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-Propolis Extract: A Possible Antiseptic Oral Care against Multidrug

Resistant Non-Fermenting Bacteria Isolated from Non-Ventilator

Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia

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Abstract

Non-ventilator Hospital-acquired Pneumonia (NV-HAP) is a significant

-burden in acute care hospitals and poses a risk to nonelderly, non

intensive care unit (ICU) patients, which have been increasing

worldwide. In addition, poor oral hygiene has been associated to significant increases in the number of cases of NV-HAP. Unfortunately preventive options are limited. Thus, there is a need for oral antiseptics similar to those of natural products or plant sources. The aim of this study was to assess the antibacterial activity of various bee products (BPs); for example, honey, propolis, and bee venom against multidrug-resistant (MDR) non-fermenting bacteria (e.g., *Pseudomonas* and *Acinetobacter*) which were collected from NV-HAP patients to investigate its use as a possible antiseptic oral care. Bacterial susceptibility to different antibiotics were performed. The antimicrobial activity of BPs against (non-fermenting bacteria, the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) and the minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC) were assessed. Eighteen *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* isolates and five *Acinetobacter baumannii* isolates were identified. *P. aeruginosa* isolates displayed high resistance to the antibiotics: meropenem and imipenem (55.6% and respectively), whereas *A. baumannii* isolates were 100% resistant to meropenem and imipenem. All isolates remained sensitive to colistin. Propolis showed the best antibacterial activity ($p < 0.001$) in comparison to honey and bee venom against *P. aeruginosa* (13 – 36 mm, MIC = 1.4 – and MBC = 2.8–45%) and *A. baumannii* (7–20 mm, MIC = 5.6 and MBC = 11.3 – 22.5%). While bee venom expressed the least antibacterial activity against all isolates with a zone diameter ranging from 0–12 mm, propolis, which is a non-toxic, natural, and inexpensive product confirmed that propolis could be used as a potential antiseptic oral care