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Effect of Cassia senna Fruit Hexane Extract as Antibacterial Against Urinary Tract Infection Pathogens and Antioxidant Activity

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ABSTRACT

Objectives: This study investigate the role of hexane extract of *Cassia senna* fruits as antibacterial against urinary tract infection UTI pathogens and antioxidant activity.

Methods: The chemical composition of extract was performed by GC-MS Analysis. the antibacterial potential was achieved using agar well diffusion method and Minimum inhibitory concentration method also determination of human red blood cells (RBCs) cytotoxicity whereas antioxidant performed by DPPH assay.

Results: The results of GC-MS showed linolaidic acid 25.08%, linoleic acid ethyl ester 20.04%, beta-sitosrol 14.8%, gamma- sitosterol 13.37%, hexadecanoic acid ethyl ester 13.04%, tetracosane 9.16%, Stigmasterol 6.73%, Lupeol and Betulin area was 5.66%. the extract exhibit antibacterial activity against UTI pathogens with excellent and broad spectrum activity as compared with antibiotics with no toxic effect against human(RBCs). the highest inhibition zone was 50 mm of *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius* and the lowest 18 mm for *proteus vulgaris* with MIC ranging between less than 1 and 1 mg. From the analysis of antioxidant potential of *Cassia Senna* hexane fruit extract revealed high inhibition DPPH percent 91% at high concentration 1000 ul/ml as well as ascorbic acid.

Conclusion: This study highlights that hexane extract of *Cassia senna* fruit has potential components which elicited their biological activities against UTI pathogens and antioxidant.

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INTRODUCTION

Urinary tract infection UTI is a bacterial contagion that affects any part of the urinary tract. the members of family Enterobacteriaceae are The most common cause of UTI which include Gram negative bacteria *E. coli, Klebsiella, Enterobacter* and *Proteus*. the most common bacteria capable of causing infection in humans and animals, particularly urinary tract infections is *E. coli*.

As well Gram positive *Staphylococcus* sp. plays a role in this infection ². One of the most concerning threats to global health is Antimicrobial resistance AMR, new anti-biotic are needed to overcome it ³. AMR occurs when microorganisms are able to survive in the presence of drugs that would normally inhibit their growth ⁴.

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At present, the selection of effective antibiotics that may be used in UTI are restricted particularly as new resistant strains protrude ⁵. Thus, there Is a pressing need for novel antimicrobial agents to be used experiential or as an eventual therapy. for the management of UTI, Medicinal plants may offer an alternative ^{6,7}. Hence, much research to develop new antimicrobial agents were attracting.

one the most important medicinal plant is *Cassia senna*, A small herbaceous shrub reaches a height of 1.5 meters. flower are racemes, yellow, fruit are legume, greenish brown ^{8,9}.

Cassia species have been of medical interest because their good therapeutic value in folk medicine ¹⁰. The plant sap can act against microorganisms by stop the growth of microbial colony ¹¹.

many active compounds are found in *Cassia senna* including alkaloids, lecithin sappronin, glycoside, Anthraquinone glycosides A, B, C, D, Sennoside, glycoside Aloe emodin and Rhein in addition to sterols, gelatinous substances, dyes yellow flavonite resins, cyanose, isoflavonide and phytoestrogens ¹². aromatic plants contain Natural products are conceders to be one of the potent sources for the screening of free radical scavenging agents, antioxidant and antimicrobial ¹³. Hence the present study focused to screening the fruits of *Cassia senna* hexane solvent extract to find more active antioxidant and antimicrobial agents against pathogens of UTI.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection of plant: *Cassia senna* fruits was purchased from the market in the town of Basra during January 2019, brought to the laboratory stored in bags until use.

Extraction technique: The fruits of *Cassia Senna* have been taken and then grinds into powder by an electrical grinder. The powder was kept in a closed container at 4 °C until the time of use.

Preparation of Hexane extract: The method of Bobby $et\ al\ ^{14}$ was Followed, a twenty- five 25 gm of dried powder was extracted with 500 ml of hexane by Soxhlet continuous Extraction for 24 hours. The solution was filtered by using whatmann No.13 filter paper then the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure on a rotary evaporator at 50 °C and dried at room temperature, the extract were collecting in sterilized glass tubes until use.

Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectroscopy: Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectroscopy GC-MC analysis was achieved with an auto Mass Hunter/GCMS instrument using a SPB 5 (30m/0.25mm/0.5mm) capillary column. 1 ml of each extract dissolved in methanol was injected in the following conditions: injector temperature 300°C; carrier gas, helium; pressure,11.962 psi. compound were identified on the basis of their mass spectral data.

Microorganisms: The pathogenic bacteria isolated from urinary tract infections was used in this study are details in Table 1. All microbial isolates were provided by department of biology collage of science, university of Basra.

Table 1: Frequency and occurrence Percentage of fungal isolates isolated from oil-rich soils

Microorganisms	Details
Staphylococcus aureus	Bacteria GM ⁺
Proteus vulgaris	Bacteria GM ⁻
E.coli	Bacteria GM ⁻
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Bacteria GM ⁻
Proteus mirabilis	Bacteria GM ⁻
Staphylococcus pseudintermedis	Bacteria GM ⁺
Staphylococcus hominies	Bacteria GM ⁺
Acientobacter baumanii	Bacteria GM ⁻
Acientobacter baylyi	Bacteria GM ⁻
Streptococcus pyogenes	Bacteria GM ⁺
Streptococcus pneumonia	Bacteria GM ⁺

Determination of antibiotics resistant and fruits extract activity: All bacterial strain were cultured and maintained on either sterile nutrient broth or nutrient agar, the extracts of fruits Cassia Senna was evaluated against Eleven selected pathogenic of UTI bacterial isolates. 100 mg/ml of hexane extract were dissolved in Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO). The antibacterial assay was done by agar well diffusion. The bacteria was grown on Mueller Hinton agar Petri dishes via spreading at concentration of 10⁸ Colony Forming Unit (CFU)/mL (0.5 McFarland turbidity standards) by sterile cotton swab and allowed to remain in contact for 1 min, wells were made on the plates using sterile core borer with a diameter of 6 mm. 50 ul of extract with a concentration of 100 mg/ml was pipetted gently in to wells, DMSO were also examined following the pervious steps as a control. The plates were incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. inhibition zone around each well was measured in mm ¹⁵. Also Susceptibility of isolates to Five types of antibiotics were achieved by disc diffusion method ¹⁶. Commercially available antibiotics disc (Bioanalyes company) were used 30 mg FEP Cefepime, 10mg CN Gentamicin, 15 mg ER Erythromycin, 5mg CIP Ciprofloxacin ,30mg AK Amikacin measured the diameter of the inhibition zone in mm inclusive of the diameter of the discs.

Cytotoxicity assay: Human red blood cells (RBC) was tested according to ¹⁷ with some modification. The process was performed by preparing the blood solution 1 ml of blood was added to 20 ml sterile phosphate buffer saline PBS solution) the concentration of extract (5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 250 and 500 mg/ml) were obtained using a DMSO as a solvent. Followed 100 microliters of each

concentration was added to 2 ml of blood solution, tubes were incubated at 37 °C. The solution was monitored after 3h and 24 h. to observe the positive result by turning the solution into clear, while the hydrolysis of red blood cells turns the blood solution into turbid indicating the cytotoxicity. At the same time ,positive control (blood solution with water)and negative control (blood solution with phosphate buffer) were used as control to compare the results.

Antioxidant activity

DPPH assay: 2, 2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl method was performed as described by Mohanty 18 With minor modification The assay involves the measurement of disappearance of the colored free radical DPPH by spectrophotometric determination. The free radical scavenging activity of Cassia senna Fruits hexane extracts and standard vitamin C was determined, 1 ml of different concentrations (1000,750-500-250-100-75-50-25 and 10 ug/ ml) of extract and standard were mixed with 1 mL of freshly prepare DPPH in methanol (0.004%) vortexed thoroughly, the solution was incubated at room temperature in the dark for 30 min. the absorbance was recorded at 517 nm using UV - Vis spectrophotometer methanol was used as a blank solution. The free radical scavenging activity was expressed as the percentage of inhibition which was determined using the following equation:

RSA=[(DPPH-ASample)/ADPPH] *100

Were %RSA is the percentage of inhibition, ADPPH is the absorbance of DPPH (t=0 min) and A sample is the absorbance of the extract.

RESULTS

Gas Chromatographic-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) Analysis: GC-MS chromatogram analysis showed many peaks, indicating the Organic compounds which classified by structural criteria Figure as following: were rich in terpenoids and fatty acids and other lipophilic compounds such as saturated and unsaturated free fatty acid, methyl and ethyl esters of saturated and unsaturated fatty acids, saturated triglycerides and diglycerides, sterols ,triterpenes, monosesquiterpenes, unsaturated monoglycerides, phytosterols. The GC-MS study of cassia senna fruits hexane extract has shown 43 chemical constituents, the highest peak area was of linolaidic acid 25.08%, linoleic acid ethyl ester 20.04%, beta-sitosrol 14.8%, gammasitosterol 13.37%, hexadecanoic acid ethyl ester was 13.04%, tetracosane was 9.16%, Stigmasterol 6.73% ,Lupeol and Betulin area was 5.66%. The chemical nature of compounds was identified on the basis of molecular formula, retention time (RT), molecular weight and compound name Table 2.

Antibacterial Activity test

The antibacterial potential of *Cassia senna* fruits hexane extract and five antibiotics were tested against common gram negative and positive urinary tract pathogens, Table 3. After proper incubation the results were recorded and represented in Figure 4. The results showed that hexane extract has broad spectrum activity

against UTI pathogens, the highest inhibition zone of hexane extract was 50 mm of *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius* followed by *Staphylococcus hominies*, while there was no effect on *Streptococcus* sp. and *Acientobacter baumanii*.

Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) and Minimum Bactericidal Concentration (MBC) Determination

The MIC values for antibacterial activity of *Cassia senna* fruits hexane extract were presented in Table 4. inhibited the species were less than 1 mg/ml, while it was 3, and 10 mg/ml for the Gm- strains E. coli and *Acientobacter baylyi* respectively. The highest MBC value was 25mg/ml for *Acientobacter baylyi*.

DPPH scavenging assay

The antioxidant activity assay employed the inhibition of free radical 2, 2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) because its stability, simplicity and reproducibility so widely used for evaluating natural antioxidants. The results of percentage inhibitions for DPPH assay are given in Figure 3. Antioxidant activity of Cassia senna fruits hexane extract to increase with increase in concentration from 100 $\mu g/ml$ to 1000 $\mu g/ml$, and showed strong inhibition activity 91% at 1000 ug/ml as well as ascorbic acid.

Determination of the cytotoxicity of Cassia senna fruits hexane extract

The cytotoxicity of *Cassia senna* fruits hexane extract was tested on human RBCs. The result showed in Table 5 the extract was non-toxic at all concentrations after 3 h and 24 h of incubation at 37°C Measuring the level of extract cytotoxicity based on hydrolysis of RBCs.

DISCUSSION

This results of GC-MS chromatogram analysis confirm with ¹⁹. The presence of these constituents confirms the pharmacological activity of this extract because many of them have reported biological activity such as fatty acids which exhibited strong antibacterial activity against various oral bacteria ²⁰. One study was pointed to the presence of oil extract had an effect on gram-positive bacteria ²¹. Also linoleic are known to have potential antibacterial and antifungal agents ^{22, 23}. Other Study was reported the bioactive fractions linoleic acid Possessed antibacterial activity against *Mycobacterium aurum* and *M. phlei* ²⁴. One study was reported that betulin and its derivatives have been reported bioactivity against bacteria ²⁵.

The antimicrobial activity may due to bioactive compounds such as steroids has antimicrobial properties and used to treat infection caused by bacteria ²⁶. Steroid conjugate with poly amines which bind in DNA so effected on gram negative and positive bacteria , fungi , and protozoa ²⁷. Steroid substances such as gama and beta-sitosterol, and stigmasterol inhibited *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pasteurella multocida* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ²⁸. The results compatible with ²⁹ that hexane extract of *Cassia senna* leaves showed a moderate antibacterial activity, also agreed with ³⁰.

Table 2: Bioactive Compounds of Cassia senna fruits Hexane Extracts.

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No.	Compound Name	Formula	Area%	RT						
1	Neophytadiene	C20H38	3.61	21.278						
2	Octadecyne	C18H38	3.3	21.278						
3	Bicyclo[3.1.1]heptane, 2,6,6-trime thyl	C10H18	0.64	21.278						
4	2-Hexadecene, 3,7,11,15-tetramethy	C20H40	0.90	21.354						
5	5-Ethyl-1-nonene	C11H22	0.90	21.354						
6	Hexadecene,2,6,10,14 -tetramethy	C20H40	1.8	21.354						
7	2 methylpropyl) ester-1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis	C16H22O4	0.66	21.556						
8	Phthalic acid, 2,4-dimethylpent-3-yl isobutyl ester	C19H28O4	0.66	21.556						
9	Hexadecanoic acid, ethyl ester	C18H36O2	13.4	22.848						
10	Ethyl tridecanoate	C15H30O2	12.74	22.848						
11	Octadecadienoic acid, methyl ester 9,12-	C19H34O2	0.77	23.738						
12	Methyl 10-trans,12-cis-octadecadie noate	C19H34O3	0.77	23.738						
13	10,13 Octadecadienoic acid, methyl Ester	C19H34O2	0.77	23.738						
14	Heneicosane	C21H44	3.61	23.800						
15	Heptadecane	C17H36	1.89	23.800						
16	3,7,11,17-Tetramethyl-2-hexadecen	C20H40O	2.97	23.932						
17	Bicyclo[3.1.1]heptane, 2,6,6-trime thyl-, (1.alpha.,2.beta.,5.alpha.)	C10H18	2.97	23.932						
18	Linoleic acid ethyl ester	C20H36O2	20.04	24.419						
19	Linoelaidic acid	C18H32O2	25.08	24.419						
20	Octadecanoic acid, ethyl ester	C20H40O2	4.42	24.662						
21	1,5-Di(1-piperidinyl)pentane	C15H30N2	1.69	24.517						
22	Cyclononanone	C9H16	2.69	24.517						
23	Acetonitrile, isothiocyanato	C10H10NS	2.69	24.517						
24	Hexacosane	C26 H 54	2.19	25.551						
25	Tetracosane	C24H50	9.61	25.551						
26	Eicosanoic acid, ethyl ester	C22H44O2	1.16	26.316						
27	Butyl 9,12-octadecadienoate	C22H40O2	5.76	26.955						
28	-Octadecadienal, (Z)-9,17	C18H32O	5.76	26.955						
29	Carbonic acid, octadecyl vinyl ester	C21H40O3	1.24	27.156						
30	2-Bromo dodecane	C12H25Br	1.24	27.156						
31	Docosanoic acid, ethyl ester	C24H48O2	0.67	27.872						
32	Nonadecanoic acid, ethyl ester	$C_{21}H_{42}O_{2}$	0.67	27.872						
33	Hexadecanoic acid, ethyl ester	C18H36O2	0.67	27.872						
34	Pentadecane, 2,6,10,14-tetramethyl	C19H40	0.93	28.352						
35	Tricosene, (Z)-	C23H46	4.28	32.305						
36	9- Hexacosanol	C26H54O	4.28	32.305						
37	Campesterol	C28H48O	2.82	34.063						
38	Stigmasterol	C29H48O	6.73	34.619						
39	gammaSitosterol	C29H50O	13.37	35.682						
40	Beta.sitosterol	C29H50O	14.8	35.682						
41	Lupeol	C30H50O	5.66	37.017						
42	Betulin	C30H50O2	5.66	37.017						
43	Testosterone cypionate	C27H40O3	0.93	38.128						
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One researcher was notice that *senna alexandrina* extracts have a wide spectrum of antimicrobial activity³¹. For antibiotics all isolates were sensitive to Ciprofloxacin except *proteus vulgaris* which was resistance to all antibiotics. In addition, some isolates were resistant to Cefepime and Erythromycin, other

isolate showed different susceptibilities to the following antibiotics Gentamicin and Amikacin. Results of our research highlight the fact that the hexane extracts revealed potent antimicrobial activity, suggest that is promising antimicrobial agents.

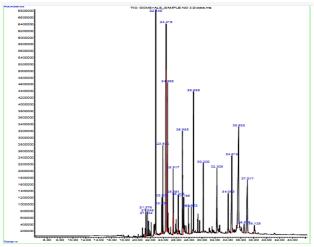
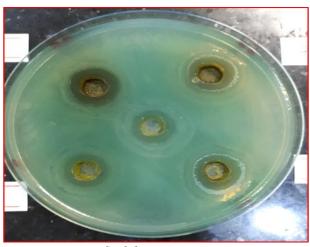


Figure 1: Chromatogram of chemical compounds of Cassia senna fruits hexane extract.

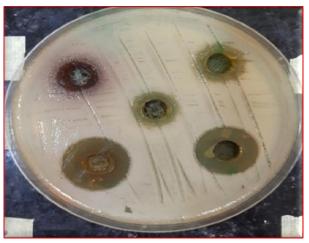
Table 3: Results of antibacterial activity on pathogen UTI bacteria of cassia senna fruits hexane extract compared with antibiotics.

Isolates	Hexane 100	Antibiotic						
	mg/m	CIP	FEP	Er	GE	Ak		
Staphylococcus aureus	25	22	7	25	12	10		
Proteus vulgaris	18	0 20 20 20 25	0 0 0 30	0 0 10 0	0	0		
E.coli	27				17	25 18 25		
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	25				15			
Proteus mirabilis	25				25			
Staphylococcus pseudintermedius	50	30	25	20	18	20		
Staphylococcus hominies	28	18	0	20	14	15		
Acientobacter baumanii	0	13	0	0	0	12		
Acientobacter baylyi	25	20	0	0	10	15		
Streptococcus pyogenes	0	20	0	0	20	25		
Streptococcus pneumoniae	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Note: CIP Ciprofloxacin, GE Gentamicin, Er Erythromycin, AK Amikacin, FEP Cefepime.



Staphylococcus aureus



Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Figure 2: Antibacterial activity of fruits of *Cassia senna* fruits hexane extract on pathogen isolates

Table 4: The results of MIC and MBC Values of Cassia senna fruits hexane extract on pathogen isolates.

Type of bacteria	Concentration mg/ml							MIC	MDC		
	1	2	3	4	5	10	25	50	75	MIC	MBC
Staphylococcus aureus	0	0	10	12	12	15	16	18	20	2	3
Proteus vulgaris	0	7	10	10	10	12	14	15	15	1	2
E.coli	0	0	0	10	12	12	13	14	15	3	4
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	0	0	10	12	13	14	15	18	22	2	3
Proteus mirabilis	0	8	10	12	12	13	15	17	20	1	2
Staphylococcus pseudintermedius	10	12	12	14	16	18	20	28	37	1>	1
Staphylococcus hominies	8	10	12	13	15	15	16	18	22	1>	1
Acientobacter baylyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	16	18	10	25

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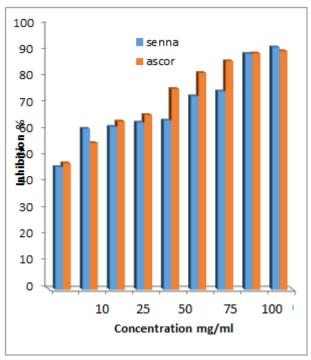


Figure 3: Graph represents the percentage of Antioxidant (DPPH) scavenging activity of *Cassia senna* fruits hexane extract and vitamin C.

Table 5: Human Red Blood Cells (RBC) cytotoxicity assay in vitro of Cassia Senna fruits hexane extract.

Concentration mg/ml	Incubation period					
Concentration mg/mi	3 hr	24 hr				
5	-	-				
10	-	-				
25	-	-				
100	-	-				
250	-	-				
500	-	-				

The result of antioxidant activity assay compatible with previous studies $^{32, 33, 34}$. Anti-oxidant potentials may be due to contains Stigmasterol, β -sitosterol, fatty acid and triterpenes with tetracyclic skeleton, The presence of electron-rich oxygen atoms in hydroxyl and carboxyl groups of compounds enhanced their ability to donate electron to the free radical, thus increased the oxidative properties 35 .

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