# ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY OF MORINGA OLEIFERA LEAVES: A NATURAL APPROACH TO COMBAT INFECTIONS

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## Abstract

Moringa Oleifera is a traditional food crop widely distributed in Asia, Africa, and South America. The antimicrobial activities of all extracts were evaluated against four bacterial pathogens.. The antimicrobial properties of Moringa Oleifera have attracted considerable scientific attention due to its rich bioactive compounds. This study investigates the antimicrobial activities of Moringa oleifera leaf extracts, specifically focusing on the acetone extract's efficacy against various bacterial strains. Using in vitro antimicrobial screening methods, the acetone extract demonstrated significant antibacterial properties at concentrations as low as 0.5 mg/ml against Micrococcus kristinae and 5 mg/ml against Escherichia coli, Enterobacter cloacae, Staphylococcus aureus, and Proteus vulgaris. In contrast, the water extract showed no antibacterial activity at the highest concentration tested (5 mg/ml). The findings suggest that Moringa oleifera acetone extract possesses broad-spectrum antimicrobial potential, particularly against Gram-negative bacteria, which may offer a natural alternative for managing microbial infections, especially in the context of rising antibiotic resistance.

**Keywords:** Moringa oleifera, antimicrobial activity, acetone extract, bacterial strains, Gram-negative bacteria, natural remedies, infection treatment.

## Introduction

Moringa oleifera is a plant species indigenous to the Indian subcontinent, drawing international attention due to nutritional and medicinal value. Moringa Oleifera leaves are particularly noted to be highly vitamin, mineral, and bioactive compound-rich, in addition to their vast utility in many traditional medicine systems. Many studies suggest that Moringa Oleifera may possess appreciable health benefits in the form of antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial activities [1-3].

The increase in antibiotic-resistant bacteria continues challenging public health and urging the discovery of new therapeutic agents. The plant-based compound is emerging as an auspicious candidate with a diverse mechanism of action, and a lower propensity of resistance development.

Such compounds have been shown to exhibit antimicrobial activity against bacteria, such as fungi, and therefore seem like candidates against infectious diseases, as in the case of Moringa Oleifera [4-6]

To assess the leaf extracts of Moringa oleifera in terms of antimicrobial activity, with particular interest in evaluating the potency of the acetone extract against various strains of bacteria. The screening was carried out using the in vitro antimicrobial screening technique. In this experiment, we sought to establish the potency of the extract and determine its utility in the management of microbial infections, especially resistant strains. These may ultimately contribute to the generation of naturally-derived antimicrobial agents and provide a greater understanding of the therapeutic potential of Moringa Oleifera in modern medicine.[7-9]

## Materials and Methods

### Plant Profile of Moringa Oleifera

- **Organoleptic Characteristic**

a. Color : Bright to dark green (fresh), Pale Green or brown (dried)
b. Odor : Mildly earthy and herbaceous , stronger when dried
c. Taste: Bitter, tangy
d. Texture: Soft and Tender (fresh), Brittle and Coarse (dried)

- **Morphological Characteristics**

a. Leaf Structure: Leaves are bi- or tripinnately compound with smaller leaflets arranged along a common axis.
b. Leaflets: Leaflets are obovate (egg-shaped) measuring 12–18 mm long, hairy, and smooth in texture.
c. Height: The plant typically grows between 5 to 12 meters (16 to 39 feet) tall.
d. Trunk Diameter: Can reach up to 46 cm (18 inches).
e. Bark: Bark is whitish-gray with a corky texture; young shoots have purplish or greenish-white,
f. Crown: Features an open crown with drooping, fragile branches.
g. Petiole: The petiole is yellow or white without red stripes.
h. Growth : Moringa leaves grow rapidly and are rich in vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants.[10]

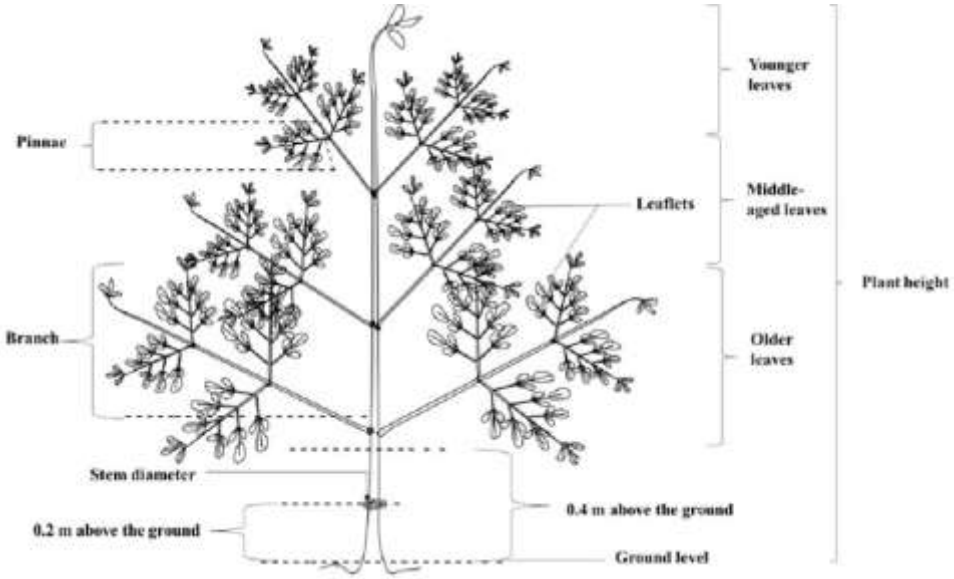


**Fig no. 1 Morphology of Moringa Oleifera leaves**

Moringa leaves (Moringa oleifera) exhibit a range of distinct morphological characteristics that contribute to their unique appearance and functionality. The leaves are typically pinnate, featuring a feather-like structure with leaflets arranged along a central stem. Each compound leaf usually consists of 3 to 9 oval to elliptical leaflets, which can vary in size, generally measuring between 1 to 3 inches in length and 0.5 to 1.5 inches in width.[12]

Young Moringa leaves are a bright green color, which deepens as they mature, while their surfaces are smooth and glossy, often covered with a slightly waxy coating that helps reduce water loss. The leaves are arranged alternately along the stem, each connected by a distinct petiole, or leaf stalk. At the base of the leaf stalk, small leaf-like structures known as stipules may be present.[13-14]

- **Taxonomical Characteristics**

a. Kingdom: Plantae
b. Clade: Angiosperms
c. Clade: Eudicots
d. Order: Brassicales
e. Family: Moringaceae
f. Genus: Moringa
g. Species: M. oleifera

Moringa Oleifera, also known as the drumstick tree or horseradish tree, is widely recognized for its medicinal and nutritional benefits. Its leaves are used in various traditional medicines and as a dietary supplement due to their rich nutrient profile.[15-16]

**Fig no. 2 Moringa Oleifera leaves**

- **Chemical Composition**

a. Flavonoids: Major flavonoids include quercetin, kaempferol, myricetin, and rutin. These compounds are known for their antioxidant properties.
b. Phenolic Acids: Key phenolic acids found are gallic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid, and ferulic acid.
c. Alkaloids: Various alkaloids have been identified in the leaves such as moringinine and pyrrolemarumine.
d. Glucosinolates: The most abundant glucosinolate is glucomoringin (4-O-(α-L-rhamnopyranosyloxy)-benzyl glucosinolate).
e. Saponins and Tannins: These compounds are also present and contribute to the pharmacological properties of the leaves.

## Extract preparation

Gather green leaves of Moringa Oleifera, air-dried under shaded conditions to preserve their phytochemical properties, and then milled into a fine powder. For the extraction process, two solvents were utilized acetone and water. Equal volumes of each solvent were employed in all cases. A total of 100 grams of the powdered leaf material was soaked in 500 milliliters of each solvent (acetone and distilled water). The mixtures were agitated for 48 hours at 30°C using an orbital shaker (Stuart Scientific Orbital Shaker, UK) to ensure proper mixing and extraction of the plant's bioactive compounds.[17-19]

The acetone used for extraction was of high analytical grade, chosen for its relatively low toxicity to the test organisms. After the extraction process, the mixtures were filtered separately through Whatman No. 1 filter paper to remove any residual plant material. The acetone extract was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure at 40°C using a rotary evaporator. Meanwhile, the water extract was freeze-dried using a Savant refrigerated vapor trap to preserve the aqueous extract.[20-21]

The yields of the extracts were 16% for the acetone extract and 13% for the water extract. Both extracts were stored in air-tight glass bottles at 4°C until further use. Prior to experimental testing, the extracts were re-dissolved in their respective solvents to the desired concentrations. All tests were replicated three times to ensure reproducibility and reliability of the results.[22-23]

## Antimicrobial Mechanisms of Moringa Oleifera Leaves

Moringa Oleifera leaves contain phytol, a compound derived from chlorophyll that can be converted into phytanic acid. This transformation is significant for its antibacterial effects against pathogens such as Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Staphylococcus. In addition to phytol, Moringa leaves are rich in Phenolic compounds, which are recognized for their antioxidant and antimicrobial properties. These compounds exert their antibacterial effects through several mechanisms [24-26]

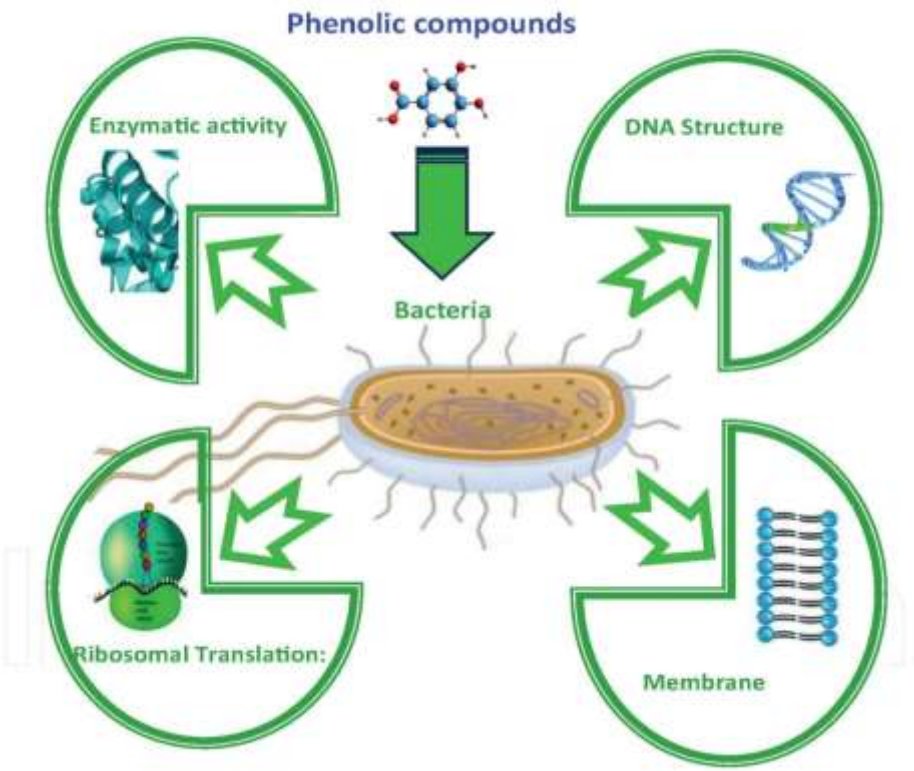


**Fig no. 3 Antimicrobial Mechanism**

Disruption of Enzymatic Activity: Phenolic compounds interfere with various bacterial enzymes, hindering essential metabolic functions. Alteration of DNA Structure: These compounds can penetrate bacterial DNA, affecting processes such as replication, recombination, and transcription. The flatness and hydrophobic characteristics of the polyphenol molecules facilitate their insertion into the DNA helix.Impact on Bacterial Membranes: By interacting with bacterialcell membranes, phenolics compromise membrane integrity, resulting in cell content leakage and subsequent cell death.[27-29]

The diverse antibacterial actions of polyphenols include interactions with bacterial proteins and cell walls, modifications in membrane permeability, and inhibition of DNA synthesis. The amphipathic nature of these

compounds is particularly crucial for their antimicrobial effectiveness, allowing them to interact with both hydrophobic and hydrophilic environments within bacterial cells.[30-32]

Polyphenols can also form complexes with metal ions, such as copper ($Cu^{2+}$), which can alter DNA stability. The mechanism of inhibition is contingent upon the structure of the polyphenols and the specific bacterial species involved. Their hydrophilic or hydrophobic properties influence the sites of action, thereby enhancing their antibacterial potency. Additionally, phenolic compounds have been shown to interfere with critical bacterial synthetic pathways, including the inhibition of topoisomerase and DNA gyrase, further contributing to their antibacterial effects.[33-35]

## Evaluation of Antimicrobial Activity

### Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) Determination

The bacterial species utilized in this study were maintained on nutrient agar plates to preserve their viability. Prior to testing, the bacterial strains were recovered by sub-culturing in nutrient broth (Oxoid) and incubated at 37°C for 18 hours to ensure optimal growth. Once the bacterial cultures reached the desired growth phase, they were diluted at a ratio of 1:100 in fresh sterile nutrient broth. This dilution ensured that the bacterial population was standardized for the subsequent antimicrobial assays.[36-38]

To determine the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of the plant extracts, the bacterial cultures were streaked in a radial pattern on agar plates. The plates were then incubated at 37°C under aerobic conditions. The bacterial growth was examined after 24 and 48 hours of incubation to assess the effectiveness of the extracts in inhibiting microbial proliferation. The concentration of each plant extract that completely suppressed bacterial growth was considered the MIC, signifying the lowest concentration at which the extract exhibited bacteriostatic activity.[39]

In this experiment, each plant extract was tested at a series of concentrations: 5.0 mg/ml, 1.0 mg/ml, 0.5 mg/ml, and 0.1 mg/ml. Two standard antibiotics, streptomycin and chloramphenicol, were used as positive controls to compare the efficacy of the plant extracts. In addition, pure solvents (acetone and water) and extract-free solutions served as blank controls to ensure the validity of the results. Acetone, which was one of the solvents used for

extraction, has been reported to be non-toxic to the bacterial strains at the concentrations employed in this study. Each test was replicated three times to ensure consistency and reproducibility of the findings.

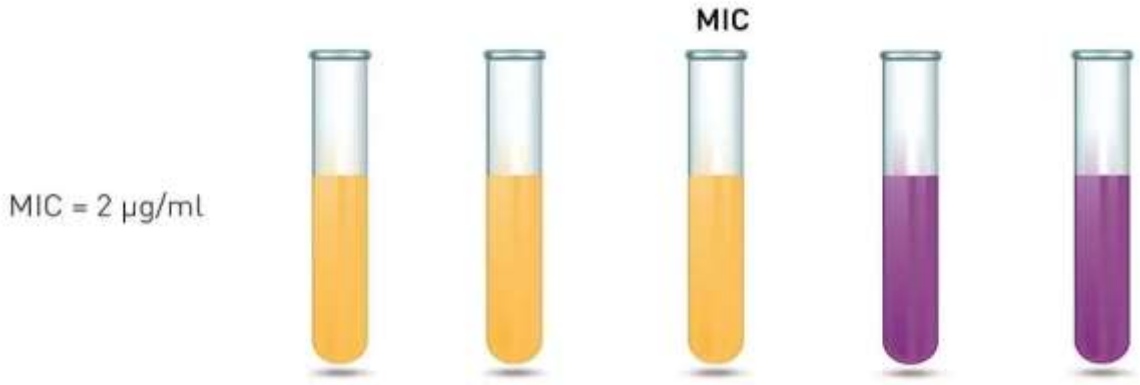


**Fig no. 4 Minimum Inhibitor Concentration**

This methodology allowed for a comprehensive evaluation of the antibacterial potential of the plant extracts, providing critical data on their efficacy in inhibiting the growth of various pathogenic bacterial strains.[40]

## Minimum Bactericidal Concentration (MBC) Determination

The minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC) of the plant extracts was determined by modifying a procedure from Spencer and Spencer (2004). This approach was used to determine the bactericidal activity of the plant extracts, as MBC indicates the lowest concentration at which all bacterial cells are killed, rather than inhibited.[41]

The cultures which-primarily previously exposed to different concentrations of the plant extracts-showed no visible bacterial growth after incubation for 24 hours on MIC plates, were then used to start the MBC assessment. These cultures were then sub-cultured onto fresh extract-free solid media, thereby ensuring that any eventual bacterial recovery rested entirely on the absence of the extract. The sub-cultured plates were incubated further for 18 to 24 hours at the same conditions as that of the MIC assay.[42-43]

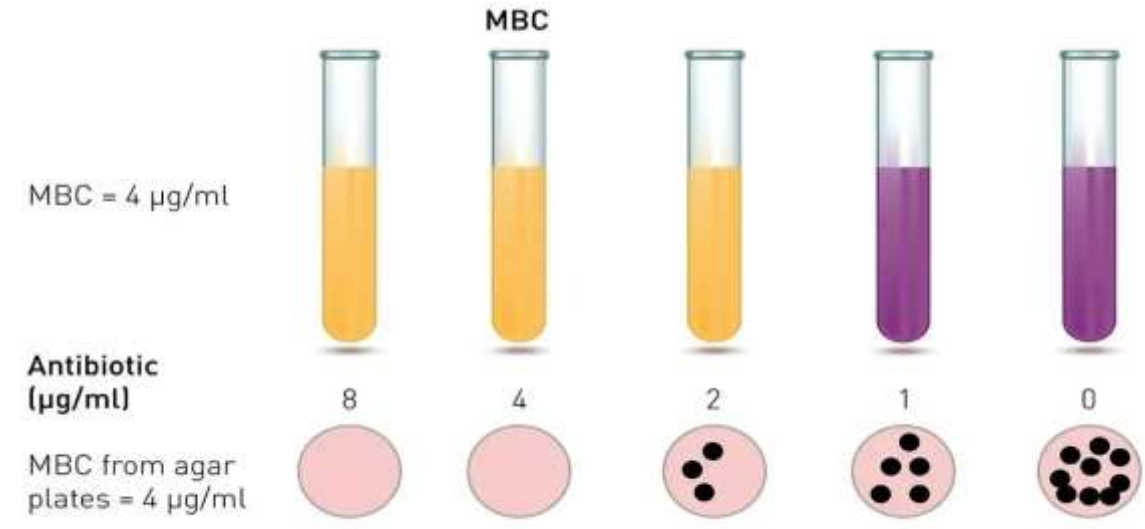


**Fig no. 5 Minimum Bactericidal Concentration**

After incubation, the plates were visually inspected for bacterial growth. MBC was determined to be the highest dilution, or lowest concentration, of the plant extract that resulted in the complete absence of bacterial colonies on the solid medium. This meant that the bacterial cells had indeed been killed, not temporarily inhibited, because no regrowth occurred when the extract was absent. The MBC values, therefore, represent the minimum concentration necessary for the extract to exert a bactericidal effect, and this is a crucial measure of potency.[43-44]

It is significant to mention that the MBC of the water extract could not be established since it was found to have no antibacterial activity even after conducting the MIC test. Since the growth of bacteria was not inhibited by the water extract, further bactericidal studies were not performed on that extract. The determination of MBC for the entire spectrum of tested bacterial species was carried out using standardized experimental conditions, thereby ensuring consistency in evaluating the efficacy of the plant extracts. This way, comparisons between their potential as antimicrobials could be made quite effectively in controlled laboratory settings.[45-46]

## Antibacterial Activity

The antibacterial efficacy of the acetone leaf extract of Moringa Oleifera was evaluated, revealing significant antimicrobial activity at a concentration of 5 mg/ml against several bacterial strains, including Escherichia coli, Enterobacter cloacae,Proteus vulgaris, Staphylococcus aureus and Moraxella kristinae, which exhibited susceptibility at a notably lower concentration of 0.5 mg/ml. For comparative purposes, the reference antibiotics streptomycin and chloramphenicol demonstrated antibacterial activity at a Concentration of 2 µg/ml, as detailed in Table 1.[47-48]

**Table 1.** Antibacterial activity of the leaf extracts of *M. oleifera*.

| Bacteria species | Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) and minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC) (mg/ml) | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Gram reaction | Water extract | Acetone extract | Streptomycin (µg/ml) | Chloramphenicol (µg/ml) |
| *Bacillus cereus*(ATCC 10702) | + | na | na | < 2 | < 2 |
| *Bacillus pumilus* (ATCC 14884) | + | na | na | < 2 | < 2 |
| *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 6538) | + | na | 5 (5) | < 2 | < 2 |
| *Streptococcus faecalis* (ATCC 29212) | + | na | na | < 2 | < 2 |
| *Micrococcus kristinae* § | + | | 0.5 (1) | < 0.5 | < 2 |
| *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922) | - | na | 5(5) | < 2 | < 2 |
| *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC 19582) | - | na | na | < 5 | < 20 |
| *Enterobacter cloacae* (ATCC 13047) | - | na | 5(5) | < 2 | < 2 |
| *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (ATCC 10031) | - | na | na | < 2 | < 2 |
| *Proteus vulgaris* (ATCC 6830) | - | na | 5(5) | < 2 | < 2 |

na = Not active; MBC, values in bracket; § = environmental strain.

As summarized in Table 2, the Moringa Oleifera acetone extract exhibited bactericidal properties against both E. coli and M. kristinae. In contrast, the extract displayed bacteriostatic effects on S. aureus , E. cloacae, and P. vulgaris. It is noteworthy that the minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC) of the acetone extract against M. kristinae was determined to be 1.0 mg/ml, which was higher than its minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of 0.5 mg/ml. Interestingly,

**Table 2.** Bacteriostatic and bactericidal activities of *M. oleifera* acetone extract.

| Bacterial species | Gram +/- | Bacteriostatic (mg/ml) | Bactericidal (mg/ml) |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 6538) | + | 5.0 | na |
| *Micrococcus kristinae* § | + | na | 1.0 |
| *Proteus vulgaris* (ATCC 6830) | - | 5 | na |
| *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922) | - | na | 5 |
| *Enterobacter cloacae* (ATCC 13047) | - | 5 | na |

na = Not active; § = environmental strain.

the MIC and MBC values against the other bacterial strains were equivalent, both recorded at 5 mg/ml. Conversely, the water extract did not demonstrate any antibacterial activity, even at the highest concentration tested (5 mg/ml).[49-50]

## Discussion

The susceptibility of certain bacterial strains to Moringa Oleifera extracts may indicate its potential as a drug against these susceptible strains. Antibacterial resistance, particularly among Gram-negative bacteria, presents significant challenges in the treatment of infectious diseases, necessitating the exploration of alternative drugs or natural antibacterial remedies. The variation in bacterial response is attributable to the specific nature of the bacterial species involved. The acetone extract of Moringa oleifera leaves demonstrates antimicrobial effects against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, indicating broad-spectrum activity. Notably, the acetone extract exhibits greater antibacterial activity against Gram-negative bacteria compared to Gram-positive strains, which contrasts with the findings of many researchers who typically report stronger effects of plant extracts against Gram-positive bacteria.

The ability of Moringa oleifera acetone extract to inhibit the growth of M. kristinae at a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of 0.5 mg/ml indicates that this strain is particularly sensitive to the extract. This suggests that M. kristinae could be targeted as a potential antibiotic treatment for infections caused by this bacterium. The observed susceptibility of M. kristinae may be attributed to its environmental strain status, which often correlates with a lower incidence of antibiotic resistance genes compared to clinical strains.

In contrast, the lack of antimicrobial activity in the water extract aligns with previous studies indicating that aqueous extracts of plants generally exhibit limited or no antimicrobial effects. Reports suggest that Gram-negative bacteria tend to be more resistant to water extracts, as numerous studies have shown that water extracts of plants do not demonstrate significant antibacterial activity. This limited effectiveness may stem from the complex interactions of compounds present in water extracts, which may act antagonistically. Additionally, active compounds from plant materials may not be readily extractable in water. The acetone solvent proved to be more effective than water in extracting active constituents from Moringa Oleifera leaves, as compounds like tannins and polyphenols, known for their antibacterial properties, are soluble in acetone.

However, some studies have reported antimicrobial activity of Moringa Oleiferawater extracts against bacteria such as Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus, and Bacillus subtilis. These discrepancies could be attributed to variations in the environmental conditions where the plants were collected, seasonal factors, and the physiological state of the plants at the time of leaf harvesting, all of which affect the chemical composition and concentration of active compounds. While water extracts are commonly used and affordable for resource-limited farmers, they may not always achieve the required physiological levels to effectively inhibit pathogen growth in situ. Nevertheless, the inclusion of Moringa Oleifera leaf meal in animal feeds has been shown to reduce E. coli counts in the gastrointestinal tract. Moreover, the water extracts from Moringa Oleifera leaves have exhibited antimicrobial properties by inhibiting the growth of S. aureus strains isolated from food and animal intestines. This underscores the potential of as a source of antimicrobial peptides to replace antibiotics in animal feeds.

The Moringa Oleifera acetone extract displayed bactericidal properties against E. coli, a bacterium often characterized by multi-resistance. The extract's ability to kill E. coli, although observed at the highest concentration tested, is significant given the general resistance of Gram-negative bacteria to antibiotics. This resistance may be attributed to the permeability barrier created by the bacterial cell wall and membrane accumulation mechanisms. The observed bactericidal and bacteriostatic activities of Moringa Oleifera acetone extract against E. coli warrant further investigation into its potential as an effective alternative in the fight against antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

## Conclusion

The study evaluated the antimicrobial activity of the acetone leaf extract of Moringa Oleifera , revealing significant antimicrobial efficacy at a concentration of 5 mg/ml against various bacterial strains, including Escherichia coli, Enterobacter cloacae, Proteus vulgaris , Staphylococcus aureus, and Moraxella kristinae. Notably, M. kristinae exhibited susceptibility at a notably lower concentration of 0.5 mg/ml. In comparison, reference antibiotics such as streptomycin and chloramphenicol showed antibacterial activity at 2 µg/ml.

The study demonstrated that the acetone extract of Moringa Oleifera exhibited notable antibacterial properties. Specifically, it was found to be bactericidal against Escherichia coli and Micrococcus kristinae. The minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC) for M. kristinae was determined to be 1.0 mg/ml, which is higher than its minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of 0.5 mg/ml. This indicates that while a lower concentration of the extract can inhibit the growth of M. kristinae, a higher concentration is required to achieve bactericidal effects.

In contrast, the acetone extract displayed bacteriostatic activity against Staphylococcus aureus, Enterobacter cloacae, and Proteus vulgaris. For these bacterial strains, both the MIC and MBC were recorded at 5 mg/ml, suggesting that the same concentration is necessary to inhibit and kill these bacteria.

Notably, the water extract of Moringa oleifera did not exhibit any antibacterial activity, even at the highest concentration tested (5 mg/ml). This underscores the significance of the solvent used in the extraction process, as the acetone extract was effective while the water extract was not.

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