

LIPID OF SOME EDIBLE SOLANACEAE SPECIES; AND ITS ACTIVITY AGAINST SOME ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT PATHOGENIC BACTERIA

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ABSTRACT

The present study was carried out to investigate the antibacterial activity of four common-edible species from family Solanaceae: namely: *Capsicum frutescens* L., *Lycopersicum esculentum* Mill., *Solanum melongena* L. and *Solanum tuberosum* L. Petroleum ether, chloroform, methanol and water extracts of each plant was tested against antibiotic resistant bacteria. 25 bacterial isolates from 25 hospitalized male and female patients, collected subjected to this study. The studied bacterial 25 isolates were antibiotic resistant bacteria namely: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Different extracts of each plant were tested for its antibacterial activity. The lipid fraction (ether extract) showed the

highest antibacterial activity; in all the studied species, this antibacterial active fraction (fatty acids and hydrocarbons) was identified using GC/Mass. Sixteen fatty acids were detected hexadecanoic acid (25.5%) and linolenic acid (23.6%) were the major fatty acids in *Solanum melongena*. Similar fatty acids namely: hexadecanoic acid (35%) and linolenic acid (26%) comprised also the major fatty acids in *Lycopersicum esculentum*. While, fifteen hydrocarbons and two sterol were detected from both species, dodecan-2-one (20%) and Pinane (18%) were the major hydrocarbons in *Solanum melongena*, the two compounds also were the major in *Lycopersicum esculentum* with different percentages (dodecan-2-one 40% and Pinane (25%). This work through light on the potential value of some common edible cultivated plant in Egypt.

Keywords: Solanaceae, antibacterial activity, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, GC-Mass.

INTRODUCTION

The potential of higher plants as source for new drugs is still largely unexplored. Among the estimated 250,000-500,000 plant species, only a small percentage has been investigated phyto-chemically and the fraction submitted to biological or pharmacological screening is even smaller (Mahesh and Satish 2008). Plant materials remain an important resource to combat serious diseases in the world. The traditional medicinal plants still play a vital role to cover the basic health needs in the developing countries. The most important chemical bioactive constituents of plants are alkaloids, tannin, flavonoid and phenolic compounds (Edeoga *et al.*, 2005). Consumers are also seeking natural foods and natural preservatives for healthier lifestyles and natural ways of preventing ailments. So, medicinal plants are also being sought for their medicinal value, as antioxidants and as antimicrobials (Tepsorn, 2009). Solanaceae family is almost worldwide in distribution, however, the majority of genera and species are neotropical.

The antibacterial activity of long-chain unsaturated fatty acids has been well known for many years. Fatty acids function as the key ingredients of antimicrobial food additives which inhibit the growth of unwanted microorganisms (Freese *et al.*, 1973 and Agoramoorthy *et al.*, 2007). Long-chain unsaturated fatty acids are bactericidal to important pathogenic microorganisms, including Methicillin- resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (Knapp & Melly 1986 and Kabara *et al.*, 1972). The extract *Solanum palinacanthum* Dunal (Solanaceae) activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* (Pereira *et al.*, 2008). Also, *S. torvum* showed activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* aureus (Wiar *et al.*, 2004). The results indicated significant antibacterial activity of *Solanum xanthocarpum* extracts on *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Escherichia coli* but no inhibition in case of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (Sidambaram *et al.*, 2011).

Solanaceae family according to Cuevas-Arias *et al.*, (2008), comprises 96 genera and almost species are *Solanum* L. (1,000 spp.), *Lycianthes* (Dunal) Hassl. (200 spp.), *Cestrum* L. (175 spp.), *Nicotiana* L. (95 spp.), *Physalis* L. (80 spp.) and *Lycium* L. (75 spp.). Hence, these studies are very important in discovering effective but at low cost antimicrobial compounds. Although antimicrobial activities of genus *Solanum* were studied, there is little information about antimicrobial activity of some of the *Solanum* sp. Among them *Solanum melogena* (Hussein *et al.*, 2010). The methanol and aqueous extracts of leaves of five different medicinal plants, *Solanum nigrum* L., *S. torvum* Sw., *S. trilobatum* L., *S. surattense* Burm.

and *S. melongena* L. are belonging to Solanaceae family were used for the investigation of antibacterial studies. In antibacterial screening performed by disc diffusion method against two gram negative bacteria namely *Xanthomonas campestris* (plant pathogen) and *Aeromonas hydrophila* (animal pathogen), it was found that the methanol extracts of all the plant samples showed significant activity against the two tested bacteria (Singh *et al.*, 2003; Cuthbertson and Murchie 2005). The extracts of *Solanum xanthocarpum* showed high sensitivity to *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Salmonella typhi*, moderate sensitivity to *Escherichia coli* and less sensitivity and resistant to *Bacillus cereus* (Udayakumar *et al.*, 2003). While, *Solanum palinacanthum* Dunal, which presented activity against *Aeromonas hydrophila*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Aspergillus ochraceus*. *Solanum palinacanthum* is a perennial herb or sub-shrub (Pereira *et al.*, 2008). Family Solanaceae is represented in Egyptian flora with ten genera out of the 94 worldwide genera (Boulos 2002). Two species from the two cultivated genera namely: *Capsicum* (*Capsicum frutescens* L.) and *Lycopersicon* (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill.), and two cultivated species from genus *Solanum* which represented in Egypt as both cultivated and wild species, these species are: *Solanum melongena* L. and *Solanum tuberosum* L. will be subjected to phytochemical screening. The bioactive fraction against a collection of antibiotic resistant bacteria will be carried out. This study aimed to utilize the common Egyptian genetic resources to obtain cheap antimicrobial drugs.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

1- Plant material and extraction

Fresh plant material of *Solanum melongena* L., *Solanum tuberosum* L., *Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill. and *Capsicum frutescens* L. (Family: Solanaceae) was collected from Cairo University Experimental Farm. Leafy branches of each plant were air-dried in shade, and then subjected to drying oven at 40°C to constant weight. The dried material was powdered and kept in plastic bags, and subjected later to extraction. Fifty grams of air-dried powder of each plant material was extracted successively using the following solvents: petroleum ether, chloroform, methanol and water by using a soxhlet extractor until colorless extract obtained on the top of the extractor. Extracts of each solvent were concentrated under reduced pressure using rotary evaporator and dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), and then subjected to antimicrobial activity assay according to Thippeswamy *et al.*, (2011).

Table 1: The studied plant material.

Latin name	English name	Arabic name
<i>Capsicum frutescens</i> L.	Parprika, Cayenne pepper, Red pepper, Chilli	Felfel shata
<i>Lycopersicum esculentum</i> Mill.	Tomato, Love apple	Tamatem
<i>Solanum melnongena</i> L.	Egg plant, Brinjial, Aubergine, Jew's apple, Mad apple, Bettingan	Bazengan
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	Potato, Irish potato	Batates

2- Bacterial isolates and their susceptibility to antibiotics

Three antibiotic resistant bacterial species were selected to carry out this work due to their health problem namely: (1) *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is a leading cause of nosocomial infections and is responsible for 10% of all hospital-acquired infections (Morrison *et al.*, 1984 and NNISS 1992). (2) *Escherichia coli* "O157:H7" was first recognized in 1982, about 3,000 cases may develop hemolytic uremic syndrome annually. Surveillance data indicate that the highest incidence of illness from *E. coli* "O157:H7" occurs in children under 5 years of age (CDC 1999a). And (3) *Staphylococcus aureus* is common disease in both domestic and wild rabbits (Flatt 1974). In Egypt, the effect of *S. aureus* in rabbits was studied by Abdel-Gwad *et al.*, (2004).

A total of 25 isolates of *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* from different human clinical sources (5 from pus, 3 from throat swab, 4 from blood, 4 from urine, 2 from vaginal swab, 2 from stool, 2 from drainage, 3 from sputum) were collected from the bacteriology lab of Ain-Shams University Hospitals (Ain-Shams) between Augusts – October 2010. The used reference bacterial strains were: *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 29737, *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853. The test organisms were sub-cultured at 37°C and maintained on nutrient agar media.

The bacterial isolates were tested for its bacterial resistance using disk diffusion method. Antibiotic disks (Oxoid) used were cefaclor (30 µg), tobramycin (10 µg), chloramphenicol (30 µg), erythromycin (15 µg), levofloxacin (5 µg), ciprofloxacin (5 µg), cefadroxil (30 µg) and sulphamthazole trimethoprim (25 µg). The diameters of inhibition zones were measured. Zones of inhibition were determined according to CLSI M100-S18 (2008), isolates were categorized as susceptible and resistant while intermediate were considered as resistant. The experiment was done three times and the mean values were presented.

Table 2: The used antibiotics and its references inhibition zones.

Antibiotic Class	Antibiotic Name	Symbol	Disc Conc.	Diameter of the inhibition zone in millimeter (mm)		
				Resistant (R) = or <	Intermediate (I) From- To	Sensitive (S) = or >
Amino glycosides	Tobramycin	TOB	10 µg	12	13-14	15
Cephalosporin's	Cefadroxile	CRF	30 µg	14	15-17	18
Macrolides	Erythromycin	E	15 µg	15	16-20	21
Quinolones	Ciprofloxacin	CiP	5 µg	15	16-20	21
	Levofloxacin	Levo	5 µg	13	14-16	17
Sulfonamides	Sulfamethazol Trimethoprim	SXT	10 µg	10	11-15	16
B- lactams	Cefaclor	CEC	30 µg	14	15-17	18
Miscellaneous	Chloramphenicol	C	30 µg	17	18-20	21

3- Antibacterial activity

Petri plates containing 20 ml of Muller Hinton agar medium were seeded with a 24 h culture of the bacterial strains. Wells of 6mm diameter each were cut into the agar; to each well 50 µl (concentration of 100 mg/ml) of the investigated plant extracts were tested added. The inocula size was adjusted so as to deliver final inocula of approximately 10⁸ colony-forming units (CFU)/ml. Incubation was performed at 37°C for 24 h. The assessment of antibacterial activity was based on measurement of the diameter of the inhibition zone around the wells after 24 h.

4- Preparation and identification of the lipids material

A- Separation of unsaponifiable lipid fraction

The extracted lipids (Petroleum ether extracts) of each plant were saponified with alcoholic potassium hydroxide by dissolving about five grams of lipid from each plant in 480ml ethanol. This ethanolic solution was mixed with solution of 40 gram of potassium hydroxide in 100 ml distilled water and the mixture was refluxed for about three hours. The solution was concentrated to two third of its volume, excess water was added and the soap solution was shaken in a separating funnel for several times with fresh portion of peroxide free ether until complete extraction was obtained. The combined ether extracts were washed with water until free from alkalinity as indicating by litmus paper, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate then filtered. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness under vacuum. Weigh the residue and

this represents the quality of hydrocarbons and sterols obtained and this converted to the methyl ester with ethereal diazomethane as following: Methyl esters were obtained by trans-methylation of the lipids by refluxing them for 90 min with methanol – benzene – sulfuric acid (20:10:1) according to Harborne (1973) and Vogel's (2000) the solution was concentrated to two third of its volume, excess water was added for washings until free from acidity as indicating by litmus paper, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and filtered, the filtrate was subjected to analysis using GC/Mass.

B- Separation of saponifiable lipid fraction

After removal of unsaponifiable fraction with ether, soapy solution was converted into the corresponding free fatty acid by means of 2.5% sulfuric acid, and the liberated free fatty acids were extracted with ether. The ether extract was washed several times with distilled water until free from acids. The ether extract was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and filtered, followed by distillation and the last traces of ether were removed under vacuum at 60 °C, and kept in desiccators. Weigh the residue and this represents the quality of fatty acids obtained and this converted to the corresponding methyl ester which was analyzed by GC/Mass.

GC/Mass of unsaponifiable and saponifiable fractions (Eaton 1989)

The investigation carried out by GC/Mass (HP5890), oven program (initial temp: 50 °C, initial time: 2 min, rate 1: 10°C/min, final temp.: 200, final time: 5min), injection temp. : 220, injection volume 1µl, injection mode: splitless, carrier gas: N.gas and Detector temps: 300 °C.

RESULTS

The studied 25 isolates, 6 were Gram positive which is *Staphylococcus aureus* and 19 were Gram negative (14 isolates were *Escherichia coli* and 5 isolates were *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*). Isolates that were gram stained gram positive cocci, catalase positive, coagulase positive, and fermenting mannitol on mannitol salt agar medium were identified as *Staphylococcus aureus* (Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology 1989). Isolates that were gram stained gram negative bacilli, indole positive, oxidase negative, and fermenting lactose on MacConkey agar media were identified as *E. coli* (York *et al.*, 2000), Isolates that were gram stained gram negative bacilli, oxidase positive, indole negative, and producing yellow-green fluorescent colony under ultraviolet light on *Pseudomonas* media were identified as *Ps. aeruginosa* (King *et al.*, 1954). These studied bacterial isolates were tested for its susceptibility to different antibiotics using disk diffusion method. The results presented

in Table (3), indicating that these bacterial isolates are antibiotic resistant to the studied antimicrobial agents as shown in Table (2) namely: Cefaclor, Tobramycin, Chloromphenicol, Erythromycin, Sulphamthazole trimethoprim, Levofloxacin, Ciprofoxacin and Cefadroxil.

Table (3): Susceptibility test of 6 *Staphylococcus aureus*, 14 *Escherichia coli* and 6 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* to standard antibiotics (R= Resistant, S= Sensitive and I= Intermediate).

Antibiotics	CRF	C	E	TOB	SXT	LEV	CIP	CEC
St. 1	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R
St. 2	R	R	R	S	S	I	R	R
St. 3	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R
St. 4	R	S	R	R	S	R	R	R
St. 5	R	S	R	R	S	R	R	R
St. 6	R	S	R	R	S	S	R	R
Ps. 1	R	R	R	S	R	S	S	R
Ps. 2	R	R	R	R	R	R	S	R
Ps. 3	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Ps. 4	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Ps. 5	R	R	R	R	R	S	S	R
E. coli. 1	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
E. coli. 2	R	S	R	R	S	R	R	R
E. coli. 3	R	S	R	S	R	R	R	R
E. coli. 4	R	S	R	R	R	R	R	R
E. coli. 5	R	I	R	R	R	R	R	R
E. coli. 6	R	R	R	S	I	R	R	R
E. coli. 7	R	S	R	R	R	R	R	R
E. coli. 8	R	S	R	R	R	R	R	R
E. coli. 9	R	I	R	R	R	R	R	R
E. coli. 10	R	S	R	R	R	R	R	R
E. coli. 11	R	I	R	R	I	R	I	R
E. coli. 12	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
E. coli. 13	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
E. coli. 14	R	R	R	R	S	S	R	S

For the antibiotics abbreviations see Table (2); St: *Staphylococcus aureus*; E. coli: *Escherichia coli* and Ps.: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Extracts of studied plants (ether, chloroform, methanol and water) were screened for their antimicrobial activity against 25 bacterial isolates and the results are presented in Table (4). On application of the ether extract, the inhibition zone ranged from 49mm to 20mm (Table 4). The highest inhibition zone was *Solanum melongena* and *Lycopersicum esculentum*.

The studied antibiotic resistant bacteria showed different responses to the studied ether extracts. *Staphylococcus aureus* showed the highest susceptibility followed by *Escherichia coli* while the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* was the lowest as shown in Table (4). The results showed that *Lycopersicum esculentum* Mill. and *Solanum melongena* L. revealed the highest inhibition, followed by *Capsicum frutescens* L. and *Solanum tuberosum* L. both species showed the lower inhibition compared to the two earlier mentioned species (Table 4). The retrieved data denoting that the inhibition zone in case of chloroform extracts are lower than that of ether extract, it ranged from 20 mm to zero mm as shown in (Table 4). Accordingly the ether extracts of the *Lycopersicum esculentum* Mill. and *Solanum melongena* L. were subjected to GC-Mass investigations.

Table (4): Inhibition zone (in mm) of the ether and chloroform (between brackets) extracts of the studied plants against the studied 25 bacterial isolates, (St=*Staphylococcus aureus*, E.coli= *Escherichia coli* and Ps= *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*).

Bacterial isolates	Studied Species			
	Capsicum frutescens L.	<i>Lycopersicum esculentum</i> Mill.	<i>Solanum</i>	
			melongena	tuberosum
St. 1	28 (15)	45 (13)	49 (13)	29 (13)
St. 2	27 (13)	34 (12)	30 (11)	27 (13)
St. 3	20 (20)	40 (12)	35 (15)	20 (14)
St. 4	20 (20)	30 (13)	35 (15)	20 (13)
St. 5	25 (12)	35 (12)	36 (18)	29 (12)
St. 6	29 (16)	35 (13)	40 (12)	28 (16)
E. coli 1	29 (-)	45 (-)	32 (-)	29 (-)
E. coli 2	25 (12)	30 (12)	35 (13)	28 (15)
E. coli 3	28 (-)	40 (-)	40 (15)	24 (15)
E. coli 4	24 (13)	40 (13)	36 (17)	25 (15)
E. coli 5	25 (-)	35 (-)	35 (25)	26 (12)
E. coli 6	25 (11)	30 (-)	30 (-)	22 (-)
E. coli 7	25 (-)	25 (-)	30 (-)	25 (-)
E. coli 8	20 (12)	30 (15)	40 (20)	25 (13)
E. coli 9	28 (11)	35 (16)	40 (17)	27 (14)
E. coli 10	27 (-)	40 (-)	40 (-)	29 (-)
E. coli 11	29 (-)	40 (-)	40 (-)	29 (18)
E. coli 12	28 (-)	40 (-)	30 (-)	25 (-)
E. coli 13	20 (-)	30 (-)	40 (-)	28 (-)
E. coli 14	28 (11)	35 (15)	30 (13)	24 (12)
Ps. 1	24 (15)	29 (16)	30 (16)	24 (15)
Ps. 2	21(-)	30 (-)	30 (-)	24 (-)
Ps. 3	24 (16)	29 (16)	30 (14)	23 (14)
Ps. 4	20 (15)	29 (0)	30 (19)	25 (20)
Ps. 5	21 (14)	26 (16)	28 (15)	24 (14)

(-) = No inhibition detected

GC/Mass results**i- Fatty acids**

The ether extracts of the *Lycopersicum esculentum* and *Solanum melongena* which showed higher antibacterial effect (Table 4), were applied to GC-Mass. The resulted are outlined in Table (5). Sixteen fatty acids were detected hexadecanoic acid (25.5%) and linolenic acid (23.6%) were the major fatty acids in *S. melongena* as shown in total ionic chromatogram Figure (1) and the fragmentation pattern against the authentic samples are outlined in Figures (3 & 4); respectively. Similar fatty acids namely: hexadecanoic acid (35%) and linolenic acid (26%) comprised the major fatty acids in *Lycopersicum esculentum* as shown in total ionic chromatogram Figure (2) and the fragmentation pattern against the authentic samples are outlined in Figures (3 & 4); respectively.

Table (5): Fatty acids detected and identified by GC- Mass

Compounds	Rt.	<i>Solanum melongena</i>	<i>Lycopersicum esculentum</i>
1. Nonanoic acid	9.5	0.3 %	0.0
2. Decanoic acid	10.8	0.4 %	0.0
3. Permetrinic acid	12.5	0.4 %	0.0
4. Lauric acid	13.2	1.4 %	0.0
5. Tetradecanoic acid	15.5	5.3 %	0.0
6. Pentadecanoic acid	16.4	4.0 %	0.0
7. Palmitic acid	17.5	0.0	15.0 %
8. Decanedioic acid	17.6	0.0	3.0 %
9. 7- hexadecanoic acid	17.9	2.3 %	0.0
10. hexadecanoic acid	18.0	25.5 %	35.0 %
11. 7,10,13-hexadecatrienoic acid	18.8	6.7 %	0.0
12. Stearic acid	20.0	12.0 %	5.0 %
13. 9,12-Octadecadienoic acid	21.0	0.5 %	16.0 %
14. Cis-linoleic acid	22.0	15.6 %	0.0
15. Linolenic acid	22.3	23.6 %	26.0 %
16. Eicosanoic acid	23.5	2.0 %	0.0

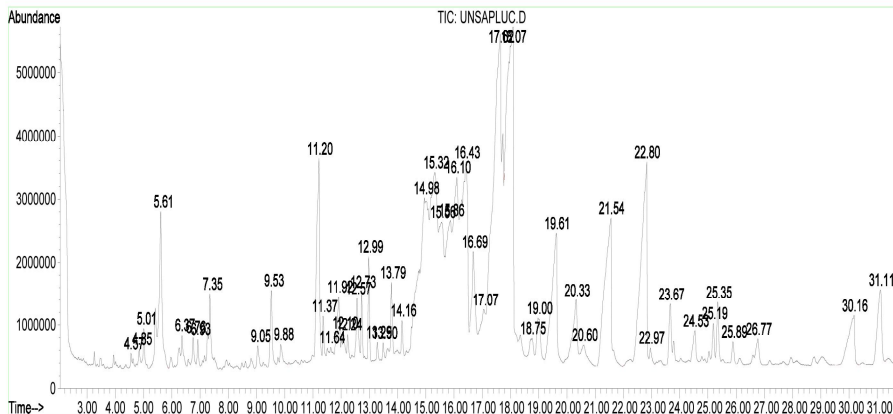


Figure (1): Total Ionic Chromatogram (TIC) of *S. melongena* fatty acids identified by GC/Mass.

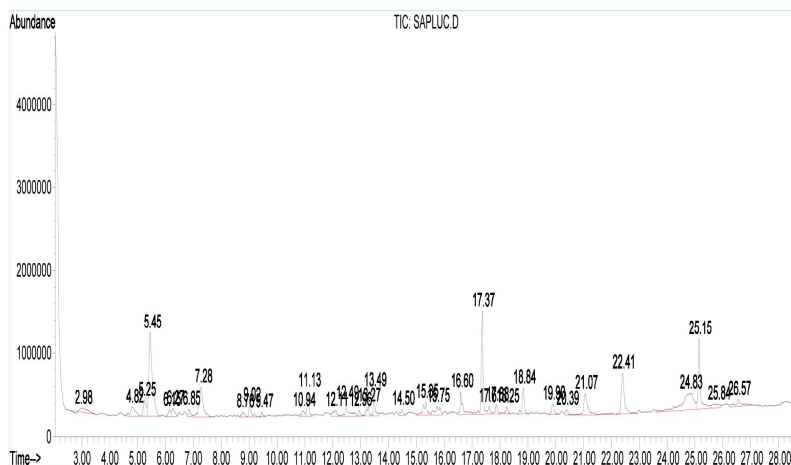


Figure (2): Total Ionic Chromatogram (TIC) of *Lycopersicon esculentum* fatty acids identified by GC/Mass.

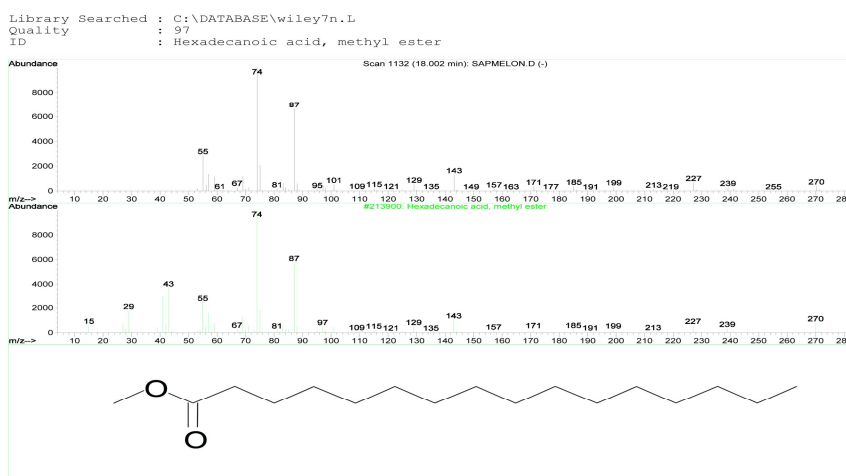


Figure (3): Fragmentation pattern of hexadecanoic acid using GC/Mass.

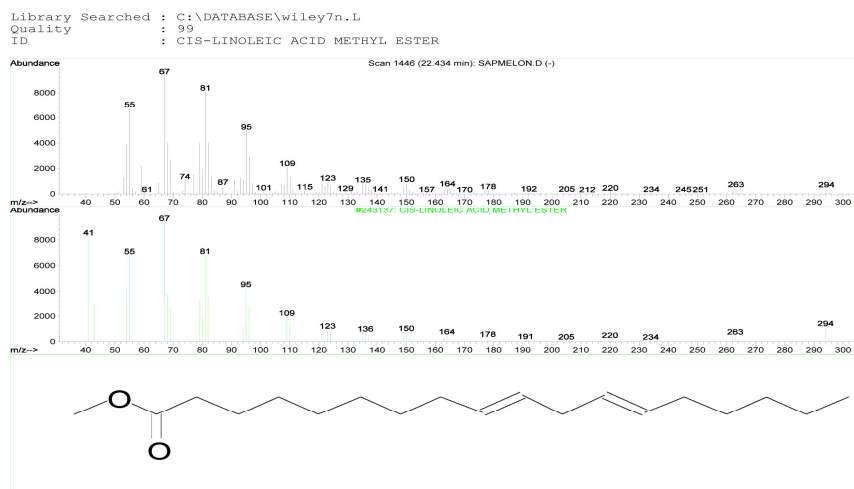


Figure (4): Fragmentation pattern of Linolenic acid using GC/Mass.

ii- Hydrocarbon and sterol

The unsaponified lipid fraction extracted from studied species were applied to GC/Mass, the total number identified compounds in both species are fifteen hydrocarbons and two sterol (Table 6). the total Ionic Chromatogram (TIC) of *S. melongena* hydrocarbon and sterols identified by GC/Mass is shown in Figure (5). Dodecan-2-one (20%) and Pinane (18%) were the major hydrocarbons in *Solanum melongena*, the two compounds also were the major in *Lycopersicum esculentum* with different percentages (dodecan-2-one 40% and Pinane (25%). In addition to two sterols: 10-Demethyl Squalene (2.5%) and 24-Beta-Ethyl -5-Delta-Cholesten-3-Beta-ol (6%) were identified only in *Solanum melongena* as shown in Table (6). The fragmentation patterns of Pinane and Dodecan-2-one against the authentic compounds are outlined in Figure 6 and 7; respectively).

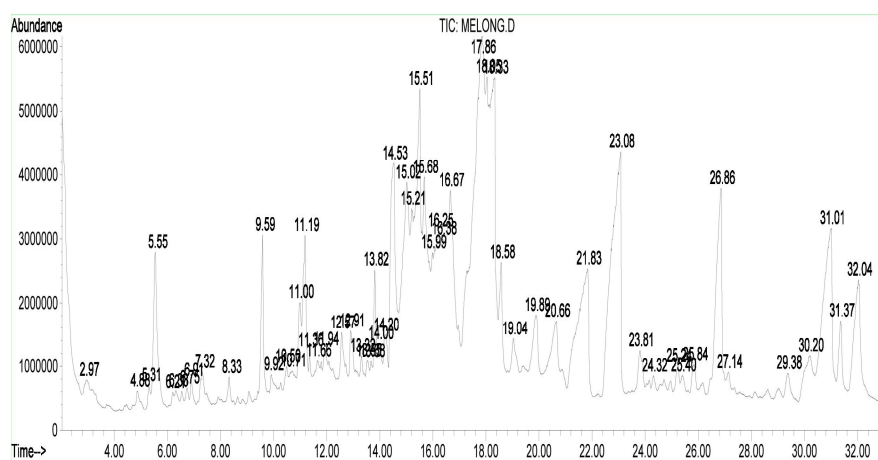


Figure (5): Total Ionic Chromatogram (TIC) of *S. melongena* hydrocarbon and sterols identified by GC/Mass.

Table (6): Hydrocarbon and sterol detected and identified by GC- Mass.

Compounds	Rt.	<i>Solanum melnongena</i>	<i>Lycopersicum esculentum</i>
1. Methyl tetradecanoate	10.2	3.0 %	0.0
2. Octadecane	10.99	1.8 %	0.0
3. Pinane	11.4	18.0 %	25.0 %
4. 6,10,14-Trimethyl-2 pentadecanone	11.5	7.0 %	0.0
5. 3-Eicosyne	11.6	0.0	8.0 %
6. Dodecan-2-one	11.7	20.0 %	40.0 %
7. Dotriacontane	18.0	0.3 %	0.0
8. n-Docosane	18.7	2.4 %	0.0
9. 10-Demethyl Squalene (Sterol)	19.7	2.5 %	0.0
10. Hexadecane	21.7	0.0	19.0 %
11. 2 methyl- Tricosane	22.4	4.0 %	0.0
12. n-Eicosane	23.4	5.0 %	0.0
13. Tetratriacontane	23.8	0.0	8.0 %
14. Docosane	23.9	15.0 %	0.0
15. 24-Beta -Ethyl -5-Delta-Cholesten-3-Beta-ol (Sterol)	24.5	6.0 %	0.0
16. Tridecane	24.9	9.0 %	0.0
17. n-Heneicosane	26.9	6.0 %	0.0

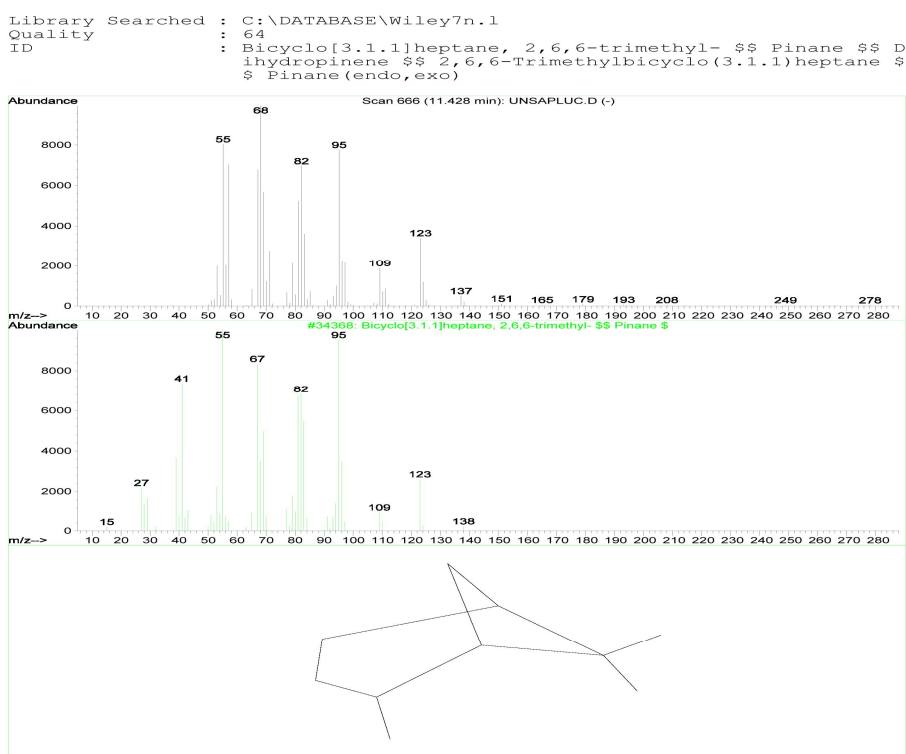


Figure (6): Fragmentation pattern of Pinane using GC/Mass.

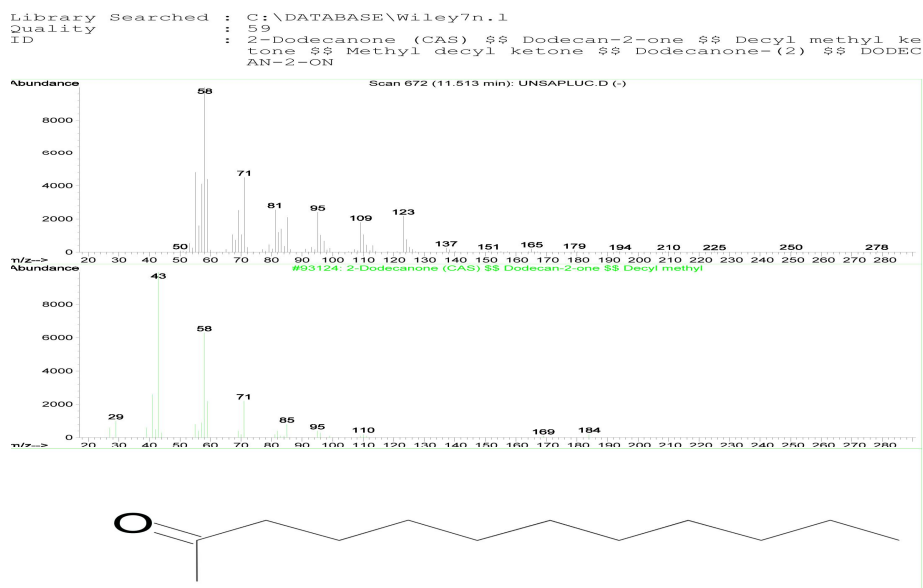


Figure (7): Fragmentation pattern of Dodecan-2-one using GC/Mass.

DISCUSSION

The studied lipid material (fatty acids and hydrocarbons), extracted from the foliar parts of both of *Solanum melongena* and *Lycopersicum esculentum* showed antibacterial effect against 25 bacterial isolates of antibiotic resistant strains identified as: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (Table 3). This result was supported by Bhattacharjee *et al.* (2005), who claimed that the fatty acids of *Cestrum diurnum* (Solanaceae) with its main constituents as Palmitic, Stearic and Oleic showed antibacterial activity against the pathogenic strains of *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. The retrieved data in this study was supported by similar data obtained from the lipid material of the wild *Solanum elaeagnifolium* (Amer *et al.*, 2013). Also, similar data reported from *Solanum torvum* by Wiart *et al.* (2004); and *Solanum trilobatum* (Doss *et al.*, 2009); against the same studied antibiotic resistant bacteria namely: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. On the other hand, *Solanum xanthocarpum* showed activity against the same bacterial types except *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (Sidamburam *et al.*, 2011). Also, *Staphylococcus aureus* was inhibited by *Solanum palincanthum* extracts (Pereira *et al.*, 2008).

Two fatty acids out of the identified sixteen fatty acids from both of the studied species (*Solanum melongena* and *Lycopersicum esculentum*), showed higher percentages as follows: hexadecanoic acid (25.5%) and linolenic acid (23.6%) in *S. melongena*, the similar fatty acids were detected in *Lycopersicum esculentum* with 35% and 26%; respectively

(Table 5). The antibacterial activity of these species against the studied bacterial isolates may be attributed to the biological activity of the long chain fatty acids. The idea was established by Zhenga *et al.* (2005), who mentioned that antibacterial actions of fatty acids are usually attributed to long-chain unsaturated fatty acids including oleic acid, linoleic acid, and linolenic acid. On the other hand, McGaw *et al.*, (2002) and Seidel & Taylor (2004) reported that Lauric, palmitic, linolenic, linoleic, oleic, stearic and myristic acids are known to have potential antibacterial and antifungal agents.

However, this study showed that the methanol and water extracts of the studies *Solanum melongena* and *Lycopersicum esculentum* had a negative effect on the studied bacteria. The earlier work of Gandhiappan & Rengasamy (2012), reported that the methanolic extract of leaves from 6 *Solanum* species (*S. anguivi*, *S. nigrum*, *S. pubescens*, *S. surrattense*, *S. torvum*, *S. Swartz*, *S. trilobatum*) showed moderate activity against human pathogenic bacteria such as *Staphylococcus aureus* MTCC 96, *Micoccus luteus* ATCC 4698, *Vibro cholerae* ATCC 14035 and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* MTCC 109. Also, De Britto *et al.*, (2011) reported that often, the methanol extract of some *Solanum* species showed high antibacterial activity, and significant antibacterial activity of methanol extracts of *S. surattense*; followed by *S. nigrum* then *S. torvum* against *Xanthomonas campestris* (plant pathogen) were observed. Also, Parameswari *et al.*, (2012) mentioned that the methanolic extracts of *Solanum nigrum* showed highest antibacterial activity (against *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*), compared to ethanol extract.

This study recommend that we can use the leafy part of the common edible fruit Solanaceae species (*Solanum melongena* and *Lycopersicum esculentum*) to treat antibiotics resistant pathogenic bacteria as *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

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