



Study of volatile constituents of roots of boswellia serrata and treatment of resistant gram-positive and gram negative bacteria

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Abstract

The roots of *Boswellia serrata* offer hydro distillation yielded 1.5% of essential oil and experimented against several gram positive and gram negative bacteria. The resource have been committed to the development of anti microbial agent with activity against these organisms. This review will focus on the newer antibacterial agent that have developed for the treatment of resistant gram positive pathogens.

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Introduction

Boswellia serrata is shrub with reddish fruits. The plant belonging to family Burseraceae. The roots of plants are adjuvant roots are aggrieved vomit purgative cathartic and powerful brain tonic. They are rumored to be useful for treatment of joint pain, palsy etc.

In addition the oil from the roots is stomachic used in lives and disease of the skin. This drug is becoming more popular in the modern world for their application to cure variety of diseases with less toxic effects and better therapeutic effects.

In view of the following medicinal properties of the above plant was selected for the present study of the antibacterial activities.

Experiment

Essential oils have extracted by steam distillation. The soft roots of plant was distilled. The aqueous steam distillate has saturated with salt and extracted with light petroleum.

The combined oil and solvent extract had dried. The solvent has removed by evaporation under reduced pressure to give the essential oil.

Essential oil is the mixture of monoterpene, diterpenes had sesquiterpenes.

Gum portion of the drug consist of pentose and hexose sugar with the some oxidizing and digestive enzymes. Resin portion mainly composed of pentacyclic triterpene acid of which Boswellic acid is mainly segment

Microorganism

Detached separate of gram positive (*Bacillus subtilis*, *Streptococcus aureus*) and gram negative (*E. coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) actual bacterial

strains were used in the study which are obtained from AG College Indore. The stock culture maintained at division of Animal Biotechnology, DAVV University. All microorganisms were maintained at 3°C on nutrient agar slants.

Preparation of Bacterial Suspension

The turbidity of each of the following bacterial suspension was prepared to match the 90.5 McFarland standard (1.8×10^{10} CFU/ml)

Measure the turbidity with aid of a spectrophotometer at an optical density 0.06-0.14 and turbid suspension at 730 nm as per Bauer-Kirby method (1996)

Anti-Bacterial Effects

Essential oil have tested against pathogenic bacteria for their antimicrobial effect using well diffusion gathering method

The medium used throughout the experiment was Indian made nutrient agar. The highest antimicrobial activity was observed on *E. coli* with zone of inhibition as 22.86 ± 0.96 and lowest effect was an *Enterogenes* with zone of inhibition of 12.58 ± 1.5 mm. Whereas standard showed highest activity against *Enterogenes* (35.27 ± 1) and lowest activity against *Pneumoniae* (22.06 ± 0.72).

The organisms were tested staphylococci and streptococci, Enterococci, corynebacteria, clostridia, *E. coli*, *Pseudomonas*, *Salmonella*, anaerobic bacteria etc.

Minimum inhibitory concentration is defined as the lowest concentration that will inhibit the growth of the test organism over a definite period related to organism growth rate mostly 16-20 hours

Table 1: Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations (MIC)

S. No.	Test Organism	G+ G-	I	II	III	IV
1	Bacillus subtilis	G+	++	+	+	*
2	Staphylococcus aureus	G+	+	+	*	-
3	Streptococcus Pneumoniae	G+	+	+	+	*
4	Escherichia coli	G-	+	*	-	-
5	Klebsiella pneumoniae	G-	++	+	-	-
6	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	G-	++	+	+	+
7	Enterobacter aerogenes	G-	++	++	-	*

I = 25mg/ml; II = 50 mg/ml; III = 75 mg/ml; IV = 100 mg /ml, * = MIC, - = No growth, + = Moderate growth, ++ = Dense growth, G+ = Gram Positive bacteria, G- = Gram Negative bacteria,

Table-2: Gram positive and gram negative bacterial activity of essential oil of Boswellia serrata roots.

Gram-Positive			Gram-negative		
Bacteria	Commonly found in	Common treatment	Bacteria	Commonly found in	Common treatment
Staphylococci & streptococci	Skin and wound infections	Vancomycin, Teicoplanin, Gentamicin (staphylococci only). Resistant to: Cephalosporins, metronidazole (except clostridia)	The Coliform bacteria; E. Coli, Klebsiella, enterobacter, salmonella	The Gut! UTI, also can cause ventilator assisted pneumonia, wound infection, biliary tract infection, septicaemia	Cephalosporins, gentamicin, ciprofloxacin, tazocin, imipenem, trimethoprim Resistant to: amoxicillin,
Staph, Enterococci, corynebacteria	Line related infection		Pseudomonas	Moist environments – chronic leg ulcers. Catheters, pneumonia, septicaemia, CF/bronchiectasis	Aminoglycosides, cipro, tazocin, imipenem Resistant to: Most other AB's
Clostridia	Gangrenous wound infections, abdominal infections		Bacteroids – anaerobic bacteria	Intra-abdominal infections, soft tissue infection below the waist	Metronidazole, co-amoxiclav, imipenem, Tazocin, clindamycin Resistant to: Benzylpenicillin, amoxicillin, cefuroxime, gentamicin, quinolones, macrolides

Antibiotic Spectrum

The range of bacteria or other microorganism that are affected by a certain antibiotic is expressed as its spectrum of action. Antibiotic which kill or inhibit a wide range of gram positive and gram negative bacteria are said to be broad spectrum

antibiotics. Those effective mainly against gram positive or gram negative bacteria are narrow spectrum antibiotics. If effective a single organism or disease they are referred to as limited spectrum.

Table 3: Antibiotics spectrum of gram positive and gram negative bacteria

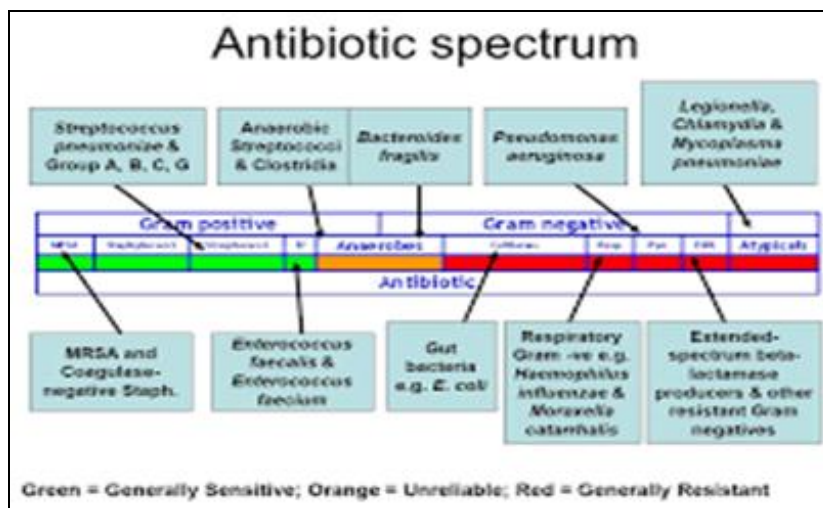
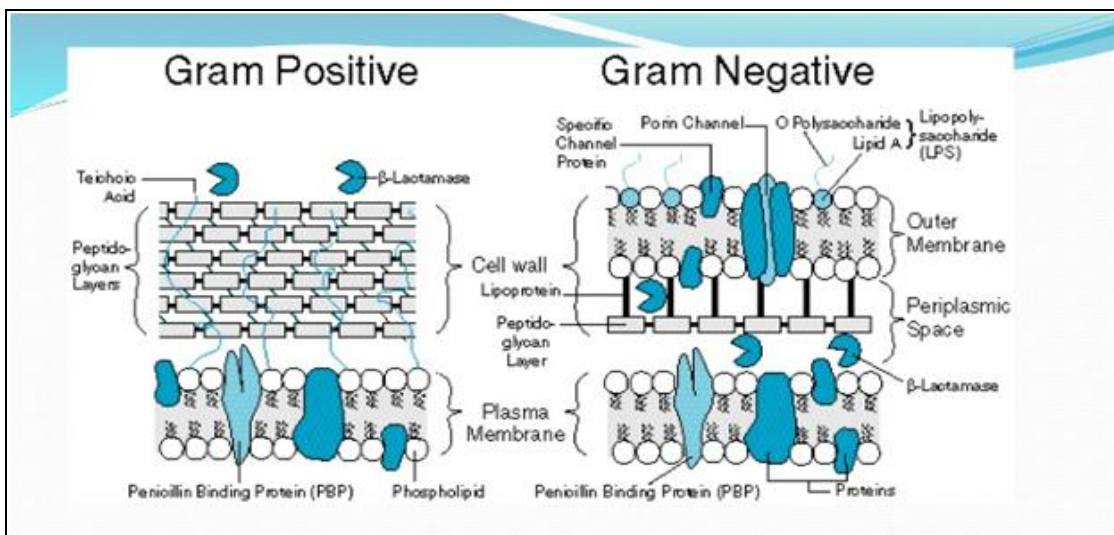


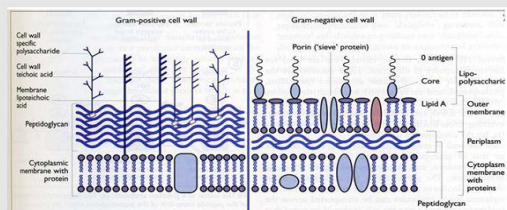
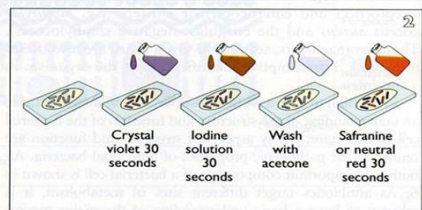
Table 4: Comparison of the structure and composition of gram-positive and gram-negative cell walls



Further categorization is based on their target specificity: **narrow-spectrum** antibiotics target particular types of bacteria, such as **Gram-negative** or **Gram-positive** bacteria, while **broad-spectrum** antibiotics affect a **wide range** of bacteria.

Gram-staining: A test, resulting in the classification of bacteria, developed in the last century by Hans Christian Gram, a Danish microbiologist:

- Gram positive bacteria will retain the original blue stain
- Gram negative bacteria will lose the blue stain upon intermediate acetone treatment and will stain red



Gram staining differentiates bacteria by the chemical and physical properties of their cell walls by detecting peptidoglycan, which is present in a thick layer in gram-positive bacteria. In a Gram stain test, gram-positive bacteria retain the crystal violet dye, while a counterstain (commonly safranin or fuchsin) added after the crystal violet gives all gram-negative bacteria a red or pink coloring.

The Gram staining is a valuable diagnostic tool in both clinical and research settings, not all bacteria can be definitively classified by this technique.

Result and Discussion

The entire above organism studied are human pathogens from the results it is clear that essential oils are effective and remarkable antimicrobial activity performed on aqueous fraction of 30,50,70 and 100 mg/mL of *Boswellia serrata*, traditionally important medicinal plant provide to be bacteria statics agent. The current work will provide new reference data for the drug development and possesses the ability inhibit pathogenic bacteria.

Conclusion

Root gum of *Boswellia serrata* has been used in traditional and modern natural medicine for the treatment of variety of illnesses with very minimum side effects. The anti-inflammatory, anti-arthritis, anti-microbial and analgesic effects of this gum resin can reduce inflammation and pain in the body and relieve the related symptoms of many diseases.

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