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GREEN SYNTHESIS OF ANTIMICROBIAL COMPOUNDS FROM MARINE MACRO ALGAE AGAINST MULTIDRUG RESISTANT HUMAN PATHOGENS

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ABSTRACT

The ethno pharmacological efficacy of marine medicinal macro algae *Padina gymnosphora was* examined using agar disc diffusion assay against human pathogenic bacterial species, *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. Antimicrobial compounds of *P.gymnosphora* were extracted using chloroform as a solvent. Disc diffusion assay of chloroform extract of the algae with inhibition zone of *E.coli(12mm)*, *S.aureus (9mm)* and Standard antibiotics Gentamycin (10mm) was observed. A high level inhibition of *E. coli* was found in chloroform solvent extracts of *P.gymnosphora*. In case of *S. aureus*, moderate inhibition of 9 mm was obtained. The results were found to be effective on tested two human pathogens.

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INTRODUCTION

Most of the drugs today are obtained from natural sources or semi synthetic derivatives of natural products and used in the traditional systems of medicine. Several workers throughout the world have carried out antimicrobial studies on some medicinal plants.^[1,2] According to World Health Organization, medicinal plants would be the best source to obtain a variety of antimicrobial drugs. [3,4] There s a continuous and urgent need to discover new antimicrobial compounds with diverse chemical structures and novel mechanisms of action for new and re-emerging infectious diseases. [5,6] Therefore, researchers are increasingly turning their attention to plant based medicine, looking for new leads to develop better drugs against microbial infections.^[7,8,9] In marine ecosystems macro algae are plants, ecologically and biologically important and provide nutrition and an accommodating environment for other living organisms. Marine macro algae represent a reservoir of effective chemotherapeutic agents and can provide valuable sources of natural antimicrobial drugs.^[10] Bioactive metabolic compounds of the marine macro algae Padina gymnosphora showed species-specific antibacterial activity. These marine Plants produce a diverse range of bioactive molecules, making them rich source of different types of medicines.^[11,12] They have some of the valuable medicinal components. In the present

study an attempt was made to evaluate the antimicrobial activities and phyto chemical properties of *Padina gymnosphora* extracts against the human pathogenic bacterial strains.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sample Collection

The macroalgae *Padina gymnosphora* were collected by hand at low tide area of Mandapam sea shores near Rameshwaram, Southeast Coast of India. The seaweed sample were picked by hand and immediately washed with seawater to remove the foreign particles, sand particles and epiphytes. Then it was kept in an ice box containing slush ice and immediately transported to the laboratory and washed thoroughly using pure fresh water to remove the salt on the surface of the sample. Then the seaweeds spread on blotting paper to remove excess water and shade dried at room temperature.

Sample Identification

The collected sample of *Padina gymnosphora was* identified by Dr.C.Stella, Department of Marine Science, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Dr.T.Ramanathan, Assistant Professor (Sr.Grade), Center for Advanced Study in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, Portonovo, Tamilnadu, India.

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Preparation of Extract

The extract of *Padina gymnosphora* were taken from whole plant. Fresh *Padina gymnosphora* sample were collected (1kg) and shade dried at room temperature at 37°C and ground well in a manual Mill Blender. The powder (200g) was soaked with 800ml (1:3W/V) of chloroform in an aspirator bottle for 48h at room temperature with mechanical shaking.

The extract was filtered through a Buchner Funnel with Whatman number 1 Filter paper. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure using rotary evaporator or hot air oven at 40°C. Finally crude extract was obtained in powder form. The crude extracts powder was stored at 4°C until further use.

Bacterial Strains and Culture Conditions

The bacterial strains used in the study were collected from K.A.V.P. Govt Medical College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu, India. The strains included Gram-negative bacteria (Escherichia coli) and Gram-positive bacteria (Staphylococcus aureus). The strains were supplemented with broth Cultures and incubated at 35°C for 24 h.

Antimicrobial assay

Each bacterial strain were inoculated into Mueller Hinton broth. Antibacterial screening was carried out by agar well diffusion method. A 1.0 ml volume of the standard suspension (1 \times 106cfu/ml) was spread evenly on Mueller Hinton agar plates using sterile glass rod. Subsequently, 4 mm diameter wells were bored in the agar and a 100µl volume of extract reconstituted in 50% Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) to a concentration of 100 mg/ml was placed into triplicate wells. The plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 h and the inhibition of bacterial growth was measured to the nearest mm. Gentamycin was used as positive control while DMSO (0.1ml) served as negative control.

RESUTLS AND DISCUSSION

Antibacterial activity of chloroform extract of *Padina* gymnosphora on *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas* aeruginosa were carried out by Kirby bauer well diffusion assay method. Similar findings were made by few researchers.^[13] Some reported that the anti-bacterial activity of *Padina gymnosphora* against the microbes of gastro intestinal tract. ^[141]

In the present study, chloroform extract exhibited different degree of growth inhibition against tested bacterial strains *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (Table 1).

Chloroform extracts of *Padina gymnosphora* exhibited considerable antimicrobial activity against tested microbial strains and showed more inhibition than standard antibiotics (Table 1). The results of the present study clearly showed that the marine macro algae *Padina gymnosphora* extracts showed potent antimicrobial activity against tested human pathogenic strains.

Negative control: It implies that the well contains DMSO only. It devoid of Bioactive compounds and authentic antibiotics.

Positive control: It indicates that the well contains authentic antibiotic Gentamycin, in aquous medium.

Table 1

	Zone of inhibition in (mm)		
Human pathogens	Negative control (DMSO	Positive control	Experimental
		Gentamycin	P. gymnos phora
	only)		extract
E. coli	Nil	10mm	12mm
S. aureus	Nil	7mm	9mm

Experimentalx It implies that the well contains only the Bioactive compounds of the extract obtained from Padina gymnosphora

Average: Mean value of 3 different assays.

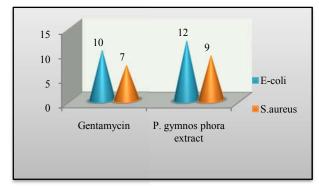


Fig 1

Inhibitory activity of P. gymnosphora extract

Some studies concerning the effectiveness of extraction methods light that chloroform extraction yields higher antimicrobial activity than aquous extract. It is clear that extraction by organic solvents always provide a higher efficiency for antimicrobial activities as compared to water extracts. The experimental study revealed that chloroform extracts caused bigger clear zones than antibiotics. Higher plants, as sources of medicinal compounds continue to play dominant role in maintenance of human health since antiquities. Over 50% of all modern clinical drugs are of natural product origin. The natural products play an important role in drug development programs of the pharmaceutical industry. Similar findings were made by some researchers. Some authors also reported the anti-bacterial activity of *Padina gymnosphora* against the microbes of intestine and urinary tract. [20]

CONCLUSION

In the present study the chloroform extract containing bioactive compounds such as glycosides, tannin, terpenoids, anthroquinone, amino acid, sterol, and proteins are present in seaweed *Padina gymnosphora* inhibited the growth of the pathogenic bacterial strains. The antibacterial activity of the chloroform extract of *Padina gymnosphora* indicates the greater efficiency than Gentamycin. Further detailed study on *Padina gymnosphora* is required for isolating and establishing the antibacterial substances.

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