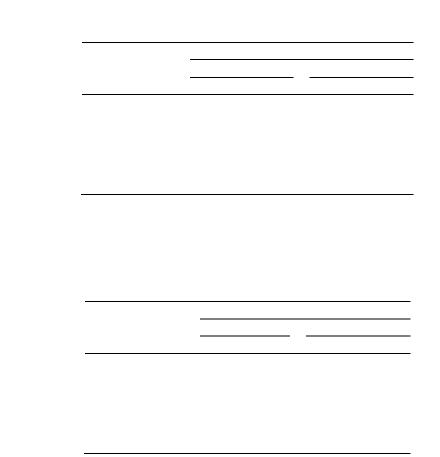
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## ABSTRACT

Screening of ethnobotanical plants is a pre-requisite to evaluate their therapeutic potential, and it can lead to the isolation of new bioactive compounds. The crude extracts of four medicinal important plants (*Vaccinium macrocarpon, Tribulus terrestris, Chichorium intybus* and *Fumaria indica*) were tested against gram-negative (*Shigella sonnei, Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Salmonella*) and gram-positive (*Bacillus subtilis* and *Staphylococcus aureus*) using the agar disc diffusion method. Our results demonstrate that the ethanol extract of *V. macrocarpon* displayed antimicrobial activity against *S. aureus* (+), *B. subtilis* (+), *E. coli* (-), *P. aureginosa* (-). *T. terrestris* was highly active against *S. aureus* (+), *B. subtilis* (+) and *P. aeriginosa*. *C. intybus* was highly active against *P. aureginosa* (-), *B. subtilis* (+). *F. indica* was highly active against *B. subtilis* (+). The ethanolic extract of *V. macrocarpon, T. terrestris, C. intybus* and *F. indica* are suitable candidates for the development of novel antibacterial compounds.

**Keywords:** Antibacterial activity, *Vaccinium macrocarpon, Tribulus terrestris, Chichorium intybus, Fumaria indica.* 

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