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Abstract

Antimicrobial effect of *Salvadora persica*(miswak) and *Juglans regia*(Souak) against pathogenic germs

The present study is a contribution to the valorization of two spontaneous medicinal plants: *Juglans regia* (Souak) and *Salvadora persica*(Miswak) ; which are widely utilized in Arabic countries for oral hygiene. Four extracts prepared with distilled water, chloroform and petroleum ether organic were used to investigate the antibacterial and antifungal activities of these plants with four different concentrations of each extract; 100, 50, 25 and 15 mg/ml. The different extracts were used to study antimicrobial activity against 5 pathogenic bacterial strains: positive gram : *Bacillus cereus* ATCC 11778, *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923 and gram negative: *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 4352, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853 and on a fungus: *Aspergillus niger*, using the solid medium diffusion method. The results showed that *Juglans regia* seems to be more efficient against the tested strains than *Salvadora persica*. The extracts of *S. persica* have activity against all bacterial strains, but no antifungal. Furthermore, *J. regia's* aqueous extract exhibited significant antibacterial activity. The highest efficiency of all extracts of the two studied plants was *J. regia's* aqueous extract with *Staphylococcus aureus* (mean of diameters of inhibition zone = 35 mm).

Key words: antimicrobial activity, *Juglans regia*, medicinal plants, *Salvadora persica*.

Résumé

L'effet antimicrobien de *Salvadora persica*(miswak) et de *Juglans regia*(Souak) sur les germes photogènes

La présente étude est une contribution à la valorisation de deux plantes médicinales spontanées : *Juglans regia* (Souak) et *Salvadora persica*(Miswak) ; qui sont largement utilisés dans les pays arabes pour l'hygiène bucco-dentaire. Quatre extraits préparés avec de l'eau distillée, du chloroforme et de l'éther de pétrole organique ont été utilisés pour étudier les activités antibactériennes et antifongiques de ces plantes avec quatre concentrations différentes de chaque extrait ; 100, 50, 25 et 15 mg/ml. Les différents extraits ont été utilisés pour étudier l'activité antimicrobienne contre 5 souches bactériennes pathogènes : gram positif : *Bacillus cereus* ATCC 11778, *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923 et gram négatif : *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 4352, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853 et sur un champignon : *Aspergillus niger*, en utilisant la méthode de diffusion en milieu solide. Les résultats ont montré que les extraits du *Juglans regia* semblent être plus efficaces contre les souches testées que *Salvadora persica*. Les extraits de *S. persica* ont une activité contre toutes les souches bactériennes, mais pas d'antifongiques. De plus, l'extrait aqueux de *J. regia* a montré une activité antibactérienne significative. L'efficacité la plus élevée de tous les extraits des deux plantes étudiées était enregistrée pour l'extrait aqueux de *J. regia* avec *Staphylococcus aureus*(moyenne des diamètres de la zone d'inhibition = 35 mm).

Mots clés : activité antimicrobienne, *Juglans regia*, plantes médicinales, *Salvadora persica*

الملخص

التأثير المضاد للميكروبات للسلفادورا بيرسيكا (ميسواك) والجوجلان ريجيا (سواك) ضد الجراثيم المسببة للأمراض الدراسة الحالية هي مساهمة في تثمين اثنين من النباتات الطبية العطرية: (*Juglans regia* سواك) و (*Salvadora persica* مسواك) ؛ التي تستخدم على نطاق واسع في الدول العربية لنظافة الفم. تم استخدام أربعة مستخلصات محضرة بالماء المقطر والكلوروفورم والإيثر البترولي العضوي لفحص الأنشطة المضادة للبكتيريا والفطريات لهذه النباتات مع أربعة تراكيز مختلفة لكل مستخلص. 100 و 50 و 25 و 15 مجم / مل. تم استخدام المستخلصات المختلفة لدراسة النشاط المضاد للميكروبات ضد 5 سلالات بكتيرية ممرضة: موجبة الجرام, *Bacillus cereus* ATCC 11778, *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, وسلبية الجرام, *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923 و ضد الفطريات (*Aspergillus niger*) باستخدام طريقة الانتشار في الوسط الصلب. أظهرت النتائج أن مستخلصات *Juglans regia* يبدو أكثر كفاءة ضد السلالات المختبرة من *Salvadora persica*. المستخلصات من *S. persica*. لها فعالية ضد جميع السلالات البكتيرية، ولكن لا يوجد مضاد للفطريات. علاوة على ذلك، أظهر المستخلص المائي لـ *J. regia* نشاطاً كبيراً مضاداً للبكتيريا. كانت أعلى كفاءة لجميع مستخلصات النباتين المدروسين كان مستخلصات المائة لـ *Juglans regia* ضد بكتيريا *Staphylococcus aureus* (متوسط أقطار منطقة التثبيط = 35 مم).

الكلمات المفتاحية: نشاط مضاد للميكروبات ، *Juglans regia* ، نباتات طبية ، *Salvadora persica*

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List of abbreviations

ALA : Alpha-Linoleic Acid .

ATB : Antibiotic.

ATCC : American Type Culture Collection.

A_w : Water Activity .

DMSO : Dimethyl Sulfoxide .

DPPH : 2,2-Diphenyl-1-Picrylhydrazyl.

ExPEC : Extracted Pathogens .

GN : Gélose Nutritive.

HIV : Human Immunodeficiency Virus .

ICU : Intensive Care Units .

InPEC : Intestinal Pathogens .

J.regia : *Juglans regia* ..

LDC : Lysine Decarboxylase .

LPS : Lipopolysaccharids

ODC : ornithine decarboxylase.

ONPG : Orthonitrophenyl Galactoside ..

PDA : Potato Dextrose Agar.

S.persica, S.P : *Salvadora persica*.

UI : Urinary Tract Infections .

VP : Vogues-Proskauer .

W:Witness.

Introduction

Introduction

Plants fulfill all human requirements, including food, clothing, flavor and fragrance, shelter, and medicine (Gurib, 2006). Humans' long-standing fights with disease drove him to seek plant barks, seeds, fruit bodies, and other parts for medications. Modern pharmacotherapy uses many plant-based drugs that ancient civilizations employed because modern science discovered their active action (Biljana, 2012).

Plants have therapeutic properties due to their presence of secondary metabolites, which are endowed with multiple therapeutic virtues. They are used in the manufacture of drugs and are also involved in protecting plants against microbial attacks (AlBayati, 2007; Bruneton, 2009; Boudjouref, 2011). Many plants have been reported in the pharmacopeia for their efficacy in treating oral bacterial infections (Ranjan *et al.*, 2012).

One of the most crucial daily routine habits is oral hygiene, which keeps the mouth and teeth clean and prevents various health issues (Halawany, 2012). Plaque and food particles can be removed from the surface and areas between teeth using both mechanical and chemical methods with today's dental care instruments. People have used various implements and substances to maintain their oral health throughout time, including chewing sticks, toothbrushes, gum, mouthwashes, toothpaste, and floss, all of which are thought to have evolved from botanical sources. Plants like Miswak have been used as chewing sticks in many parts of the world in various cultures (Dutta and Shaikh, 2012; Riggs *et al.*, 2012).

Salvadora persica (miswak) is Arabic for tooth-cleaning stick. Many Islamic communities use the toothbrush tree, which has been scientifically proven to prevent tooth decay even when used without other tooth-cleaning methods. *S. persica* extracts are comparable to other oral disinfectants and anti-plaque agents, such as chlorhexidine gluconate, if used at high concentrations (Noumi *et al.*, 2010). The study of *S. persica*'s antimicrobial properties is still in its early stages; however, crude and alcoholic extracts have generally shown efficiency against several pathogenic bacteria and fungi, and the bark has demonstrated broad-spectrum antibacterial action against the oral microbiota (Dutta and Shaikh, 2012).

The genus *Juglans* (family Juglandaceae) comprises several species found worldwide. Pharmaceutics and cosmetics use *Juglans regia* L (green walnut) shells, kernels, seeds, bark, and leaves. *Juglans regia* L. bark possesses anti-inflammatory, blood-purifying, anticancer, depurative, diuretic, and laxative properties. *Juglans regia* bark extract has broad-spectrum antibacterial action against oral microorganisms. Some countries utilize *Juglans regia* L. bark for lipstick and toothbrushes (Zakavi *et al.*, 2013).

This study was conducted to evaluate the antimicrobial effect of both plants extracts (bark of *Juglans regia* and stems of *Salvadora persica*) against different bacterial species and on a representative of fungal strains.

This work is therefore structured into two main parts and a general conclusion. The first part is initiated by a bibliographic review, which contains two chapters: the first is to present a description of the plants used in this study and gives information on their biological activities, and the second is devoted to the presentation of the microorganisms of the oral flora with notions of the strains used. The second part is dedicated to experimental methods and results, in which material and analytical methods used during the work were developed, along with the results obtained and their discussion.

Part One: Bibliography Study

I. *Salvadora persica*

1. History

A plant known by the names miswaq, arak, or chewing sticks was utilized by the Babylonians before 7000 years ago, followed by the Romans, Greeks, the ancient Egyptians, and millions of Muslims worldwide (Jassim *et al.*, 2021).

It is still in use today, primarily in Africa and the Middle East, but it is utilized elsewhere. Exploring *S. persica's* therapeutic potential has recently attracted a lot of interest. A plethora of literature has evolved and been published as a result of numerous investigations that have examined this plant's biological characteristics (Aumeeruddy *et al.*, 2018).

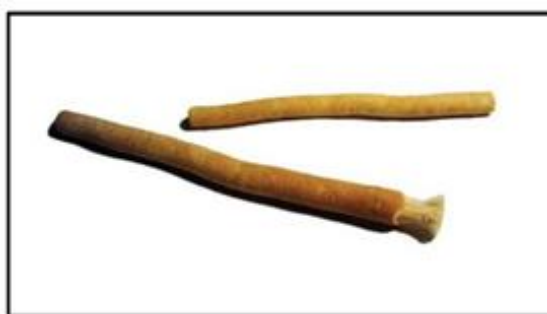


Figure1: Botanical aspect of the species

Figure2: Sticks of *Salvadora persica* (Akhtar *et al.*, 2011)

Salvadora persica (Alshammary, 2008)

2. Origin of *Salvadora persica*

Dr. Laurent Garcin, a botanist, traveler, and plant collector, proposed the name *Salvadora* in 1749 to honor Juan Salvadory Bosca, an apothecary in Barcelona who lived from 1598 to 1681. While the term "persica" refers to Persia. And the letter L is used to refer to Carl Linnaeus, a Swedish botanist, physician, and zoologist who was the father of modern taxonomy. He lived from 1707 to 1778 (Hilal and Rajagopal , 2013), (Hilal and Rajagopal ,2014).

3. Nomenclature of *Salvadora persica*

In different cultures, chewing sticks are referred to by a variety of names: in Arabic: Shajar-e-Miswak, Al-arak, Khardal (Miswak : which has synonyms in various Arabic dialects and countries, such as "miswaak," "miswak," "miswaki," "meswak," "mswak," "sewak," "siwak," and "siwak") . Name in Japanese: Koyoji, in Hebrew for qesam, in Aramaic qisa's, in Latin is: mastic, name from the Quran: Khamt, English name: Mustard tree, tooth brush tree, Local names: Playman (Pashto), Jhal (Saraiki), and Pilu (Urdu); botanical name: *Salvadora persica* L. (Marwat, 2009; Haque, and Alsareii, 2015).

4. The taxonomic classification of *Salvadora persica*

Miswak is derived from a plant species of *Salvadora persica* belonging to the family *Salvadoraceae*. The full taxonomic classification of *Salvadora persica* is given below .

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnolopsida

Order: Brassicales

Family: Salvadoraceae

Genus: *Salvadora*

Species: *Salvadora persica* (Congo, 2012)

5. Geographic dispersion

Salvadora persica is mainly found on slightly damp rocks and the banks of ravines (Ozenda, 1983). It is a Sudano-Decanian species. It is found throughout the central Sahara: Hoggar and Tibesti, in Arabia, Iran and India, is found in Mauritania throughout the river valley where it dots the landscape with patches of greenery during the drought period (Abdellahi ., 2001). It is widely distributed in the arid regions of India and often on saline soils (khatak *et al.*, 2010).

6. Botanical characteristics

Botanically, *S. persica* is a perennial evergreen halophyte. It can grow under extreme conditions, from very dry environments to highly saline soils (Maggio *et al.*, 2000). The main stem is more than one foot in diameter, erect or trailing with profusely drooping and straggling branches. Young branches are green. The bark is slightly rough and greyish brown on the main stem, paler elsewhere (Panday. 2004). *Salvadora persica* is an evergreen tree or shrub, 6–7 m tall; made of soft white wood, white, slightly rough bark, gray top Main shot, otherwise lighter (Figure.3a), leaves elliptic, lanceolate or ovate, obtuse, measuring 3 × 7 cm Light to dark green, fairly fleshy (Figure.3b) flower Yellow-green, very small, in axillary panicles or terminal (Figure.3c). The fruit is spherical, fleshy, and measures 5– 10 mm in diameter, pink to scarlet when ripe, de-seeded Unique (Figure.3e) These seeds turn from pink to purple, Translucent when ripe (Figure.3d) (Ghédira and Goetz, 2017).



a. The root of *Salvadora persica*.



b. The leaves of *Salvadora persica*



c. The flowers of *Salvadora persica*.



d. The seeds of *Salvadora persicae*.



e. The fruits of *Salvadora persica*

Figure3: Botanical characteristic of *Salvadora persica*. (Lababidi, 2019); (Arora and Gupta, 2011)

7. Chemical composition

Chemical analysis indicates that Miswak contains many natural ingredients known to be beneficial for health. These are the chemicals present in *S. persica* as follows: Chloride, Fluoride, Saponin, Salvadoline, Silicic Acid, Sulfur, Sterols, Trimethylamine and Vitamin C (Ghédira, Goetz, 2017). Other chemical analysis showed the following compounds present in *S. persica* plants: beta-sitosterol and xylene sulfonyl chloride, *salvadorea* and gypsum; Organic compounds, including pyrrolidine, pyrrole and Piperidine Derivatives; Glycosides, e.g. Jujube and salvadolatin; and flavonoids, including crampine oil, Quercetin Rutin and Quercetin Glucoside. The main constituents of salvia root oil are Benzyl isothiocyanate (BITC). Benzyl-isothiocyanate, a component of the *S P* root, has a broad-spectrum

bactericidal action and prevents Streptococci from growing and producing acid (Almas1 and Almas2, 2013).

Fluorine: It has antimicrobial properties and plays a role in carious prevention. The amount of fluorine in the rods is not significant enough to cause anti-carious activity (Paliwal, 2007).

Sulfur: Due to its role in the creation of the important amino acids cysteine and methionine, it is a multivalent molecule that is insoluble in water. Because it is bactericidal, it aids in lowering the amount of microorganisms in the oral cavity. This substance is what gives Miswak its bitter flavor.. (Chaurasia, *et al.*, 2013)

Sodium bicarbonate: It is abrasive and used as toothpaste to remove stains and whiten teeth. (Patel, 2012)

Silica: It has an abrasive role and can remove stains, dental plaque and whiten teeth. (Cheftel, 1980).

Tannins: It is these antifungals that will lower the levels of *Candida Albicans* in the oral cavity. They have a haemostatic power, which allows to use their molecules in the treatment of gingivitis. These substances have astringent flavors, have molecular weights between 500 and 3000 ppm, and have the property of making the skin rot-resistant. (Cheftel, 1980).

Alkaloids like salvadorin: they are heterocyclic nitrogen and basic substances. Salvadorin has insecticidal, antiseptic, diuretic, tenifuge, cough, bactericidal and anti-inflammatory properties. (Portères, 1974).

Essential oils are found in various botanical families and do not exist almost as in higher plants. They are located in all parts of the plant and are formed in the cytoplasm of specialized cells. The vegetable aromatic manufactures small quantities of essential oils in its excretory cells, from 0.01% to 5% of its weight, which it then concentrates in cells; they have an antiseptic, carminative role and disinfection of the oral cavity. They provide a pleasant smell to Miswak and thus allow users to have good breath and they stimulate salivary secretion (Dorman and Deans, 2000).

Saponosides or Saponins Saponosides (lat. sapon, soap - saponary, soap grass; licorice; white broth; modena), heterosides of which the material is a water-soluble compound that makes it foaming like a soap water. They alter the surface tension of the water, They are used for manufacturing of emulsions, in which an insoluble substance is dispersed. Are heterosides with an activity of lowering the surface tension and a foaming power and hemolytic (Shirzaiyet *et al.*, 2016).

Resins; these are natural substances secreted by certain plants. They contain chemically inert compounds such as phenols, acids, alcohols or esters. They melt in the heat and help form a superficial layer on the surface of the enamel to make the tooth more resistant to carious attacks (Shirzaiyet *et al.*, 2016).

8. Traditional uses of *S. persica*

S. persica has historically been used for a variety of things, including food, fuel, cosmetics, oral hygiene products, and not to mention medications. The leaves, for instance, are prepared as a sauce and consumed with salads or green vegetables. You can eat the fruits raw, cooked, or dried. The wood is occasionally used to make charcoal and fuel. Also, it is said that the tree's resin drips can be used to make varnish. There are also reports of crushed *S. persica* leaves submerged in cow urine (Aumeeruddy *et al.*, 2018).

Moreover, Islam has emphasized the usage of miswak for oral hygiene. Islam teaches the importance of cleanliness of both the body and mind, and thus introduced basic oral hygiene by incorporating it as a religious practice (Howaida *et al.*, 2002). The importance of miswak was highlighted by Prophet Muhammad who preached Islam not only by his words but also through his actions. Regarding *S. persica* (Arak), Prophet Muhammad said: "Pick the black fruit (fruit of Arak tree), for it is the best" (Aumeeruddy *et al.*, 2018).

9. Medicinal uses of *Salvadora persica*

Traditional medicine has employed the *Salvadora persica* plant to treat a wide range of diseases (Naeini *et al.*, 2014). The following are some examples of medicinal usage for various tree parts or products:

The bitter flavor of leaves makes them corrective, deobstruent, astringent to the bowels, tonic to the liver, diuretic, analgesic, and anthelmintic. They are also helpful for piles, scabies, leukoderma, piles, and other nose problems, as well as for reducing inflammation and strengthening the teeth (Pramod *et al.*, 2022). With their strong flavor, leaves are used externally to treat rheumatism in the south of Bombay and Punjab as an antidote to poison of all kinds. The leaf juice is also used to treat scurvy. The stem bark is used to treat gastric problems and as an ascarifuge (Girendra *et al.*, 2013).

The fruits are employed in biliousness and rheumatism because they are edible and have deobstruent, carminative, diuretic, lithontriptic, and stomachic characteristics. There is a common belief in Pakistan's Sind province that the fruits of this plant can be used to heal snake bites. There are additional reports of using the fruit's fermented beverage (Bohra *et al.*, 2021)

The root bark is an ingredient in snuff and is used as a vesicant. The decoction of the roots is used to treat gonorrhoea and vesical catarrh and can be applied in place of mustard plaster. A half-teacupful twice daily decoction of the bark is used to treat amenorrhoea, as an emmenagogue, as a stimulant in low fevers, and as a tonic (Khatake *et al.*, 2010)

The blossoms are somewhat purgative and used as a stimulant. The oil of *S. persica* is administered topically to treat rheumatoid arthritis, and its seeds are used as purgatives, diuretics, and tonics. (Ozair 1 and Ozair 2, 2020). This oil is used in the soap, candle and detergent industries. Also, it has great biodiesel production potential (Silvia *et al.*, 2015)

10. Use of *S. persica* as toothbrush for oral hygiene

The World Health Organization has recommended and encouraged the use of chewing sticks as an effective tool for oral hygiene in areas where such use is customary (Basil and Aboul , 2014).

It has been used by many Islamic communities as chewing sticks, and has been scientifically proven as being very useful in the prevention of tooth decay, even when used without any other tooth cleaning methods. Chewing sticks gotten from the roots, twigs, or stems of *S. persica* are commonly used in the Middle East, as a means of maintaining oral hygiene. Studies show that *S.P* extracts can be somewhat compared to other oral disinfectants, and anti-plaque agents, such as triclosan, and chlorhexidine gluconate, if used at a very high concentration, It has been reported that extracts from miswak, possess various biological properties, containing significant antifungal, and antibacterial effects, especially against bacteria considered important for the development of dental plaque (Abdulbasit and Al-sieni, 2014)

11. Biological activities

Several experimental studies have been carried out on *Salvadora persica* in order to prove its biological activities and isolate the active ingredients. It has been shown that *S.P* has significant antimicrobial activity against aerobic and anaerobic bacteria collected from teeth with inflamed gums and necrotic pulp (Hilal and Rajagopal, 2014).

11.1. Antimicrobial activity

The propagation and use of arak is due to the spread of Islamic culture in many countries. It has been documented that the byproducts of *S. persica* exhibited to have significant activity against numerous microbial agents from oral infections, A recent study revealed antiparasitic activity of *S. persica* against *Echinococcus granulosus* (Maneiet *al.* 2020).

Exploring the antimicrobial activity of *S. persica* is still in its early stages, where crude and alcoholic extracts have shown general effectiveness against some pathogenic bacteria and fungi. The biological activity of a few of *S. persica*'s fractionated phytochemicals were investigated and reported, such as benzyl isothiocyanate and β -sitosterol, which inhibit the cariogenic and genotoxic compounds accumulated on the surface of the teeth. The toxicity of *S. persica* extracts was reported in high concentrations and exceeded 5 g/kg of the mammal's body weight. The polar nature of chemical

compounds and the choice of solvents are major factors in determining the solutes and their activity in the performed extracts. Nevertheless, it has been reported that a high mineral content, dissolved inorganic compounds and anionic components in the extract, such as chlorides, fluorides, ... Possess a broad antimicrobial activity by disrupting the bacterial cell wall (Abhary and Al-Hazmi, 2016) and According to both antimicrobial assays, the aqueous extract inhibited all isolated microorganisms, especially the *Streptococcus* spp., and was more efficient than the methanol extract, which was resisted by *L. acidophilus* and *P. aeruginosa* (Akhtar *et al.*, 2011).

11.2. Antifungal activity

Fungal infections have increased over the last two decades, largely because of the increasing size of the population at risk and The resistance of pathogenic fungi, in particular *C. albicans* and non-*C. albicans* species isolated from patients, against antifungal agents has increased but Down the ages essential oils and other extracts of plants have evoked interest as sources of natural products. They have been screened for their potential uses as alternative remedies for the treatment of many infectious diseases (Naeini *et al.*, 2014).

Recent studies have endorsed the fact that *S. persica* has antifungal properties. Others studies are compared antifungal property of solid miswak with grounded miswak particles against different strains of *Candida*. It was concluded that solid miswak exhibited strong antifungal property while pulverized miswak presented no antifungal property. Similarly, an *in vitro* study by Naeini *et al.* explored that alcoholic extracts of *S. persica* showed antifungal properties against all strains of *Candida* except *Candida parapsilosis* and *Candida krusei*. Furthermore, the hexane components in the roots of miswak were found robust against *Candida albicans* and *E. faecalis* (Fayez *et al.*, 2016).

11.3. Anti-viral effects

The effects of BITC (a compound isolated from *Salvadora persica* root) on herpes simplex virus-1 (HSV-1) was investigated by Al-Bagieh *et al.* The results of his plaque reduction assay indicated that BITC has a virucidal activity against HSV-1 at a concentration of 133 µg/ml. Thus, the authors supported the use of miswak (*Salvadora persica*) as a preventive measure for controlling oral infections (Haque and Alsareii, 2015).

11.4. Antioxidant activity

Antioxidants are compounds that act as free radical scavengers, electron donors and can form innocuous end products such as water. So, antioxidants can protect cells from oxidative stress and damage (Ramadan and Alshamrani, 2016).

Free radicals and oxidants play a dual role as both toxic and beneficial compounds, since they can be either harmful or helpful to the body. They are produced either from normal cell metabolisms in situ or from external sources (pollution, cigarette smoke, radiation, medication) and their excess in the body can lead to oxidative stress and cause many chronic diseases (Pham-Huy *et al.*, 2008).

Fortunately, the antioxidant potency of *S. persica* has been demonstrated by an impressive collection of standard tests. Recent evidence has documented the antioxidant activity of ethanolextracts, many of their components, and some isolated compounds, including a new compound, persicalin. Various in vitro assays such as 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazine [DPPH], superoxide anion, and nitric oxide scavenger methods were used to estimate antioxidant activity fractions and isolated compounds. Persicalin showed good antioxidant activity in three tests with half maximal inhibitory concentrations [IC₅₀] of 0.1, 0.08 and 0.09 μ M, comparable to vitamin C (Farang *et al.* 2021).

12. 5. Anti-Inflammatory properties

Inflammation is a complex biological response of neurovascular tissues to harmful stimuli, such as pathogens, damaged cells, and irritants. Interestingly, *S. persica* has anti-inflammatory properties. Inflammation of the rat hind paw has been demonstrated to be induced by subimplant injection of 0.1 ml of 1% carrageenan (Farang *et al.*, 2021; Aljarbou *et al.* , 2022).

Anti-inflammatory activity was measured in milliliters by measuring the volume of edema in the paw using a volumeter immediately before injection and then hourly thereafter for a maximum of five hours. Then calculate the average. Researchers confirm *S. persica* and they confirm anti-inflammatory effect of *S. persica* on reducing paw volume due to carrageenan-induced edema (Aljarbou *et al.* , 2022).

II. *Juglans regia*

1. History

Walnuts are among the first tree foods that humans are aware of, with records of its consumption reaching back to Persia around 7000 B.C (Mark *et al.*, 1996). An inscription discovered close to the tree dates its cultivation to the Third Yazdgerd dynasty, around 1200 years ago (Tabatabaei *et al.*, 1992). Walnuts are said to have originated in ancient Persia, when they were only available to the aristocracy (Vavilov, 1951). The walnut is so frequently referred to as the "Persian Walnut." During the Silk Road, which connected Asia and the Middle East, walnuts were exchanged.

The popularity of the walnut grew around the world through commerce on ships and through caravans (Tajamul *et al.*, 2019). Because English traders shipped walnuts to ports all over the world, they are sometimes referred to as "English" walnuts. Walnuts from Spain are attributed as being transported to California by Franciscan priests (Mark *et al.*, 1996). The nut trade is still a well-established, organized,

and structured industry today, and the California walnut is often regarded as the best walnut in the entire world (Tajamul *et al.*, 2019).



Figure4:Arbre de *Juglans regia*.(Bonhomme, 2019)

2. Origin

In 1753, Carolus Linnaeus recorded the scientific name *Juglans regia* in his book *Species Plantarum*, which included concise analytical descriptions of every known species of plant (Petriccione, 2005). The Latin words *Juglan*, which means nut of Jupiter, and *regia*, which means royal, combine to form the scientific name *Juglans regia* L. According to reports, *Juglan regia* originated in Iran, central Asia and Afghanistan, which is why walnuts are sometimes referred to as Persian walnuts (Kar Wai and Shridhar, 2000; Mahmoodi *et al.*, 2019).

3. Nomenclature

Because there are difficulties regarding the identification of a certain plant mentioned in ancient literature and because there was no systematic nomenclature prior to Linnean classification, identifying that plant might be challenging (Petriccione, 2005). Common names for the tree include Persian walnut, White Walnut, English Walnut, and Common Walnut (Nael and Al-wadaan,2011)

Other international names: Romanian *Nux persica*, *Nux regia*, *Lemn de nuc*, *Nuca* ; Russian *Gretskiy/orekh*, *Opex*; Serbian *Orah*, *Orgah* ; Spanish *Nuez*, *Nogel* ; Swedish *Valnot*, *Valnot strad*, *Valnotsslaktet*. Turkish *Ceviz*, *Ceviz agaci*, *Ceviz tahtari* ; Unani *Akhrot* ; Afghani *Charmaz*, *Charmarghz*. African *Okkerneut* ; Albanian *Wolnat arre*, *Dru arre*, *Arra* ; Chinese *Hu tao*, *Noz* ; Danish *Valnod* ; Finnish *Saksanpahkina*, *Jalopahkinat* ; French *Noix*, *Noyer*, *Cacahouete* ; German *Wallnuss*, *Walnufs*, *Welsche Nuss* ; Greek *Caryapersica*, *Caryabasilike*, *karithis* ; Indonesian *Buahkinari* ; Italian *Noce*, *Legonodinoce* ; Latin *Aleurities moluccana*, *A. Triloba*, *Iuglans* (Parle and Khanna,2011).

4. The taxonomic classification of *Juglans regia*

A member of the *Juglandaceae* family is the genus *Juglans*. There are 21 species in it. Butternuts, White Walnuts, and Black Walnuts are the three main categories according to the properties of their wood. Based on the structure of the fruits, the genus *Juglans* is further split into the four botanical sections Cardiocaryon, Trachycaryon, Dioscaryon, and Rhysocaryon. The White Walnut belongs to the section Dioscaryon, which contains just the *Juglans regia* species (Sabatier, 1999). The taxonomical classification of *Juglans regia* is described below (Gupta *et al.*, 2019):

Kingdom	Plantae
Division	Magnoliophyta
Class	Magnoliopsida
Order	Fagales
Family	Juglandaceae
Genus	<i>Juglans</i>
Species	<i>Juglans regia</i>

5. Localisation

According to reports, *Juglans regia* grows in the wild in 19 Asian nations. It occurs in the nations bordering the Caspian Sea (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Russia, Georgia, Iran, and Turkmenistan), further north (Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Kazakstan), and finally in the northern Xinjiang area of China. It is most prevalent in Turkey and Iraq (Kurdistan) towards the west. It begins in Afghanistan, moves south to Pakistan's Karakoram and Himalayan mountain ranges, India, Nepal, and Bhutan, and ultimately reaches Bangladesh, upper Myanmar (Burma), and southern China as its southernmost point (Ajay, 2011).

These nations have a very diverse genetic population, particularly archaic types with lateral fruiting. The common walnut lost this quality after its migration to western Europe, growing into enormous trees with terminal fruiting instead (Sabatier, 1998).

6. Ecology

During the growth season, *Juglans regia* needs warmth, with at least six months with an average temperature $> 10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (Becquey, 1997). The common walnut species is particularly vulnerable to winter and late spring frosts because it frequently displays early beginning of vegetative activity. The plant is susceptible to both conditions. *Juglans regia* needs deep, fertile soils. The species has to be planted in soil that is at least 80 to 100 cm deep to thrive successfully. Loams are the greatest soils for growing it. It is suggested to grow *J. regia* on surface soils with a high pH (8.0-8.5) to avoid chlorosis (Wani *et al.*, 2016).

It needs between 700 and 800 mm of rain per year for the optimal growth, with ideally never falling below 100 to 150 mm throughout the growing season. Walnut trees have high light requirements, which, if not met, can have detrimental effects, such as lowered tree susceptibility to diseases and frost. When female flowers are differentiating, sunlight exposure should be between 800-1000 hours, and when the fruits are growing and ripening, it should be between 1100 and 1800 hours. These are the ideal conditions for the walnut (Bobeş ,2022).

7. Description

Being a plant with a long lifespan, walnut trees between 100 and 200 years old are common. In many places of the world, this type of tree has been found to have some specimens that are over 1000 years old (Mikdat *et al.*, 2018). It is a huge, deciduous tree with a trunk up to 2 meters in diameter and heights of 25 to 35 meters (Hosseini *et al.*, 2014).

The leaves are equally arranged, 25–40 cm long, unevenly pinnate, and have five–nine leaflets. They are also arranged in a predictable pattern (Bhat *et al.*, 2023). Because male flowers release pollen before female flowers open, monoecious blooms provide poorer fruit. When two complementing cultivars fertilize one another, the maximum level of pollination by the wind happens. As late spring approaches, male flowers emerge as catkins on the twigs of the previous season's growth while female flowers grow as pistillate spikes of two to five blooms at the terminals of the current season's shoots (Stonehouse, 2011). The walnut fruit is divided into four primary parts. The external, green leathery covering is known as the husk or hull. The ripe fruit on the tree splits and is called a nut once the husk is manually removed. The shell is the strong, inert covering that surrounds the kernel in the middle of the fruit. It is brown in color. The fruit's kernel, according to the description, is the part that may be eaten (Jahanban-Esfahlan *et al.*, 2019a)

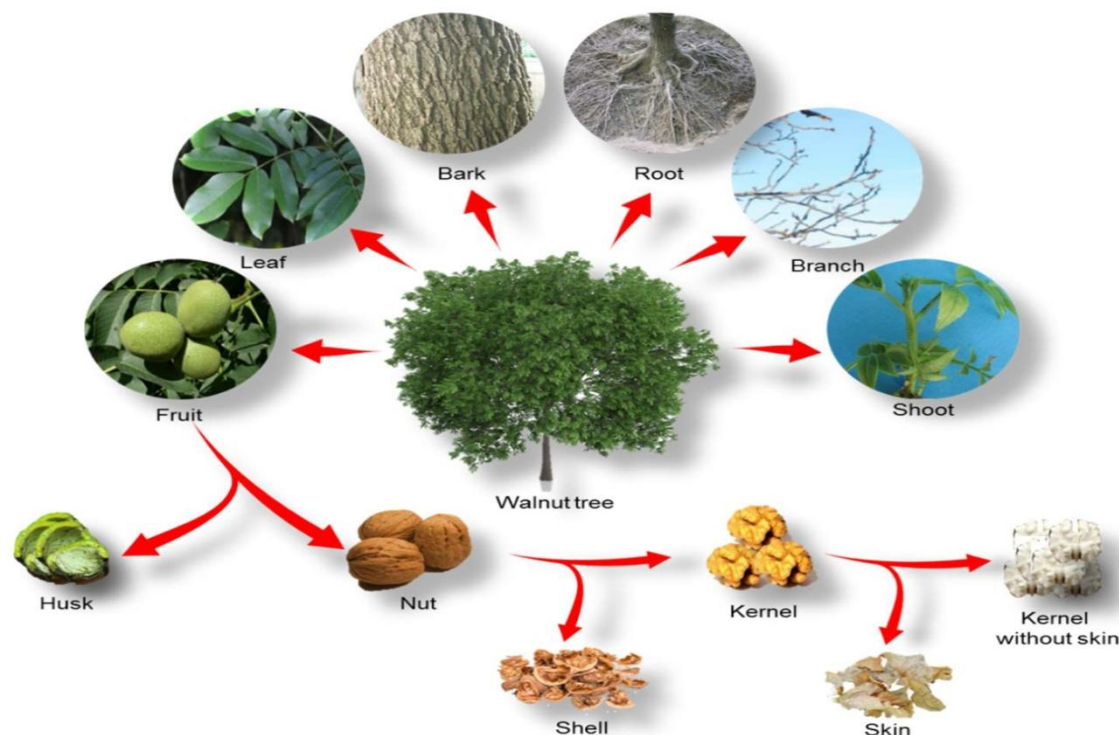


Figure5: Different parts of the walnut tree and fruit. (Jahanban-Esfahlan *et al.* ,2019b).

8. Chemical composition

One of the many meals with a high nutrient richness is walnuts (Angmo, 2013). The molecular makeup of walnuts is typically thought to be responsible for their health advantages (Pereira and *al.*, 2008). *Juglans regia* contain significant quantities of proteins (12-24%), carbohydrates (12-18%), fiber (1.5-2%), minerals (1.7-2%) (Simsek, 2016), ash (1.67–2.23%), and moisture (2.06–2.58%) in the form of the seeds (Umran, 2020).

Juglans regia is abundant in priceless minerals. It includes high amounts of potassium (355-911 mg/100 mg), phosphorus (299-434 mg/100 g), and magnesium (99-278 mg/100 g); however, sodium (0.13- 6.70 mg/100 g) levels are noticeably low (Ertürk ,2014). Melatonin, ellagic acid, vitamin E, carotenoids, and flavonoids are just a few of the many antioxidant substances that are abundant in walnuts. Riboflavin, Niacin, Thiamine, Pantothenic Acid, Vitamin B6, and Folate/B9 are also essential vitamins found in it (Shah, 2022).

Ferulic acid, vanillic acid, coumaric acid, elagic acid, myricetin, and juglone are phenolic compounds found in the leaves and green husk of *Juglans regia* (Hosseini and *al.*, 2014). Triacylglycerols, free fatty acids, diacylglycerols, monoacylglycerols, sterols, sterol esters, and phosphatides are the main components of the oil; they are all only found in trace amounts. The primary fatty acids present in walnut oil are linoleic (18:2), oleic (18:1), linolenic (18:3), palmitic (16:0), and stearic (18:0) acids (Tab.). Linoleic acid, an omega-6 fatty acid, is the most prevalent one. Additionally, they contain a sizable amount of alpha-linolenic acid, a beneficial omega-3 lipid. (ALA). This accounts for roughly 8–14% of

the overall fat weight. Tocopherols can be found in abundance in walnuts (Pereira *et al.*, 2008; Tabasum *et al.*, 2018).

Table 1: Walnut Oil Composition (Gale and Chuck, 2009)

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Fatty acids, total	62,23g (100%)
Saturated, total	6,13g (10%)
Palmitic 16:0	4,40g (7%)
Stearic 18:0	1,66g (3%)
Eicosanoic 20:0	0,06g (<1%)
Monounsaturated, total	8,93g (14%)
Gamma-linolenic 20:1	0,13g (<1%)
Oleic 18:1	8,80g (14%)
Polyunsaturated, total	47,17g (76%)
Linoleic (Omega-6) 18:2	38,09g (61%)
Linolenic (Omega-3) 18 :3	9,08g (15%)

9. Traditional uses in medicine

Juglans regia is a medicinal plant that is widely used in traditional medicine to treat a variety of problems, like infectious diseases, endocrine diseases (such as anorexia, thyroid dysfunctions, etc.), parasitic diseases (such as helminthiasis), and other diseases like arthritis, asthma, eczema, scrofula, upset stomach, and skin disorders (Gupta *et al.*, 2019), every component of the plant has a history of usage as medicine. (Ashraf *et al.*, 2022)

The plant is applied topically to treat inflammation of the skin, excessive hand and foot perspiration. Also, it is a well-known home remedy for the management of scrofula and chronic eczema (Bhagat and Mukul, 2017).

The leaves are regarded as a source of medicinal substances and have been widely used in traditional medicine to treat venous insufficiency, haemorrhoidal symptoms, as well as fungal or microbial infections, for their antidiarrheic, depurative, and astringent characteristics. (Pereira *et al.*, 2007). Traditional medicine uses walnut leaves to lower blood glucose and treat diabetes. (Hashemi *et al.*, 2015). Dietary use of *Juglans regia* leaf extracts in cyclohexane, ether, and ethanol for 21 days reduces the levels of glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides, and blood urea nitrogen (Noureddini and Joshogani, 2013).

In addition to being an adjuvant emollient in the treatment of skin conditions, the leaves of this plant are applied topically to cure superficial burns, sunburn, dandruff and the scalp itching. (Bhagat and Mukul, 2017). The leaf infusion is used both internally as a vermifuge and topically for skin conditions, venereal disorders, gastrointestinal issues, and tuberculosis. It is also drunk for diabetes, scrofula, and rickets. Stomach issues and skin infections are treated with the leaf decoction. (Kunwar *et al.*, 2021).

Fresh leaves are applied to the bare body or forehead in Turkish traditional medicine to lower fevers, or to swollen joints to relieve rheumatic pain. (Al-Snafi, 2018). Additionally, walnut flowers are utilized for treating rheumatic and malarial unease. However, walnut roots help with diabetic treatment (Asgary *et al.*, 2008). The seed was used to strengthen bone health, boost the immune system, lower cholesterol, and treat throat irritation. (Kunwar *et al.*, 2021).

Juglans regia fruit peel is used to cure ringworm infection, and it was also touted as an aphrodisiac. Whereas walnut oil was applied to boost memory and to improve eyes (Arun and *al.*, 2023), to lower blood pressure and treat heart disease to treat gingivitis as a mouthwash (Kunwar *et al.*, 2021). The fruit's shells are used to treat malaria in Calabria (Arya *et al.*, 2020). In India: for curing pyorrhea, healing cuts and wounds, and clenching the teeth (Singhet *al.*, 2017).

10. Use of *Juglans regia* as toothbrush for oral hygiene

Juglans regia is a powerful supplement to a regimen of dental hygiene that can be employed as an anti-plaque agent and because of the presence of polyphenolic chemicals; walnut tree bark powder is a good substance for tooth whitening and has antimicrobial benefits (Arun *et al.*, 2023).

11. Biological activities

11.1. Antibacterial activity

The organic preparations and aqueous extracts of the leaves and stems of *Juglans regia* from various nations displayed a wide range of antibacterial action against Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria. Specifically, *Bacillus cereus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Micrococcus luteus*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, *Protomonas extroquens*, and *Proteus sp.* utilizing the disc diffusion technique and the agar streak method (Qa'dan *et al.*, 2005a; Qa'dan *et al.*, 2005b; Oliveira *et al.*, 2008; Poyrazolu and Biyik, 2010; Deshpande *et al.*, 2011).

11.2. Antifungal activity

Agar dilution, agar streak dilution, and Raddish methods were used to test the antifungal activity of *Juglans regia* fruits, foliage, and bark extract against a variety of fungus. including *Alternaria alternata*,

Trioderma virescens, *Fusarium solani*, *Candida albicans*, *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Pichia guiliermondii*, and *Pichia jadinii*. It also came out that *Microsporium canis*, *Trichophyton mentagrophytes*, and *Trichophyton violaceum* were all suppressed by a cold extract of leaf and wood (Nael and Al-wadaan, 2011; Tajamul *et al.*, 2019).

11.3. Antiviral activity

Juglans regia leaves preparation in 95% ethanol and ethyl acetate stopped tobacco mosaic virus (Mei-zhi *et al.*, 2007). Sindbis virus was suppressed by the methanol preparation of *J. regia* at a minimal concentration of 1.5 g/ml (Mouhajir *et al.*, 2001).

11.4. Antioxidant Activity

The reducing power test, the scavenging impact on DPPH (2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl) radicals, and the β -carotene linoleate model system were used to measure antioxidant activity. Overall, all of the varieties of walnut leaves that were examined showed significant antioxidant activity (Pereira *et al.*, 2007). A number of phenolic substances, including pyrogallol, p-hydroxybenzoic acid, vanillic acid, protocatechuic acid, gallic acid, tannins, glansrins, adenosine, and adenine, that have been isolated from plants may have the chemical underpinnings for some health advantages and specifically against illnesses linked to oxidative stress (Zhang *et al.*, 2009).

11.5. Anti-inflammatory activity

According to studies, eating a diet high in alpha-linoleic acid (ALA) from walnuts reduced levels of C-reactive protein, a sign of inflammation that is closely linked to atherosclerosis and heart disease. A number of age-related and neurodegenerative disorders are linked to microglial activation, which can produce cytotoxic intermediates. The LPS-induced activation of Bv-2 microglia was prevented by walnut extract. Tumor necrosis-alpha (TNF) production was also reduced by walnut extract (Lauren *et al.*, 2010).

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Juglans regia kernels were used for the treatment of inflammatory bowel illness. In Palestine, it was also employed in the management of diabetes, asthma, vascular, and prostate disorders (Arun *et al.*, 2023). The walnut green husk's various pharmacological forms, including the extract and charred residues, were referred to as the wound-healing forms (Taheri *et al.*, 2020).

Juglans regia bark miswaks are frequently used to clean teeth and mouths. Bark paste is used to cure arthritis, skin conditions, toothaches, allergies, and hair development in Nepal, as well as for the treatment of tuberculosis and as an anthelmintic (Kunwar *et al.*, 2021). It was utilized in Gilgit-Baltistan as a brain tonic and for heart issues. In China, the exocarp, branches, and young green fruit are used to treat liver,

lung, and stomach cancer (Arya *et al.*, 2020). In Mexico's northeast, It was utilized by traditional healers to prevent liver damage (Al-Snafi, 2018).

1. Oral microflora

Microbes contribute more than two hundred grams to an average total human bodyweight of 70 kilograms, an order of magnitude similar to the total number of human cells. A recent study redefines that a healthy human body contains approximately 3.8×10^{13} cells of such resident bacteria and other microorganisms, collectively referred to as the “microbiome” (Verma *et al.*, 2018), and The human mouth harbors one of the most diverse microbiomes in the human body (William and Wade, 2013). With approximately 700 kinds of bacteria, the mouth cavity has the second-largest and most diverse microbiota after the gut. Numerous microbes, such as bacteria, fungi, viruses, and protozoa, are supported by it (Zaura *et al.*, 2014; Priya and Revati 2019).

Microbes inhabit the soft tissues of the oral mucosa and the hard surfaces of the teeth in the mouth's many niches, which is an incredibly complex ecosystem (Priya and Revati, 2019). The oral microbiota was first identified by Dutchman Antony van Leeuwenhoek, who also developed the microscope. He was acclaimed as the father of microbiology and a pioneer in the discovery of bacteria and protists. In 1674, he became aware of his own dental plaque, which he characterized as "small living animalcules prettily moving" (Priya and Revati 2019).

The oral microbiome is defined as the collective genome of microorganisms living in the oral cavity. They exhibit a surprising variety of predicted protein functions compared to other parts of the body (Zaura *et al.*, 2014).

2. Varieties of oral microflora

The oral cavity is constantly exposed to inhaled and ingested microorganisms of over 700 species: only 54% of these species were cultured and identified, 14% were cultured but not identified, and 32% were not even cultured (Elisabetta Caselli *et al.*, 2020).

The mouth is home to a variety of microorganisms, including bacteria, fungus, and viruses. Firmicutes, Bacillus, Proteobacteria, and Actinomycetes are the major bacterial groups. The most significant of the 85 fungal species found in the mouth is Candida, which has no pathogenic effects while the oral microbiota is in balance but attacks the oral tissues when that balance is upset. Streptococcus and Candida interact within the biofilm to have pathogenic effects. There are other viruses in the oral microbiota, primarily phages. All throughout life, phages in the mouth have a consistent nature. In the event of illnesses like the mumps virus or HIV, other viruses may be able to invade the oral cavity (Lu Gao *et al.*, 2018; Camille, 2020).

The microflora inhabits different sites in oral cavity such as: Saliva; soft tissues like mucosa and the surface(s) of the tongue; hard tissues (teeth) where the dental biofilm (dental plaque) is located in fissures

or supra- or subgingival, as well as on hard materials like dentures and, more recently, oral implants (Nicole and Lutz, 2016).

The infant mouth is typically clean during delivery, with the possible exception of a few microorganisms that were present in the mother's birth canal. The organisms from the mother's (or nurse's) mouth (vertical transmission), as well as perhaps a few from the environment, get established in the mouth a few hours later. While water, food, and other nourishing fluids can also be sources of the organisms, saliva is the primary method of transfer (Lakshman and Victor, 2017).

The non-shedding hard-tissue surface of enamel and cementum, as well as the gingival crevice, provide two additional habitats for bacterial colonization during and after tooth eruption, causing the next evolutionary transition in this population (Lakshman and Victor, 2017; Lu Gao *et al.*, 2018):

- Gram-positive bacteria such as *Streptococcus mutans*, *Streptococcus sanguinis*, *Actinomyces spp*, *Lactobacillus*, and *Rothia* selectively colonize enamel surfaces (Lakshman and Victor, 2017).
- In turn, gram-negative organisms including nonpigmenting *Prevotella spp*, *Porphyromonas spp*, *Neisseria*, and *Capnocytophaga*, all preferring anaerobic environments, colonize the crevicular tissues (Lakshman and Victor, 2017).

3. Characterization of the oral microbial flora and notion of the species studied

Most bacteria have been studied because of their natural pathogenicity and their natural or acquired resistance to certain antibiotics which causes several infection and antibiotic problems.

3.1. Yeast

3.1.1. *Candida albicans*

A human infection called *Candida albicans* is polymorphic and opportunistic pathogen taking on the forms of yeast, pseudohyphae, and true hyphae. Although *C. albicans* can appear in different morphological types during infection, hyphae are generally the organism's most invasive form (Jacobsen *et al.*, 2012). In individuals with modest immunosuppression, *C. albicans* often results in superficial infections; but, in patients with severe immunosuppression or those who are critically ill; this fungus may result in a life-threatening, widespread disease. About 80% of nosocomial fungal infections are caused by the *Candida* genus, which is also the main cause of fungemia with a high fatality rate. (40–60%) (Perlroth *et al.*, 2007; Doi *et al.*, 2016).

C. albicans is a commensal fungus that naturally inhabits healthy people's skin, vagina, gastrointestinal tract, and oral mucosa. It also makes up over 80% of the oral and vaginal yeast strains identified from asymptomatic people. As a result, it possesses a variety of commensal and pathogenic traits that enable it

to infect tissues and organs while coexisting with humans' normal microbiome. In the event of a compromised immune system (Cotier and Hall, 2020; Talapko *et al.*, 2021; Lopes and Lionakis 2022).

3.1.2. Morphology and characteristic

The morphological forms of *Candida albicans* include blastospores, pseudohyphae, and hyphae (Figure 1). By budding, blastospores reproduce asexually. On the surface of the blastospore, fresh cell material is created throughout that process. The new bud develops from a tiny, carefully chosen blastospore, and it is typically found distant from the site of the scar left by birth, where the growth phase then starts. Cells divide when the growth phase is over, and the daughter cell creates a partition to separate from the parent cell. (Walker and White, 2017; Molero *et al.*, 1998).

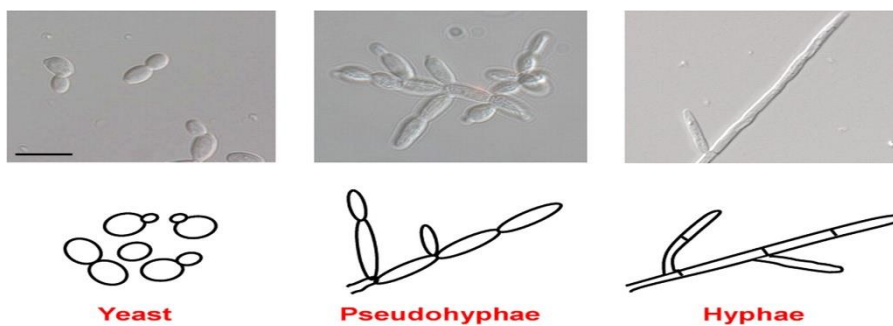


Figure6:Major morphologies of human fungal pathogens.

(delma *et al.* , 2011).

Microfungi, or *Candida*, are microscopic fungi. These eukaryotic creatures are distinguished by a thallus, which is a vegetative structure made of spores. The yeast form, or blastospore, is an asexual type of solitary blastic reproduction that reproduces by simple budding and is a single-celled, spherical or ovoid structure with a range in size from 2 to 12 μ m. The yeasts are uncapped and unpigmented. *Candida* yeasts, with the exception of *C. glabrata*, can generate filaments (Ripert, 2013). Large, rounded, white or cream colored colonies are produced by the culture in a petri dish, and they thrive on blood agar or sabouraud medium (Chakou and Bassou, 2005).

3.1.4. Taxonomy and pathogenicity

The classification of fungi has evolved considerably, according to asexual and sexual reproduction (Tab.) (Maruyama *et al.*, 2005):

Table 2: Classification of *Candida albicans* according to sexual and asexual reproduction.

According to sexual reproduction	According to asexual reproduction
Kingdom: <i>fungi</i>	Kingdom: <i>fungi</i>
Division: <i>Fungi perfect</i>	Division: <i>Fungi imperfecti</i>
Phylum: <i>Ascomycetes</i>	Phylum: <i>Deuteromycotina</i>
Class: <i>Saccharomycetes</i>	Class: <i>Blastomycetes</i>
Order: <i>Saccharomycetal</i>	Order: <i>Cryptococcal</i>
Family: <i>Candidaceae</i>	Family: <i>Cryptococcaceae</i>
Genus: <i>Candida</i>	Genus: <i>Candida</i>
Species: <i>C.albicans</i> ,	Species: <i>C.albicans</i>

Infections caused by *Candida* species are known as candidiasis. But there are common names describing specific pathologies such as thrush (oral candidiasis), for example. Infection occurs in two forms: superficial (cutaneous and unguinal, digestive, genito-urinary), • Disseminated or septicemic (deep candidiasis or candidaemia).

The main pathologies encountered with this microorganism affect the mucous membranes: villouse black ngue), esophageal (especially in immunocompromised and subjects affected by HIV), intestinal, vaginal. The skin is also a prime target, with damage to the large folds and damage to the tabs with onychia and perionyxis. In the most fragile patients, this infection can manifest itself in invasive forms and be responsible for a deep candidiasis (Bouchara *et al.*, 2010).

3.2. Bacteria

3.2.1. *Escherichia coli*

Escherichia coli (*E. coli*) is a gram-negative bacterium of the family *Enterobacteriaceae*. It is found commensally in the intestinal and fecal flora, both in humans and in some animals. The intestinal flora is colonized shortly after birth. The bacterium and the host coexist without impact on their respective health. This coexistence has mutual benefits. *E. coli* can be not only a commensal bacterium, but also a pathogen. These bacteria are pathogenic in stages. First, they colonize a mucous membrane. Then they multiply and cause damage to the host while trying to escape its defenses (Kaper, Nataro *et al.*, 2004).

Pathogenic *E. coli* strains have the ability to evade immune systems, develop in the digestive system of the host, and harm cells. Studying the various ways that the host and the bacterium interact during infections allows us to classify the pathogenic strains of *E. coli* into two main groups: the intestinal

pathogens (InPEC), which cause enteric diseases, and the extracted pathogens (ExPEC), which cause meningitis in newborns, septicemia, and urinary tract infections. (Dobrindt *et al.*, 2003, Dobrindt 2005, Kern Benaibout 2006).

The classification of *Escherichia coli* by Bergey's manual (Stewart *et al.*, 2015).

Reign: Procaryotae

Domain: Bacteria

Phylum: Proteobacteria

Class: Gammaproteobacteria

Order: Enterobacteriales

Family: Enterobacteriaceae

Genus: *Escherichia*

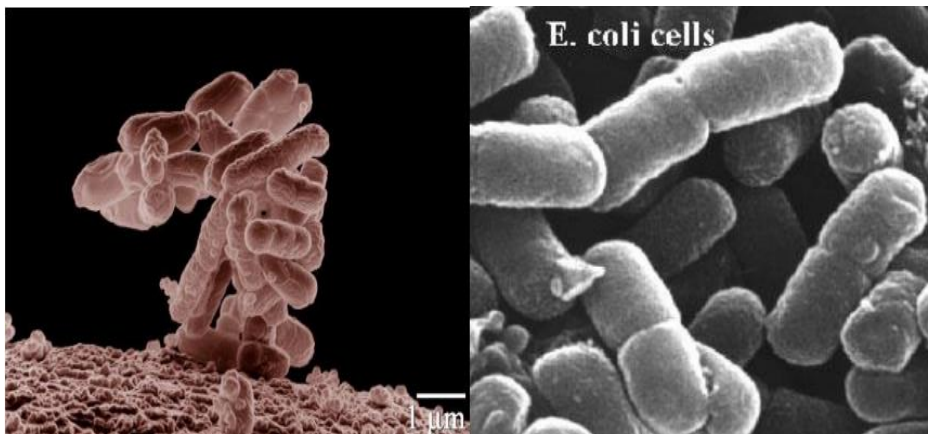
Species: *Escherichia coli*

a. Habitat

A typical host of the human digestive system is *E. coli*. The bacterium's popular name, colon bacillus, is a contraction that sounds like a commensal bacterium that lives in the digestive tract. Each person has a population of *E. coli* in his or her intestinal system. Near natural orifices, this bacterium is also found in the mucocutaneous lining (Prodhomme ,2008; Ari and Sezonov , 2008).

b. Morphological, cultural and biochemical characteristics

E. coli is an asporulate bacterium 2-4 μ long by 0.4-0.6 μ wide. It is a fine, elongated bacterium with rounded ends, mobile thanks to a peritrichous ciliature. This germ is not demanding, on ordinary agar gives smooth, shiny and homogeneous colonies (Lobril , 1998).



Escherichia coli x 15000

Escherichia coli x 1000

Figure7: *Escherichia coli* under electron microscope. (Thorene G, 1994).

E.coli has the ability to ferment various sugars (glucose, lactose, mannitol and accharose for certain strains) with organic acid production. When glucose fermentation occurs, gas production occurs. One of the discriminating traits of *E.coli* is the production of indole from tryptophan. It is aero-anaerobic optional, urease negative, tryptophan deaminase negative, does not produce acetoin (Voges-Proskauer reaction negative) and does not use citrate as a carbon source. It reduces nitrates to nitrites, has no oxidase but has catalase (Joly and Reynaud, 2002).

3.2.2. *Staphylococcus aureus*

Staphylococcus aureus frequently found commensally on human skin and mucous membranes, it is a harmful Gram positive bacteria (Shore *et al.*, 2012). It is the cause of several infections in healthcare facilities and communal settings, and it can be found in up to 80% of healthy people (Alvarez-Uria and Reddy, 2012).

Among *staphylococci*; *S. aureus* is typically regarded as a virulent and pathogenic strain. *S. aureus* infections is linked to a group of virulence factors that enable it to cling to surfaces, penetrate or evade the immune system, and harm the host (Bohach ,2006; Foster *et al.*,1996).

a. Habitat and classification

It is a ubiquitous germ that exists in both the ground and the air. It lives on human skin and mucous membranes as a commensal. In its normal state, it can be detected in the oropharynx, nasal cavities, stools, perineum, or armpits (Fauchère and Avril, 2002).

There are numerous classifications for *S. aureus*, however the most used is the Classification of BERGEY (Delarras, 2007):

Domain: Bacteria.

Phylum: Firmicutes.

Class: Bacilli.

Order: Bacillus.

Family: Staphylococcus.

Genus: Staphylococcus.

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

b. Morphological, biochemical and cultural characteristics

S. aureus is a Gram-positive cocci that is between 0.5 and 1 μm in diameter, is immobile, and is not sporulated (Eyqueet *al.*,1998; Touatia, 2016).

They are grouped in irregular polyhedral clusters on cultures on solid medium, giving the impression of a "bunch of grapes" (Ananthanarayan and paniker, 2006), whereas in a liquid medium, it is frequently isolated and found in diplococci (groups of two), tetrads (groups of four), or extremely short chains (usually composed of three to five elements) (Fig.) (Le Minor and Veron, 1990).

Except for very few strains, *S. aureus* does not has a capsule that can be seen under an optical microscope. A pseudocapsule (slime) surrounds some of them, and it can form mucoid colonies (Le Minor and Veron, 1990).

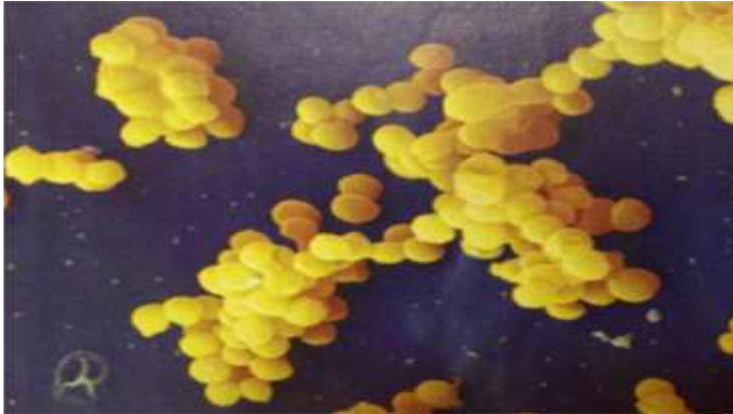


Figure8:Hulls of *Staphylococcus aureus* arranged in bunches of grapes.Scanning electron micrograph. (Gx100) (Willey *et al.*, 2010)

S. aureus is a facultative aero-anaerobic bacterium (Robert, 2013). Although large variations are tolerated, it prefers a growth environment with a pH of 7.5 and an ideal temperature of 37°C. It can even handle extremely low water activity ($A_w = 0.83$) (Le Minor and Veron, 1990; Aouati , 2009; Verdier *et al.*, 2012).

S. aureus may grow on a variety of culture media, including selective (agars Chapman and Baird Parker) and non-selective media. (an agar medium enriched with blood, an agar nutrient, or brain-heart agar). *S. aureus* colonies is smooth, spherical, opaque, and has diameters ranging from 1 to 3 mm on plain agar (Yves and Michel, 2009).

S. aureus is identified by the formation of a thermostable endonuclease, the fermentation of mannitol, and the production of catalase and coagulase but not oxidase (Shittu and *al.*, 2007; (Durand, 2009). The strains of *S. aureus* also has the following characteristics: indole (-), acetone (+), urease (+), which reduce potassium telurite and nitrates to nitrites, and which produces ammonia from arginine (Le Minor and Veron, 1990; Aouati , 2009).

S aureus can cause a wide range of clinical symptoms, including suppuration, necrosis, or enteric (Fauchère and Avril, 2002).

3.2.3. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

P. aeruginosa is a Gram-negative bacterium belonging to the *Pseudomonadaceae* family. Due to its elongated shape and the bacterium's production of the blue and green pigments pyocyanin and pyoverdinin, it is also known as the "pyocyanin bacillus" (Gessard, 1984).

It is incredibly common and can be found as a saprophyte, especially in humid environments: *P. aeruginosa* can be classified into two different phenotypes:

- A planktonic form: Bacteria can move around because of their pili and flagella.
- A biofilm is a community forum in which bacteria congregate (Stover *et al.*, 2000).

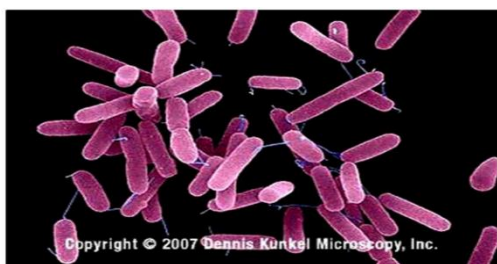


Figure9: Observation of *P. aeruginosa* under an electron microscope. (Dennis *et al.*, 2007)

a. Morphology

The morphology of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* resembles hard, straight rods with rounded ends. If the partial oxygen tension of the medium is sufficient, it is very mobile and moves in a straight line with a minor wiggling. After Gram staining, the bacteria show as Gram-negative bacilli that are 0.5 to 1.0 μ m wide and 1 to 5 μ m long, evenly stained or with a bipolar appearance. The bacilli are typically single or in small clusters; in older cultures, long forms can occasionally be seen (Léon and Michel., 1990).



Figure10: Three-dimensional computer-generated (3D) image of *P. aeruginosa*. (Green *et al.*, 1974)

b. Habitat and classification

P. aeruginosa is a ubiquitous hydrotelluric bacterium, sometimes commensal of the human digestive tract, saprophyte, widespread in wetlands: soil, lakes, rivers, polluted water, swimming pools and jacuzzis. It is prevalent in both dust and raw meals, especially vegetables like tomatoes and carrots (Floret, 2009; Kerr and Snelling, 2009). As a result, the hospital represents a promising area for

development where a number of reservoirs, including water networks and sink siphons, have been found (Green *et al.*, 1974).

c. Taxonomy of *P. aeruginosa* (Balouki, 2017)

Domain Bacteria

Phylum Proteobacteria

Class Gammaproteobacteria

Order Pseudomonales

Family Pseudomonaceae

Genus *Pseudomonas*

Species *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

d. Biochemical and cultural characteristics

Pseudomonas is a genus of chemo-organotrophic bacteria with a completely respiratory metabolism. Some species of *Pseudomonas* reduce nitrate in anaerobiosis by synthesizing a nitrate-reductase, whereas others utilise oxygen as the terminal electron acceptor in aerobiosis. They can be identified by the variety of hydrocarbon substrates they use to produce energy and carbon. In addition to producing ortho-aminoacetophenone, an intermediate in the metabolism of tryptophan that is unrelated to the creation of colors, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* also hydrolyzes gelatin and lecithin, giving off the distinctive fragrant scent of fake orange (Aveil *et al.*, 2000).

In medical bacteriology, *P. aeruginosa* can be studied and isolated from biological products such as feces, urine, pus, cerebrospinal fluid, and more using a selective medium based on cetrimide (quaternary ammonium) (Delarras, 2007). On solid media, three different colony kinds can be seen simultaneously or separately: • Large “L” colonies 2 to 3 mm in diameter, with irregular edges, rough, a domed central part with metallic reflections. • Colonies smaller “S” curved smooth edges with regular edges. • Bulging, coalescing, stringy “M” mucous colonies found in strains producing a slime composed of an alginate polymer (Denis and al., 2007)

e. Pathogenicity

Pseudomonas aeruginosa is an opportunistic pathogen capable of infecting a wide spectrum of hosts: humans, animals, plants (Didier, 2005). On degraded soils, this bacterium's opportunism leads to severe sepsis (Chaibdraa *et al.*, 2008). Nosocomial infections are primarily caused by it (Amezian *et al.*, 2010). This pathogen is the cause of dermatitis, meningitis, septicemia, otitis externa in diabetics, endocarditis in patients abusing intravenous drugs and nosocomial infections of the urinary tract (especially after catheterization), bone infections joints on material, pneumopathies in patients on ventilators and skin infections in severe burn victims (Bricha *et al.*, 2011; Fuentesfria *et al.*, 2011). *P.*

aeruginosa is directly accountable for the high and early mortality rate in cystic fibrosis patients (Filloux and Vallet, 2003).

3.2.4. *Bacillus cereus*

The bacterium *Bacillus cereus* is a member of the *cereus* group in the broadest sense. Members of this group exhibit both significant genomic variation and virulence and pathogenicity similarity (Helgason *et al.*, 2000; Patra *et al.*, 2002). Numerous studies demonstrate that this bacterium produces enterotoxins and an emetic toxin that can lead to meningitis and *pneumonia* among other human illnesses (Drobniewski, 1993; Logan and Turnbull, 1999).

According to Stenfors Arnesen and *al.*, (2008), *B. cereus* is a common bacterium that is primarily present as spores and is found in a variety of settings. This bacterium is thought to have its primary habitat in soil (Christiansson and *al.*, 1999). A microbe called *B. cereus* is frequently discovered in foods like milk, cereal, and rice (Drobniewski *et al.*, 1993; Jackson *et al.*, 1995).

a. Classification (Lechevalier, 1981).

Reign: Bacteria

Phylum: Firmicutes

Class: Bacilli

Family: Bacillaceae

Genus: Bacillus

Species :*B. cereus*

b. Morphological, biochemical and cultural characteristics

Bacillus cereus is a Gram-positive, facultative aero-anaerobic motile bacillus with a low percentage of G and C (Drobniewski, 1993), and it can range in size from 0.5 μ m by 1.2 μ m to 2.5 μ m by 10 μ m (McClure, 2002). It creates several poisons that infect a variety of foods and forms spores that are resistant to unfavorable environmental circumstances, such as high temperatures, dehydration, and radiation (Drobniewski, 1993).

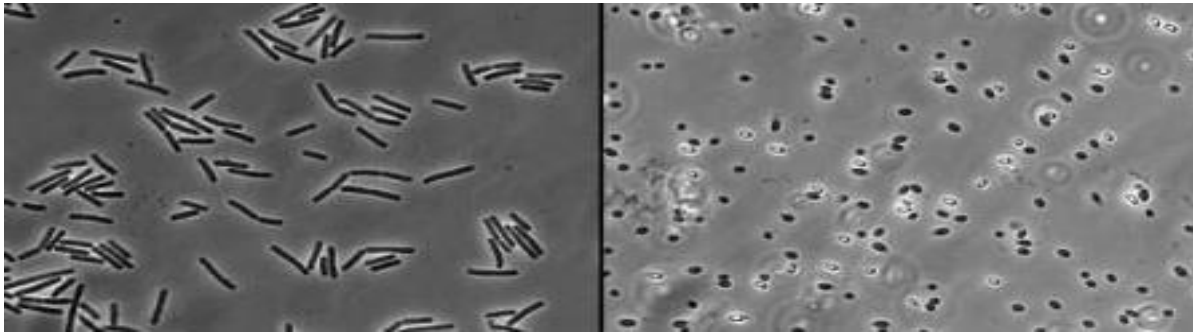


Figure 11: The different forms of *Bacillus cereus*: vegetative cells with left and dormant spores (refringent body) or germinating spores (opaque body) are right under light microscopy. (Laouami, 2012)

It can grow in a wide temperature range of 4°C to 48°C, at pH values ranging from 4.9 to 9.3, and it tolerates medium salt concentrations of up to 7% (Sanchez, 2016).

Bacillus cereus contribute to the breakdown of lecithin by producing lecithinase, acidifying acetoin, assimilating citrate and formate, and fermenting carbohydrates but not mannitol (Stenfors *et al.*, 2008). They produce catalase (Drobniowski, 1993), reduce nitrates, Voges Proskauer (+), and hydrolyze Gelatin (Zwietring *et al.*, 1996).

c. Pathogenicity of *Bacillus cereus*

Bacillus cereus can cause either gastrointestinal or non-gastrointestinal infections due to its capacity to adapt and release toxins.

- ❖ Gastrointestinal infection : The emetic syndrome and the diarrheal syndrome are two forms of syndromes that are present in *B. cereus* food poisoning (TIA) (Arnesen *et al.*, 2008)
- ❖ Non-gastrointestinal infection: two types of infections non-gastrointestinal: systemic infection and local infection.

3.2.5. *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

Klebsiella pneumoniae is one of the commensal species of *enterobacteria* that causes nosocomial and community-acquired urinary tract infections (Chevet *et al.*, 2012). It is mostly spread in intensive care units (ICU) (Boukadida *et al.*, 2002). Additionally, it is an opportunistic pathogenic species (Brisse and Duijkeren, 2004).

In nature, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* can be found in surface water, soil, wood, and plants (El Fertas-Aissani *et al.*, 2012). It is a commensal of the respiratory tract and can be found in both the human and animal digestive tracts (Joly and Reynaud, 2002).

a. Classification

Klebsiella pneumoniae is classified as belonging to the following groups in the second edition of Bergey's manual (Holt *et al.*, 1994).

Kingdom: Bacteria

Phylum: Proteobacteria

Class: Gamma Proteobacteria

Order: Enterobacteriales

Family: Enterobacteriaceae

Genus: *Klebsiella*

Species: *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

b. Morphological and cultural characteristics

The species *Klebsiella pneumoniae* consists of facultative anaerobes that are gram-negative, immobile, non-spore-forming, and range in size from 0.3 to 1.0 μm in diameter to 0.6 to 6.0 μm in length. Their molecular weight is roughly 3.36.109 daltons (El Fertas-Aissani *et al.*, 2012 ; Srinivasan and *al.*, 2012; Hogeia and Stanga, 2021).

Klebsiella pneumoniae colonies have a spherical, large, 3 to 4 mm diameter and a mucous appearance as a result of the presence of a capsule after 24 hours of incubation at 37°C on non-selective medium and selective lactose media (Joly and Reynaud, 2002).

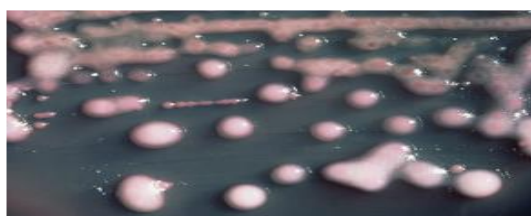


Figure12: Appearance of *K. pneumoniae* colonies on agar medium. (Gueye , 2007)

c. Biochemical characters

They are bacteria that digest glucose while producing gas and have positive Vogues-Proskauer reaction (VP+), positive catalase, positive nitrate reductase, positive urease, and negative oxidase activity. Lysine decarboxylase (LDC)+, ornithine decarboxylase (ODC)-, indole-, citrate+, orthonitrophenyl galactoside (ONPG)+, H_2S^- (Kone , 2010).

d. Pathogenicity

Klebsiella pneumoniae is a well-known and important agent of nosocomial infections in general and of newborn infections in particular. (Boukadida *et al*, 2002). It is one of the major bacterial species linked to urinary tract infections (UI) (Ben Haj Khalifa and Khedher ,2010; Struve *et al.*, 2012).It is a member of the KES group (*Klebsiella*, *Enterobacter*, *Serratia*), which has a significant impact on hospital clinics (Nedjai *et al* ., 2011).Intensive care units (ICU) infections are caused by *Klebsiella pneumoniae* species (Carpentier *et al.*, 2012; Joly and Reynaud, 2002). In addition, they have been linked to chronic illnesses such meningitis, bacteremia, and brain abscesses (Botelho *et al* ., 2007).

3. 3. Fungus

3.3.1. *Aspergillus niger*

Aspergillus niger is a filamentous ascomycete fungus that is common in the environment and has been linked to opportunistic infections in people (Perfet *et al.*, 2001). *A. niger* is well known for producing citric acid.(Magnuson *et al.*,2004) It is one of the species of the genus *Aspergillus* that is most frequently seen on fruits and vegetables, where it manifests as a black mold. (Daiani *et al.*, 2011).

a. Morphology

Filamentous fungi presented a dispersed (free hypha or loose clusters) or granulated (spherical agglomerates of hyphae) morphology (Salvatierra *et al.*, 2021), *A.niger* is characterized by the presence of perpendicular filaments (stipes) to the hyphae vegetative, these stipes end in a vesicle supporting the cells of conidiogenesis: the phialides. Without a collar, these are either carried by the vesicle directly or separated by intermediate components or metulae (Morin, 2003). This filamentous organism has a complex morphology that can range from dense spherical pellets to slimy mycelia depending on the culture conditions. Optimal productivity is strongly correlated with a particular morphological shape (Wucherpfennig *et al.*, 2011)

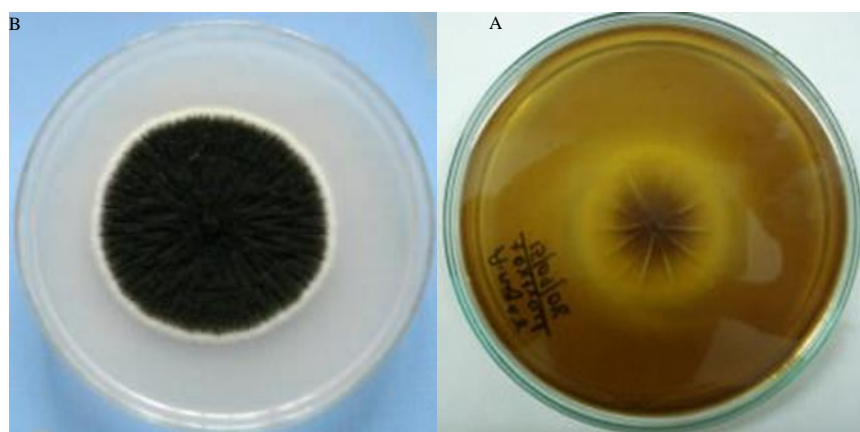


Figure13:Characterstics of *A.niger*. (A): morphological and (B): reverse side of colony.(Ajay *et al.*,2011)

b. Habitat

Aspergillus niger can colonize a wide variety of substrates. It is usually found as a saprophyte growing on fallen leaves, stored grain, and compost heaps and other decaying vegetation. The spores are widespread and are often associated with organic matter and soil. This species is also responsible for post-harvest decay in, for example, mangoes, papayas, pineapples, pomegranates, apples, pears and grapes. Other food products such as onions, rice, wheat, coffee, nuts and sunflower seeds are also substrates for *A. niger* (Ruchi Sharma, 2012).

c. Taxonomy

The systematic position of *Aspergillus nigeris* summarized as follows (Schuster *et al.*, 2002)

Kingdom: Mycetes
Phylum: Amastigomycota
Subphylum: Deuteromycotina
Class: Deuteromycetes
Order: Moniliales
Family: Moniliaceae
Genus: *Aspergillus*
Species: *Aspergillus niger*

d. Macroscopic aspects and Biochemical, Cultural characters

This fungi grows easily on Czapek medium (Quatresous, 2011); PDA, agar medium (Gacem, 2011), a colony can reach 3 to 4 cm in 10 days, Citrate-producing microorganism: *Aspergillus niger* 29 extensive hyaline mycelium largely immersed in agar. The colonies first appear white, then yellow, and finally black grainy. Indeed, this fungus also produces white aerial mycelium and very many erect, powdery, brown-black sporiferous structures, which are generally arranged in concentric circles. The reverse side is colorless to yellow. A pale yellow exudate may be produced in very small droplets. This species is fast growing, with a thermal optimum between 25 and 30°C, but it can grow up to 42°C. Its development is also inhibited by actidione (Quatresous, 2011).

e. Pathogenicity and toxicology

A. niger is relatively harmless as compared to other filamentous fungus. Despite this fact, there have been some medical cases that have been accounted for, such as lung infections or ear infections in patients that have weakened immune system or an immune system that has been impaired by a disease or medical treatment (May and Adams, 1997; Schuster *et al.*, 2002).

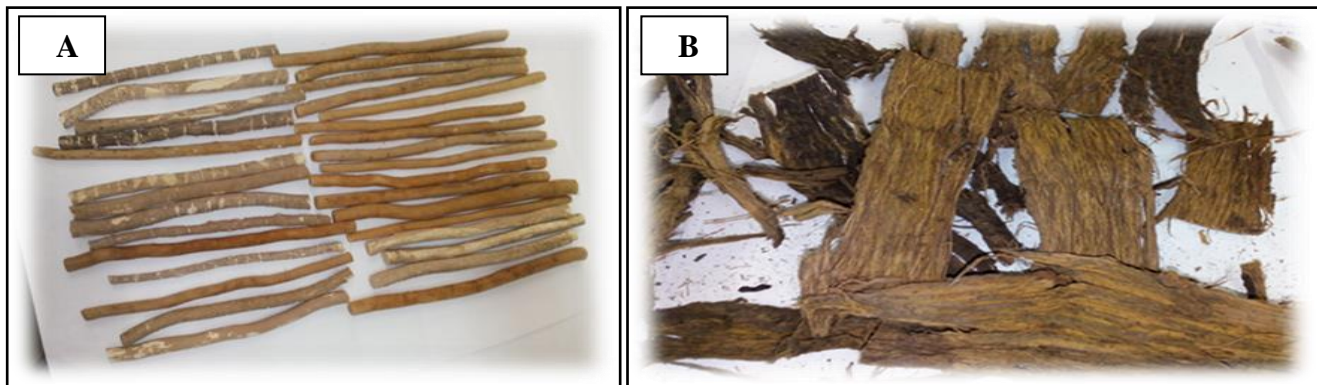
Part Two: Experimental Study

1. Studied plants species

For the present study, the stems of *Salvadora persica* and the bark of *Juglans regia* were purchased from local markets in Khenchela city (Algeria) in April 2023, identified by a taxonomist, and a voucher specimen was deposited at the pedagogic laboratory, University of Khenchela, Algeria.

Based on data from the literature and ethnobotanical data collected from traditional healers, and resellers of medicinal plants, we have selected three species for our antimicrobial tests. Indeed, these species are often used locally and in Algeria and considered to be among the most commonly used traditional therapeutic plant due to its ease of use, accessibility, affordability, and traditional and/or religious value as an antimicrobial stick tooth brush for dental hygiene and to cure gum inflammation (Chelli-Chentouf *et al.*, 2012).

This study was conducted in the pedagogic laboratory at the University of Khenchela.



Photography 1: Vegetal material. a. *Salvadora persica*, b. *Juglans regia*.

2. Extraction

The stems of *Salvadora persica* and the bark of *Juglans regia* (photo 1) were air-dried at room temperature for 10 days, then chopped into discs, and ground into a fine powder with a coffee grinder. The liquid/solid extraction technique utilized to conduct this study consists of maceration using two organic solvents with increasing polarity: petroleum ether ($\text{CH}_3\text{-(CH}_2\text{) n-CH}_3$), chloroform (CHCl_3), and distilled water (Cowan, 1999).

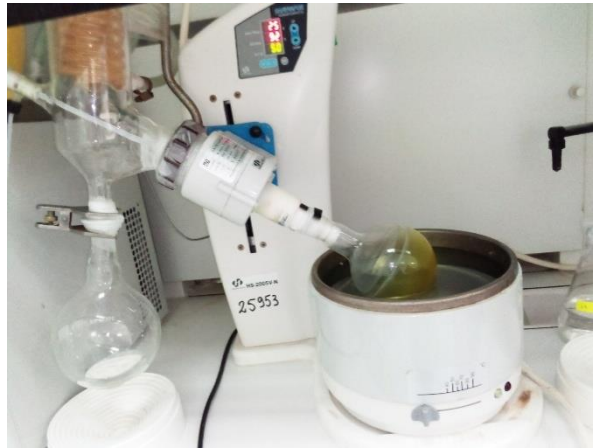
The aqueous extracts of miswak and siwak were prepared using two methods: the first consisted of mixing 20g of miswak and siwak powders with 200 ml of distilled water, then agitating the mixture for 15 minutes. The mixture prepared was then left to soak in a sealed container for 72 hours at room temperature, and the second involved adding 20g of miswak and siwak powders to 200 ml of boiling distilled water and allowing them to continue boiling for 15 minutes, followed by a 24-hour soak at room temperature in a closed container (Abhary and AL-Hazmi, 2015).

For the extraction using organic solvents, 20 g of fine powders of plants material were macerated in 200 ml of petroleum ether and chloroform. The mixtures were stirred for 15 minutes at room temperature (Mau *et al.*, 2001), followed by 24 hours rest at room temperature.

After being filtered via Whatman N^o.1 filter paper two times to remove coarse plant particles; the resulting solvents were completely removed using a rotary evaporator at 45°C. Dried *S. persica* and *J. regia* extracts were utilized to prepare different concentrations of each extract; 100, 50, 25 and 15 mg/ml, using dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) (Abhary and AL-Hazmi, 2015).



photography 2:filtration of extracts



photography 3:Evaporation of solvents

2.1. Yield determination

The extraction yield is determined by the following equation:

$$\text{Extraction yield (\%)} = W1/W2 \times 100;$$

Where W1 is the mass of crude extract (g) and W2 is the mass of the sample (g).

3. Selected pathogenic microorganisms' species

The pathogenic microorganisms selected for this work were: *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Srrophylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Klebsilla pneumonia* and *Aspergillus niger*; these microorganisms are particularly inhabitant of the oral cavity in those with poor dental hygiene. Hence, these pathogenic microorganisms have been repeatedly identified in the oral cavity (Vulcano *et al.*, 2014; Li *et al.*, 2022).

The bacterial microorganisms were provided by Mr. Boussa and Dr. Naili, University of Khenchela, and Their characteristics are grouped in the table:

Table 3: Characteristics of different microorganisms

Strain tested	Gram	ATCC
<i>Echerichia coli</i>	Bacille Gram -	25922
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Bacille Gram -	27853
<i>Klebsilla pneumonia</i>	Cocci Gram -	4352
<i>Bacillus cerus</i>	Bacille Gram +	11778
<i>Staphylococcys aueus</i>	Cocci Gram+	25923
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	fungi	

4. In vitro antimicrobial activities of *S. persica* and *J. regia* extracts

4.1. Antibacterial activities

The principle of the method is based on the diffusion of the compound with an antibacterial effect in a medium solid in a Petri dish after a certain contact time between the product and the target microorganism. The antibacterial activity on the target is assessed by measuring the area inhibition as a function of the diameter. The strain will be classified as sensitive, very sensitive, extremely sensitive, or resistant (Bouyahya *et al.*, 2017).

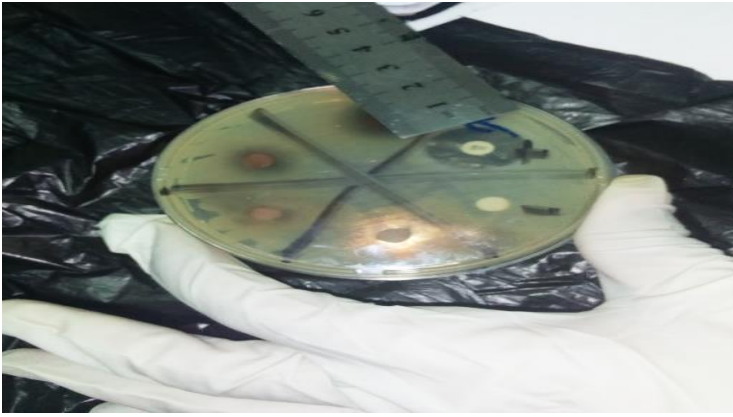
In order to guarantee the reliability and precision of the results, each test for antimicrobial evaluation of the extracts was carried out at three different times.

The extracts were dissolved in DMSO to obtain four concentrations for every extract: 100, 50, 25 and 15 mg/ml. Using the disc agar diffusion method, the antimicrobial activity was established (Finegold and Martin, 1982; Lino and Deogracious, 2012).

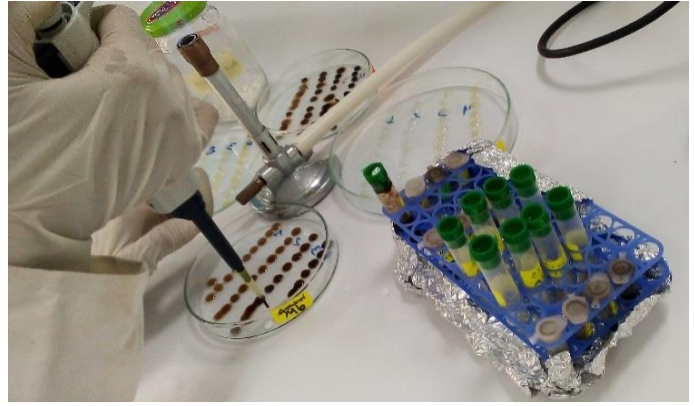
Fresh cultures (24h culture) of selected bacterial species grown in nutrient agar were used to prepare suspensions in 9 ml sterile physiological water, which been adjusted to correspond to McFarland N 0.5. These suspensions were used as inoculums for testing the effect of crude extracts by agar diffusion method on Mueller Hinton agar plates (Koneman *et al.*, 1997).

On the surface of these plates, discs impregnated with 20 µl of various extracts were positioned. All plates were incubated at 37 degrees Celsius for 24 hours for (Karou *et al.*, 2005). The diameters of the inhibition zones were measured and recorded as the mean diameter (in millimetres) of the entire growth inhibition. For comparison, commercial antibiotic sensitivity testing discs were also utilized: gentamicine 10µg and Kanamycin 30µg (Noumi *et al.*, 2011; Lino and Deogracious, 2012).

An extract is considered effective when the zone of inhibition measured around the disc has a diameter greater than 6 mm and no bacterial growth is detected inside this zone (Amiour *et al.*, 2014).



Photography 4:Diameter measurements



Photography 5: preparing the discs

4.2. Antifungal activities

The following steps were used to evaluate antifungal activity according to Yazdani and colleagues' (2012) method: The fungus *Aspergillus niger* was grown on PDA agar at 28°C for seven days. A suspension spore with a DO between 0.15 and 0.17 at 530 nm was made in 9ml physiological water. Inoculation by swab on Petri dishes containing PDA media was carried out; Small discs (6 mm in diameter) impregnated with 20 μ l of each concentration of the different extracts concentrations were placed on the surface of the PDA agar, and the Petri dishes were incubated at 28 °C for 48 to 72 hours. The activity is evaluated by measuring the zones of inhibition around the discs, the experiment were replicated 3 times.

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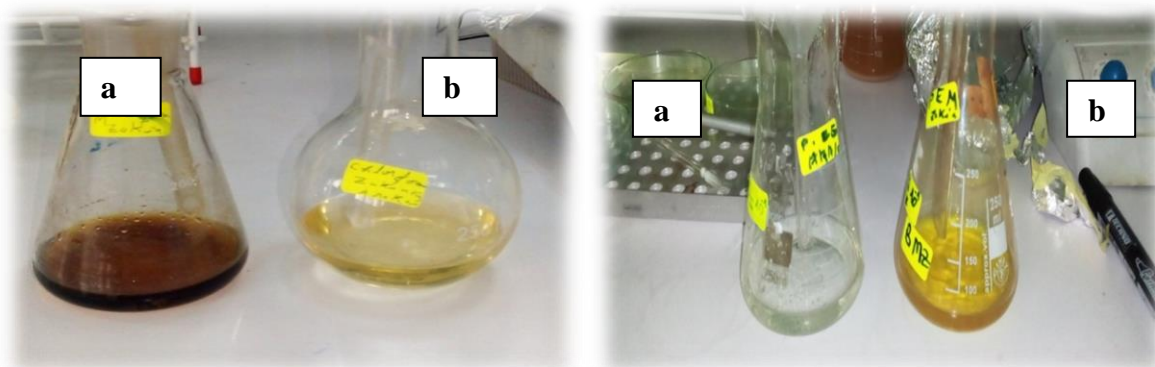
1. Plants extraction

Preparation of extracts from the bark of *Juglans regia* and the stems of *Salvadora persica* was carried out with distilled water and two solvents of increasing polarity: the ether of petroleum and chloroform, which ease the separation of plant compounds according to their degree of solubility in extraction solvents.

Indeed, the type of solvent used in the extraction process can give an idea about the active compounds of the plant. The experiment gave four different extracts for each plant: aqueous extract by infusion, aqueous extract by maceration, ether petroleum, and chloroform extract. Each extract was characterised by its colour and appearance (which depend on the nature of the active compounds extracted), its weight, and its yield .



photography 5: Aqueous extract: (A) by maceration, (B) by infusion of *Salvadora persica* and *Juglans regia* respectively



photography 6: Chloroform and ether of petroleum extracts of (a) *Salvadora persica* and (a) and (b) *Juglans regia* respectively.

2. Extraction yield

After filtration, dry extracts with various weights from the stems of *Salvadora persica* and the bark of *Juglans regia*, were obtained. The results are displayed in the table below:

Table 4: Dry weight of the extracts of the two studied plants

Plant \ Extract	distilled water (Maceration 72h)	distilled water (Infusion)	Ether of petroleum	Chloroform
<i>Juglans regia</i>	3.68 g	6.02 g	0.22 g	0.1 g
<i>Salvadora persica</i>	2 g	4.47 g	0.06 g	0.23 g

2.1. Yield calculation

The calculation of the dry extract yield is an important step in knowing the quantity and percentage obtained by an extraction. The factor that contributes to this yield depends on the partition coefficient and characteristics of each substance and the working conditions. The yield is the ratio between the weight of the dry extract (after evaporation) expressed in (g) and the weight of the initial sample of the plant subjected to the extraction (vegetable powder in g), which is considered a percentage by the next formula:

$$\text{Extraction of yield (\%)} = (\text{weight of extract obtained} / \text{weight of plant material}) \times 100$$

Table 5: Appearance, colors and yield of the extracts of the two plants studied

Plant	Extract	Appearance	Colors	Yield (%)
<i>Juglans regia</i>	distilled water (Maceration 72h)	Solid Powdery	Dark brown	18.4%
	distilled water (Infusion)	Solid Powdery	Dark brown	11.17%
	ether of petroleum	Viscous	Green	1.46%
	Chloroform	Viscous	Dark brown	0.45%
<i>Salvadora Persica</i>	distilled water (Maceration 72h)	Viscous	Brown	10%
	distilled water (Infusion)	Viscous	Brown	15.05%
	ether of petroleum	Viscous	Transparent	0.4%
	Chloroform	Viscous	Beige	2.3%

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For the bark of *Juglans regia*, the results showed that the aqueous extract (maceration) showed the highest extraction yield with 18.4%, while the chloroform extract exhibited the lowest yield with 0.45%. Furthermore, for *Salvadora persica* stems, the results showed that the aqueous extract (infusion) was the predominant extract with a yield of 15.05%, and the ether of petroleum extract was the lowest result with 0.4%.

3. Antimicrobial activity

Antibacterial activity tests were carried out against five bacterial strains: gram positive strains (*Bacillus cereus* ATCC 11778, *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923), gram-negative strains (*Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 4352, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853), and a fungus (*Aspergillus niger*). The tests were repeated three times. Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) was used as a negative control, while the antibiotics were the positive control.

The diameters of inhibition zones measured for the various concentrations of: aqueous, ether extract of petroleum, and chloroform extracts of *Salvadora persica* and *Juglans regia* on the growth of different strains are illustrated in the two following tables:

Table 6: Diameters of microbial growth inhibition zones of *Juglans regia* and *Salvadora persica* aqueous extracts on strains identified (in mm).

	<i>Salvadora persica</i>								<i>Juglan regia</i>								ATB	W
	aqueous extract (infusion)				aqueous extract (Maceration)				aqueous extract (infusion)				aqueous extract (Maceration)					
	C1	C2	C3	C4	C1	C2	C3	C4	C1	C2	C3	C4	C1	C2	C3	C4		
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	10	12	15	20	0	0	0	0	8	9	15	18	6	9	16	17		0
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	10	10	10	10	8	10	9	9	10	12	16	20	9	10	16	20	30	0
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	10	10	10	10	8	9	11	10	10	13	16	25	11	15	18	20	20	0
<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	10	11	11	12	8	11	13	12	15	18	20	25	10	15	20	25	20	0
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	10	11	15	18	8	12	10	9	16	17	23	27	15	18	23	35	35	0
<i>Klebseilla pneumonia</i>	10	9	12	12	9	10	10	10	18	18	18	23	15	17	20	25	30	0

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Table 7: Diameters of microbial growth inhibition zones of *Juglans regia* and *Salvadora persica* of petroleum ether and chloroform extracts on the tested strains (in mm).

	<i>Salvadora persica</i>				<i>Juglan regia</i>				ATB	W
	Ether de petrol		chloroform		Ether de petrol		chloroform			
	C1	C2	C1	C2	C1	C2	C1	C2		
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	0	10	11	12	12	10	10	9		0
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	9	10	10	8	10	11	10	9	30	0
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	10	9	12	16	10	10	10	10	20	0
<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	10	9	10	9	12	10	10	12	10	0
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	9	9	10	9	12	14	11	15	35	0
<i>Klebseilla pneumonia</i>	11	10	10	12	11	12	10	9	30	0

C1. 15mg/ml, **C2.** 25 mg/ml, **C3.** 50 mg/ml, **C4.** 100 mg/ml, **ATB:** antibiotics discs, **W:** negative control.

Extracts showed a varying degree of antimicrobial activity against the tested bacteria. The 100 mg/ml of all the extracts of the two plants (petroleum ether, chloroform, and aqueous extracts) had a significant effect on all strains.

The results of the antimicrobial activity of the barks of *Juglans regia* showed that the aqueous extract (Maceration) has the highest activity compared to other extracts, with a diameter of 35mm on *Staphylococcus aureus*. Moreover, the extracts of the different solvents used for both studied plants were relatively more effective against gram positive bacteria.

For the antifungal activity, the results in table showed that the aqueous extract (infusion) of the stems of *Salvadora persica* was active against the fungal strain with an inhibition zone of 20mm. Furthermore, the extracts of *J. regia* were highly effective compared to those of *S. persica* against the majority of the tested strains. Moreover, the aqueous extract results of the two methods exhibited different inhibition zones, but both methods showed activity against all of the investigated strains.

II. Discussion

1. Extraction

The extraction of each plant gave four extracts with different characteristics (ether petroleum, chloroform extracts, and water extracts with two methods of infusion and maceration), which indicates the significance of controlling and regulating the extraction processes. Chloroform is frequently used to extract phenols, flavonoids, and terpenoids (Raja *et al.*, 2012), while petroleum ether is used to selectively extract coumarins and fatty acids (Cowan, 1999).

These variations in the extract's characteristics can be explained by the differences in solvent polarity used to extract the phytochemical compounds from the plant (Gupta *et al.*, 2015; Harbi *et al.*, 2015). The aspect and colour of the extracts probably depend on the nature of the organic compounds in the extracts.

The aqueous extracts of *Juglans regia* have a solid aspect; this is due to the almost total absence of fatty acids and oils, which are replaced by polyphenols, flavonoids, tannins, and saponins depending on the degree of solubility of each organic compound and the polarity of each extractor solvents (Ganesh *et al.*, 2013).

1.1. Extraction yield

The yield of the aqueous extract of *Juglans regia* made by maceration was very high compared to the aqueous extract made by infusion with 18.4% and 11.17%, whereas the yield of the chloroform extract was 0.45% and was very minimal, preceded by the petroleum ether extract (1.46%), at the opposite of the polarity gradient; so with the increase in polarity, we had a decrease in the yield of our raw extracts. The yield of aqueous extract was higher than that obtained by Pandita *et al.* (2011), who obtained by maceration of the same plant a yield of about 4.02%. Almonte-Flores *et al.* (2015) were able to demonstrate that aqueous extraction offers a better yield than organic extraction.

The yield of the aqueous extract of *Salvadora persica* made by infusion was higher than that of the aqueous extract made by maceration (15.05% and 10%, respectively). The yield of chloroform extract (2.3%) was low, along with that of petroleum ether extract (2.3%). The result of the aqueous extract obtained by infusion and maceration was superior to those obtained from the same plant in other studies (13.75%)(Aissaoui and Maamri, 2009; Niboue and Lemoussekh, 2018).

The yields of aqueous extract obtained by maceration and petroleum ether extract of *Juglans regia* were relatively higher than those of *Salvadora persica*, whereas the two other extracts, aqueous made by infusion and chloroform, have a very low yield for *Juglans regia*.

The yields of extracts obtained from the same organ and the same species can be influenced by several factors, such as the extraction method and the conditions applied, such as the drying time of the plant

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material, the quantity of the plant to be extracted, the time, stirring speed, temperature, and polarity of the solvent. In addition, the geographical area as well as the climatic conditions play a very important role in the secondary metabolite composition of the plant (Koné *et al.*, 2017).

2. Antimicrobial activity

According to Duraffourd *et al.* (1990), the inhibition zone inferior to 8 mm signifies the absence of sensitivity; the diameter between 8 and 14 mm refers to a limited sensitivity, while the sensitivity is qualified as medium if the diameter is between 14 and 20 mm. Finally, a diameter greater than or equal to 20 mm indicates high sensitivity. And this confirms the antibiofilm activity of the extract used.

The absence of a zone of inhibition around the DMSO solvent discs indicates that the extract alone is solely responsible for its effectiveness. The antibiotic, on the other hand, exhibits large diameters of inhibition in comparison to our extracts against all of the strains examined, showing that this broad-spectrum antibiotic demonstrates robust antibacterial action against the majority of microbial strains.

The aqueous extract of *Juglans regia*'s bark exhibited the highest antibacterial activity, according to the results compared to chloroform and petroleum ether extracts. Aqueous extract produced by infusion was found to have a very significant efficacy at a concentration of 100 mg/ml against *Staphylococcus aureus* with an inhibition diameter of 27 mm, as well as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Bacillus cereus* with an inhibition diameter of 25mm, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Aspergillus niger* with inhibition diameters of 23 mm, 20 mm, and 18 mm, respectively. Our findings are consistent with those from Pereira *et al.* (2008).

The same results were obtained for the antimicrobial activity of an aqueous extract produced by maceration against *Staphylococcus aureus* with a very high activity of 35 mm, *Bacillus cereus* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* with an area of activity of 25 mm and 20 mm, respectively, against *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, while the diameter of inhibition against *Aspergillus niger* is 17 mm. All results are obtained with high concentration (100 mg/ml). Our findings about the effectiveness of an aqueous extract against the tested bacterial strain were corroborated by Naeland Al-wadaan (2011) and Tajamul *et al.* (2019).

Our results for the *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli* strains were comparable to those of Ashraf *et al.* (2022), with the exception that they reported no action against *Aspergillus niger*. This discrepancy in activity may be caused by handling conditions or the use of a different variety of *Juglans regia* (Ashraf *et al.*, 2022). Faramarz Zakavi and al. (2013) ; Al-Snafi (2018) and Jahanban-Esfahlan *et al.* (2019) confirm our findings of aqueous extract activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*. According to Alkhawajah (1997) study, aqueous extract had antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

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The chloroform extract from the bark of *Juglans regia* has an inhibition diameter of 15mm and 12mm against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus cereus* at high concentration, respectively, and an inhibitory activity with a diameter of 10mm against strains of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Aspergillus niger* at the lowest concentration, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* at both concentrations. Similar results were reported by Ashraf *et al.* (2022) against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Aspergillus niger*.

Petroleum ether extracts also exhibits inhibitory activity against *Aspergillus niger*, *Bacillus cereus* (at lowest concentration), and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* with a diameter of 12 mm at high concentration, while a zone of 11 mm at high concentration and 10 mm at lowest concentration, respectively, was seen against *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Even so, *Staphylococcus aureus* has the largest inhibition diameter (14 mm) at high concentration, making it the most sensitive. These findings are supported by the findings of Aissi and Boudjelal (2014), who discovered that *Staphylococcus aureus* is more susceptible to the ether of petroleum extract of *Juglans regia*, with an inhibition zone of 18.2 mm. Even for other bacteria, there is an antibacterial effect. The results obtained from the chloroform extract used for *Juglans regia* were effective against the same strain used in this study.

Previous studies showed that *Juglans regia* bark chloroform extract possesses activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* with an inhibition diameter of 8.9mm and 13.1 mm, respectively. The result of the antibacterial activity of ether of petroleum extract against the two strains gave positive results, with an area of 9.5 mm against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and 11.1 mm against *Staphylococcus aureus* (Kheddouma and Cherraben, 2021).

The observations made on the effect of the different extracts on the growth of bacterial and fungal strains demonstrate that all the extracts of *Juglans regia* have antimicrobial activity against all the strains tested. A number of substances commonly found in plants, such as polyphenols, flavonoids, tannins, and alkaloids, are responsible for their antibacterial properties (Nguyen, 1983).

Regarding *salvadorapersica*, results showed that it also has an effect on the tested strains. The aqueous extract of *Salvadorapersica* showed interesting antifungal effects against *Aspergillus niger* germ, as shown by the results that the aqueous extract by infusion gave an effect with a diameter of 20 mm for a concentration of 100 mg/ml. According to Saddiq and Alkinani's (2019) and Saadabi (2006) studies, the aqueous extract of *salvadorapersica* exhibited a suppressing effect on the growth of tested fungal strains and confirmed that *Aspergillus niger* was the most sensitive fungus to the plant extract with a diameter of 33 mm.

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According to the study conducted by Abhary and Alhazmi (2016), the results showed that the water extract from *Salvadora* had the greatest effect on all bacteria tested in the three concentrations used, such as *E. coli* with diameters between 5 and 15 mm at concentrations of 100 to 500 mg/ml. Al-Ayed *et al.* (2016) also illustrated that aqueous extract by maceration inhibits growth of *E. coli* with 5.3 mm at 50% and 12.3 mm at 400%. On the other hand, they found no activity of the aqueous extract by infusion with the strain *E. coli*.

Pseudomonas aeruginosa strain was sensitive to the aqueous extract of *Salvadora persica*, with a 10mm zone of inhibition for infusion and 11 mm for maceration extracts with concentrations of 50 and 100 mg/ml. Comparable results were found by other investigation results, which showed that the aqueous extract used for *Salvadora* was active against the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strain with inhibition zones between 9.3 and 10.0 mm for the concentrations (50 and 100 mg/ml), which confirms our results (Al-Bayati and Sulaiman, 2008).

Staphylococcus aureus inhibition zones of 18 mm for infusion and 12 mm for maceration were achieved with dilutions of aqueous extract of *Salvadora persica* prepared at 25 and 100%. These results were in accordance with those founded by Al-Bayati and Sulaiman, (2008).

According to antimicrobial assays, the aqueous extract inhibited all isolated microorganisms and was more efficient than the other extract. These results are in agreement with previous findings (Firas *et al.*, 2008; Al-Ayed *et al.*, 2016).

The highest inhibition zone was seen against the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strain with 16 mm of chloroform extract, though the four other strains have activity between 10 and 12 mm. Our results are in agreement with those of Rahmoun *et al.* (2014). The present study agrees with a previous report by Khedouma and Cherraben (2021), which showed an activity of the chloroform extract against *S. aureus* between 9 and 10 mm for *S. persica*.

However, Petroleum ether extract exhibited antibacterial activity against *P. aeruginosa* where diameter of the inhibition zone was between 07 and 09 mm, while there was an absence of inhibitory power for the extract of petroleum ether from *S. persica* on *S. aureus*. This disagreement may be due to different types of bacteria strains, isolation areas, and methods used (Khedouma and Cherraben, 2021).

For the antifungal activity, chloroform and petroleum ether extracts of *Salvadora* had an inhibitory effect with 10 mm at a concentration of 50 mg/ml, while other concentrations had no activity. The chloroform extract of *Salvadora persica* has an activity between 11 and 12 mm at the two concentrations. Pirzada *et al.* (2009) showed that aqueous and chloroform extracts have an antifungal effect against *Aspergillus niger*, whereas the aqueous had a stronger effect than the chloroform, which was in concordance with our results.

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Likewise, *Juglans regia* extracts exhibit highly potent antibacterial action on a variety of microorganisms compared to *Salvadora persica* extracts. Our research supports the findings of Noumi *et al.* (2011), which show that *Juglans regia* was more efficient against Gram (+) and Gram (-) bacteria than the extract of *Salvadora persica*.

Furthermore, it was noticed that this antimicrobial activity differs from one extract to another due to the selective action of the solvent extractor on a certain number of microorganisms. The selective antimicrobial power of *J. regia* and *S. persica* essentially depends on the antimicrobial substances of plant origin present in each extract. Indeed, according to their polarity, the compounds extracted are not the same, so the change of extraction protocol as well as the solvents used would perhaps make it possible to detect the antimicrobial activities of *J. regia* and *S. persica* (Nguyen, 1983). The effectiveness of an extract depends on its concentration, the plant from which it is derived, and the strain tested (Klervi, 2005).

Hence, all the extracts of the studied plants have more potent antibacterial effects on Gram positive bacteria than on Gram negative bacteria. This difference is due to the chemical composition of the bacterial cell wall, particularly in the presence of a cell wall impermeable to lipophilic solutes in gram negative bacteria. These bacteria have a layer of lipopolysaccharids (LPS), which form a barrier to diffusion, and Gram negative bacteria are less likely to be susceptible to antimicrobial extracts (Leclerc *et al.*, 1983; Nostro *et al.*, 2000). Another study (Vlietinck *et al.*, 1995) showed that Gram-negative bacteria were more resistant to a number of plant extracts, while Gram positive bacteria only have an exterior layer of peptidoglycan, which is a weak barrier to permeability (Scherrer and Gerhardt, 1971). According to Tsuchiya *et al.* (2000), this variation may possibly result from bacterial defence mechanisms against antibiotic molecules.

Conclusion

Conclusion:

The search for novel antimicrobial compounds is frequently discussed in academic publications and remains a primary topic of current scientific research since an increasing number of microbial strains are developing resistance to antibiotics and antifungals. This study investigated the antimicrobial activity of different extracts of *S. persica* and *J. regia*, which are widely used in traditional medicine in our country, especially to ensure oral hygiene.

In this work, distilled water, chloroform, and petroleum ether were used to extract the stems of *S. persica* and the bark of *J. regia*. The best extractor for both plants was distilled water, which has a larger yield compared to other solvents.

It was demonstrated that *J. regia* bark seems to be more efficient against several bacterial and fungal strains compared to *S. persica*, the highest activity was obtained with the aqueous extract (maceration) against *S. aureus*. The high tannin and phenolic content of the *Juglans regia* extracts may be related to these activities.

The extracts of *S. persica* also demonstrated potent antibacterial activity against the tested strains, according to the findings of the current study apart the aqueous extract (obtained by maceration). It's interesting to note that *S. aureus* was the microbe that responded to all of the extracts from the two plants studied.

These in vitro studies represent the initial phase of the search for new natural antibacterial agents, therefore these results remain preliminary. An in vivo investigation is preferred for this reason because these compounds may be relatively active in vitro, but as these molecules enter the human body, their ability to function might be reduced. In order to identify the compounds that provide *Salvadora persica* and *Juglans regia* with its antibacterial and antifungal properties, further phytochemical research will be required.

In perspective, we are suggesting:

- To determine the presence of antimicrobial compounds in *Salvadora persica* and *Juglans regia*, further thorough research with fractionation experiments utilizing various polar and non polar solvents are necessary.
- To test the activity of *J. regia* and *S. persica* on the oral flora of people who suffer from buccal diseases.

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Appendix

Appendix 1:

Culture medium (Composition in g / l of distilled water):

- Nutrient agar :

Gelatin Peptone.....	5g
Beef extract	3g
Bactenological agar.....	15g
Distilled water.....	1000ml
Ph.....	6.8

- Mueller-Hinton :

Meat extract.....	2g
Casein Acid Hydrolyzate.....	17.5g
Starch.....	1.5g
Agar.....	10g
Distilled water	1000ml
Ph.....	7.4

- Sabouraud :

Neopeptone.....	10 g
Glucose	20g
Agar	20g
Distilled water	1000ml
Ph.....	5-5 to 6

- PDA (Potato Dextrose Agar)

Potato.....	200g
Glucose	20g
Agar.....	20g
Distilled waters.....	1000ml
PH	6.5

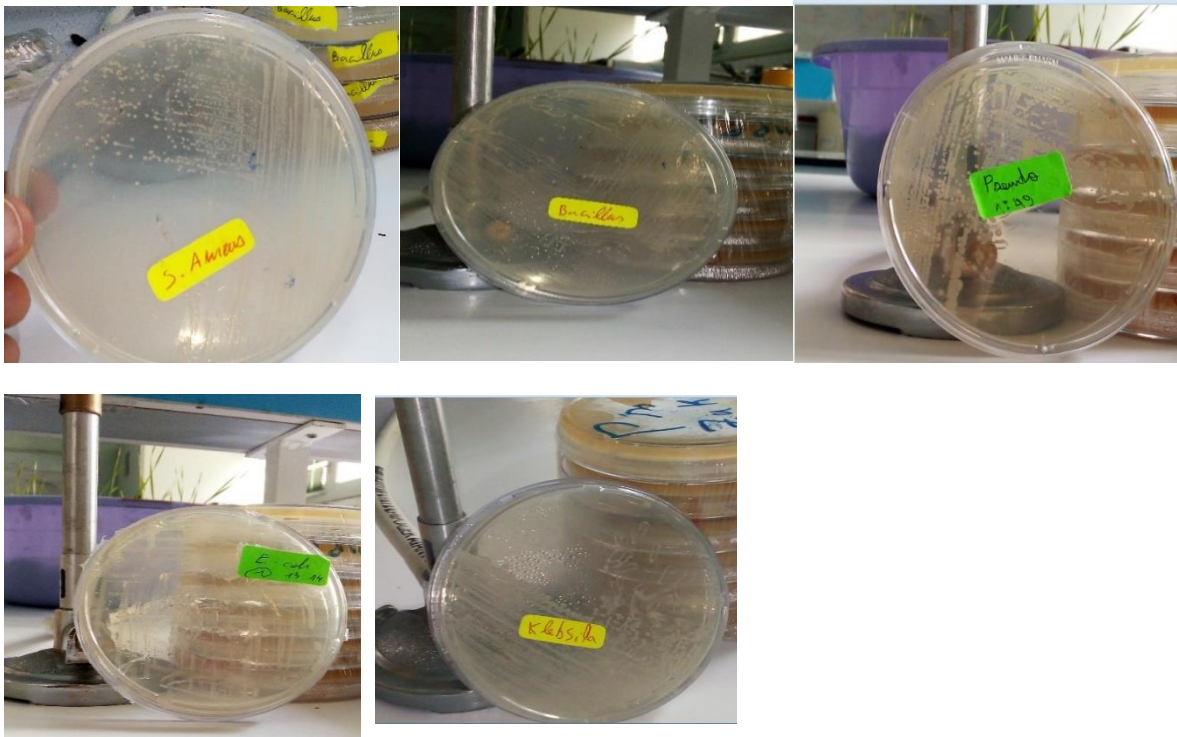
The solution

- Water physiology

NaCl 9g
Distilled waters.....1000ml
PH.....7.4

Appendix 2:

1. Macroscopic appearance of the five strains isolated on nutrient agar



Photography. Appearance of bacterial colonies on NA