

# Study the Effect of Palm Date Extract against Bacterial and Fungal Species Isolated from Ear Infection

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## Abstract

A number of bacterial and fungal strains associated with external ear infections from the Samarra General Hospital were isolated and included bacterial species (*Escherichia coli*, *Streptococcus pneumonia*, *Klebsiella spp*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) and fungal species. (*Aspergillus flavus*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Pencillium spp*, *Cladosporium*) The genus *Phoenix doctitera* is an important and rich variety of nutrients. It has been tested as a subject for study. Its biological effect on pollen was tested against bacterial and fungal species using ethanol and distilled water. The results showed an inhibitory effect against some of the above-mentioned species with the highest inhibitory against *Staphylococcus aureus*  $0.25 \pm 2.23$  mm and the highest inhibition of *Cladosporium*  $0.2 \pm 2.0$  mm. Bacteria resistance *E.coli*, *Klebsiella* and *A. fungus A. flavus*, *A. niger* for the extract of alcohol as the water extract did not have any effect against bacterial and fungal species.

## 1- Introduction

The ear is a member of hearing and balance in human and consists of three functional parts, the external ear that transmits the sound waves to the drum and the middle ear which moves the vibrations of the drum to the inner which in turn forms the inner part of the ear and transforms the vibrations into nerve impulses that the brain translates, ear infection is very common in children it affects any of the three parts of the outer ear, middle and the inner, the indicators and symptoms vary according to the location of the injury [1],[2].

The area of the ear, nose and pharynx is exposed to bacterial and fungal contamination through bacterial laden dust and fungal spores for direct contact with air and the external environment which are often polluted as environment suitable for the growth of bacteria and fungi in addition to that most bacteria and fungi opportunistic it can cause many diseases, especially infections of the middle ear [3].

Ear infection are a medically important cause of pain and nerve irritation when the inflammation is in the outside ear or many lead to hearing loss in the cause of the middle ear infection, It also affects the pronunciation process and the level of intelligence [4], inflammation of the nose and pharynx which form the beginning of the upper respiratory tract many lead to the transmission of the pathogen and then inflammation to the rest of the respiratory organs [5].

Medical plant continue to provide valuable therapeutic factors whether in modern medicine or traditional medicine [6] the sex of phoenix is one of the most widely cultivated major groups around the world because it is an important food source for humans because it contains carbohydrates, proteins and amino acids, Palm farms are a source of support for farmers especially in Iraq different parts of it are used in traditional medicine to treat various disorders memory, fever, paralysis, loss of consciousness and neurological disorders [7].

Palm date contains a group of fatty acids such as Oleic in the rate of (50.10%) and the Linolic in the rate of (19.23%) and the Palmitic in the rate of (9.83%) and the Stearic in the rate of (7.51%) [8]. the result of the

chemical analysis showed that the pollination of Palm date contains citroids, citrolates, and flavonoids which have been shown to be powerful antioxidants[9]. As Al samarai,2016 explained during the chemical examination of the components that the grains contain citrules, flavonoids, alkaloids, protein, carbohydrate, cliques, phenolic compounds, tannins, turbines, sapphons, coumarin[10], Kothar,2011 also confirmed that the a cetone and methanolic extract of the palm date had an inhibitory effect against species of bacteria included (*Bacillus subtilis*, *E.coli*, *Ps.aeruginosa*, *Shigella flexeneri*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*) [11] ..Astudy in iran has shown that Palm date has an inhibitory effect against several bacterial strains of Gram positive bacteria [12], Shraideh also demonstrated that the Palm date effect on the growth of *Candida albicans*.

## 2- The importance of Palm date the study aims.

1-Isolation and diagnosis of bacterial and fungal species from several samples with ear infection from Samarra general hospital .

2-Statement of the effect of alcohol and water extracts in inhibiting isolated microbial and fungal species.

## 3-Materials & Methods

### 3.1Collection of Specimens:

40 samples were collected, 20 of which were bacterial and 20 were fungal and different ages and both sexes of people with ear infection and cotton swabs and in cooperation with a group of specialists of the nose, ear and throat in Samarra general hospital during the period from October month to December month of the year 2016, other samples of unsatisfactory cases were collected as control models.

Bacterial Isolates: samples were planted on the following media .

1- Blood agar

2 - MacConkey's agar

3-Nutrient agar

4-MannitolSalt Agar to diagnose bacteria *S.aureus*.

All medias attended and dissolved in distilled water and then sterilized by autoclave at a temperature 121 C<sup>0</sup> and pressure 15 pound for 15 mintes, the dishes were incubated aerobically and at a temperature 37 C<sup>0</sup> for 24 hour.

### 3.2 Diagnosis of bacterial isolates

The morphological and chemical properties of developing colonies were observed.

**A-microscopy and agricultural characteristics:** The bacteria were first identified by observation agricultural characteristics of the developing colonies on the media used form where size, height and colonial color and attended thin swabs and a pigment with a Gram stain to observe cell shapes, arrange and their susceptibility to pigmentation [13].

### B-Bacteriological test

IMVIC test were conducted includes ( Indol test, Methyl red, Vog's proskauer, Cimmon citrate ) [14],[13] As well as tests Oxidase, Catalase,Coagulase to confirm isolated bacterial species [15].

## 4- Fungal isolates :

Samples are planted on the media potato dextrose agar (PDA) and incubated dishes at a temperature 25 C<sup>0</sup> for a week with growth note every two days and the result is negative if growth dose not appear swabs from all models were made on a glass slide using a blue acetone phenol stain for the purpose of microscopy.

## 5- Preparation of the plant extract for Palm date

Ahmed method adopted (2010) [16] in the preparation of water and alcohol extracts added 40 m from Palm pollen powder both on my own to 160 ml from distilled water and in the case of alcohol extract the same quantity has been added to ethyl alcohol at a concentration 95% then leave the mix for 24 hour in the refrigerator for the purpose of soaking and then filtered through several layers of sterile gauzo then the resulting extracts were concentrated by rotary evaporator and at a temperature 40 C<sup>0</sup> until a heavy liquid is obtained and the solution is

filtered with microbial filtration membranes (Micropipette) minute openings and diameter 0.22  $\mu\text{L}$  each sample is placed in sealed glass bottles and marked and stored in the refrigerator until use.

#### 6- Test the Sensitivity of Bacteria and Fungi Isolated to Plant Extract

Effectiveness of the plant extract was tested by diffusion method in dish (Agar Well diffusion). It both PDA media and nutrient agar are prepared according to manufacturer's instructions in the case of bacterial samples, a swab was taken from the newly grown farm and place a tube of the container on 5 ml of feeding medium (Nutrient broth) mix with the mixer the tubes were incubated for half an hour after the media was sterilized by autoclave and at a temperature 60  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  then add the bacterial suspension to the medium and mix gently and then varnishes in dishes petri after the hardening of the dishes, a 5 ml hole drill was performed with a sterile fine hole and add the alcohol and water extract in the hole for each extract and use 3 replicates using the micropipette at the same time control dishes were made by placing 75 microliter distilled sterile water as a negative control sample and incubating the dishes at a temperature 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 18-24 hour the diameter of the inhibition area was then measured, in the case of fungal samples, it is similar to bacterial specimens with different plant medium and incubation time 24-48 hour, positive control dishes were also made using antifungal nystatin as a positive control sample [17].

#### 7- Results & Discussion

The results of isolation and identification showed there are a number of the bacterial and fungal species that accompanied the otitis, the most important ones are following: (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Escherichia coli*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Klebsiella spp*, *Staphylococcus aureus*). The higher ratio of appearance are *S.aureus* whereas the number of the fungal species are (3) which belonged to (4) genera: (*Aspergillus flavus*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Penicillium spp*) and *Cladosporium*). The higher ratio of appearance in *A.niger*. This is agreed with Abd Al-shahid [18] (when he enabled to isolate [14] isolation for *A.niger* and [14] isolations for *A.fungiotus* and [8] isolations for *A.flavus* and [3] isolations for *A.terrus*).

#### 8-Test of the sensitivity of the plant extract from the palm pollen against the bacterial isolation

The obvious results in the table (1) and the figures (A-E) indicated there are a significant effect of the alcoholic extract of palm pollen on inhibiting the isolated bacterial spp. The higher inhibitory ratio at *Streptococcus* is 0.25 $\pm$  2.23 ml compared to the control group that attained 0.00 $\pm$  0.00 and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* attained 0.15 $\pm$  2.03ml and then *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, attained 0.26 $\pm$  1.8ml whereas the ratio of inhibition is zero at *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella spp*. The aqueous extract didn't show any inhibitory impact on the isolated species.

**Table (1) Effect of Palm pollen extract on the isolated bacterial species.**

Type of treatment <i>Bacterial.spp</i>	Alcoholic Extract	Aqueou Extract	Control
<i>E.coli</i>	<b>E0.00<math>\pm</math> 0.00</b>	<b>A 0.00 <math>\pm</math> 0.00</b>	<b>B0.00 <math>\pm</math> 00.00</b>
<i>Klebsella.spp</i>	<b>E0.00<math>\pm</math>0.00</b>	<b>A 0.00 <math>\pm</math>0.00</b>	<b>B0.00 <math>\pm</math> 0.00</b>
<i>S.aureus</i>	<b>A0.25<math>\pm</math> 2.23</b>	<b>A 0.00 <math>\pm</math> 0.00</b>	<b>B 0.00 <math>\pm</math> 0.00</b>
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	<b>B0.15 <math>\pm</math> 2.03</b>	<b>A 0.00 <math>\pm</math> 0.00</b>	<b>B 0.00 <math>\pm</math> 0.00</b>
<i>Ps.aeruginosa</i>	<b>C 0.26 <math>\pm</math> 1.8</b>	<b>A 0.00 <math>\pm</math> 0.00</b>	<b>B 0.00 <math>\pm</math> 0.00</b>

\*The similar letters indicate there are no significant differences ( $0.05 \leq P$ ) among they groups vertical comparison).

\*The different letters indicate there are significant differences ( $P \geq 0.05$ ) among groups vertical comparison.



Figure(C) illustrated *St.pneumonia*

Figur(B) illustrated *Ps.aerug*

Figur(A) illustrated *S.aureus*

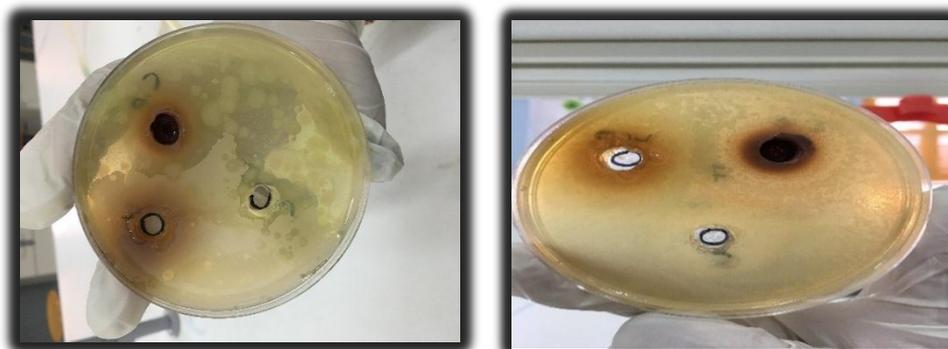


Figure (E) illustrated *Klebsiella*

Figure(D) illustrated *E.coli*

fig (1) Effect of the Palm pollen extract on the isolated bacterial species.

A: *S. aureus*

B: *Ps.aeruginosa*

C: *St.pneumonia*

D: *Esherichia coli*

E: *Klebsiella*

#### 9-Testing the sensitivity of the palm pollen extract against the fungal isolations

The illustrated results in the table(2) and figures (A-D) showed there was a significant impact of the alcoholic extract on inhibiting *Cladosporium* and *Pencillium spp.* That attained  $0.1 \pm 1.6$  and  $0.2 \pm 2.0$  ml respectively, compared to the control that attained 1.5 ml whereas there were no effect on *A.niger* and *A.flavus*. The aqueous extract didn't show any effect on the fungi.

**Table(2) Effect of Palm pollen extract impact on fungal isolations.**

Kind of treatment Fungal genera	Alcoholic extract	Aqueous extract	Control
A.flvus	0.0 ± 0.0 C	0.0 ± 0.0 A	1.5 ± A0.0
A.niger	0.0 ± 0.0 C	0.0 ± A 0.0	1.5 ± A0.0
Pencillium.spp	1.6± 0.1 B	0.0 ± 0.0 A	1.5 ± A0.0
Cladosporium	2.0± A 0.2	0.0 ± 0.0 A	1.5 ± A0.0

The similar letters indicate there are no significant differences ( $0.0 < p$ ) among the groups (vertical comparison).

The different letters indicate there are significant differences ( $p \geq 0.05$ ) among the group (vertical comparison).



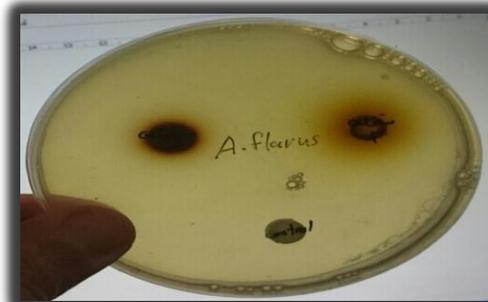
**Figure (A) illustrated *Cladosporium***



**Figuer(B) illustrated *Pencillium***



**Figure(C)illustrated *A.niger***



**Figure(D)illustrated *A.flvus***

**Fig(2) Effect of the Palm pollen extract on the fungal isolations.**

**A:** *Cladosporium*

**B:** *Pencillium*

**C:** *A.niger*

**D:** *A.flvus*

## 10 -Discussion

The antimicrobial activity of Palm pollen draws from containing the auxiliary anabolic materials as sterols, flavonoids ,alkaloids and saponoids, coumarin and pectin [9] , and the activity of the alcoholic extract may draw from the capacity of some material melting in alcohol more than in water.

[19] appeared that the activity of the Palm pollen extract against the bacterial species draw from its containing the flavonoids like quercetin, and [20] indicated that the Palm pollen extract has an activity in inhibiting certain strains of bacteria including *E.coli* and staphylococcus as well as the fungus *Fusarium oxysporium* that is one of the morbigenous fungus to plant and isolated from soil and that because the pollen is rich with Cinnamic , flavonoid and Gallic acid , whreas [21] showed there was no important role for the aqueous extract of the Palm pollen against the numerous practical bacterial species.

[11] found that the crud ethanol extract had an important role in inhibiting numerous negative and positive gram bacterial species as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Escherichia coli* , *Bacillus subtilis*, *streptococcus pyogenes*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Shiglla flexeneri*. [22] found astrong impact of the palm pollen extract when h compared between two kinds of dates :Dpp Tunisia and Dpp kerkenna against 10 species of bacteria and genera of fungi. The greatest inhibition was by using DPPK and ethylacetate against *Klebsiella pneumonia* with ratio ranged between  $14 \pm 2.0$  ml, and *staphylococcus aureus* with ratio  $20 \pm 1.0$  ml .The *Fusarium oxysporium* is sensitive by the extract with ratio  $42 \pm 20$ ml and  $29 \pm 1.0$  ml by using ethylacetate for both species DPPT and DPPK whears DPPT is hyer sensitive by using the acetone extract with an inhibitor ratio against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Klebsilla .pneumonia* attained  $10 \pm 1.0$  and  $5.5 \pm 0.5$  ml ,respectively whereas both species had no effect on the other fungi genera: *Fusarium spp*, *R.sdani*, *P. catenulatum*, *Pencillum*, *F.phllophitum*, *A.niger*.

These results agree with astudy done in Egypt when six compounds were isolated from the Palm pollen :caffeic acid ,Gallica acid , Coumaric acid , Chlorogenic acid Catchinad and quercetin to know their biological activity against six speciesof bacteria :*E.coli*, *Klebsilla*, *Staphylococcus epedermids* , *Bacillius cereus* and *Micrococcus lutus* . The greatest impact against *staphylococcus* with ratio attained 22ml , and against fungi *Candida albicans* and *A.niger*[23].

[24] found also that the palm pollen had an impact on *Candida alpicans* it has caused disformation and a partical decay of the cell wall leading to its breakdown and noticed infiltration of the cytoplasm materials and attend ,dying the cell.

The studies showed that the flavonoids had activities against *Candida albicans* and *Candida krusei* and their presence in the extract may be responsible for the anti-fungal effects [25].

The resistance of *A.niger* and *A.flavus* to the plant extract may return to excrete many auxiliary anaholic material or Aflatoxin.

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

**There are no conflicts of interest.**

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#### الخلاصة

تم في هذه الدراسة عزل عدد من الأنواع البكتيرية والفطرية المصاحبة لألتهاب الأذن الخارجية والمأخوذة من مستشفى سامراء العام وتشمل الأنواع البكتيرية (*Pseudomonas* , *Staphylococcus aureus* , *Escherichia coli* , *Streptococcus pneumonia* , *Klebsiella spp*) والأنواع الفطرية (*aeruginosa*) والأجناس المهمة والغنية بعدة مواد مغذية لذلك تم اختبارها كموضوع للدراسة إذ تم إختبار تأثيره البايولوجي لحبوب الطلع ضد *doctitera* من الاجناس المهمة والغنية بعدة مواد مغذية لذلك تم اختبارها كموضوع للدراسة إذ تم إختبار تأثيره البايولوجي لحبوب الطلع ضد الأنواع البكتيرية والفطرية وبأستخدام مذيبيين هما الايثانول والماء المقطر المعقم وتم اختبار فعالية المستخلصات النباتية ضد الأنواع البكتيرية والفطرية بطريقة الأنتشار في الحفر Agar well diffusion وأظهرت النتائج فعالية تثبيطية ضد بعض الأنواع المذكورة أنفاً إذ بلغت أعلى نسبة للتثبيط ضد البكتيريا *Staphylococcus.aureus*  $0.25 \pm 2.23$  ملم وأعلى نسبة للتثبيط ضد الفطر *Cladosporium*  $0.2 \pm 2.0$  ملم كما وجد مقاومة لبكتيريا *E.coli* , *Klebsiella* وكلا الفطرين *A.flavus* , *A.niger* للمستخلص الكحولي كما ان المستخلص المائي لم يكن له أي تأثير ضد الأنواع البكتيرية والفطرية.

الكلمات الدالة: *Aspergillus flavus*، الرشاشيات، بنيسيليوم النيابة، المبعثرة.