

**ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF LEAVES AND SEED
PODS EXTRACTIONS OF *Moringa oleifera* AGAINST
GRAM-POSITIVE AND GRAM-NEGATIVE BACTERIA**

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ABSTRACT

ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF LEAF AND SEED POD EXTRACTIONS OF *Moringa oleifera* AGAINST GRAM-POSITIVE AND GRAM-NEGATIVE BACTERIA

The present study was performed to identify any antibacterial activity of *Moringa oleifera* (*M. oleifera*) against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria species using different concentrations of methanolic extractions. The leaf and seed were extracted by using methanol. The extracts were further screened against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*. Disc diffusion method was used and the inhibitory effect was measured and recorded. Among the two sample extracts tested, leaf showed maximum zone of inhibition against both *S. aureus* and *E. coli*. In the 100 % leaf extraction, the inhibition zone was the highest at the average of 24.7 mm against *S. aureus* while an average of 13.7 mm against *E. coli*. The seed pod extraction was the highest in 100 % concentration with inhibition zone of 12.3 mm against *S. aureus*. The positive result was further screened for phytochemical tests for tannins, flavonoids and alkaloids. All tests showed positive results for the presence of phytochemical. The result proved that *M. oleifera* extract especially from leaf has potential application as antibacterial agent.