# SCREENING AND EVALUATION OF ANTI-MICROBIAL ACTIVITY IN *COLEUS FORSKOHLII* AND *STEVIA REBAUDIANA*

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**Abstract:** The results showed that aqueous and alcoholic extracts of leaf of parent plant of *Coleus forskohlii* showed antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus, Staphylococcus epidermidis* and *Bacillus* species. Alcoholic extract of stem of of parent plant of *Coleus forskohlii* showed significant activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Staphylococcus epidermidis.* Antibacterial activity shown by the alcoholic as well as aqueous extracts of *in vitro* raised plant of *Coleus forskohlii* against the gram-positive bacteria was tested. The significant amount of activity against *Bacillus* species only was shown by the alcoholic leaf extract but the alcoholic stem extract exhibited mild but statistically insignificant ($P<0.05$) activity against *Enterococcus faecalis* and *Bacillus* species. The aqueous leaf extract of parent plant of *Stevia rebaudiana* exhibited significant activity against only *Staphylococcus epidermidis* and the alcoholic leaf extract showed significant activity against *Staphylococcus aureus, Staphylococcus epidermidis, Enterococcus faecalis* and *Bacillus* species. MIC values of the alcoholic leaf extract of parent plant of *Coleus forskohlii* against the tested gram-positive bacterial species ranged from $9.43\times10^{-3}$ to $18.65\times10^{-3}$ µg/ml and MIC values of the aqueous leaf extract of parent plant of *Coleus forskohlii* against the tested bacterial species ranged from $3.15\times10^{-3}$ to $4.65\times10^{-3}$ µg/ml. MIC values of the alcoholic leaf extract of parent plant of *Stevia rebaudiana* against the tested gram-positive bacterial species ranged from $9.43\times10^{-3}$ to $25.15\times10^{-3}$ µg/ml and aqueous leaf extract of parent plant of *Stevia rebaudiana* against *Staphylococcus epidermidis* was found to be $12.5\times10^{-3}$ µg/ml.

**Keyword:** Antimicrobial activity, MIC, *Coleus forskohlii, Stevia rebaudiana*

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