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2 **In vitro anti-microbial Activity of Essential oils and other** 3 **Extracts from *salvia officinalis* against Some Bacteria**

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11 **Abstract:** This study aimed to screen the antibacterial activity of essential oils from different parts (leave and
12 stem) of *Salvia officinalis* against some Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria using agar disc diffusion test,
13 then the extracts were prepared by hydro distillation to extract the essential oils. Maceration and hexane
14 extraction by Soxhlet were used to obtain crude extracts from the leave and stem. Essential oils from the leaves
15 and the ethyl acetate extract of the leaves showed higher antimicrobial activity, while hexane extract of leaves
16 and stems showed moderate antibacterial activity. In contrast the essential oil from the stems showed very low
17 antibacterial activity. It was observed that the results gram positive bacteria (*staphylococcus aureus*) was more
18 sensitive than Gram negative (*Echerichia coli*).

19 **Keywords:** Antimicrobial activity, Essential oils, *Salvia officinalis*, Sudan.
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21 **1. Introduction**

22 Nature has provided a complete storehouse of remedies to cure ailments of mankind. About 80% of the
23 world's population depends wholly or partially on traditional medicines for its primary health care needs [1].
24 Herbal medicines as the major remedy in traditional medical system have been used in medical practice for
25 thousands of years and have made a great contribution to maintain human health [2]. Herbal treatments are
26 becoming increasing by popular as the herbal preparations have no or less side effects [3]. Natural products of
27 higher plants may possess a new source of antimicrobial agents with possibly novel mechanisms of order to
28 validate their use in folk medicine. Systematic screening of them may result into the discovery of novel active
29 compounds [4]. The family Lamiaceae is widely distributed over the world. It comprises over 5,000 medicinal
30 and aromatic plant species whose essential oils have multiple applications [5, 6]. The genus *Salvia* commonly
31 called Sage, is the largest member of lamiaceae or mint family containing over 900 species throughout the
32 world [7]. Sage the dialect name of the genus *Salvia* is attributed to different species that are widely used in
33 the food, drug and fragrance industry. The high diversity in secondary metabolites (essential oils and the
34 phenolic derivatives) isolated from sage plants, possess excellent antimicrobial activity as well as antioxidant
35 capacity and some are used as anticancer agents or have hypoglycemic effect [8-10].

36 Sage tea has been traditionally used for the treatment of digestive and circulation disturbances bronchitis,
37 cough, asthma, angina, mouth and throat information, depression, excessive sweating skin diseases, and many
38 other diseases. *Salvia* essential oils have been used in the treatment of a wide range of diseases like those of the

39 nervous system, heart and blood circulation respiratory system digestive system, and metabolic and endocrine
40 disease [11]. In addition, they possess a number of biological activities including antiseptic, antimicrobial [12,
41 13] antioxidant [14] astringent, anti-inflammatory [15-17] antiviral [18,19] antitumoral [20] cytotoxic [21, 22]
42 spasmolytic, anticonvulsant [23], antimycobacterial [24], and carminative activities [25]. Also *salvia officinalis*
43 has long history of medicinal, culinary and many different uses [26].

44 The present work aimed to study the antibacterial activity of essential oils from different parts (leave and
45 stem) of *salvia officinalis* against some Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria in Sudan.

46 2. Materials and Methods

47 2.1 Plant material

48 *Salvia officinalis* (Leave and stem) was collected in February 2018, at Khartoum State, Sudan, based on the
49 available market samples brought from Syria. The identification of the plant material has been carried out at the
50 Department of Botany, Faculty of Science and Technology, Omdurman Islamic University.

51 2.2 Extraction procedure

52 2.2.1 Extraction by maceration

53 The plant material has been air dried and ground to produce a fine powder, 50g of the plant material was
54 macerated in 100 ml ethyl acetate (organic solvent) at room temperature, After 24 hours the solute was filtered
55 using what man filter paper No.1. The procedure was repeated three times to ensure complete extraction of the
56 plant material. The extracts were concentrated and the evaporator at 40 °C. The extracts were further dried by
57 freeze-drying and kept in a refrigerator at 4 °C, until used.

58 2.2.2 Soxhlet Extraction

59 Sage (*Salvia officinalis*) areal parts was packed in thimble the thimble was covered with cotton wool to prevent
60 the packed material from floating out. The packed thimble was placed into Soxhlet glass that was connected
61 to an extraction flask. The excess solvent was poured through the soxhlet glass. Then a condenser was attached
62 and he extract was carried out continuously till the extract is exhausted from the crushed sage.

63 2.2.3 Hydro distillation extraction

64 1kg of crushed sage was put in a Clevenger distiller apparatus. Then the sample was covered by distilled
65 water. The temperature was adjusted at 66 °C and the condenser was attached. The extraction was carried out
66 for 3hrs. The mixture obtained was separated and the resulted oil was collected then it was treated with
67 anhydrous sodium sulphate to eliminate all the water, and then stored in a refrigerator at approximately 4c
68 until used.

69 2.3Antimicrobial susceptibility investigation

70 2.3.1 Preparation of the tested organisms

71 2.3.1.1 Preparation of standard bacterial suspension

72 Mueller Hinton agar powder 2.8 g was dissolved into1000 ml distilled water and allowed to soak for 10 minutes.
73 Then each 20 ml of prepared solution was put in 5 bottles. These were sterilized by autoclaving at121 C/
74 15minutes, after which they were cooled at room temperature. The bacteria were incubated at 37 C in broth
75 media (Oxoid Ltd England) the essential oil and other extraction was dissolved in normal saline (N.S) in serial
76 dilutions(1/1,1/2,1/4,1/8) and applied in different concentrations. N.S was used as negative control and the
77 antibiotic Ciprofloxin was used as positive control. *Staphylococcus aureuse* and *Etherichia coli* reference
78 isolates, which were kindly provided by the authorities of the Department of Bacteriology, were utilized
79 throughout the antimicrobial susceptibility testing.

80 2.3.1.2 Disk diffusion Method

81 The disk diffusion assay was used to determine the antibacterial activity of the essential oil and other extracts of
82 sage according to Hindler (1995) [27]. Overnight bacterial cultures were spread or swabbed onto the surface of
83 Mueller Hinton agar. Sage extracts were applied to 10 mm disks (What man filter paper No.1), then placed onto
84 the inoculated dishes and after 24 hours of incubation at 37 °C, the antibacterial activity was assessed by
85 measuring the diameter of growth inhibition zones.

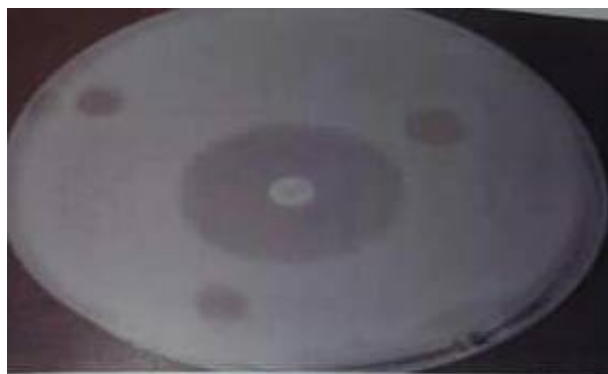
86 3. Results

87 3.1 Antimicrobial results

88 The antimicrobial activity of essential oil and other different extract has leaves and stem of *S.officinalis* was
89 screened against gram positive bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus*) Gram negative (*E.coli*) using disc diffusion
90 methods.

91 3.1.1 Essential Oil of leaves by hydro distillation extract

92 Essential oil of leaves exhibited high antibacterial activity against both against, Gram positive bacteria
93 *staphylococcus aureus* and Gram negative (*E.coli*), gram positive bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* was more
94 sensitive than gram negative *E .coli* (figure1)
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97 Figure1: Inhibition zone of essential oil (E.O) of leave against *Staphylococcus aureus*.
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100 Figure 2: Inhibition zones of E.O leave against *E. coli*.
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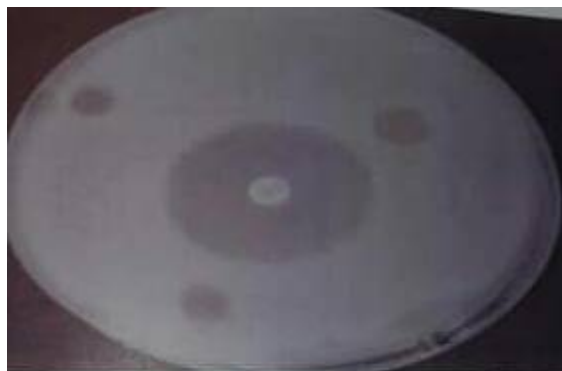
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102 3.1.2 Essential Oil of steam by hydro distillation extract

103 Essential oil of steam has antimicrobial activity against gram positive bacteria, *staphylococcus aureus* but very
104 low activity or no against *E.coli*. (Figure 4,5)

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Figure3: Inhibition zones of E.O. leaf against *E.coli*.

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Figure4: Inhibition zones of E.O. stems against *Staphylococcus aureus*.

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112 3.1.3 Ethyl acetate extract from leaves by maceration

113 Ethyl acetate showed high antibacterial activity against both test bacteria but gram positive *staphylococcus*
114 *aureus* was more susceptible than the gram negative *E.coli*.(figure 6,7)

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118 Figure 5: Inhibition zone of ethyl acetate extract of leaf against *Staphylococcus aureus*.



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Figure6: Inhibition zone of ethyl acetate extract of leaf against *E.coli*

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122 3.1.3 Hexane produced from steams by soxhlet:

123 Hexane extract of steams showed high antibacterial activity against gram positive and gram negative bacteria

124 (figure 8, 9, 10)

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Figure7: Inhibition zone of hexane extract from stem against *E.coli*

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130 Figure 8: Inhibition zones of hexane extract of stems against *Staphylococcus aureus*



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Figure 9: Inhibition zones of hexane extract of stems against *Staphylococcus aureus*

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3.1.4 Hexane extraction obtained from leaves by Soxhlet:

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It showed remarkable antimicrobial activity against *staphylococcus aureus* as well as in *E. coli* that showed much more sensitivity than that of the *S.aureus*. (figure 11,12,13)

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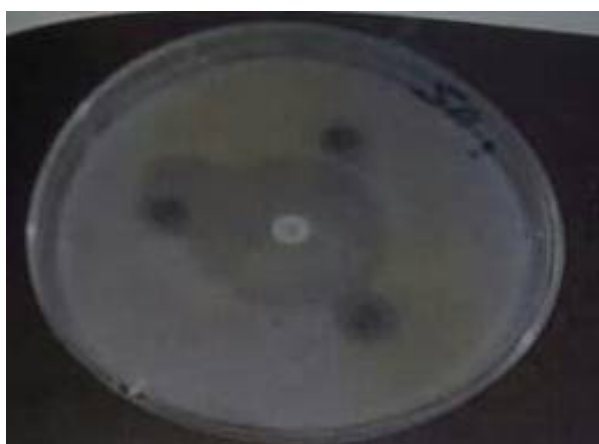
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Figure10: Inhibition zones of hexane extract of leaves against *E.coli*



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Figure11: Inhibition zones of hexane extract of leaves against *Staphylococcus aureus*

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Figure12: Inhibition zones of hexane extract of leaves against *Staphylococcus aureus*

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144 4. Discussion

145 The study aimed to show the antibacterial activity of volatiles and crude extracts from leaves and stems of
146 Sage. It has been found that, hexane extract obtained from the leaves by Soxhlet had higher antibacterial
147 activity compared with stem extract by the same method. Among the leave extracts (essential oil and ethyl
148 acetate) both possessed remarkable antibacterial activity. However, volatiles extract from leaves showed
149 higher activity than the extract from stem.

150 Moreover, Gram positive bacteria, *Staphylococcus aureus* was more sensitive than Gram negative *E.coli* .
151 Conforming results already reported by [28-30]. Several studies had demonstrated the antibacterial activity of
152 essential oil of leaves and aqueous extract of sage against Gram +ve and Gram- ve bacteria, But there have no
153 studies to test the activity of stems extract of sage. Also this work showed that, Gram n- ve bacteria *E.coli* was
154 resistant to the essential oil obtained from stem.

155 5. Conclusion

156 The antimicrobial activity results obtained confirmed that the essential oil of leave and the crude extract
157 produced from leaves and stem of *Salvia officinalis* possesses an antibacterial activity. Therefore, it is
158 beneficial to human health. In contrast essential oil of the stem showed very low antibacterial activity. This
159 antimicrobial activity was more obvious against Gram positive than Gram negative.

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