

In-Vitro Antibacterial Property of Metabolites of Alkaliphilic Isolates Against Methicillin Resistant *S. Aureus*(MRSA)

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Abstract- In this study antibacterial activity of metabolites of alkaliphilic isolates against clinical antibiotic resistant Methicillin resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) isolate was evaluated. Metabolites of few alkaliphilic isolates showed significant activity against MRSA isolate 1 and MRSA isolate 2. Cell free extracts as well intracellular extracts, extracted with methanol were used to study antimicrobial activity of the alkaliphilic isolates. Antibacterial activities exhibited by intracellular extracts were higher compared to cell free extracts. Plates showing antimicrobial activity were kept for few days to detect resistance. It was found that MRSA isolates were susceptible to intracellular methanolic extracts.

Keywords- Methicillin resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA), Antibacterial activity, Intracellular methanolic extracts.

I. INTRODUCTION

The spread of resistance to antibiotics undermines the therapeutic utility of anti-infective drugs in current clinical use. Methicillin resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) strains appeared in hospital environment after introduction of semi synthetic Penicillin, Methicillin. MRSA become resistant to these antibiotics by producing beta lactamase which breaks integrity of beta lactam ring present in these antibiotics. Among all known bacteria, *Staphylococcus aureus* is possibly the greatest concern of all health care associated pathogens due to its ability to cause a wide variety of life threatening infections. *S. aureus* has ability to rapidly adapt with different environmental conditions (1). MRSA is a pathogen responsible for wide variety of infections such as boils, pneumonia and bacteremia. It has developed resistance to the majority of conventional antibiotics (2). *Staphylococcus* infections are highlighted for being a major cause of systemic infections and for being the microorganism that has highest morbidity and mortality rates in hospital infections (3). Thus, new antibiotic and therapy options are urgently needed to improve management of bacterial infections. The major

challenge is to find drugs that act against Methicillin Resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) (4).

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

Production of antimicrobial metabolites:

The alkaliphilic microorganisms were isolated on R2A agar medium (pH-11) on the basis of colony characteristics. These isolates were inoculated into Tryptic soy broth (pH-11) and incubated for 10-14 days at 32°C. This was further used to study antibacterial activity.

Extraction of antimicrobial metabolites:

Cell free extracts were prepared by centrifugation at 13500 rpm for 30 minutes. Supernatant was collected and was further extracted with methanol. Cell pellets settled at the bottom of the microcentrifuge tubes were further processed for the extraction of intracellular metabolite. These cells were lysed by glass beads. These cell lysates were extracted with methanol in 1:1 proportion. Methanol was evaporated and used for antimicrobial assay.

Preparation of inoculum:

MRSA cultures (clinical MRSA isolate 1 and MRSA isolate 2) used in this study were inoculated into broth and incubated at 37°C for 24hrs and adjusted to obtain turbidity comparable to 0.5 McFarland standards (1×10^8 cfu/ml).

Antimicrobial assay:

Antimicrobial assay was carried out by agar well diffusion method (Kirby Bauer). The 24hr old cultures of MRSA were evenly streaked on sterile Muller- Hinton (MH) agar plates with the sterile cotton swab. These plates were kept for few minutes to set the culture on Muller- Hinton (MH) agar plates. The wells were made on MH agar plates. The wells were loaded with cell free extracts, methanol extracts and

intracellular methanolic extracts. These plates were incubated at 37°C for 48hrs. This was followed by recording diameter of zone of inhibition.

Sensitivity of the organisms for extracted metabolites:

Plates having zone of inhibition against MRSA isolates were kept for few days (20-22) and zone size was measured in order to check the sensitivity of the organism after few days, as the test organism was resistant to antibiotics.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Zone of inhibition results by cell free extracts, Methanolic extracts and Intracellular methanolic extracts of the alkaliphilic Isolates

Table No.1

1. Results of cell free extracts

Alkaliphilic bacterial isolates	Zone of inhibition (mm)	
	MRSA-1	MRSA-2
1	13.5	0
2	14	0
3	12.5	0
4	12	0
5	0	0
6	0	0
7	0	0
8	0	0

Alkaliphilic bacterial isolates	Zone of inhibition (mm)	
	MRSA-1	MRSA-2
1	18.5	21
2	18.5	20.5
3	22.5	22.5
4	22.5	23
5	0	12
6	0	12.5
7	9.5	11
8	9.5	11.5



IMG 1 Cell free extracts
Antimicrobial activity of cell free extracts of alkaliphilic bacterial isolates against MRSA-1

Table No.2

2. Results of Methanol extracts

Alkaliphilic bacterial isolates	Zone of inhibition (mm)	
	MRSA-1	MRSA-2
1	12.5	0
2	14.5	10.5
3	13	0
4	13.5	12.5
5	12	10.5
6	11	10
7	13	0
8	0	0



IMG 2 Methanol extracts
Antimicrobial activity of methanol extracts of alkaliphilic bacterial isolates against MRSA-1

Table No.3

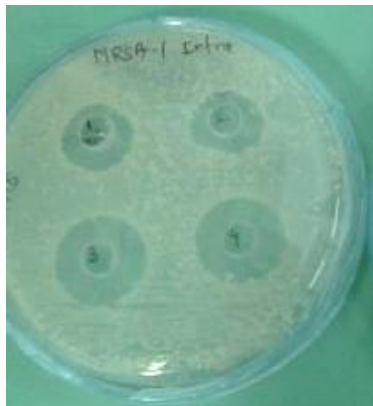
3. Results of Intracellular methanolic extracts



IMG 3 Intracellular methanolic extracts
Antimicrobial activity of intracellular methanolic extracts of alkaliphilic bacterial isolates 1,2, 3 and 4 against MRSA-1 after 48hrs.



IMG 6 Detection of susceptibility of MRSA isolate 2 against Intracellular methanolic extracts
No decrease in zone of inhibition size for 20 days, indicating susceptibility of MRSA-2 against intracellular methanolic extracts of isolates 1, 2, 3 and 4.



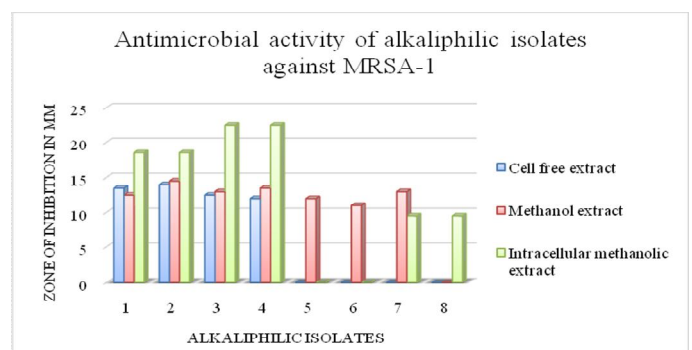
IMG 4 Detection of susceptibility of MRSA isolate 1 against Intracellular methanolic extracts
No decrease in zone of inhibition size for 20 days, indicating susceptibility of MRSA-1 against intracellular methanolic extracts of isolates 1, 2, 3 and 4.



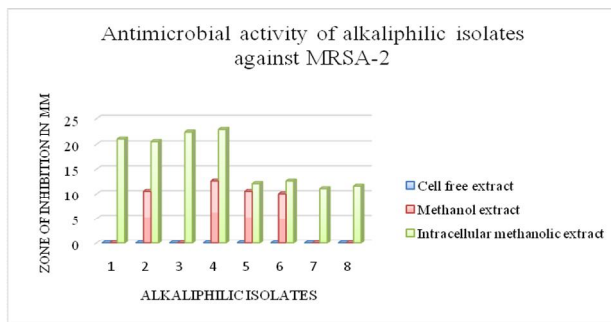
IMG 7
Antimicrobial activity of intracellular methanolic extracts of alkaliphilic bacterial isolates 5,6, 7 and 8 against MRSA-2 after 48hrs.



IMG 5 Intracellular methanolic extracts
Antimicrobial activity of intracellular methanolic extracts of alkaliphilic bacterial isolates 1,2, 3 and 4 against MRSA-2 after 48hrs.



Graph No.1



Graph No.2

In this study cell free extracts of alkaliphilic isolates have lower antimicrobial activity than methanol extracts against MRSA isolate 1. Intracellular methanolic extracts were showing higher activity against MRSA isolate 1. Cell free extracts were not showing antimicrobial activity against MRSA isolate 2. Antimicrobial activities of intracellular methanolic extracts were higher than methanol extracts against MRSA isolate 2.

More S.M. and Shinde V.A. et al (4) screened antibiotic producing ability of *Bacillus subtilis* and activity of antimicrobial compound was determined against different microorganisms like *Staphylococcus aureus*, *E.coli*, *P. aeruginosa* and *Candida tropicalis*. These isolates showed higher activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* showing 30mm of diameter of zone of inhibition.

Maithilli S.S. and Senthamil M. et al (5) isolated bacteria from marine water and antimicrobial sensitivity was tested against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *E.coli*, *P. aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. They isolated 36 bacterial strains from marine water of them twelve strains were shown sensitivity against two pathogenic bacteria *E.coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. The purified extract of fraction III shown higher zone of inhibition against *E.coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

Asli Kousha H. and Vatankhah M.R. (6) isolated *Pseudomonas sp.* from rhizosphere region and detected antibacterial activity of the isolate against Methicillin Resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA). They got higher activity against MRSA for purified proteins of *Pseudomonas sp.* as compared to cell free supernatant.

IV. CONCLUSION

Antimicrobial activity of alkaliphilic isolates with cell free extracts, methanol extracts and intracellular methanolic extracts were evaluated against MRSA isolates. Intracellular metabolites extracted with methanol showed promising activity against MRSA isolate 1 and MRSA

isolate 2 used in the study. These isolates of MRSA were found to be sensitive to intracellular methanolic extracts for few days (20), as there was no reduction observed in the zone of inhibition. Intracellular methanolic extracts need to be studied in detail to unravel these antimicrobial metabolites which may play an important role in the future. The active constituents can be explored.

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