

Habeeb S. Naher



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 medical 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 borer, 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 Fe^{3+} 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 Fe^{3+} 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 *Pseudomonas* 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. It was 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] who 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 detected in this study. This can be attributed to either its expiration dilution and/or its purity.

Isolation of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

The results revealed that in 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 other 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 Rifampin, Gentamicin, Piperacillin, 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 (Piperacillin). 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 its ability to grow in high concentrations

of piperacillin , meropenem, amikacin , tobramycin , rifampin and the MICs were 128µg/ml , 64µg/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)carbapenems (meropenem) and antipseudomonal penicillins :carboxypenicillins (piperacillin) 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 multidrug 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 *Pseudomonas* isolate included in this study.Accordingly rifampin(64µg/ml), amikacin(4µg/ml), tobramycin(1µg/ml), piperacillin(8 µg/ml) ,gentamicin(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 gentamicin,rifampin, meropenem

,tobramycin and piperacillin were 39mm, 38mm ,37mm,43mm and 43mm in diameter respectively in compared with 41mm was the inhibition zone of amikacin. This results revealed synergistic effect for amikacin when combined with tobramycin and piperacillin.

Combination of gentamicin with amikacin ,rifampin ,meropenem ,tobramycin and piperacillin revealed an inhibition zones of 39mm 30mm,35mm,25mm and 36mm in diameter respectively compared with zero mm inhibition zone for gentamicin. The results of this experiment showed variation between antagonism and synergism action of gentamicin on the rest antibiotics. It exhibited a synergistic action with piperacillin 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 gentamicin and antibiotics did not differ greatly depending on the physical integrity of the biofilm layer.

On other hand ,combination of rifampin with amikacin , gentamicin ,meropenem , tobramycin and piperacillin resulted in the following inhibition zones ; 38mm , 30mm, 40mm, 27 mm and 28mm in diameter respectively compared with 19mm in diameter for rifampin alone .Combination of rifampin with amikacin and meropenem got synergism effect for both antibiotics.Rifampin 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 rifampin to RNA polymerase[29]. The synergism effect of rifampin 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, rifampin, tobramycin and piperacillin 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, rifampin, meropenem and piperacillin. 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.

Finally, piperacillin was combined with amikacin, gentamycin, rifampin, 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 piperacillin alone get 14mm in diameter. Piperacillin is antipseudomonal carboxypenicillin, 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 penicillin 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 piperacillin with aminoglycosides (amikacin, tobramycin, gentamycin) showed synergistic effect for more than 50% of the strains and these results suggest that the combination therapies of piperacillin 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),piperacillin (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 piperacillin(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 piperacillin. 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 piperacillin ,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 piperacillin) 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.aeruginos*.
- 5.Use combination therapy as meropenem and amikacin for treating pseudomonal infections to decrease the risks of infection by this organism.

References

1. Mendell,G.L.;Bennett,J.E.;and Dolin,R. (1995). Infectious disease 4th ed.Pp:2761-2763.New York.Churcill Livingstone.
2. Hsueh , P .R. ;Teng ,L.J.;Yang,P.C.;Chen ,Y.C.;Ho,S.W. and Luh, K .T.. (1998) . Persistence of a multidrug - resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* clone in an intensive care burn unit.J.Clin.Microbiol.36:1347-1351.
3. Lauphland, K., B.;Parkins ,M. D. ; Church ,D. L.; Gregson .D.B.Louie,T.J.;Conly,J.M.;Elsayed,S. and Pitout, J.D.(2005). population-based epidemiological study of infections caused by carbapenem – resistant *Pseudomona aeruginosa* in

the Calgary Health Region : importance of metallo-betalactamase (MBL) - producing strains .J. Infect.Dis.129:1606-1612.

4. Cooper , M . ; Tavankar , G . R . and Williams , H . D . (2003) . Regulation of expression of the cyanid-insensetive terminal oxidase in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

5.Brooks, G. F.; Butel, J. S. and Morse, S. A. (2001). Jawetz, Melnik and Adel bergs . Medical Microbiology . 22 nd ed. . Medical East ed. Appleton Large, PP:229-213.

6. MacFadden , J. F. (2000) . Biochemical tests for Identification Medical Bacteria 3rded . The Williams & Wilkins Co. , USA.PP: 689 – 691.

7. Benson, H. J. (2001). Microbiological application ,laboratory manual in general microbiology. 8th ed. W. B. Mcgraw Hill.

8. Clinical and laboratory standards institute (CLSI) (2010): informational supplement for standard antimicrobial susceptibility testing. Assorted slandered M 100-S20. 30(1). National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards,Wayne .PA. USA.

9. Hangnga , V.U., Lana, F., Washington, J., Dang, T.,Villarreal, C., Rosenblatt, J., Maness, C., Coodheart, R., and Hegggers , J.(2002). Burn Wound Infection Susceptibilities to Topical Agent: the Nathan's Agar Well Diffusion Technique.

10. Hecht, D .H.; Aldridge, K. E.; Citron, D. M.; Cox, M.; Jacobus, N.; Jenkins, S. G.; Onderdonk, A.; Roe-Carpenter, D.; Rosenblatt, J. E.; Webb, C. D. and Wexler, H. M.(2004). Methods for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing of Anaerobic Bacteria; Approved Standard .6 th ed .Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute . 24(2): 9-16.

- 11.Yoshikawa, T. T. and Shibata, S. A.(1978). In vitro antimicrobial

- activity of amikacin and tirarcillin alone and in combination against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* . Antimicrobial Agents Chemother. 13:997-999.
12. James, P .; Toombs , T.; Dennist ,T .and Crowe, J. (1985).Operative Techniques in Slatter .Textbook of Small Animal Surgery .1st ed. Philadelphia. Pp:310-340.
13. Collee, J.G.; Fraser, A. G.;Marmion, B. P. and Simmons, A. (1996). Mackie and Mecartney. Practical Medical Microbiology. 14th ed. Churchill Living stone, USA.PP:413 – 424.
14. Meyer, J. M. and Abdallah, M. A.(1978). TheFluorescent Pigment of *Pseudomonas fluorescens*: Biosynthesis, Purification and Physicochemical Properties. Microbiology.J. 107(2):319-328
15. Lennette, E.H., Ballows, A., Hausler, W.J.Jr., and Shadomy, H.J.(1985). Manual of Clinical Microbiology. 4th ed .Washington D.C.: American society for Microbiology .
16. Wenxi, X.(2010). InhibitoryActivity of Garlic on the Comparison of Different Fungus. Pathogen Biology Laboratory, Guangdong Medical College, Zhanjiang ,China.Chinese J.;Asia-Pacific Traditional Medicine.
17. Tsao, SM. and Yin, MC.(2001). *In vitro* activity of garlic oil and four diallyl sulphides against antibiotic-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Oxford Journals Medicine . Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy. 47(5): 665-670.
18. Oncul, O., Yksel, F., Altunay , H., acikel, C. Ielikz, B. and Iavusl, S. (2002). The evaluation of nosocomial infection during 1 –year period in the burn unit of a training hospital in Istanbul, Turkey .Burn .28 :44-738.
19. Saleh , R.H. (2007). A study of efficacy of disinfectant and bacterial contamination in AL-Hilla Teaching Hospital. M.Sc.Thesis of Medical Microbiology .College of Medicine.Babylon Univ. Pp :10-85.
20. AL-Mamori, H. H. S.(2011). Characterization of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* isolated from patients and hospital environment in Hilla city .M. Sc. Thesis of Medical Microbiology .College of Medicine .Babylon Univ. Pp :10-24.
21. Forbes, B.A., Daniel, F.S., and Alice, S.W. (2007). Bailey and Scott's diagnostic microbiology. 12th. ed., Mosby Elsevier company, USA.
22. Eltahawy, A. T. and Khalaf, R. M. (2001). Antibiotic Resistance among Gram–Negative Non-Fermentative Bacteria at a Teaching Hospital in Saudi Arabia. J. Chemother.13 (3):260 – 264.
23. Van Eldere, J. (2003). Multicentre surveillance of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* susceptibility patterns in nosocomial infections. J. Antimicrob. Chemother. 51(2): 347-352.
24. Wright, A.; Hawkins, C.; Anggård, E.; Harper, D. (2009). "A controlled clinical trial of a therapeutic bacteriophage preparation in chronic otitis due to antibiotic-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ; a preliminary report of efficacy". Clinical Otolaryngology 34 (4): 349– 357.
25. Poole, K. (2004). "Efflux-mediated multiresistance in Gram-negative bacteria". Clinical Microbiology and Infection 10 (1): 12–26.
26. Ling ,TKW; Xiong ,J. ;Yu ,Y.(2006). Multicenter antimicrobial susceptibility survey of Gram –

negative bacteria isolated from patients with community –acquired infections in the People’s Republic of China . Antimicrob Agents Chemother. 50:374-378.

27. George ,ME. ;Robert ,C. ; Moellering ,JR. (1996). Antimicrobial combinations. Antibiotics in Laboratory Medicine 4 th ed. Baltimore :The Williams and Wilkins CO.

28. Tin ,S. ; Kishore , Sakharkar ,K. R.; Lim ,CS. ;Sakharkar ,M. K.(2009).Activity of Chitosans in combination with antibiotics in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* .Int .J.Biol. Sci .5:153-160.

29. Katzung, B. G.(2004). A long medical book basic and clinical pharmacology .8th .ed. The McGraw – Hill companies. Pp:733-791.

30. Gunaratnam, C.; Lara Robertson, L. ; So, C. and Tong, M.(2011). Physical Disruption and Antibiotic Treatment of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* with Gentamicin and Ciprofloxacin Biofilms has No Effect on the Proportion of Rough Small Colony Variants. Journal of Experimental Microbiology and Immunology (JEMI) 15: 64 – 70.

31. Zuravleff JJ, Yu, VL, Yee, RB. (1983).Ticarcillin-tobramycin-

rifampin: in vitro synergy of the triplet combination against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. J Lab Clin Med. 101(6):896-902.

32. Song, W., Lee, K., Kang, H., Shin, D. and Kim, D.(2003). Microbiology aspects of predominant bacteria isolated from burn patients in Korea. Burn 27 :9-136.

33. Vincent, T. Andriole (1974). Antibiotic Synergy in Experimental Infection with *Pseudomonas*. II. The Effect of Carbenicillin, Cephalothin, or Cephane Combined with Tobramycin or Gentamicin. Oxford Journals . Medicine . J Infect Dis. 129 (2): 124-133.

34. Yamashiro Y, Ogake N, Takahata M, Minami S.(2000).In vitro interaction of piperacillin and imipenem/cilastatin combined with aminoglycosides against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Research Laboratories, Toyama Chemical Co., Ltd., Japan. Jpn. J .Antibiot. 53(4):194-200.

35. Oie, S.; Sawa, A.; Kamyia, A. and Mizuna, H.(1999). In-vitro effects of a combination of antipseudomonal antibiotics against multi-drug resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy .44:689-691.

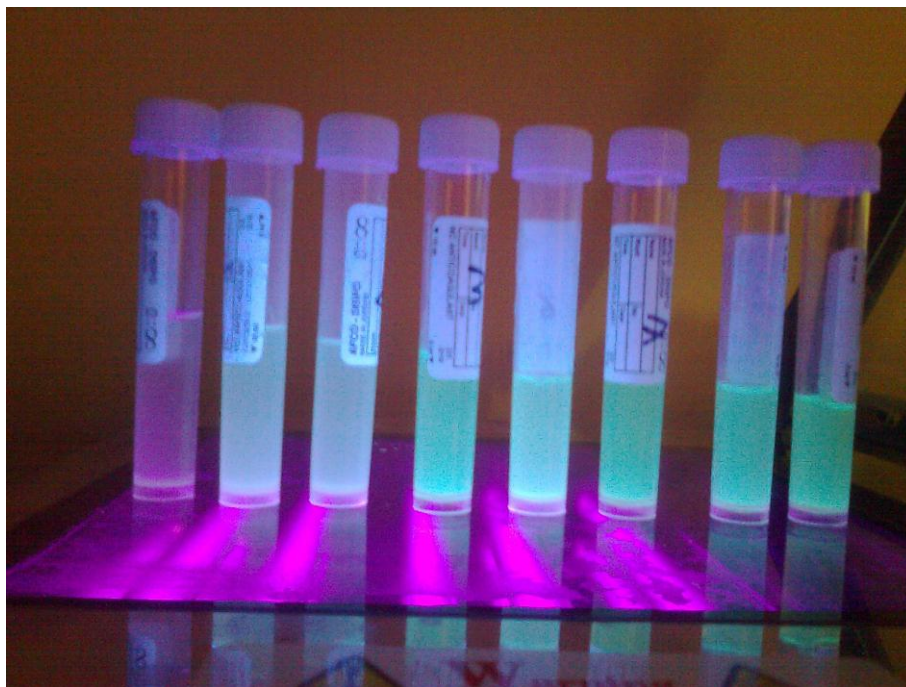


Figure 1 Shown fluorescent pigment.

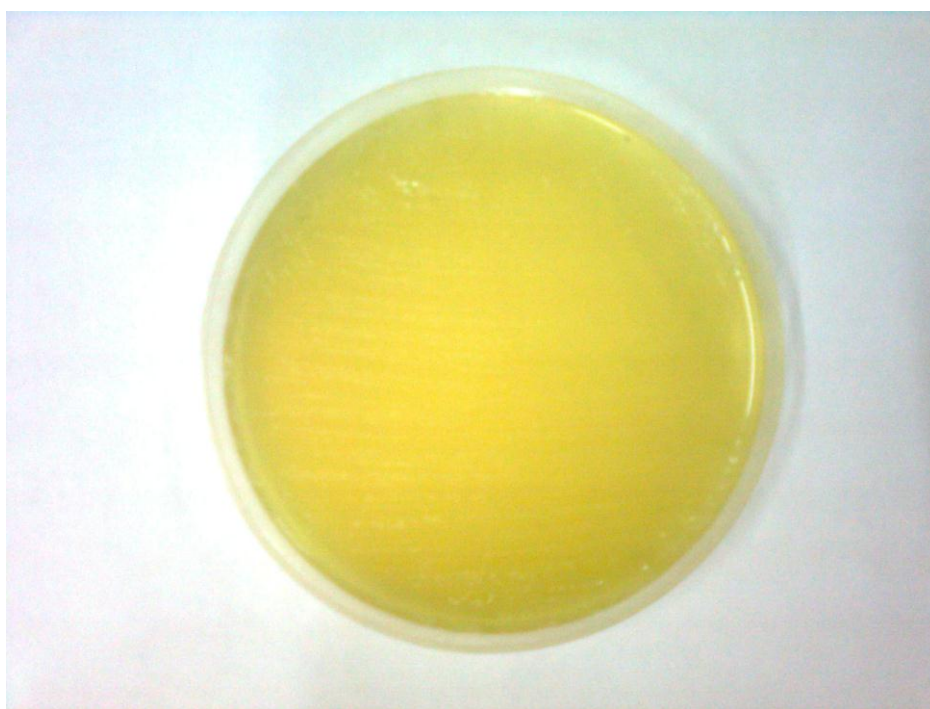


Figure 2 Shows growth on pseudomonas selected agar. .



Figure 3 The effect of garlic vinegar on the right and the effect of garlic oil on the left on *P. aeruginosa*.

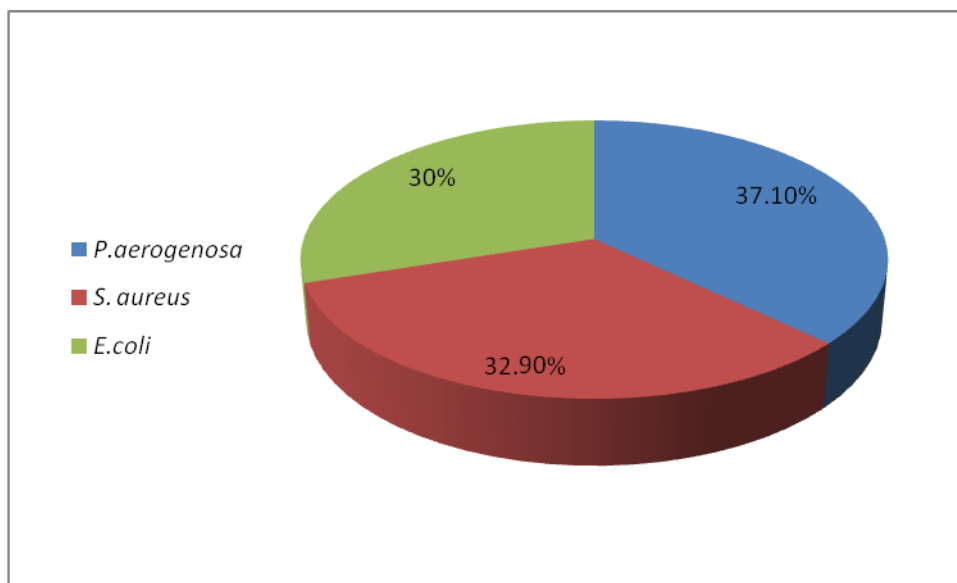


Figure 4 Frequency of bacterial isolates in burns infections.

Table 1 Sensitivity of *P. aeruginosa* to antibiotics by DD test in comparing with NCLI,(2010).

Antimicrobial agent	Disc content (µg/ml)	Zone diameter (mm)	Susceptibility	Standard zone diameter(mm)		
				S	I	R
pipracillin	100	9	R	≥18	—	≤17
meropenem	10	34	S	≥16	14_15	≤13
gentamicin	10	0	R	≥15	13_14	≤12
tobramycin	10	0	R	≥15	13_14	≤12
amikacin	30	25	S	≥17	15_16	≤14
rifampen	5	0	R	≥20	17_19	≤16

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

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

Antibiotics	Determinations (µ/ml)*	MIC(µg/ml)
pipracillin	64-128	128
meropenem	4-16	64
gentamicin	4-16	No inhibition zone
tobramycin	4-16	512
amikacin	16-64	64
rifampen	1-4	256

*according to NCLI, (2010).

Table 3 doubling combination method.

Antibiotics		AK	GEN	RA	MRP	TOB	PRL
Con. µg/ml		4	2	64	1	1	8
AK	4	AK	GEN+AK	RA+AK	MRP+AK	TOB+AK	PRL+AK
GEN	2	AK+GEN	GEN	RA+GEN	MRP+GEN	TOB+GEN	PRL+GEN
RA	64	AK+RA	GEN+RA	RA	MRP+RA	TOB+RA	PRL+RA
MRP	1	AK+MRP	GEN+MRP	RA+MRP	MRP	TOB+MRP	PRL+MRP
TOB	1	AK+TOB	GEN+TOB	RA+TOB	MRP+TOB	TOB	PRP+TOB
PRL	8	AK+PRL	GEN+PRL	RA+PRL	MRP+PRL	TOB+PRL	PRL

Table 4 Experimental groups.

Groups No.	Rabbits No.	Treatment
First groups	Rabbit no. 1	MRP
	Rabbit no. 2	PRL
	Rabbit no. 4	AK
	Rabbit no. 6	TOB
	Rabbit no. 8	GEN
Second group	Rabbit no. 3	MRP+PRL
	Rabbit no. 5	AK+MRP
	Rabbit no. 7	TOB+AK
Third group	Control	Without treatment

Table 5 Doses and direction of antibiotics.

Antibiotics	Doses
Meropenem	120mg/kg/each8hrs
Pipracillin	300mg/kg/each 6hr s
Amikacin	15mg/kg/each 12hr
Tobramycin	5.6mg/kg/each 8hrs
Gentamycin	2.10mg/kg/once daily