

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLANT BASED PHYTOEXTRACTS AGAINST SOFT ROT BACTERIA OF POTATO CAUSED BY *ERWINIA CAROTOVORA* SUBSP. *CAROTOVORA* UNDER *IN VITRO* TEST

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Abstract: Potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.) is one of the most nutritious sources of food in the world. It has been recognized as a wholesome food and the richest source of energy in most of the countries of the world where, it forms an important part of the human diet. Among the various diseases of potato, soft rot caused by *Erwinia carotovora* subsp. *carotovora* is the major potato tuber rot disease. Result revealed against *Erwinia carotovora*, that the extract of Garlic bulb @ 10 per cent produced maximum growth inhibition (60.60%) followed by Mahendi (54.54%) and Lantana leaf extracts (48.10%) respectively.

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