



Evaluation Of Antimicrobial Activity Of N-Hexane Extract Of Different Parts Of Pumpkin (Seed, Leaves And Pulp)

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ABSTRACT

The present study deals with the antimicrobial activity of different extracts of pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo* L.) (Seed, Leaves and pulp) against seven microorganisms: two Gram-positive bacteria, i.e. *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus cereus*; three Gram-negative bacteria, i.e. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Escherichia coli*, *Proteus mirabilis* and two yeasts, i.e. *Candida albicans* & *C. parapsilosis*. Results revealed that all extracts (Seed, Leaves and pulp) were very effective against *P. aeruginosa* while some extracts showed no inhibition against *S. aureus* at all tested concentration (20, 40 & 80 µg/ml). The maximum inhibition zone at 80 µg/ml concentration of n-hexane pulp extract was 39 ± 0.1 mm against *P. aeruginosa*. The minimum concentration (MIC) for n-hexane pulp extract was 1.65 µg/ml for *P. aeruginosa*, leading to a conclusion that the n-hexane pulp extract of pumpkin was found to be the most potent. Thus it can be concluded that n-hexane pulp extract of *Cucurbita pepo* L. was more potent as compared n-hexane seed and leaves extract of *Cucurbita pepo* L.

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