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INHIBITORY EFFECTS OF GRAPES, ORANGE, LEMON AND MANGO PEEL HYDROSOLS IN CONTRADICTION OF FOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS AND SPOILAGE BACTERIA IN VITRO AND ON FISH SKIN

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ABSTRACT

In this study, improvement in antibacterial properties of grapes (*Citrus paradisi* Macfad), orange (*Citrus siensis*) and lemon (*Limona taris*), Mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) peel after the Hydrosols procedure was investigated. The antibacterial properties against common food-borne pathogens (*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Klebsiella pneumonia* and *Salmonella Paratyphi A*) as well as 6 fish spoilage bacteria isolated from 4 spoiled fish species: mackerel, sardine, anchovy and rainbow trout, have been evaluated using paper disc diffusion, MIC and MBC methods. The grapes Orange, Lemon and Mango fruits peel Hydrosols showed bacteriostatic properties against the majority of tested bacterial strains, however, only the growth of *Salmonella paratyphi A*, *Vibrio vulnificus* and *Serratia liquefaciens* was inhibited by the essential oil in the concentration upto 25 mg/ml. The antimicrobial activity of all extracts, except the pomegranate ethanol extract, were dependent on the concentration of extract that the bacteria were exposed to during the trials. The antimicrobial activity of peel extracts of Pomegranate, Orange and Lemon indicates that these extracts maybe used as sanitizers to reduce microbial contamination of some foods and processing.

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INTRODUCTION

Contaminated food products, with microbiological contamination being the main cause, are responsible for over 600 million disease incidences and 4,20,000 death every year (WHO, 2020). Moreover, microbiological decay is one of the main causes for the generation of food waste (Saucier, 2016). Therefore, one of the main aims of the current food technology is to find new and active means to inhibit and eradicate the microbiological contamination. Although many different compounds with antimicrobial properties have been exposed, recently there has been rising interest in the use of natural food stabilizers with antimicrobial properties. Such natural antimicrobials are often measured safer than their synthetic counterparts, which are more widely acknowledged by consumers and may demonstrate effective against pathogens which have advanced resistance to various synthetic antibiotics (Pisoschi *et al.*, 2018). The prevalence of foodborne, bacterial illnesses has led to recommendations for the use of natural antimicrobial substances (e.g., bacteriocins) in combination with novel technologies for controlling microbial contamination of foods, thereby improving both food quality and food safety (Galvez *et al.*, 2010).

The use of natural antimicrobial compounds in food has gained much attention by consumers and the food industry extracts of plants and fruits have been documented to process antibacterial, antifungal and anti-viral activities although there are reports on the antibacterial activity of fields of grapes, orange, lemon and mango peels using the disc diffusion method, there is little information of the growth kinetics of bacteria exposed to these plant extracts. Furthermore, little electron microscopy has been conducted to examine the form of plant extracts against bacteria or treated food surfaces stop the incorporation of these plant extra into food packaging films challenge for food industry

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection and Authentication of Fruit: Fresh fruits of grapes, Orange, Lemon, Mango with no bruises were purchased from a local market. Fruit surfaces were thoroughly washed with distilled water and then dried with disposable paper towels. Fruit skin was peeled from the three fruits using a peeler and peels were collected in separate containers. Peels were freeze-dried for 48 h and a food grinder was used to pulverize the dried skins. Twenty grams each of powdered sample were collected from local markets. peels of fruits were

peeled manually with a knife and dried with sunlight under sterile laboratory conditions. On an average around 200 g of peel was obtained from every 1 Kg of fruits.

Preparation of Hydrosols: The Grapes, Orange, Lemon and Mango peel oil were separated by hydro distillation. After hydrosols were put into sterile glass jars. The hydrosols were allowed to cool at room temperature and then kept in the refrigerator until investigation Studies.

Tested Bacteria: The isolation and identification of fish spoilage bacteria (*P. damsela*, *E. faecalis*, *V. vulnificus*, *P. mirabilis*, *S. liquefaciens*, *P. luteola*) was performed in the same manner as described by Yazgan, Ozogul, and Kuley (2019). The bacteria were isolated from three spoiled fish species caught in the Mediterranean Sea: mackerel (*Scombers combrus*), anchovy (*Engraulis enrasicolus*) and sardine (*Sardinella autira*) and from rainbow trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss* obtained from a local farm *S. pneumonia* (ATCC700603), *S. aureus* (ATCC29213) and *E. faecalis* (ATCC29212) were obtained from the Indian Type Culture Collection, while *Salmonella Paratyphi A* (NCTC13) was obtained from the National Collection of Type Cultures.

Disc Diffusion Method : The antimicrobial activity of four hydrosols was determined using the disc diffusion method of Murray *et al.* (1995). Nutrient agar was employed as the standard test medium for bacterial growth. The agar plate was spread with the inoculum having 108 cfu/ml pathogenic bacteria. Fifty microliters of undiluted hydrosols were pipetted on sterile filter paper discs (diameter 6 mm), which were permitted to dry in an open sterile petri dish in a biological safety cabinet with vertical laminar flow. Paper discs were set on the inoculated agar surfaces. After incubation at 37 °C for 18-24 h, the diameters (mm) of the zones of bacterial inhibition were determined. Each test was carried out in triplicate and the results were assessed for statistical significance. Vancomycin and Tetracycline antibiotics with positive responses were utilized as the control of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria.

containing hydrosols and MHB. The final concentrations of the extract were 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.125, 1.56, 0.78, 0.39, 0.19 mg/mL. The tubes were incubated at 35°C for 18–24 hours after which the MIC was recorded. MBC was determined by subculturing the contents of tubes of MIC showing no growth.

RESULT DISCUSSION

The antibacterial properties of grapes, Orange, Lemon, Mango fruit peel hydrosols were analyzed using 3 analyses: the paper disc diffusion method, Minimum Inhibition Concentration (MIC) and Minimum Bactericidal Concentration (MBC). All microbiological analyses were performed on pure fruit peel hydrosols (100%) and their emulsions which contained 10%. The disc diffusion method was performed as described by Yazgan *et al.* (2019). Three positive (30 µg tetracycline, 10 µg streptomycin and 5 µg neomycin) and one negative (Tween 80) controls were used. The nutrient agar was used as a standard test medium. The amount of both grapefruit peel hydrosols used in the assay was 50 µL. The incubation of bacterial plates was carried out for 18–24 h at 37°C. The results were calculated as an average of four measurements. The MIC and MBC analyses were performed according to the the initial stock solution was adjusted to contain 50 mg/mL of fruit peel hydrosols, while the inoculum suspension used contained 6 log CFU of each bacterial strain. Two-fold dilution with Mueller Hinton Broth was used to obtain the final concentrations of the hydrosols within the range of 0.19–50 mg/ml. Positive tube with Mueller Hinton Broth and bacterial suspension and negative tube with Tween 80 control samples were also prepared. Incubation was carried out at 35 °C for 18–24h. Tubes without any visible growth were marked as MIC, while MBC was determined by subculturing the MIC tubes onto the Mueller Hinton Agar. The plates without any visible growth were marked as MBC.

Antimicrobial properties: The results of the antimicrobial activity measured via the paper disc diffusion method are shown in Table 1.

Table 1.

Bacterial strains		Grapes	Orange	Lemon	Mango
		Inhibition Zone Diameter (mm)			
Pathogen bacteria	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	0.00±0.00	7.50±0.50	0.00±0.00	6.63±0.41
	<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i>	9.55±0.55	11.25±0.83	15.50±0.50	7.00±0.58
	<i>Salmonella paratyphi</i>	5.50±0.50	6.25±0.43	9.50±0.50	0.00±0.00
	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	5.50±0.50	6.88±0.54	0.00±0.00	6.00±0.00
Spoilage bacteria	<i>Photobacterium damsela</i>	7.00±0.00	9.38±0.41	8.50±0.50	5.75±0.439
	<i>Enterococcus Vibrio vulnificus</i>	8.50±0.50	0.00±0.00	6.00±0.00	15.50±0.50
	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	6.50±0.50	7.50±0.58	5.75±0.43	6.63±0.41
	<i>Serratia liquefaciens</i>	9.55±0.55	8.50±0.50	0.00±0.00	5.50±0.50
	<i>Pseudomonas luteola</i>	6.63±0.41	15.50±0.50	7.50±0.58	6.88±0.54

Determination of minimum inhibitory and bactericidal concentrations: Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) and Minimum Bactericidal Concentrations (MBC) of hydrosols against bacteria were determined according to the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute's methods (2008). One milliliter of plant hydrosols (with a stock solution of 50 mg/ml) was added to the first tube in each series and subsequently, two-fold serially diluted with Mueller Hinton Broth (MHB). The inoculum suspension (1 ml) of each bacterial strain (106 cfu/ml) was then added in each tube

As expected, Tween 80, as a negative control, did not show an inhibition zone against any of the tested bacteria. The fruit peel hydrosols exhibited antioxidant activity against most of the tested bacterial strains, aside from *E. faecalis* and *P. mirabilis*, both isolated from spoiled fish. On the other hand, the demonstrated hydrosols form lower antimicrobial activity against all of the tested pathogenic and fish-spoilage bacteria, with the exception of *P. damsela*. Moreover, the Fruit hydrosols did not exhibit any activity against *E. faecalis*, *V. vulnificus*, *P. mirabilis*, or *S. liquefaciens*. Both hydrosol forms

had lower antibacterial activity than all compared antibiotics apart from *E. faecalis*, which was more susceptible to four fruit hydrosols than to streptomycin.

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