



Ecofriendly Disease Management of *Vicia Faba* Disease Incited by *Pseudomonas viridiflava*

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ABSTRACT

In the present study antibacterial activity of seven Sariska medicinal plant parts extracts namely *Emblica officinalis* fruits, *Moringa oleifera* leaves, *Azadirachta indica* leaves, *Tinospora cordifolia* leaves and *Pongamia pinnata* leaves, *Terminalia arjuna* bark, and *Desmodium gangeticum* resin was carried out against *Vicia faba* pathogen *Pseudomonas viridiflava* by using well-diffusion methods. Antibacterial activity was detected at two 50% and 100% (w/v) concentrations of methanol extracts. All experimental medicinal plants showed more effective bacterial inhibitory activity against *P. viridiflava*. Among them, bark extract of *T. arjuna* gave maximum inhibition annulus (IA) that was 1271.1 mm² at 100% and 1142.96 mm² at 50% concentration. Thereafter leaf extract of *M. obliifera* and *T. cordifolia* showed 1142.96 mm² IA at 100% concentration. The results concluded that *E. officinalis*, *M. oleifera*, *A. indica*, *T. cordifolia*, *P. pinnata*, *T. arjuna*, and *D. gangeticum* have antibacterial activity against *Pseudomonas viridiflava* pathogen. Hence these medicinal plants can be used for eco-friendly disease management of *Vicia faba* pathogenic bacterial disease.

Keywords: Antibacterial activity, *Pseudomonas viridiflava*, *Vicia faba*, Inhibition annulus

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INTRODUCTION

Vicia faba L. legume crop has significant value in human foods because it has valuable nutritional contents including phenolic compounds, carbohydrates, protein, fatty acids, lipids, and minerals such as nitrogen, calcium, phosphate, Sulphur, potassium, and magnesium [5, 8, 28, 25]. It has nitrogen fixation potential and provides residual N for subsequent crops [23]. Its root traits are responsible for the improvement of soil textures [27]. Based on crop production fava bean has the fourth rank after beans, pea, and chickpea. A total of 7.5% of production is related to fava bean worldwide [12]. Moreover, its productivity was reduced progressively due to bacterial infections.

The infections in plants can be detected easily by morphological characterization like tumors, blights, fruit and leaf spots, rots, cankers, and vascular wilts [18]. *Pseudomonas* species led to cause various symptomatic infections in different plant species such as blight, galls, cankers, soft rot, and spots on the stem and leaves parts. Plant pathogenic micro-organisms cause various diseases in several plants by penetration in plant tissue [9]. *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae* causes brown spot diseases in fava bean which is the maximum economically significant disease [28].

Pseudomonas viridiflava is a multi-host pathogenic bacteria responsible to cause severe diseases in *Solanum lycopersicum* [1, 16], *Cucumis melo* [3, 4, 15, 16], *Amaranthus blitum* (blite), *Arabidopsis thaliana* [14], *Chrysanthemum morifolium* (chrysanthemum), *Solanum melongena* (eggplant) [16]. The symptomatic infections such as yellowing to brown-black spots at the nodes and wilting are the symptoms of *P. viridiflava* infected tomato plant as well as soft rot and brown discoloration are also visualized in the inner part of the vascular system. In the Aegean islands and eastern Mediterranean region, *Pseudomonas* species cause 50% and 12%, respectively stem necrosis diseases [32, 4].

During the last few decades, the interest of researchers has been focused on several medicinal plants having many anti-oxidant and anti-bacterial compounds. The use of herbal drugs is the best alternative to synthetic drugs due to their less expensive and less detrimental effects [10]. Furthermore, higher antibiotic resistance activity of pathogens also increased interest in the use of medicinal plants worldwide [13]. Among them, Sariska Tiger Reserve is more famous for Phyto-diversity with medicinal values [17]. In Sariska, approximately 110 plant species belonging to 88 genera under 43 families have been reported

to cure numerous diseases including diabetes, dysentery, jaundice, fever, skin problems, rheumatism, diarrhea, etc. [19]. Accordingly the present study aimed to identify antimicrobial properties in methanol extract of *Emblica officinalis* fruits, *Moringa oleifera* leaves, *Azadirachta indica* leaves, *Tinospora cordifolia* leaves, and *Pongamia pinnata* leaves, *Terminalia arjuna* bark and *Desmodium gangeticum* resin available in Sariska National Park against *Pseudomonas viridiflava* pathogen causing infection in *Vicia faba* plant.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Collection of Plant Samples

Fresh fruits (*Emblica officinalis*), leaves (*Moringa oleifera*, *Azadirachta indica*, *Tinospora cordifolia*, and *Pongamia pinnata*), Bark (*Terminalia arjuna*), and Resin (*Desmodium gangeticum*) free from the disease were collected from Sariska National Park, Alwar, Rajasthan.

Samples Preparation

Fresh plant parts were carefully cleaned with tap water and then dried in shade. Dried plant parts were crushed by mortar pestle in pine powder. The powdered plant parts (5gm) extracted with methanol (50ml) by using the Soxhlet extraction apparatus for 10-12 h, followed by the extract filtration from Whatman No. 1 filter paper. The filtrate was dried at 90°C by a Rotary vacuum evaporator to obtain the concentrated plant extract. An extract can be stored at -18°C in a freeze condition until used for further studies [24].

Test microorganism

The anti-bacterial potential of methanol extract of Sariska medicinal plant was assessed against *Pseudomonas viridiflava* isolated from infected seeds, leaves, and fruit parts of *Vicia faba*.

Antibacterial screening of extracts

In vitro, anti-bacterial properties of the methanol extract of Sariska plants were determined by using well diffusion method against *Pseudomonas viridiflava* (Perez *et al.*, 1990). The 100% concentration was prepared from crude methanol extract according to 10mg/ml with dimethyl-sulphoxide (DMSO). Further dilution of 50% conc. was made with DMSO [30]. Both 100% and 50% concentration were used for the experiment. The Mueller Hinton agar was used as the test medium that was prepared and sterilized by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15mins. After sterilized media preparation, Mueller Hinton agar plates were prepared in Laminar Air Flow. The inoculum of the tested pathogen was poured into sterile Petri plates and remained stand for 30 seconds. Upon incubation, the remaining non-adhere pathogenic bacteria culture was decanted. Further, 6mm wells were prepared by using gel puncture. Both 100% and 50% plant extract (90 µl) were introduced individually and then plates were incubated at 37°C for 24hrs. The zone of inhibition prepared around well was measured in cm by scale as anti-bacterial potential of the methanol extract. The diameter of inhibitory bacterial activity was compared with negative control (DMSO). The inhibition annulus (IA) of each plant extract was calculated using the formula [29, 31, 19, 20]: $\pi (R_1 - R_2) (R_1 + R_2)$, Where R_1 is the radius of inhibition zone + radius of well, R_2 is the radius of well and the value of π is 3.14.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Medicinal plants are widely used to treat several disorders including atherosclerosis, neurosis, duodenal ulcers, cardiac insufficiency, asthenia etc. Different medicinal plants have more than one therapeutic potential because these plants have numerous bio-active compounds and trace elements [22]. Hence, herbal drugs are widely used throughout the world to treat several diseases due to more safety purposes, cost-effective and higher medicinal values [35]. As the antimicrobial results shown in Table 1, the highest inhibition annulus was displayed at 100% concentration of *Terminalia arjuna* bark methanol extracts (1271.1mm²) against *P. viridiflava*, followed by 1142.96 mm² IA was observed with the leaf extract of *Moringa oleifera* and *Tinospora cordifolia* at 100 % conc. and bark extract of *T. arjuna* at 50% conc. The methanol extract of *D. gangeticum* resin showed 1020.5 mm² IA at 100 % conc. As a consequence, the relative sequence of IA against *P. viridiflava* at 100% concentration was found as follows: *Terminalia arjuna* bark > *Moringa oleifera* leaf > *Tinospora cordifolia* leaf > *Desmodium gangeticum* resin > *Azadirachta indica* leaf > *Pongamia pinnata* leaf > *Emblica officinalis* fruit. The methanolic leaf extract of *Aesculus hippocastanum* and *Tilia cordata* gave maximum antibacterial activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* with disc diffusion method and *Listeria ivanovii* with micro-broth dilution method (Vat'ák *et al.*, 2021). Arulmozhi *et al.*, 2018 evaluated the anti-microbial activity of leaves from ethyl acetate, aqueous, methanol, and petroleum ether extracts of *Tribulus terrestris*, *Sonchus asper*, *Capparis zeylanica*. Among them, extract of *C. zeylanica* leaves ethyl acetate (EtOAc) showed more significant anti-bacterial and anti-fungal properties against *S. dysenteriae*, *S. paratyphi*, *S. epidermidis*, *E. faecalis*, and *C. albicans*. The extracts of hydro-methanol of *Zingiber officinale*, *Rhus tripartata*, *Wisteria frutescens*, *Nigella sativa*,

Punica granatum, *Cistus monspeliensis*, *Beta vulgaris* and *Curcuma angustifolia* exhibited a more effective inhibition zone with the range of 6 to 23 mm against gram +ve and gram -ve pathogens (Bereksiet *al*, 2018). *Azadirachta indica*, *Allium cepa*, *Vernonia anthelmintica*, *Tamarix aphylla*, *Tagetes erecta* and *Plumbago zelanicum* extracts exhibited consequential antibacterial effect at 50% concentration towards *Xanthomonas campestris* [11]. Verma and Agrawal, [34] studied anti-microbial potential on six aqueous extracts of medicinal plants that were leaves part of *Azadirachta indica* and *Withania somnifera*, fruits part of *T. chebula* and *E. officinalis*, the rhizome of *Z. officinalis* and bulb of *A. sativum* at 100% concentration towards bacterial blight pathogen (*P. syringae*) of *Pea sativum* plant. The highest anti-bacterial potential was recognized by aqueous extract of *Allium sativum* bulbs with 455.98mm² IA thereafter fruit extract of *T.chebula* with 415.25mm² IA. The antibacterial effects of aqueous extracts of 29 medicinal plants were estimated against *Pseudomonas syringae* caused bacterial speck disease in tomatoes. From them, *Allium sativum*, *Coriandrum sativum*, and *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* extract significantly revealed a zone of inhibition ranging from 3mm to 13.6mm [21]. A study conducted by Belgüzar *et al*, [6] observed prominent antibacterial activity with stems and leaves extracts of *Viscum album* at 5% and 10% concentrations against *Clavibacter michiganensis* causing tomato bacterial cancer and wilt disease, *Xanthomonas axonopodis* causing bacterial leaf spot disease in pepper and tomato and *P. syringae* causing bacterial leaf spot disease in tomato.

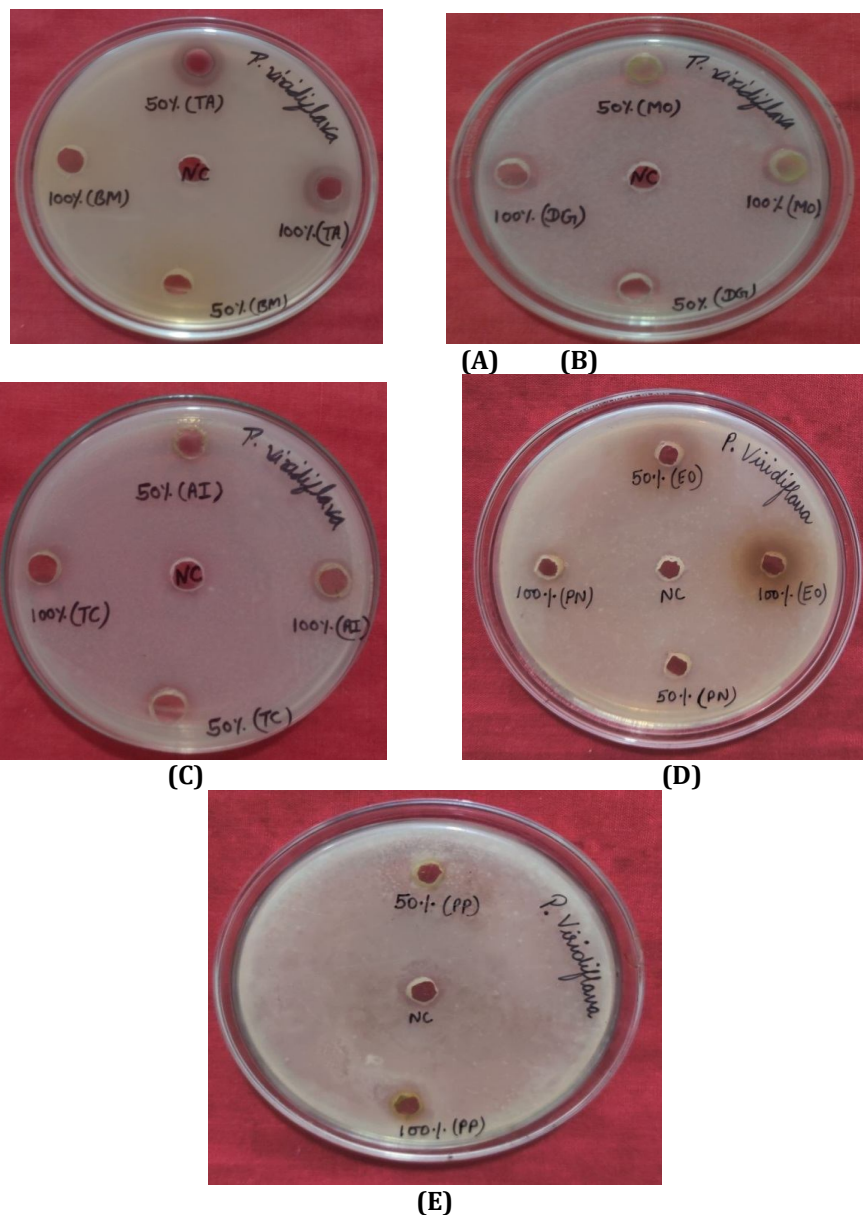


Figure 1: Disease management of *Pseudomonas viridiflava* by methanol extract of SariskaPlant (A) *T. arjuna* (B) *M. oleifera*, *D. gangeticum*(C) *A. indica*, *T. cordifolia* (D) *E. officinalis* (E) *P. pinnata*

Table 1: Antimicrobial activity of methanol plant extracts for inhibition of *Pseudomonas viridiflava*

Methanol extract	Part used	Percent Concentration (w/v)	
		<i>Pseudomonas viridiflava</i>	
		50% IA(mm ²)	100% IA(mm ²)
<i>Desmodium gangeticum</i>	Resin	904.32	1020.5
<i>Moringa oleifera</i>	Leaf	904.32	1142.96
<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>	Bark	1142.96	1271.1
<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Leaf	794.42	904.32
<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>	Leaf	904.32	1142.96
<i>Emblica officinalis</i>	Fruit	Nil	794.42
<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Leaf	Nil	904.32

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, consequential inhibition activity of methanol extracts of *E. officinalis* fruits, *M. oleifera* leaves, *A. indica* leaves, *T. cordifolia* leaves, *P. pinnata* leaves, *T. arjuna* bark, and *D. gangeticum* resin was detected against *P. viridiflava* pathogen causing infection in *V. faba* plant. Due to significant results in the future, a phytochemical analysis should be performed to isolate the active metabolites from these Sariska plants that show antimicrobial potential. Accordingly, these antimicrobial agents can be used to prepare novel herbal fertilizers that can prove to be effective to control plant pathogenic bacterial infections with the highest yield.

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