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ABSTRACT

EVALUATION OF ANTIMICROBIAL PROPERTIES OF Abelmoschus

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The aim for this study is to evaluate the antimicrobial properties of *Abelmoschus esculentus* methanolic leaves extract against two Gram negative bacteria (*Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) and two Gram positive bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus substilis*) by using disc diffusion method. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of the methanolic plant extract was tested using macro dilution method. The *A.esculentus* leaves extract only shows antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*. Then, the result was further tested with MIC, MBC and finally tested for toxicity. The MIC value for *S.aureus* is 6.25 mg/mL and the MBC value is also 6.25 mg/mL Based on toxicity test on *Artemia salina*, the *Abelmoschus esculentus* leaves extract is considered as nontoxic and might be safe to use in human. From the results, the *A.esculentus* leaves extract might be used as an antimicrobial compound and further studies of this plant is needed.