

## Estimation of antibacterial activity of ethanolic of *Clitoria ternatea* against *St.mutans* and *E. Faecalis* – an invitro study.

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### INTRODUCTION:

*Clitoria ternatea* known as butterfly pea. It is an herbaceous perennial with oval, acute leaves. In neutral, moist soil, it thrives as a vine or creeper. The flowers of this plant are a remarkable deep blue hue, solitary, and marked with light yellow.<sup>1</sup> It is planted as a low-maintenance decorative plant and as a species for revegetation This plant is used to enhance soil quality by decomposing nitrogen-rich plant matter because, being a legume, its roots develop a symbiotic interaction with soil bacteria called rhizobia, which convert atmospheric N<sub>2</sub> into a plant-usable form.

The bioactive chemicals found in plant extracts, such as polyphenols and carotenoids, which have antioxidant and antibacterial activity, particularly against low-density lipoprotein (LDL) and deoxyribonucleic acid, are now playing a larger role as food additives (DNA).<sup>2,3</sup> In medicine, the antimicrobial resistance is increasing leading to failure of allopathic medication given for certain treatment because of which the individuals are forced to choose herbal medications. In current study the usage of ethanolic extract of *Ternateawas* chosen as ethanol separates oil from plant extract giving bulk availability of extract and dissolves most non polar and polar compounds. Qualitatively and quantitatively, the methanol extract of the leaf contains enough phenol, carbohydrates, tannins, flavonoids and terpenoids. Agar well diffusion assay and minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) were used to investigate the zone of inhibition measurements based on the methanol extract of *C. ternatea* leaves for bacterial treatment.<sup>3-6</sup>

The validity of *Clitoria ternatea* has been established by thorough examinations by numerous writers, a natural treatment that works for many different illnesses. The previous studies based on antimicrobial activity of *Clitoria Ternatea* regarding dental use is very minimal; that is the reason for the current study focusing on the antimicrobial property of the plant.<sup>7,8</sup> Because of the various therapeutic properties and easy availability, the plant were selected for the present study to evaluate the antimicrobial efficacy on pathogenic oral micro- organisms in different concentrations.<sup>9-11</sup>

Thus, the aim of the study was to find out the antibacterial activity of ethanolic extract of *Clitoris ternatea* against *E Faecalis* and *S.mutans*.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

**Plant collection:** The roots of *C. ternatea* were washed, cleaned, and dried at 50 °C in hot air oven till complete removal of moisture. The dried material was ground in a grinder and passed through sieve 10 and 40 mesh size. After sieving the coarsely powdered material was stored in an airtight container till its further use.

**Preparation of ethanolic extract of *Ternatea*:** 1gm of dried powder of roots of *C. ternatea* (50 g) was extracted with ethanol with the help of Soxhlet extractor. Boiled it for 10-15mins at 40 degrees celsius (Figure: 1) The extracts were filtered using Whatman filter paper (0.45 µm) and the filtrate was then evaporated and dried at 45°C in a hot air oven. The dried extract was dissolved in a small amount (5 mL) of DMSO and stored in the freezer. Kept for condensation up to 5 ml and the solution was saved in the refrigerator for further use.(Figure: 2)

## **Antimicrobial Activity of the ethanolic extract of *Ternatea*:**

Ethanol extracts of *C. ternatea* roots were studied against *Streptococcus mutans* and *Enterococcus faecalis* for antibacterial activity and Tetracycline was used as standard.

The agar well diffusion method was carried out to determine antimicrobial susceptibility against *E. faecalis*. The plates were designed for dispensing using isolates of *S. mutans*, *E. faecalis* (ATCC 29212) which were spread evenly over the Petridish followed by a sterile agar medium which was uniformly poured in each corresponding well of 6 mm diameter using a sterile well borer. The dishes were incubated overnight at 37°C in different concentrations, from 25, 50, 100 and 150 µg/L. The diameter of each well was subsequently measured and the zone of inhibition was compared individually.

The medium, Petri plates and glassware used were sterilized by autoclaving at 121°C (15 lb/in<sup>2</sup>) for 30 min. To each sterilized Petri plate, 30 mL of medium inoculated with respective strains of bacteria were transferred aseptically. A single well of 6 mm diameter was made in each plate by using sterile cork-bore. Test sample and control sample (0.5 mL) were placed into the well. The plate is kept for 2 h for diffusion. For antibacterial assay plates were incubated at 37±1 °C for 24 h. Tetracycline (50 µg/mL) was used as positive antibacterial control. The diameter of the zone of inhibition surrounding each well was recorded. The average of the lowest concentration showing no growth of the organism and the highest concentration showing visible growth by macroscopic evaluation was taken as MICs<sup>12-14</sup>. Each assay was performed in triplicate

Freeze dried forms of the micro-organisms *S. mutans* (MTCC No 3160), *S. aureus* (MTCC No 447), were obtained from Microbial type culture collection, Dept of microbiology, Saveetha Dental College, Chennai, India

### **Time-Kill Assay**

The time-kill tests employed a bacterial concentration of 6–8 log colony-forming units (CFU)/mL. Overnight cultures of *E. coli* were added to test tubes containing Mueller-Hinton broth with 1, 2, or 4 MIC or without antibiotics. The cultures were subsequently incubated at 37°C for 2, 4, 6, and 24 hours in a shaker (Julabo, Allentown, PA, USA). At the conclusion of each time period, 100 L samples were plated in triplicate onto Mueller-Hinton agar plates using ten-fold serial dilutions made with PBS. Polymers 2022, 14, and 1499 5 of 13 The PBS dilution of the samples reduced the impact of antibiotic carryover on all three. The CFU for each strain during various time periods

### **Statistical Analysis**

Using SPSS 21.0, the statistical analysis was performed (IBM Corp., Armonk, NY, USA). Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Shapiro-Wilk tests were used in the normality test study, which revealed a non-parametric distribution. Friedman's test was used to analyze the data to compare absorbance between the treatment groups at various time points at 530 nm, and pairwise comparisons of value were carried out at various time points.



Figure 1 illustrates Boiling of extract for 10-15mins at 40 degrees Celsius.



Figure 2 shows the prepared ethanolic extract of *Ternatea*



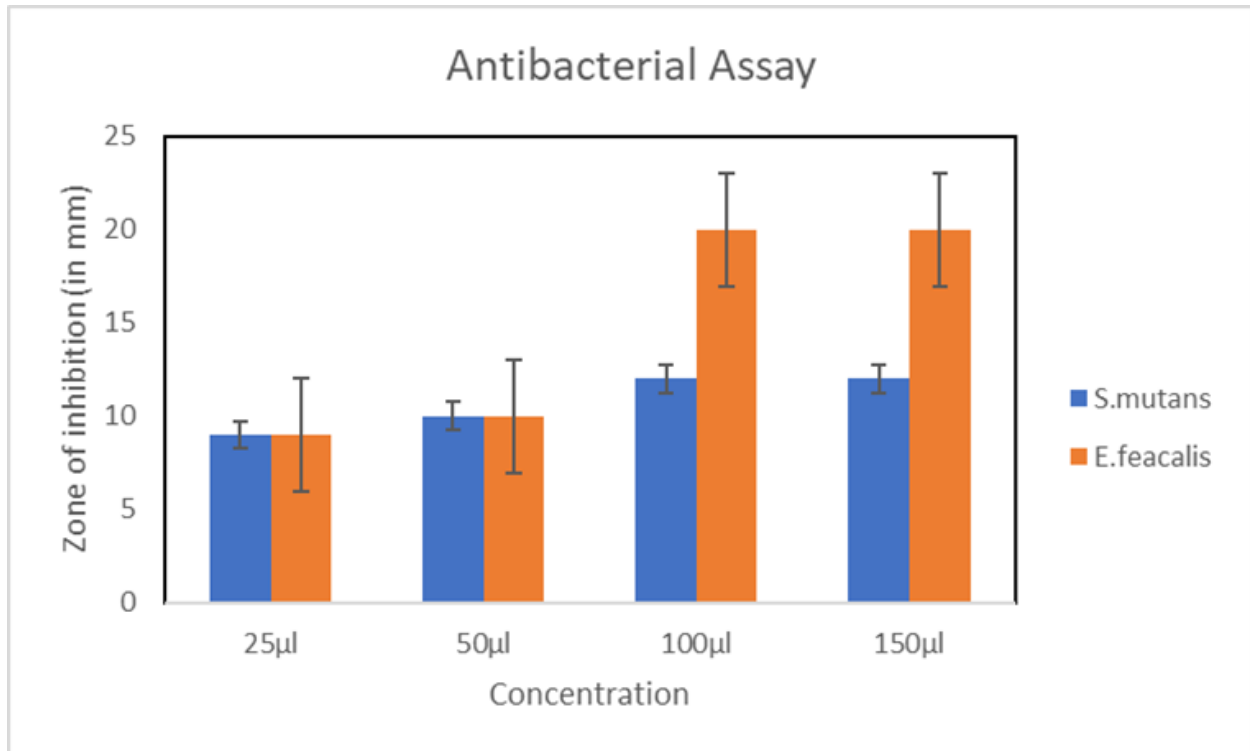
Figure 3 shows the antibacterial assay of *C. Ternatea* against *S. mutans*



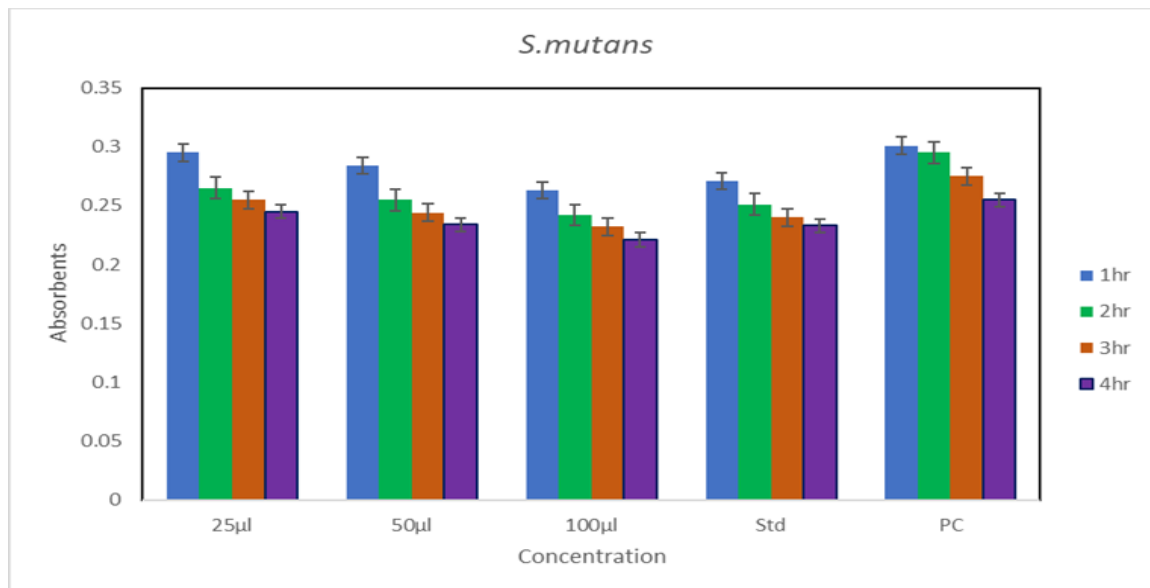
Figure 4 shows the antibacterial assay of *Ternatea* against *Faecalis*

### RESULTS:

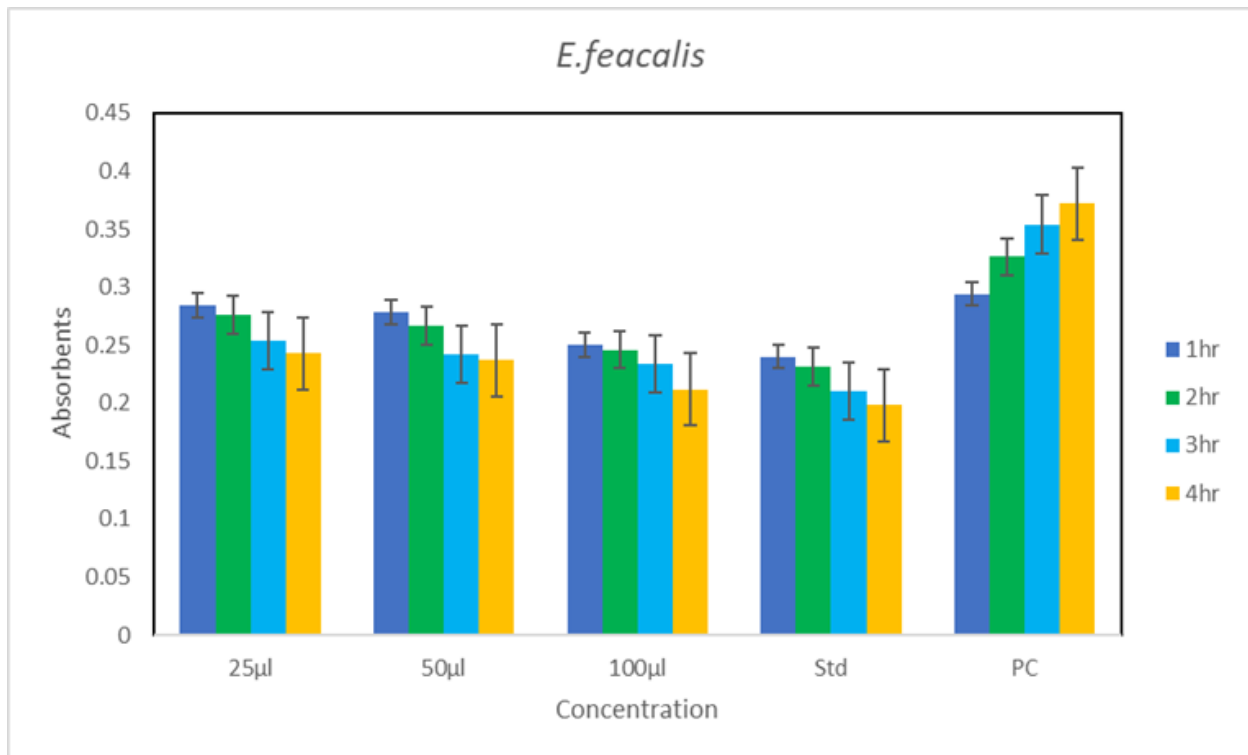
The results obtained are the zone of inhibition of *C.ternatea* against *S.mutans* and *E.faecalis* which shows that in 100 and 150 microlitres there is maximum inhibition shown by the ethanolic extract of the plant (graph 1). Minimum bacterial concentration against *S. mutans* and *E.faecalis* was more in first one hour of activity which gradually decreased in the four hours (graph 2.graph 3).



Graph 1: shows the zone of inhibition of ternatea against *S. mutans* and *E. Faecalis* which shows that in 100 and 150 microliters there is maximum inhibition shown by the ethanolic extract of plant.



Graph 2 shows that minimum bacterial concentration against *S. mutans* was more in first one hour of activity which gradually decreased in the four hours.



Graph 3 shows that the minimum bacterial concentration against *E. Faecalis* was more in first one hour of activity which gradually decreased in the four hours.

The results of the antimicrobial assay showed that the extracts of *C. ternatea* roots was effective against both streptococcus mutans and enterococcus faecalis and the ethanol extract exhibited better activity when compared to ethanolic extract against selected strain. However, the zone of inhibition exhibited by the plant extracts was more than that of the standard drug. Results for antimicrobial activity of extracts of *C. ternatea* against streptococcus mutans and e faecalis are shown in graph 2 and 3 respectively. *C. ternatea* extracts were potentially effective. Ethanolic extract of *C. ternatea* was found to be effective in concentration (25 µg/mL) against streptococcus mutans to prevent the microbial growth with the inhibition zones of 12, 20 mm respectively

## DISCUSSION :

*C. Ternatea*, sometimes known as "Butterfly pea," is a member of the Fabaceae family. It is a herbaceous perennial with obtuse and elliptical leaves. It develops like a creeper or vine, doing well on neutral, moist soil. The most notable quality its striking deep blue blooms.<sup>12-16</sup> The plant is indigenous to the tropics. but it has been introduced to Africa, Australia, and equatorial Asia too, America. Tropical regions of India are home to it. particularly in southern India. It is a key component in A revitalizing concoction called "Medya Rasayana" (brain tonic) is utilize.<sup>17-20</sup> It is used as a brain tonic, neurological diseases treatment

Both a laxative and a nervine tonic. It is said that flower juice can be used for skin conditions and insect bite. The roots are beneficial for allergies, burning.

One of the previous study states that ternatea is a good antimicrobial agent against *E. faecalis* alone but current study had determined that it has good antimicrobial activity against *S. mutans* also

One of the method to reduce antibiotics resistant in today's world is by utilizing antibiotic resistant inhibition from plant, similar plant is *Ternatea* which is active against drug resistant pathogens (Prabhat et al, 2020). In the present study the *Ternatea* showed 12mm and 20mm zone of inhibition in 100µl and 150µl against *S. mutans* and *E. Faecalis* was in accordance with study done by Pratap gowd et al, 2018.

There is scarce literature showing anti-microbial effects of *C. ternatea* on dental pathogens. The present study is a preliminary evaluation to explore the anti-microbial properties of these experimental plants for dental use.<sup>21-26</sup>

Since the tested extracts the plant was effective against pathogenic micro-organisms present in the oral cavity, purification and toxicological studies of these plants and *in vivo* trials should be carried out. The anti-microbial efficacy can be enhanced if the phyto constituents of the plant extracts are purified using different solvents like ethanol, methanol, acetone, etc.<sup>27-29</sup> Anti-bacterial activity of this medicinal herb, if translated into clinical practice would lead to the development of indigenous, chemical free, cost effective, and holistic oral hygiene aids, which can be incorporated into various oral hygiene formulations like dentifrices, mouth rinses, gum paintsetc.<sup>30-32</sup>

## CONCLUSION:

The outcome of this research work reaffirms the antimicrobial potential of the roots of *C. ternatea* against streptococcus and *e faecalis*. The antimicrobial assay of the ethanol extract of *C. ternatea* roots showed a significant antimicrobial activity. Present antimicrobial study of the *C. ternatea* roots showed that this plant possesses better antibacterial activity in ethanol extract and we can conclude that the *C. Ternatea* can be used as a potent anti-microbial agent against of caries causing microorganisms like *S. mutans* and *E Faecalis* .

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## FIGURES



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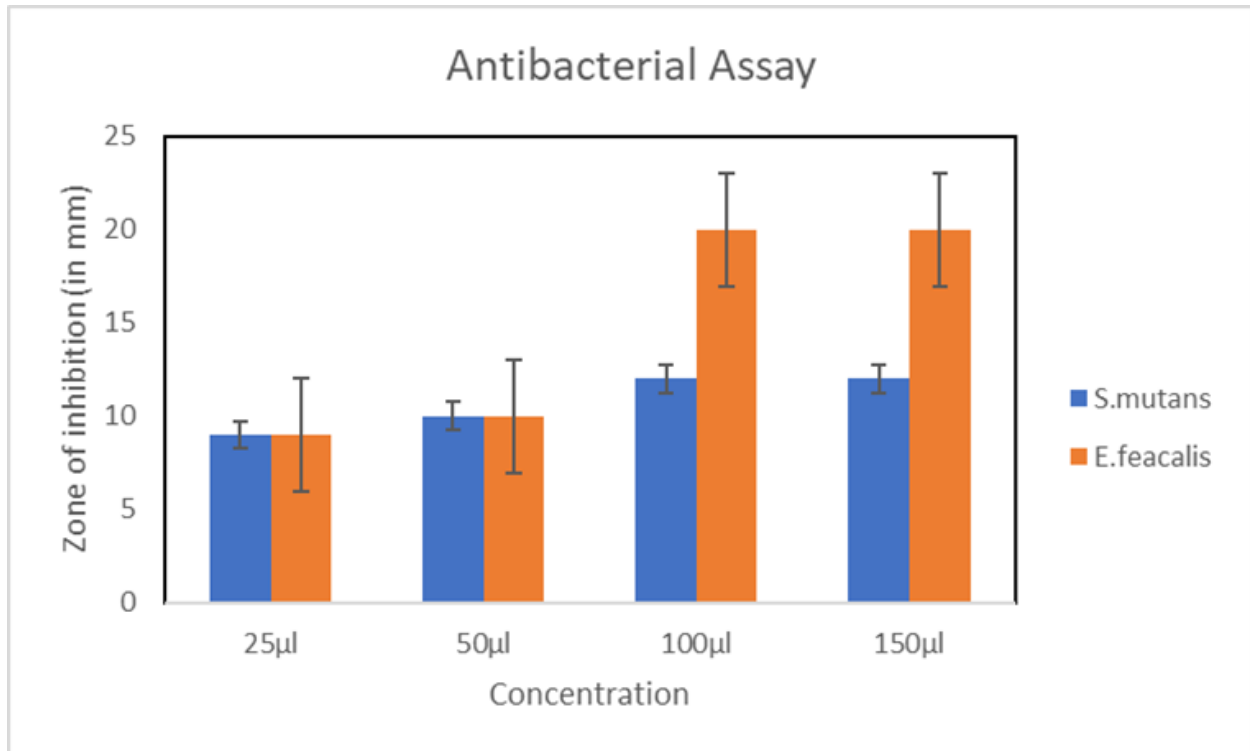
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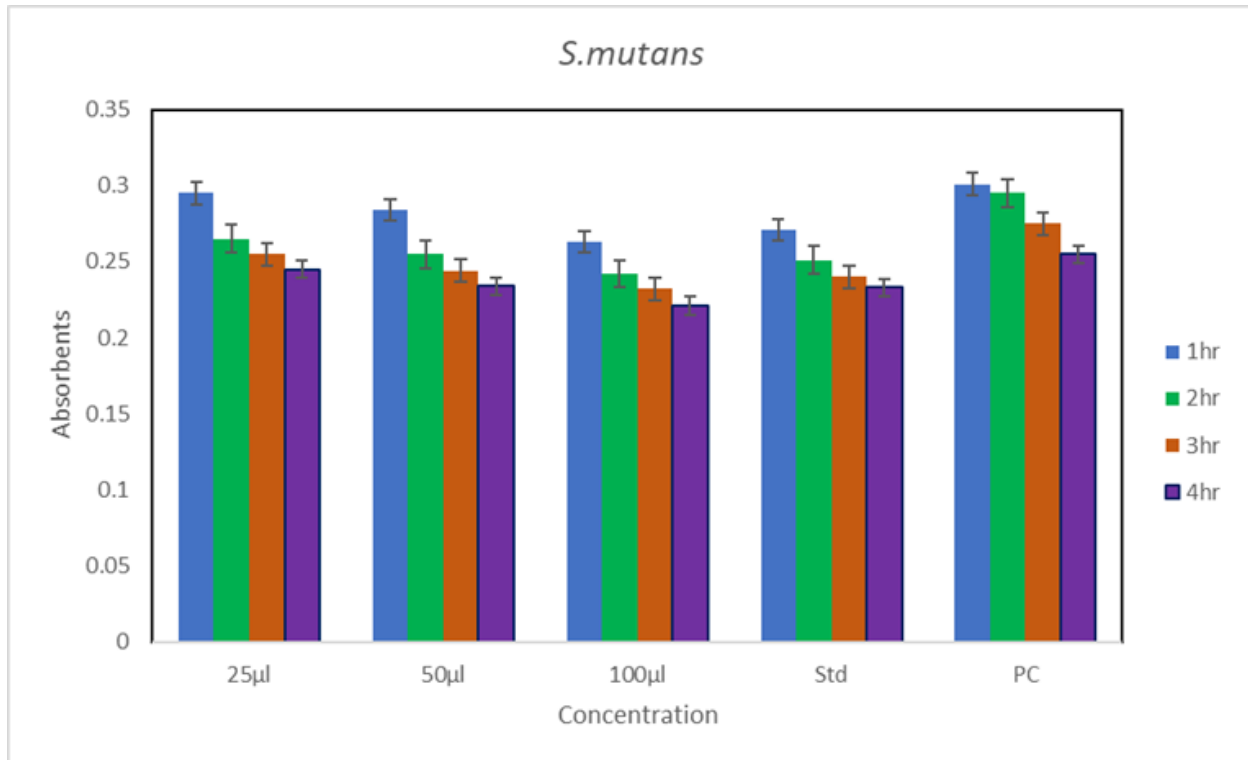
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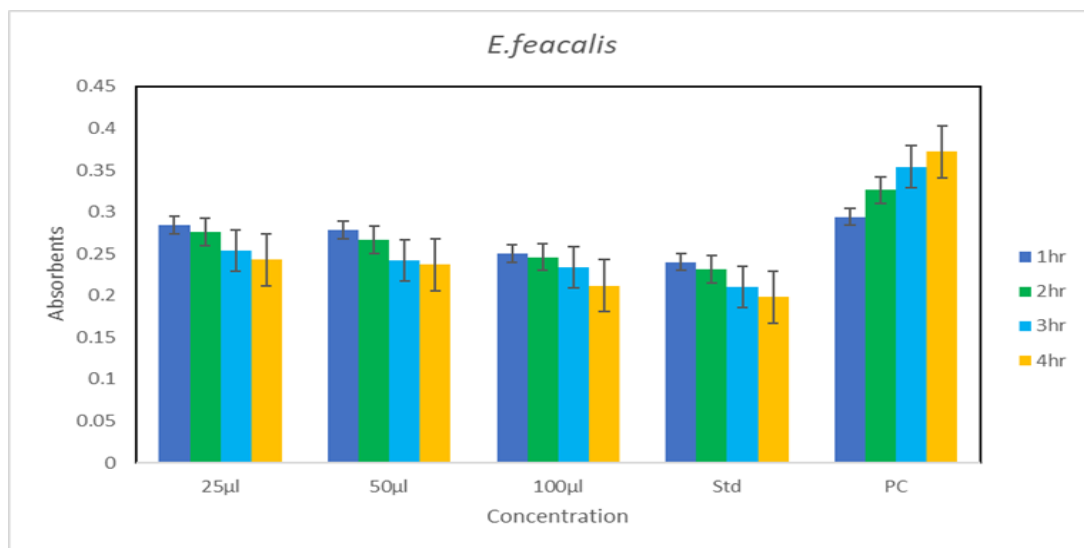


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