

Antimicrobial Potential of *Aloe barbadensis* Miller Plants

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Abstract

The increasing prevalence of microbial infections and the emergence of antimicrobial resistance have intensified the search for effective and naturally derived antimicrobial agents. *Aloe barbadensis* Miller, commonly known as Aloe vera, is a medicinal plant widely recognized for its therapeutic and pharmacological properties. The present study focuses on the antimicrobial potential of *Aloe barbadensis* and its possible application as a natural source of antimicrobial compounds. The plant contains several bioactive constituents, including anthraquinones, flavonoids, phenolic compounds, polysaccharides, saponins, and other secondary metabolites, which may contribute to its biological activities. Aloe extracts obtained from different parts of the plant have been investigated for their inhibitory effects against a variety of bacterial and fungal microorganisms. The antimicrobial activity may vary depending on the plant part used, extraction method, solvent, concentration of extract, and susceptibility of the microorganism. The study highlights the potential mechanisms through which Aloe-derived compounds may interfere with microbial growth, including disruption of microbial cell membranes and inhibition of essential cellular processes. The antimicrobial properties of *Aloe barbadensis* may have potential applications in pharmaceutical preparations, topical formulations, food preservation, and complementary approaches to infection management. However, variations in phytochemical composition, extraction procedures, dosage, and experimental conditions can influence the observed antimicrobial activity. Further systematic research involving standardized extracts, identification of active compounds, toxicity evaluation, and well-controlled studies is required to establish its therapeutic effectiveness. Overall, *Aloe barbadensis* represents a promising plant source for the investigation and development of natural antimicrobial agents.

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