**In vitro and in vivo Activity of Selected Antibacterial Agents; Alone and in Combination Against Multi Drugs Resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa Isolated from Burns Infections**

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**Abstract**
This study included (70) swabs being collected from burned patients of both sexes, males and females of different ages attending to burned unit at AL- Hilla Teaching Hospital in AL-Hilla city during a period of three months from October to December 2012. The results indicated that 26/70 (37.01%) of samples were Pseudomonas aeruginosa and 44/70 (62.9%) revealed others types of bacteria. The susceptibility of Pseudomonas aeruginosa towards 6 antibiotics included in this study by Disk Diffusion Test showed that P. aeruginosa isolates (100%) exhibited resistance for Rifampen, Gentamycin, Pipracillin, Tobramycin. While they were presently sensitive to Meropenem and Amikacin.

In addition, P. aeruginosa revealed remarkable susceptibility toward natural products, Garlic Vinegar but it did not affected by Garlic Oil. According to these results the 6 antibiotics were employed for in vivo experiments, since they were used for treatment of experimentally infected animals alone and in combination. The response of experimentally infected animals in recovery from experimentally burned infection was remarkable when combined antibiotics were used for treatment in relation to the use of single antibiotics, which indicated for synergy reaction as well and the results were in according with well diffusion method.

**Introduction**
Burn injury and infection of wounds are serious problems that lead to death. Burns predispose the patient for microbial infection due to a damage protective skin barrier, facilitating the entry of saprophytes, opportunists and...
pathogens, leading to infection accompanied by systemic immunosuppression[1]. *P. aeruginosa* also carries many intrinsic and acquired antimicrobial resistance traits make burns wound infection difficult to treat [2,3]. There are limited numbers of antimicrobial agents including the anti-pseudomonal Penicillins, Cephalosporin, Carbapenems, Aminoglycosides and Fluoroquinolons with reliable activity against it [4]. Also the medically importance of this organism is attributed to its ability to produce a variety of toxins, extra cellular enzymes including elastases, proteases and hemolysins [5].

**Materials and Methods**

**Patients**

A total of (70) samples of infection burns were taken from patients of different ages and both sexes who were admitted to the burns unit of AL-Hilla Teaching Hospital during a period of three months from October to December 2010.

**Laboratory animals**

Nine healthy rabbits (Island, albino) were used. Four of these rabbits were males and five females, their weight ranged between 1.5-2 kg.

**Specimen collection**

Seventy burns swabs were collected from patients. Information about their (gender, age and antibiotics usage) were taken into consideration. These specimens were transported by transport collection swabs containing ready made media to maintain the swab wet until reach to laboratory and collected with the help of physicians to avoid any accidentally contamination. Each specimen was inoculated on Nutrient agar, Blood agar, MacConkey agar and *Pseudomonas* selected agar plates. All plates were incubated aerobically at 37°C for 24 hrs.

**Identification**

The grown colonies on the culture media with characterized diffusible pigments were selected for further diagnostic tests. The *P. aeruginosa* isolates were identified according to biochemical tests that recommended by [6].

**Affect of Garlic oil and vinegar (garlic juice)**

In this study, two wells first one is contain garlic oil and another is contain vinegar oil were made on Mueller Hinton agar plates inoculated with *P. aeruginosa* and incubated at 37°C for 24 hrs showed that there is no effect for garlic oil on the bacterial culture while the garlic vinegar get inhibition zone measured 22 mm in diameter.

**Antibiotics susceptibility test**

**Disc Diffusion test (DDT)**

The Kirby- Bauer method is a standardized method for this test that takes all variables into consideration. It is sanctioned by the United States FAD and Subcommittee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing of the NCCLS and [7]. Antibiotics inhibition zones were measured using a transparent ruler. Zone size was compared to the standard zones of the CLIS [8] to determine the susceptibility of organism to each antibiotic.

**Well diffusion method**

In this method, on Mueller – Hinton agar plates wells (6mm) were prepared by cork poorer, then the plates were inoculated with cotton swab dipping into screw tube containing bacterial suspension being compared with (0.5) McFarland standard tube and streaked over the surface of plates. After this, Mueller - Hinton agar wells were filled with 50 µl of prepared concentrations for each single antibiotics and combined
antibiotics and incubated the plates at 37°C for 24 hr. The susceptibility to these antibiotics was determined by measuring the inhibition zone around the wells for each concentration [9].

**Minimum inhibition concentration (MIC)**
The MIC was detected by Agar Dilution Procedure (Wadsworth Method) and it was employed according to [10].

**Defining values of MICs for single and combination antibiotics**
For this experiment the methods being recommended by CLSI [8] and [11] were employed with some modification according to the condition of the study. The results of this experiment were reported, compared with DDT results, and the last result showed resistant and sensitive of *P. aeruginosa* to these antibiotics. Also, showed the synergistic, additive and antagonism effect of these antibiotics.

**In vivo experiments**
In this experiment nine rabbits were used. Four of these rabbits were males and five females, their weight ranged between 1.5-2 kg. They were kept in separated hutches according to the recommendation of veterinarian of the veterinary hospital in Hilla – city. The animals were prepared for this experiment according to the method being recommended by [12].

**Results and Discussion**

**Samples collection and Laboratory identification of *P. aeruginosa***
In this study a total of 70 samples were collected from patients with different cases of burns infection who admitted to burn unit at AL-Hilla Teaching Hospital in AL-Hilla city through a period of three months (from October to December 2011). According to [6] *P. aeruginosa* isolates were identified by investigation of colonial morphology on blood agar as small, rough, flat, feathered edge with grape like odor and have special diffusible blue-green pigments and the biochemical characteristics were tested incorporating with [6]. Tubes of nutrient broth inoculated with *P. aeruginosa* and incubated at 37°C for 24 hr, revealed fluorescent pigment which can be observed under ultra violet light as shown in figure (1), while this pigment on nutrient agar can be directly observed [13]. The biosynthesis of a yellow-green, fluorescent, water-soluble pigment by *Pseudomonas spp.* occurred only when the bacteria were iron-deficient and was not directly influenced by the nature of the organic carbon source. The pigment formed a very stable Fe³⁺ complex, *Pseudomonas spp.* produced only one molecular species of fluorescent pigment; however, its ability under mild alkaline conditions led to the formation of several pigmented decomposition products. Both its biosynthesis and its chemical properties (formation of a stable Fe³⁺ complex) suggest that the fluorescent pigment is a desferrisiderophore [14]. *P. aeruginosa* included in this study grew well on cetrimide agar (Pseudomonas selected agar) after incubation at 37°C for 24 hr and produced bright yellow-green pigment which is regarded as diagnostic characteristic [13] as shown in figure (2). *Pseudomonas* selected agar is used as a selective medium for the isolation of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, also used for determining the ability of an organism to produce fluorescein and pyocyanin pigments. Cetrimide (Cetyltrimethyl ammonium bromide) is incorporated in the medium to inhibit bacteria other than *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. It acts as a quaternary ammonium compound, cationic detergent which causes
nitrogen and phosphorus to be released from bacterial cells other than *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* [15].

The effects of garlic vinegar (juice) and garlic oil on the Pseudomonal isolates were included in this study. The garlic vinegar revealed an inhibition zone of 22mm in diameter when tested in wells made on Mueller–Hinton agar inoculated with *P. aeruginosa* and incubated for 24 hr at 37 C°, while there was no effect for garlic oil on the same isolates explained that the garlic has an inhibiting and killing functions against many types of bacteria, since its juice has a remarkable bacteriostatic action *in vitro*, the average diameter of the inhibition of garlic juice to *P. aeruginosa* was over 7 mm in diameter. According to [17] whose stated that garlic oil has potential activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, therefore can be used for treatment of infections resulted by *Pseudomonas*, there was no considerable active of this compounds deterted in this study. This can be attributed to either its expiration dilution and/or it’s purity.

**Isolation of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa***

The results revealed that an the samples (100%) exhibited positive results for bacterial culture. The infection rate in burn patients with *P. aeruginosa* accounted for 26/70 (37.1%) of samples and others bacteria represented of *Staphylococcus spp.* 23/70 (32.9%) and 21/70 (30%) *Escherichia coli* as shown in figure (4). The study focused on *P.aeruginosa* since it constitutes a high rate infections with burns of hospitalized patients who are immunosuppressed with long stay in hospital, during which they may be submitted to endotracheal intubation and/or catheterization of blood vessels and bladder in burns ward, therefore those patients were more susceptible for infections [18,19].

**Susceptibility of *P.aeruginosa* to the antibiotics**

**Disc diffusion test (DD test)**

All *P. aeruginosa* isolates were fully resistant to Rifampen, Gentamicin, Pipracillin, Tobramycin while they were sensitive towards Meropenem and Amikacin as shown in table (1). These results are in agreement with those results obtained by[20], who stated that *P. aeruginosa* was resistant to the newer β-lactam antibiotics (Pipracillin). Also *P. aeruginosa* showed resistance to Aminoglycoside in different percentage, these results were in agreement with the results obtained by [21]. However, Amikacin revealed considerable activity against *Pseudomonas* which was exhibited a remarkable sensitivity to it. Resistance mediated by *P. aeruginosa* can be attributed both to an inducible, and chromosomally mediated beta-lactamases that can render broad-spectrum Cephalosporins inactive, and to a plasmid–mediated beta-lactamases that can lead to resistance to several Penicillins and older Cephalosporins[22]. *P. aeruginosa* has been reported to have an innate resistance to several antibiotics due to the presence of lipopolysaccharides in the outer membrane, but persistent administration of antimicrobial agents results in the emergence of multi-resistant strains of *P. aeruginosa*[23].

**Minimum inhibitory concentration test (MIC)**

Results showed in table(2) indicate high degree of *P. aeruginosa* sensitivity to these antibiotics, and the values of Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) of some antibiotics against *P. aeruginosa* according to[8]. *P. aeruginosa* was fully resistant to gentamicin and it’s ability to grow in high concentrations
of pipracillin, meropenem, amikacin, tobramycin, and the MICs were 128 µg/ml, 64 µg/ml, 64 µg/ml, 512 µg/ml and 256 µg/ml respectively. This result is not fully in agreement with some studies as[24] who included aminoglycosides (gentamicin, amikacin, tobramycin) and carbapenems (meropenem) and antipseudomonal penicillins (pipracillin) in the list of antibiotics that have activity against P. aeruginosa. One of the most worrisome characteristics of P. aeruginosa is its low antibiotic susceptibility, which is attributable to a concerted action of multidrug efflux pumps with chromosomally encoded antibiotic resistance genes (e.g., mexAB and mexXY) and the low permeability of the bacterial cellular envelopes[25].

Combination of antibiotics by well diffusion method

The development of resistance to monotherapy is a common problem and dual antimicrobial coverage is often a necessity in Pseudomonas infections[26]. Attempts have been made to deal with this problem by using combination therapy[27,28]. In the light of Disc diffusion test and Minimum inhibitory concentration results, it can be concluded that P. aeruginosa likes a multidrugs resistant because it resist. To detect the response of this organism against double combination of antibiotics, antibiotics were combined with each other and tested against Pseudomonal isolate included in this study. Accordingly rifampen (64 µg/ml), amikacin (4 µg/ml), tobramycin (1 µg/ml), pipracillin (8 µg/ml), gentamycin (2 µg/ml), and meropenem (1 µg/ml) were combined with each other respectively as shown in table (3). The inhibition zone of amikacin combined with gentamycin, rifampen, meropenem, tobramycin and pipracillin were 39 mm, 38 mm, 37 mm, 43 mm and 43 mm in diameter respectively in compared with 41 mm was the inhibition zone of amikacin. This results revealed synergistic effect for amikacin when combined with tobramycin and pipracillin.

Combination of gentamycin with amikacin, rifampen, meropenem, tobramycin and pipracillin revealed an inhibition zones of 39 mm, 30 mm, 25 mm and 36 mm in diameter respectively compared with zero mm inhibition zone for gentamycin. The results of this experiment showed variation between antagonism and synergism action of gentamycin on the rest antibiotics. It exhibited a synergistic action with pipracillin and meropenem against Pseudomonas, since the combination resulted in produces a potent bactericidal effect, which in part is due to enhanced uptake of drug that occurs with inhibition of cell wall synthesis. Among gram negative bacteria, resistance is most commonly due to plasmid-encoded aminoglycoside modifying enzymes[29,30]. Observed that the susceptibility of P. aeruginosa to combined treatment with gentamycin and antibiotics did not differ greatly depending on the physical integrity of the biofilm layer. On other hand, combination of rifampen with amikacin, gentamycin, meropenem, tobramycin and pipracillin resulted in the following inhibition zones: 38 mm, 30 mm, 40 mm, 27 mm and 28 mm in diameter respectively compared with 19 mm in diameter for rifampen alone.

Combination of rifampen with amikacin and meropenem got synergism effect for both antibiotics. Rifampen binds strongly to the β subunit of bacterial DNA-dependent RNA polymerase and
thereby inhibits RNA synthesis. However resistance results from one of several possible point mutations in rpoB, the gene for the beta subunit of RNA polymerase. These mutations prevent binding of rifampen to RNA polymerase[29]. The synergism effect of rifampen with tobramycin agreed with study of[31] who stated when rifampin added to tobramycin, a synergistic interaction was observed, therefore application of combination of tobramycin-rifampin might improve survival in selected patients with serious P. aeruginosa infections.

Meropenem was combined with amikacin, gentamycin, rifampen, tobramycin and pipracillin and the inhibition zones were 37mm, 35mm, 42mm, 31mm and 43mm respectively compared with the inhibition zone of 40mm for meropenem alone. Meropenem is a beta lactam antibiotics and P. aeruginosa may rapidly develop resistance to meropenem, so simultaneous use of an aminoglycoside is recommended for infections cause by this organism[29]. The antagonism effect of meropenem and gentamycin was observed in treatment P. aeruginosa is in contrast with those results reported by[32] who pointed out that meropenem with amikacin resulted in synergy or partial synergy against P. aeruginosa. The results of this study indicate that synergy action against P. aeruginosa, may occur between β-lactams and aminoglycosides although the strains are resistant to the individual antibiotics.

Tobramycin was also combined with amikacin, gentamycin, rifampen, meropenem and pipracillin. The diameter of inhibition zones were 43mm, 25 mm, 27 mm, 42mm and 27mm respectively in compared with mm diameter for meropenem alone. Tobramycin is an aminoglycoside and has synergistic combination with beta-lactam antibiotics. Among gram – negative bacteria, resistance is more commonly due to plasmid-encoded aminoglycoside modifying enzyme[29]. The results of this study showed synergism effect of tobramycin with other antibiotics, These results are in agreement with those results obtained by[33] who indicated that in vivo and in vitro activity of tobramycin against Pseudomonas was as effective as that of gentamycin.

Finely, pipracillin was combined with amikacin, gentamycin, rifampen, meropenem and tobramycin. The inhibition zones observed from this combination revealed an inhibition zones with diameters of 43mm, 25mm, 40mm, 31mm and 27mm respectively, while pipracillin alone get 14mm in diameter. Pipracillin is antipseudomonal carboxypincillin, having activity against gram-negative bacteria due to their enhanced ability to penetrate the gram – negative outer membrane. Because of the propensity of P. aeruginosa to develop resistance during single therapy, an antipseudomonal pencillin generally is used in combination with aminoglycoside for pseudomonal infections. These results are [29] in agreement with the study of[34] when showed that the combinations of pipracillin with aminoglycosides (amikacin, tobramycin, gentamycin) showed synergistic effect for more than 50% of the strains and these results suggest that the combination therapies of pipracillin with aminoglycosides are useful for the clinical treatment of serious infections due to P. aeruginosa.

**Antibiotics activity in vivo**

According to the doubling combination in well diffusion method, three
combinations were selected for in vivo experiments as shown in table (4). The first group was treated by single antibiotics ,the second group was treated by two combined antibiotics and the third group were used as a control group (with out treatment ).Macroscopic evaluation signs of burned skin after burning ,showed pale area .A few minutes later a reddish pink coloration appeared . Odema developed within few hours .After 24hr (day 1) of P.aeruginosa isolate inoculated on the burned area , febrile ,pus and redness appeared in inoculated and adjacent tissues.

**Treatment and re-isolation of bacteria**

The treatment of infected rabbits started after 72 hr (day 3)of the burned process.These antibiotics were get as solutions by swabbing on burned areas with sterile cotton and antibiotics doses were prepared according to[29].The antibiotics that used for treatment the first group were meropenem (rabbit NO.1),pipracillin (rabbit NO.2), amikacin (rabbit NO.4), tobramycin (rabbit NO.6) ,gentamycin (rabbit NO.8) and second included the antibiotics that used as mixture were meropenem with pipracillin(rabbit NO.3),amikacin with meropenem (rabbit NO.5), tobramycin with amikacin(rabbit NO.8) ,the last group was control group that had burned rabbit with out contaminated by bacteria.The bacteria began it’s replication immediately in the burned wound area and was detected in blood after 24 hr. For the first and second groups the antibiotics doses and directions were according to[29]as shown in table (5).The bacterial growth was observed on blood agar after 24 hr (day 1) from bacreial inoculation and started decline after of 72 hr (day 3)to 168 hr (day 7).In the first group, in the rabbit no. 3; the bacterial growth declined after 168 hr(day 7) of treatment by 120mg/kg/8hrs of meropenem and 300mg/kg/6hrs of pipracillin. Also , in rabbit no. 5 ;the bacterial growth declined during 168 hr (day 7) of treatment with 120mg/kg/8hr of meropenem and 15 mg/kg/12hr of amikacin. On other hand , rabbit no.7 that treatment with 15 mg/kg/12hr of amikacin and 6mg/kg/8hrs tobramycin lead to bacterial growth decline within 168 hr(day 7). In the second group, rabbits no.2,4 and 6 those treated with pipracillin ,amikacin and tobramycin respectively lead to decline of bacterial growth gradually through 168 hr(day 7) except treatment with gentamycin (rabbit no. 8) had slight decline in bacterial growth, and absent of growth when treatment with meropenem (rabbit no. 10) within the same time . There was no growth in the control group (rabbit no. 9). These results are expected not always that in vivo results identify the in vitro due to their conditions are different according to the conditions of the expirement. Our result was agreement with result by[35],those explained that the combination of two β-lactam antibiotics (meropenem and pipracillin) inhibited growth of P.aeruginosa ,also the combination of meropenem and amikacin inhibited growth of P.aeruginosa.

**Conclusions**

1. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is predominant in burned infections especially those bedding in burn unit.
2. *P.aeruginosa* isolates are resistant to most antibiotics ,while amikacin and meropenem are the most effective.
3. *P.aeruginosa* isolates are resistant mostly to single antibiotics while they show considerable degrees of susceptibility to combined antibiotics.
4. The amikacin and meropenem seemed to be more active against *P. aeruginosa* singly or in combination compared with other antibiotics.

5. The results of *in vivo* and *in vitro* tests are not completely identify due to different in experimental conditions.

**Recommendations**

1. Popular health education about contamination by *P. aeruginosa* should be conducted.

2. Application of strict roles for visiting the patients by their relative and the same roles for the staff.

3. Improving a strict hygiene measures and find new way to sterile the departments of burn units to avoid contamination spread by multi drugs resistant organisms.

4. More investigations and experimental by responsible health centers to develop new drugs for treatment the multi drugs resistance *P. aeruginosa*.

5. Use combination therapy as meropenem and amikacin for treating pseudomonal infections to decrease the risks of infection by this organism.

**References**


**Figure 1** Shown fluorescent pigment.

**Figure 2** Shows growth on pseudomonas selected agar.
**Figure 3** The effect of garlic vinegar on the right and the effect of garlic oil on the left on *P. aeruginosa*.

**Figure 4** Frequency of bacterial isolates in burns infections.
Table 1 Sensitivity of *P. aeruginosa* to antibiotics by DD test in comparing with NCLI,(2010).

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*R : resistant ; I : intermediate ; S : sensitive.

Table 2 MIC of *P. aeruginosa* towards antibiotics.

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*according to NCLI, (2010).
**Table 3** doubling combination method.

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**Table 4** Expiremental groups.

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**Table 5** Doses and direction of antibiotics.

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