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# Characterization of Bioactive Compounds Extracted from Bacteria Against *Biomphalaria alexandrina*

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## Abstract

The parasitic illness schistosomiasis causes significant harm to human organs upon infection. The most effective strategy for schistosomiasis management is snail management. The current study's goal is to determine which bacterial species had a lethal impact on *Biomphalaria alexandrina* (*B. alexandrina*) as a potential host for *Schistosoma mansoni* (*S. mansoni*). 24 bacterial filtrates were applied for 24 hours to examine their impact on the percentage of snails' mortality at a level of 1000 µg/ml. The molluscicidal impact of the most efficient compounds derived from bacterial filtrates was expressed as (LC<sub>10</sub>, LC<sub>25</sub>, LC<sub>50</sub>, and LC<sub>90</sub>). The effects of promising compounds were evaluated versus *Daphnia pulex* (*D. pulex*) to investigate their toxic impact. Biochemical parameters were evaluated to test the impact of the most promising purified compounds. Based on H<sup>1</sup>-NMR, FTIR, and mass data, the proposed chemical structures of the isolated compounds were defined. *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*) and *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) filtrates have the most effective impact on *B. alexandrina*. Sub-lethal doses (LC<sub>10</sub> and LC<sub>25</sub>) of purified compounds were reported to have a dramatic impact on liver enzymes and a minimal impact on other tested parameters. A notable variation in the protein pattern of the treated snails was observed using efficient bacterial molecules versus the control. The derived compounds have been reported to have minimal toxicity on *D. pulex*. The proposed name of the identified compound from *S. aureus* was (5-sec-Butyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetaldehyde, while the proposed name of the identified compound from *E. coli* was 2-Isobutyl-6-(4-methyl-pentyl)-phenylamine to be produced for future potential uses.

**Keywords:** *Biomphalaria alexandrina*, bacteria, *Daphnia pulex*, *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus*

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## Introduction

Natural product medication development is still greatly influenced by microbes, including bacteria, as they generate a lot of beneficial primary metabolites [1, 2]. Additionally, bacteria create secondary metabolites, which account for a sizeable portion of the medications sold on the market today, to the point that microbial natural products have taken over as the main source of drug lead compounds [3]. Natural products derived from different species of bacteria include a vast collection of different chemical structures, and they will continue to be a source of new therapies, either in their unaltered state or after being improved by synthetic medicinal chemistry. The identification of natural products from bacterial isolates has revived in recent years [4, 5].

In Egypt, the common freshwater snail is called *Biomphalaria alexandrina*, as reported by Mossalem and Ibrahim [6]. *Schistosoma mansoni* is a trematode parasite that can infect humans and lead to schistosomiasis [7, 8]. *Daphnia magna* and *Daphnia pulex* are crucial bio-monitoring species used to examine heavy metal contamination [9, 10]. *D. pulex* could be present in the aquatic conditions of Egypt [11] and serves as a non-target model to assess the acute and chronic toxicity in freshwater ecosystems [12] because its reproductive mechanism, high fertility rate, and straightforward culture procedure make it suitable for scientific research of water studies [13]. Numerous elements and organic pollutants are also highly toxic to this species [14].

The current research aims to evaluate a variety of bacterial extracts against *B. alexandrina* snails, identify the most potent bioactive chemicals obtained from bacteria, and determine their effects on *B. alexandrina* snails' hematological and biological parameters. The toxicity of the purified molecules has also been tested on *D. pulex*, as a sensitive organism, to ensure their suitability for safe use.

## Materials and Methods

### Bacterial Cultures and Snails

The Regional Center for Mycology and Biotechnology at Al Azhar University donated 24 distinct bacterial species cultures from their culture collection. Inoculating 250 ml flasks containing 50 ml of Luria-Bertani (LB) broth medium with the proper concentration of  $10^6$  cfu/ml of various bacterial cultures. Diverse bacterial inocula were placed in inoculated flasks, which were then kept at 37°C for 24 hours while being shaken at 140 rpm. The bacterial growth was separated using a 0.45 µm membrane filter [15, 16].

Theodore Billiharz Institute kindly provided *B. alexandrina* snails (7-12 mm) housed in plastic containers (15 × 20 × 10 cm) containing de-chlorinated water. The snails were fed lettuce and fish food, and the water was changed every week to provide

suitable conditions in the laboratory. The containers were kept at room temperature [6].

### Preparing Bacterial Extracts

Bacterial isolates were added to flasks that held 100 ml of LB medium apiece, and they were then cultured for 2 days at 37°C. Following an aseptic filtering procedure in the flasks, the filtrate was concentrated by speed vacuum equipment (Thermo-Fisher, USA). Bacterial secondary metabolites were extracted using methanol/chloroform (1:2, v/v). Each time LB broth from bacterial cultures was concentrated, it was combined with chloroform/methanol. After giving the combination a vigorous shake in a separating funnel, the secondary metabolites settled to the bottom in a dense, watery layer. Every single extract was concentrated using an evaporator and solvent evaporation at a temperature of no more than 45.0±1.0°C [17-19].

### Screening the Molluscicidal Impact

1000 µg/ml of various bacterial extracts was prepared (W/V) using de-chlorinated tap water (pH 7.0-7.5) at 37±2°C to evaluate the most lethal bacterial species. Three duplicates, each containing 10 snails (6-8 mm)/L of each concentration, were utilized for each test. Each exposure and recovery phase lasted for 24 hours at 37°C. Extracts were used to create a number of concentrations, including LC<sub>50</sub> and LC<sub>90</sub> values, and the bacterial extracts were put in the glass containers of snails. The snails were taken out of each concentration and evaluated after exposure. They were carefully rinsed with de-chlorinated tap water and then placed in another container for a 24-hour recovery period. Following the counting of snails, the most poisonous microbial filtrates' LC<sub>50</sub> and LC<sub>90</sub> values were calculated. In each experiment, *B. alexandrina* snails were exposed for 4 hours to sub-lethal doses (LC<sub>10</sub> and LC<sub>25</sub>) of the promising microbial filtrates [20-22].

### Detection of Bacterial Effective Molecules versus *B. alexandrina*

After activation at 80.0±2.0°C for 30 min for silica gel, 10 ml of various filtrates were put into a column of silica gel (G 100) that was 1.5 cm in diameter and 50 cm long. The column was then exposed to a rinse with chloroform and methanol (90:10) v/v. The gradient volume of filtrates was run through the column in order to balance and stabilize the bed, and the fractions (each containing 1.0 ml) were collected separately (Yoshino et al., 2013; Amal et al., 2019). The most efficient one was then chosen after retesting each of them on the snails. The purified compounds were identified using mass (Shimadzu 2014, Japan) and by using spectral evaluations, analyzing chemicals' IR spectra: An infinite series FTIR, Perkin-Elmer 1650 Spectrophotometer™ was used to evaluate

the infrared absorption spectrum of the isolated effective fraction.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : Nuclear magnetic resonance FT-NMR Bruker Ac 200 spectrometer<sup>TM</sup> was used to estimate the proton ( $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ) spectra [23].

### SDS-PAGE Testing

After 24 hours, the hemolymph of the treated snails with purified molecules was collected in a 1.0 ml Eppendorf tube; the hemolymph of 7-10 snails was taken from each group. To pellet hemolymph and other components, hemolymph specimens from various groups were centrifuged at 6000 rpm for 15 min at 5°C. The pellet was discarded, and a mixture of cell-free hemolymph and sample buffer (4 parts hemolymph to 1 part sample buffer) was made. In a water bath, specimens were boiled for five minutes at 100°C. To detect hemolymph proteins via electrophoresis, SDS-PAGE (sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis) was used to analyze the protein profiles [24, 25].

### Testing Biochemical Variations

The hemolymph of *B. alexandrina* snails was collected, and various biochemical parameters, including total protein, albumin, glucose, transaminases aspartate (AST) and alanine aminotransferase (ALT), alkaline phosphatases, acid phosphatase, and lipid levels, were detected by Diamond kits from 3bscientific (QCA) Ltd., India. The levels of sex hormones, including progesterone, testosterone, and estradiol, were also detected by gas-liquid chromatography [26, 27].

### Testing for Toxicity on *D. pulex*

The effective chemical was administered to healthy *D. pulex* (30 per treatment) in petri dishes for 24 hours at sub-lethal doses ( $\text{LC}_{10}$  and  $\text{LC}_{25}$ ), with an additional 24 hours serving as a recovery period. Another group was kept in de-chlorinated tap water as a control. Their survival was assessed, and death rates were recorded [28-30].

### Statistical Analysis

Tests of biochemical parameters in this study were analyzed by the *t*-student test and one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA), where the overall significance threshold was ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) to detect significant results.

## Results

### Impact of Bacterial Metabolites on the Mortality of Snails

As indicated in Table 1, following exposure to various extracts for 24 hours at a concentration

of 1000  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ , the effects of twenty-four bacterial metabolites on snails were assessed using a toxicity assay for *B. alexandrina* snails.

Testing revealed that different bacterial extracts had varying rates of snail death when applied to *B. alexandrina*. The most lethal metabolites against *B. alexandrina* snails were discovered to be those from *S. aureus* ATCC 25923 and *E. coli* ATCC 25922.

Other bacterial metabolites were shown to have potential properties against *B. alexandrina* snails, according to the results where *Pseudomonas pyocane* ATCC 19429, *Enterococcus faecalis* ATCC 29212, *Eenterobacter aerogenes* ATCC 13048, *Salmonella typhimurium* ATCC 13311, *Serratia marscescens* ATCC14756, *Bacillus subtilis* ATCC 6633, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* ATCC 4720, *Micrococcus*

Table 1. Snails' mortality % at a level of 1000  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  of various tested bacterial metabolites after exposure for 24 hours (Data are presented as means $\pm$ SD).

Bacterial species	Snails' mortality %
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923	80 $\pm$ 2
<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i> ATCC 13883	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922	75 $\pm$ 1
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 29212	50 $\pm$ 3
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> ATCC 13048	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Micrococcus luteus</i> ATCC 4698	20 $\pm$ 2
<i>Micrococcus lylae</i> ATCC 27569	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Serratia marscescens</i> ATCC 14756	30 $\pm$ 2
<i>Streptococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 29212	15 $\pm$ 1
<i>Streptococcus epidermidis</i> ATCC 12228	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Streptococcus pyrogenes</i> ATCC 12344	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Saccharococcus thermophiles</i> ATCC 43125	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Pseudomonas pyocane</i> ATCC 19429	60 $\pm$ 4
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> ATCC 6633	25 $\pm$ 3
<i>Bacillus cereus</i> ATCC 14579	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> ATCC 10716	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Eenterobacter aerogenes</i> ATCC 13048	40 $\pm$ 1
<i>Blastococcus aggregatus</i> ATCC 25902	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> ATCC 4720	25 $\pm$ 1
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> ATCC 14028	10 $\pm$ 1
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> ATCC 13311	35 $\pm$ 2
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i> ATCC 8427	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Alcaligenes faecalis</i> ATCC 8750	0 $\pm$ 0
<i>Saccharococcus thermophiles</i> ATCC 43125	0 $\pm$ 0

*luteus* ATCC 4698, *Streptococcus faecalis* ATCC 29212 and *Salmonella enterica* ATCC 14028 have descending activities.

While *Alcaligenes faecalis* ATCC 8750, *Proteus vulgaris* ATCC 8427, *Blastococcus aggregatus* ATCC 25902, *Bacillus licheniformis* ATCC10716, *Bacillus cereus* ATCC 14579, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853, *Saccharococcus thermophiles* ATCC43125, *Streptococcus pyogenes* ATCC12344, *Streptococcus epidermidis* ATCC12228, *Micrococcus lylae* ATCC27569, *Enterobacter aerogenes* ATCC 13048, and *Klebsiella pneumonia* ATCC 13883 have no action on snails.

### Molluscicidal Impact

Fractionation of *S. aureus* ATCC 25923 metabolites yielded 33 fractions (Supplement Table 1), where fraction no. 7 gave the highest molluscicidal activity. Meanwhile, fractionation of *E. coli* ATCC 25922 gave 27 fractions, where fraction 21 had the highest molluscicidal action (Supplement Table 2).

The exposure to various levels of purified molecules of *S. aureus* for 24 hours showed the best action with values for  $LC_{50} = 78.2 \pm 1.0$  mg/L and  $LC_{90} = 98.6 \pm 1.1$  mg/L

compared to the purified compound of *E. coli*, where values of  $LC_{50} = 93.9 \pm 1.2$  mg/L and  $LC_{90} = 110.5 \pm 1.1$  mg/L, indicating that the purified compound derived from *E. coli* showed the most promising molluscicidal activity because its  $LC_{50}$  &  $LC_{90}$  were higher than that of *S. aureus*, which was more potent and had more effect on snails at low concentrations, as illustrated in (Table 2).

### Impact of Bacterial Purified Molecules on Biochemical Parameters

Purified molecules from *S. aureus* and *E. coli* showed no impact on progesterone, testosterone, and estradiol levels, as well as alkaline phosphatase, acid phosphatase, and glucose levels in snails exposed to  $LC_{10}$  and  $LC_{25}$  concentrations. However, a slight decrease in total protein and albumin was observed in snails subjected to  $LC_{10}$  and  $LC_{25}$  of purified bacterial molecules. On the other hand, purified bacterial compounds significantly increased ALT and AST ( $P < 0.05$ ) upon using purified bacterial molecules (Table 3).

Table 2. Molluscicidal activity ( $\mu$ g/ml) of highly active purified bacterial molecules versus adult *B. alexandrina* (24 hours' exposure) (Data are presented as means  $\pm$  SD).

Species	$LC_{10}$	$LC_{25}$	$LC_{50}$	$LC_{90}$
<i>S. aureus</i>	42.9 $\pm$ 1.1	63.5 $\pm$ 0.9	78.2 $\pm$ 1.0	98.6 $\pm$ 1.1
<i>E. coli</i>	55.1 $\pm$ 1.0	74.6 $\pm$ 1.0	93.9 $\pm$ 1.2	110.5 $\pm$ 1.1

Table 3. Impact of sub-lethal levels of purified molecules derived from *S. aureus* and *E. coli* on some biochemical parameters and steroid hormones of *B. alexandrina* after 24 hours' exposure. (Data are presented as means  $\pm$  SD. \*The used kits provided normal reference. # refers to significant difference relative to control  $P \leq 0.05$ ).

Different Tests	Normal ref.*	Control	<i>S. aureus</i>		<i>E. coli</i>	
			$LC_{10}$	$LC_{25}$	$LC_{10}$	$LC_{25}$
Progesterone (Nmol/L)	0.27-1.4 ng/ml	0.75 $\pm$ 0.2	1.2 $\pm$ 0.1	1.3 $\pm$ 0.2	0.72 $\pm$ 0.1	0.86 $\pm$ 0.2
Testosterone (Nmol/L)	3.0-10 pg/ml	3.50 $\pm$ 0.1	3.52 $\pm$ 0.4	3.55 $\pm$ 0.3	3.49 $\pm$ 0.3	3.55 $\pm$ 0.5
Estradiol (Pg/ml)	7.63-52 pg/ml	29.9 $\pm$ 0.4	32.5 $\pm$ 0.2	37.9 $\pm$ 0.5	30.8 $\pm$ 0.4	33.2 $\pm$ 0.7
ALT (U/ml)	0-41 U/L	33.0 $\pm$ 0.3	75 $\pm$ 0.5 <sup>#</sup>	98.0 $\pm$ 0.6 <sup>#</sup>	155.2 $\pm$ 0.7 <sup>#</sup>	163.4 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>#</sup>
AST (U/ml)	0-37 U/L	30.0 $\pm$ 0.5	84.2 $\pm$ 0.6 <sup>#</sup>	92.5 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup>#</sup>	88.8 $\pm$ 0.6 <sup>#</sup>	140.5 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>#</sup>
Alkaline phosphatase (U/L)	Up to 280 U/L	45.0 $\pm$ 0.6	34 $\pm$ 0.4	42.0 $\pm$ 0.7	25.8 $\pm$ 0.4	27.6 $\pm$ 0.5
Acid phosphatase (U/ml)	Up to 4.2 U/L	3.1 $\pm$ 0.4	4.9 $\pm$ 0.1	5.6 $\pm$ 0.2	2.9 $\pm$ 0.5	3.5 $\pm$ 0.2
Total protein (mg/100 ml)	6.8-8.5 mg/dl	6.04 $\pm$ 0.1	4.5 $\pm$ 0.6	5.3 $\pm$ 0.3	4.7 $\pm$ 0.1	5.1 $\pm$ 0.1
Glucose (mg/100 ml)	60-110 mg/dl	75.9 $\pm$ 0.7	78.8 $\pm$ 0.4	80.2 $\pm$ 0.5	112.3 $\pm$ 0.4	125.6 $\pm$ 0.2
Albumin (g/l)	3.5-5.5 g/dl	3.6 $\pm$ 0.4	2.0 $\pm$ 0.3	3.1 $\pm$ 0.4	1.5 $\pm$ 0.6	2.0 $\pm$ 0.4
Total lipids (mg/100 ml)	400-1000 mg/dl	642.6 $\pm$ 0.2	500.7 $\pm$ 0.1	542.2 $\pm$ 0.2	505.6 $\pm$ 0.2	530.9 $\pm$ 0.3



Table 4. Impact of sub-lethal concentrations of active compounds from *S. aureus* and *E. coli* on mortality percentages of *D. pulex*. (Data are presented as means  $\pm$  SD).

	<i>S. aureus</i>		<i>Escherichia coli</i>	
<i>D. pulex</i>	LC <sub>10</sub>	LC <sub>25</sub>	LC <sub>10</sub>	LC <sub>10</sub>
Number of animals tested	50	50	50	50
Number of dead animals	0 $\pm$ 0	5 $\pm$ 1	0 $\pm$ 0	3 $\pm$ 1
Percentage of mortality (%)	0 $\pm$ 0	10 $\pm$ 1	0 $\pm$ 0	6 $\pm$ 1

### Impact of Bacterial Purified Molecules on *D. pulex*

Following application of the corresponding active substances from *S. aureus* and *E. coli*, there were no substantial variations in the mean lifetime of *D. pulex* (Table 4).

### Comparative Protein Profile

With regard to the protein pattern of the snails exposed to *S. aureus* and *E. coli* compounds for 24 hours, the results revealed various consequences on protein synthesis, providing a pattern of polypeptides. Many bands were not visible in treated snails but were in controls, and vice versa. Many bands (10, 15, 25, 40, 70, 100, 120, and 140 kDa) could be seen in snail groups exposed to *S. aureus* and *E. coli* purified compounds. Numerous more bands were either visible in the control sample or in other samples that had been treated with bacterial-purified molecules, as illustrated in (Fig. 1).

### Spectroscopic Analysis

#### <sup>1</sup>H – NMR Analysis

The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compounds (1) and (2) were measured in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solvent and show signals consistent with the proposed structures. For compound (1), the peaks at 7.26 and 7.19 ppm are assigned to protons of the benzene ring. The proton signals of the NH<sub>2</sub> group are observed at 3.48 and 3.49 ppm. Resonance at 1.55 ppm is due to the methylene protons attached to the benzene ring. Also, the spectrum showed a set of peaks in the 0.81-1.26 ppm ranges, which are assigned to the protons of methyl and methin groups. However, for compound (2), the signals that were observed at 9.4, 9.5, and 9.6 ppm are assigned to the proton of the aldehyde group (-CHO). Resonance appears at 6.5 ppm and is assigned to the proton of the =CH-N group. The peak at 5.6 ppm is due to the proton of the NH group of pyrrol. The peaks at 5.1 and 5.2 ppm are assigned to protons of the -CH<sub>2</sub>-C=O group. A set of peaks appeared in the 2.5-3.5 ppm range, corresponding to protons of methyl, methylene, and methin groups, as illustrated in (Fig. 2 and 3).

### Mass Analysis

The mass spectra of compounds (1) and (2) confirmed their proposed formulations. The compound (1) shows a peak (m/z) at 233 amu, consistent with the compound's molecular weight and a base peak at m/z = 176. However, the compound (2) spectrum reveals a molecular ion peak (m/z) at 219 amu, consistent with the compound's molecular weight, and a base peak at m/z = 162. Furthermore, the fragments observed at m/z = 43, 57, 119, 162, 176, 190, and 204 correspond to C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O, C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N, C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO, and C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO moieties, respectively, as illustrated in (Fig. 4 and 5).

Additionally, the fragments observed at m/z = 43, 57, 71, 85, 148, 162, 176, and 190 correspond to C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>,

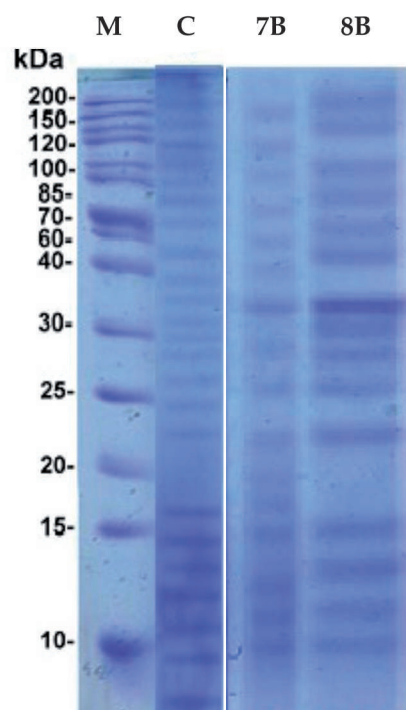


Fig. 1. Protein profile of untreated *B. alexandrina* and after treatment using sublethal doses of *S. aureus* and *E. coli* bioactive purified molecules.

M: Marker, C: control (*B. alexandrina*), 7B: Treat. by the purified compound of *S. aureus*, 8B: Treat. by the purified compound of *E. coli*.

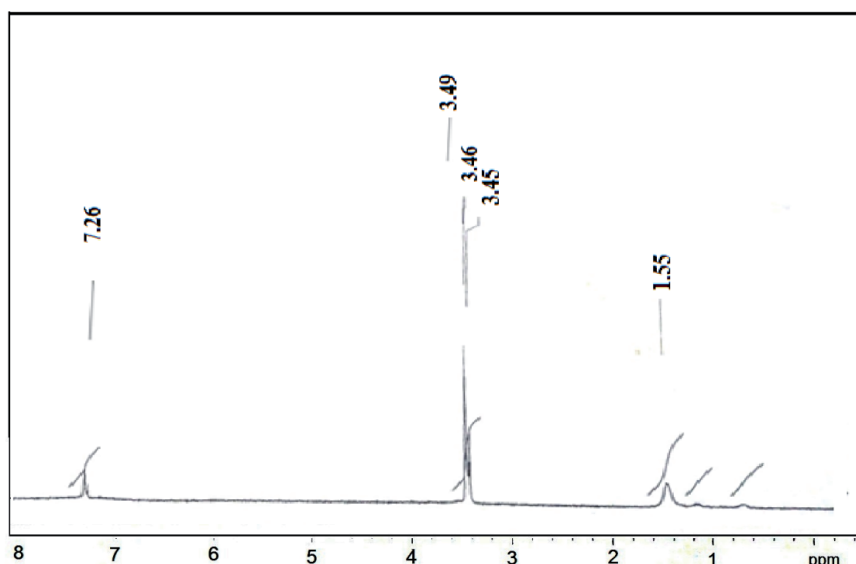


Fig. 2. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound (1).

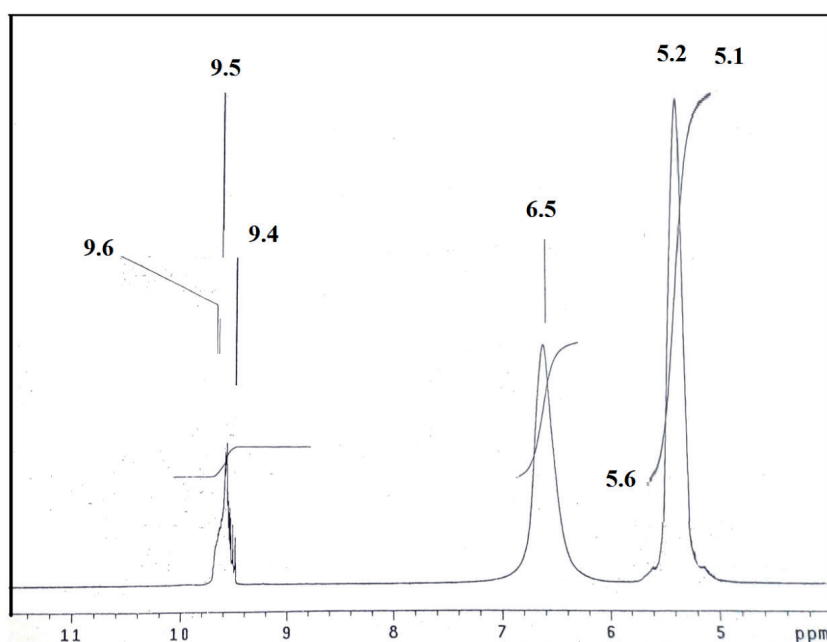


Fig. 3. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the bioactive molecule compound (2).

$C_5H_{11}$ ,  $C_6H_{13}$ ,  $C_{10}H_{14}N$ ,  $C_{11}H_{16}N$ ,  $C_{12}H_{18}N$ , and  $C_{13}H_{20}N$  moieties, respectively. The fragments of compounds (1) and (2) are represented in (Table 5 and 6).

#### FT-IR Analysis

The FT-IR spectra in the region from 4000 to 400  $cm^{-1}$  were recorded using KBr pellets. The FT-IR spectrum (KBr disk) of compound (1) showed bands at 1608 and 1458  $cm^{-1}$ , which can be attributed to the characteristic stretching vibrations of the benzene ring. The absorption band at 972  $cm^{-1}$  is assigned to the aromatic

ring's C-H bending (out-of-plane). The absorption band at 3000  $cm^{-1}$  is assigned to the C-H stretching of the aromatic ring. The medium absorption band at 3445  $cm^{-1}$  is assigned to the N-H stretching, while the N-H bending appears as medium to strong broad bands at 1550 and 1640  $cm^{-1}$ . The C-N stretching absorption appears as a medium band at 1080  $cm^{-1}$ . The absorption band at 1375 of the methyl group is split into 1370 and 1377  $cm^{-1}$ . These doublet bands are attributed to the characteristic bending vibration of isopropyl groups. The absorption band at 2920  $cm^{-1}$  is attributed to the C-H stretching vibration of the methyl group as depicted in (Fig. 6).

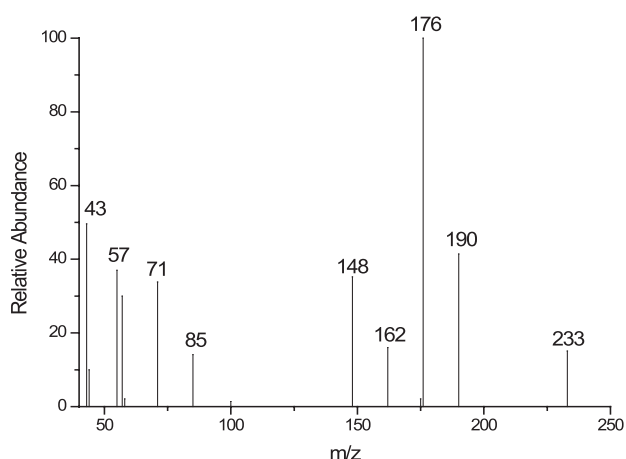


Fig. 4. Mass spectrum for compound (1).

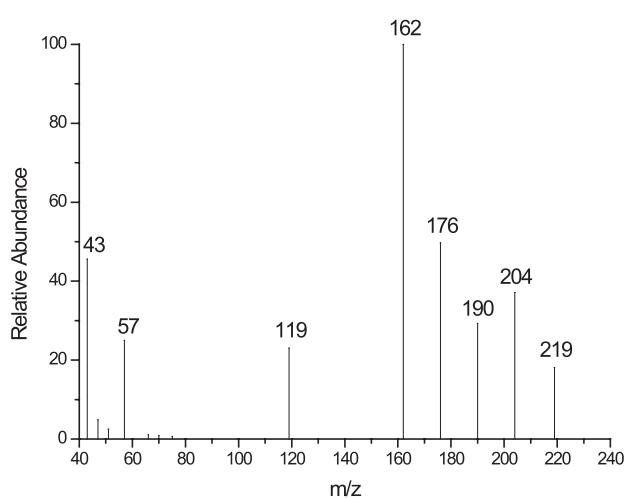


Fig. 5. Mass spectrum for compound (2).

The FT-IR spectrum (KBr disk) of compound (2), as depicted in (Fig. 7), showed bands at 1640, 1597, and 1550  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  attributed to characteristic stretching vibrations of the pyrrol ring. The absorption band at 990  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the C-H bending (out-of-plane)

in the pyrrol ring. The absorption band at 3100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the C-H stretching of the double bond. The medium absorption band at 3450  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the N-H stretching, while the N-H bending appears as a strong, broad band at 1550. The C-N stretching absorption appears as a medium band at 1350  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The absorption band at 1375 of the methyl group is split into 2 bands of nearly equal intensity at 1370 and 1380  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These doublet bands are attributed to the characteristic bending vibrations of isopropyl groups. The absorption band at 2923  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is attributed to the C-H stretching vibrations of the methyl group. The C=O stretching absorption appears as a strong band at 1747  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The absorption bands at 2750 and 2850  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to C-H stretching vibrations, which confirms that an aldehyde functional group is almost certainly indicated. The appearance of the medium absorption band at 1460  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is due to the bending vibrations of the  $\text{CH}_2$  group next to the carbonyl group.

Structural features of the extracted compounds were obtained using FT-IR,  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR, and mass spectroscopy. This combination of techniques was utilized for structure characterization, as illustrated in (Fig. 8).

## Discussion

The majority of national and regional schistosomiasis management programs worldwide currently involve the planned massive distribution of anti-schistosomal medication treatment [31]. This strategy has a significant drawback, as persons susceptible to infections, who neglect or refuse therapy, continue to be infected, thereby contributing to the local spread of schistosomal infection [32]. Therefore, some new effective therapies that can halt the parasite transmission mechanism are required [33]. Besides, to manage the intermediate hosts of this parasite, the snails, there is a need for more effective and selective molluscicides [34].

Table 5. Mass spectra of compound (1).

m/z	Rel. Int.	Fragment
43	49.6	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_7$
57	58.8	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$
71	33.8	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}$
85	14.1	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}$
148	35.2	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}$
162	16.0	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}$
176	100	$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$
190	41.4	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}$
233	15.1	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}$

Table 6. Mass spectra of compound (2).

m/z	Rel. Int.	Fragment
43	45.6	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}$
57	25.0	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$
119	23.0	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{N}$
162	100	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$
176	49.7	$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$
190	29.3	$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$
204	37.1	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$
219	18.1	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}$

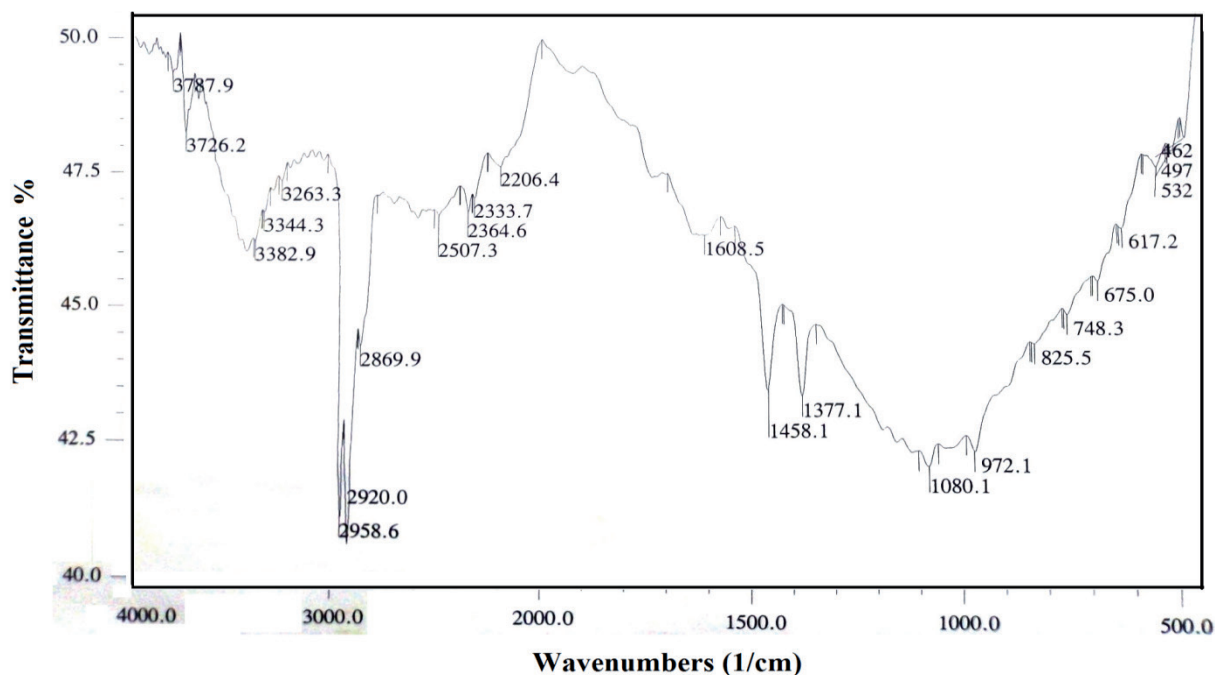


Fig. 6. FT-IR spectrum of the compound (1).

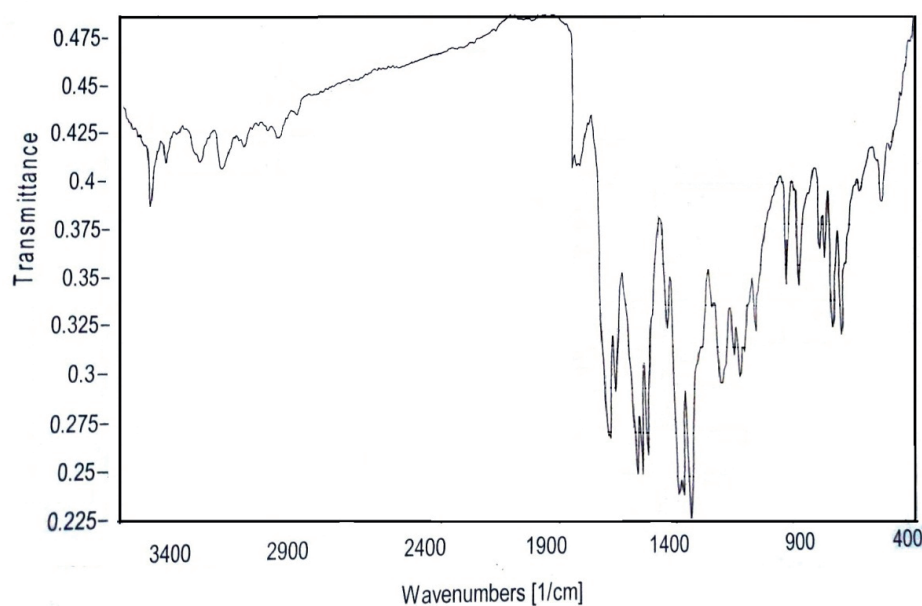


Fig. 7. FT-IR spectrum of the compound (2).

This work evaluated twenty-four bacterial extracts in the present investigation against *B. alexandrina* snails. The results revealed that some bacterial extracts have potential effects on the bacteria, where *E. coli* and *S. aureus* had the highest values after 24 hours of exposure time. This is consistent with the previously published molluscicidal action of crude plant extracts, which has been demonstrated for mollusk control in various pesticide test trials conducted worldwide [35, 36].

In the current investigation, purified molecules of bacterial metabolites, including *S. aureus* and *E. coli*,

illustrated a promising molluscicidal action. Also, *Anagallis arvensis* extract was tested by Ibrahim and Ghoname [37], who reported that it has a significant molluscicidal potential against *B. alexandrina* at its  $LC_{50}$  and  $LC_{90}$ . Besides, Ibrahim and Bakry [38] demonstrated that chlorophyllin had a molluscicidal impact on *B. alexandrina* snails. Therefore, compared to other previously examined reports, bacterial compounds in the present findings have the maximum molluscicidal role and should be taken into consideration for applicability.



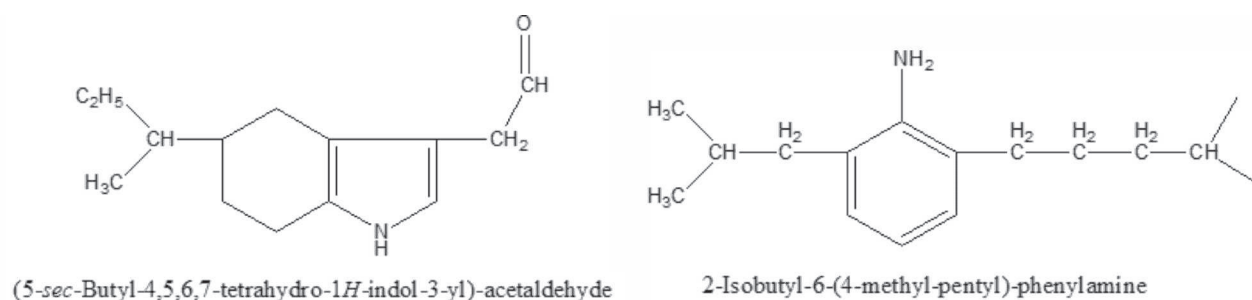


Fig. 8. Identified chemical formulas for compounds (1) and (2), respectively.

The present results revealed that purified compounds of *E. coli* have promising results versus *B. alexandrina* at  $LC_{50} = 93.9 \pm 1.2$  mg/L and  $LC_{90} = 110.5 \pm 1.2$  mg/L, while bioactive compounds of *S. aureus* have an efficient impact with  $LC_{50} = 78.2 \pm 1.0$  mg/L and  $LC_{90} = 98.6 \pm 1.0$  mg/L. Exposing *B. alexandrina* snails for one day to an organophosphorus insecticide showed that  $LC_{50}$  and  $LC_{90}$  values were 39.00 and 73.0 mg/L, respectively [39, 40].

Furthermore, the results of the current investigation showed that the exposure of *B. alexandrina* snails to sub-lethal doses had a significant impact ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) on the functioning of their liver enzymes. According to previous investigations, several substances considerably impact the oxidative enzymes in *B. alexandrina* quickly after exposure for one day [41].

*D. pulex* is a kind of aquatic flea that is used to measure toxicity [42]. This work's potential bacterial metabolites of *S. aureus* and *E. coli* demonstrated minimal impact on *D. pulex*, indicating the suitability of employing these chemicals in some agricultural uses and biological manipulation. According to another study group, various compounds in carwashes have been shown to impact human health and the microbial population in water [43].

The current study analyzes the protein pattern of the hemolymph of *B. alexandrina* snails exposed to sublethal doses of the purified molecules of *E. coli* and *S. aureus*, revealing alterations versus the control group. In accordance with Bakry et al. [44], who applied diazinon, which led to more variation of protein bands of *B. alexandrina* snails than in the untreated group. The present results suggest that certain bacterial metabolites, especially those purified from *S. aureus* and *E. coli* (with lethal and sublethal doses), could potentially be used to combat *B. alexandrina* with a notable safety level for *D. pulex* as a non-target, which is present in the same habitat as *B. alexandrina*.

## Conclusions

*S. aureus* and *E. coli* contained bioactive-efficient molecules for the biological control of *B. alexandrina* with minimal toxicity on *D. pulex*, which has been isolated and identified for further applications.

## Conflict of Interest

The author confirms that they have no conflict of interest.

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## Supplementary Materials

**(Supplement Table 1)** Fractionation pattern of *S. aureus* ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) using column chromatography and its molluscicidal action against *B. alexandrina* (Data are presented as means $\pm$ SD).

Fraction no.	Molluscicidal action
1	0 $\pm$ 0
2	0 $\pm$ 0
3	0 $\pm$ 0
4	44 $\pm$ 3
5	42 $\pm$ 2
6	33 $\pm$ 1
7	77 $\pm$ 4
8	2 $\pm$ 2
9	5 $\pm$ 1
10	10 $\pm$ 1
11	0 $\pm$ 0
12	0 $\pm$ 0
13	0 $\pm$ 0
14	0 $\pm$ 0
15	33 $\pm$ 0
16	21 $\pm$ 0

17	0 $\pm$ 0
18	0 $\pm$ 0
19	0 $\pm$ 0
20	0 $\pm$ 0
21	11 $\pm$ 1
22	9 $\pm$ 2
23	8 $\pm$ 2
24	12 $\pm$ 1
25	0 $\pm$ 0
26	0 $\pm$ 0
27	0 $\pm$ 0
28	13 $\pm$ 2
29	14 $\pm$ 0
30	11 $\pm$ 1
31	0 $\pm$ 0
32	0 $\pm$ 0
33	0 $\pm$ 0

**(Supplement Table 2)** Fractionation pattern of *E. coli* ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) using column chromatography and its molluscicidal action against *B. alexandrina* (Data are presented as means $\pm$ SD)

Fraction no.	Molluscicidal action
1	11 $\pm$ 1
2	12 $\pm$ 2
3	13 $\pm$ 3
4	14 $\pm$ 1
5	15 $\pm$ 4
6	18 $\pm$ 1
7	19 $\pm$ 1
8	17 $\pm$ 2
9	18 $\pm$ 1
10	0 $\pm$ 0
11	0 $\pm$ 0
12	0 $\pm$ 0
13	0 $\pm$ 0

14	19 $\pm$ 2
15	18 $\pm$ 1
16	9 $\pm$ 1
17	6 $\pm$ 1
18	3 $\pm$ 1
19	0 $\pm$ 0
20	0 $\pm$ 0
21	90 $\pm$ 4
22	60 $\pm$ 2
23	40 $\pm$ 1
24	12 $\pm$ 2
25	0 $\pm$ 0
26	0 $\pm$ 0
27	0 $\pm$ 0