
ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITIES OF SOME ISOLATED ALGAE FROM SIWA OASIS-EGYPT

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ABSTRACT

In compliance to the recent surveys on algal species and their potentials to produce biologically active natural products, collection of algae were carried out during summer 2014 from five water habitats in Siwa Oasis. Three common microalgal pure isolates including one green alga *Chlorella vulgaris* and two blue green algae *Chroococcus turgidus* and *Phormidium tenue* were obtained using BG11, Basal Bold and Zarrouk media. The methanolic extracts of the three algal species were tested for the antibacterial activity against eight human pathogenic bacteria *Enterococcus* sp., *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *Proteus* sp., *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Salmonella tyhphi* using the agar well diffusion method. The results revealed that *Phormidium tenue* showed the highest promising antibacterial activity so it was choosed for successive extraction by using petroleum ether, ethylacetate, 80% methanol and water solvents. Among the tested solvents the ethyl acetate successive extract showed the highest antibacterial activity. Results of some chromatographic investigations for the ethyl acetate extract indicated that the phenolic compounds were the main components. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) technique was used for qualitative and quantitative analysis of the bioactive phenolic compounds. It resulted in identification of 22 phenolic compounds with different concentrations ranging from 1755.2 to 10.425 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for ethyl vanillate and catechol compounds, respectively.

Key words: Algae isolation, algal extract, antibacterial activity, human pathogenic bacteria, High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

INTRODUCTION

Extensive worldwide search is presently undergoing to find novel therapeutically cheaper alternatives for natural products which can be used in the preparation of drugs (Mayer *et al.*, 2005 and Cardozo *et al.*, 2007). Following the glow of the new vision and the greater interest to the pivotal role played by algae and their healing potency, this research work was achieved on some local aquatic fresh water microalgae isolated from Siwa Oasis. Microalgae have been used for therapeutic applications for several years and represent a unique opportunity to discover novel metabolites. Many microalgal extracts were found to have antialgal (Hellio *et al.*, 2002), antifouling (Bhadury and Wright, 2004), anti-allergic (Na *et al.*, 2005), anti-inflammatory (Abedin and Taha, 2008), anticoagulant (Dayong *et al.*, 2008), antiviral (Kim and Karadeniz, 2011), anticancer (Kim *et al.*, 2011), antioxidant (Devi *et al.*, 2011) and antibacterial or antifungal (Jaritz *et al.*, 2011) activities. It is worthwhile screening the bioactivity of the microalgal crude extracts for the antibacterial activity against some infectious human pathogenic bacteria. Bacterial infection causes high rate of mortality in human population and aquaculture organisms. For example, *Salmonella* sp. causes diarrhea and typhoid fever (Leven, 1987 and Jawetz *et al.*, 1995). *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* cause diseases like mastitis, abortion, respiratory complications including some life threatening illness (Boyd, 1995). According to recent reports of the World Health Organization (WHO) it is mandatory to develop safe, nontoxic and efficient anti-bacterial agents of valuable practice in pharmacology and to

diminish side effects of antibiotics as the latter could raise toxicities and serious threatened conditions in some cases. On the other hand, preventing disease outbreaks or treating the diseases with drugs or chemicals alone may not be sufficient to tackle these problems as the microorganisms develop resistance against the applied chemical drugs (Walsh, 2003). The first investigation on antibiotic activity of algae was carried out by Pratt *et al.*, (1944). Many studies have been established to prove the antimicrobial effect of metabolites extracted from algal species especially those derived from blue green algae (Zulpa *et al.*, 2003; Abedin and Taha, 2008). Many investigators have reported antibacterial activities of microalgae as due to fatty acids (Cooper *et al.*, 1983; Findlay and Patil, 1984). Antibacterial activity of volatile extracts of *Spirulina platensis* have been studied by Ozdemir *et al.*, (2004). El-Sheekh *et al.* (2006) showed that phenolic compound from *Nostoc muscorum* exhibited antagonistic activity against Gram +ve and Gram -ve bacteria.

This study aims to: 1- Isolation and purification of some common microalgal species from one of the Egyptian desert oases as a natural source for the therapeutic application. 2-Studying the antibacterial activity of the algal extracts against some infectious human pathogenic bacteria. 3-Analyzing the main bioactive components of the most potent algal extracts.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The study area: Siwa Oasis is considered as one of the seven major important depressions in the Western Desert of Egypt. Geographically it is situated in between latitude (29° 12' 11.4156" N) and longitude (25° 31'

10.3620" E). It is about 306 km southwest Marsa Matrouh and 60 km east of Libyan border and about 400 km west of Bahariya Oasis (**El Hossary, 2013**).

1) Sampling: Five field water samples were collected (in summer 2014) from five stations that are located in Siwa Oasis including:

1. Ain Cleopatra at (29°11' 48"N, 25° 32' 59"E).
2. Haudh Cleopatra at (29°11' 47"N, 25° 32' 56"E).
3. Ain Fetnas at (29°11' 38"N, 25° 28' 56"E).
4. The east side of Fetnas Lake at (29°11' 32"N, 25° 28' 53"E).
5. Private farm's well (reservoir) at (N: 29°10' 14", E: 25° 31' 57").

Clean plastic bottles with a capacity of 2 L in duplicates were used. Collections were made for the top and bottom of the water for each location.

2) Cultivation of algal samples: Under aseptic conditions cultivation was performed as follows; inoculating samples (10ml) in 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks each containing 150 ml of the sterile liquid medium such as; (BG11) media with A5(micronutrients mixture) (Stanier *et al.*, 1971) for green and blue green algae, Basal Bold media (BBM) (Bischoff and Bold, 1963) for green algae and Zarrouk media (Z) (Zarrouk, 1966) for blue green algae. Each media incubated under the favorable growth conditions of natural laboratory (room temperature and natural day light).

3) Isolation and Purification: Three monocultures of certain common algal species were obtained from private farm's well, Ain Fetnas and Haudh Cleopatra stations using serial dilution procedures recommended by Jurgensen and Davey (1968). Algal species were morphologically examined

using the light microscope. They were identified according to the key of Desikachary, (1959) and Prescott, (1978).

4) Propagation:The three purified cultures of microalgal species (*Chlorella vulgaris*, *Chroococcus turgidus* and *Phormidium tenue*) were prepared for biomass propagation using closed system of BG-11 growth media with increasing the volume gradually (250ml, 1L, 5L and 15L). Heterotrophic growth was performed by 6mM sodium acetate (Kobayashi *et al.*, 1993) light was provided by one side of light bank (40 Wx5 white fluorescent day light lamps/120cm). Aeration was done by compressed air. The cultures were incubated for 21 days at room temperature (25-28°C).

5) Harvesting and drying:The fresh biomass was collected after filtration and centrifugation at 5200 rpm/5min. to obtain pure algal cell mass for each isolate then air dried in oven at 40 °C. Dry biomass ground by mortar pestle and kept in cleaned bottles at room temperature (25-28°C).

6) Preparations of total alcoholic algal extract: 2.5g dried algal biomass was added to 50 ml 80% methanol and kept under room temperature for 48 hours and rapidly stirred using glass rod every 8 hours, then the extracts were filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure at 40°C according to Lim and Darah (2013).

7) Antibacterial activity of crude methanolic extracts: According to Holder and Boyce (1994) the agar well-diffusion method was followed to determine the antibacterial activity. Nutrient Agar (NA) plates were swabbed (sterile cotton swabs) with 8 hour old - broth culture of respective human pathogenic bacteria *Acintobacter baumannii*, *Enterococcus* sp., *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *Proteus* sp., *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*,

Salmonella typhi and *Staphylococcus aureus*. Bacterial strains were kindly provided from Specialized Hospital, Ain Shams University. Wells (10mm diameter) were made in each of these plates using sterile corkborer. Stock solution of each algal extract was prepared by re-dissolving in dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO) at a concentration of 50 mg/ml algal extracts. About 100 µl of algal extract were added using sterile syringe into the wells and allowed to diffuse at room temperature for 2hrs. Control experiments comprising inoculums without algal extract were set up. The plates were incubated at 37°C/18-24 h. The diameter of the inhibition zone (mm) was measured.

8) Successive extraction of *Phormidium tenue*: The *Phormidium tenue* isolate which gave the promising antibacterial activity results were successively extracted. The dried algal powders (20gm) were successively extracted using serial exhaustive extraction method (Das *et al.*, 2010) using petroleum ether, ethylacetate, 80% methanol and water solvents. Each extract was concentrated to dry and kept for further investigation. Extracts of different solvents were collected separately into dry clean beakers, after that they were recovered from the solvents by evaporation in a rotary evaporator at 40°C.

9) Antibacterial activity of successive extracts: Prepared successive extracts of *Phormidium tenue* were tested against the selected pathogenic bacteria. Using the Agar well–diffusion technique as applied previously to detect the most active successive extract of the algal isolate.

10) Chemical analysis of the most potent successive algal extract: According to some chromatographic investigations it was found that

phenolics were the main active compounds of the ethyl acetate successive extract of *Phormidium tenue* (Harbone, 1984 and Mallikharjuna *et al.*, 2007). Separation and determination of the phenolics were performed by reverse phase HPLC (RP-HPLC)/diode array detection (DAD) (Hewlett Packard 1050) using a column Alltima C18, 5 μ m (150mm X4.6mm id) with a guard column Alltima C18, 5 μ m (Alltech). The solvent system used was a gradient of A (acetic acid 2.5%), B (acetic acid 8%) and C (acetonitrile). The best separation was obtained with the following gradient: at 0 min, 5% B; at 20 min, 10% B; at 50min, 30% B; at 55min, 50% B; at 60min, 100% B; at 100min, 50% B and 50% C; at 110min, 100% C until 120min. The solvent flow rate was 1ml min⁻¹ and separation was performed at 35°C. The volume injected was 10 μ l. Phenolic compounds were assayed by external standard calibration at 280nm and expressed in mg g⁻¹ dry matter. The identification of phenolic compounds was accomplished by comparison of their retention times with those of pure standards.

RESULTS

Isolation and Purification: The three obtained pure microalgal species were identified as *Chlorella vulgaris*, *Chroococcus turgidus* and *Phormidium tenue* which were isolated from private farm's well, Ain Fetnas and Haudh Cleopatra stations, respectively.

Antibacterial effect of the methanolic algal extracts on the growth pathogenic bacteria (Table1):

- i. *Chlorella vulgaris* methanolic extract inhibited the growth of *Salmonella typhi* and *Staphylococcus aureus* and the recorded inhibition zones were

(26mm and 19mm); respectively. While other pathogenic bacteria were resistant to it (Table1).

ii. *Chroococcus turgidus* methanolic extract inhibited the growth of *Salmonella typhi* and *Acinetobacter baumannii* and the recorded inhibition zones were (27mm and 17mm); respectively. While other pathogenic bacteria were resistant to it (Table1).

iii. *Phormidium tenue* methanolic extract inhibited the growth of *Salmonella typhi*, *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella pneumonia* and the recorded inhibition zones were (30mm, 28mm, 27mm, 18mm and 17mm); respectively. While other pathogenic bacteria were resistant to it (Table1).

Table (1): The inhibition effect of the methanolic extract of *Chlorella vulgaris*, *Chroococcus turgidus* and *Phormidium tenue* on growth of human pathogenic bacteria.

Algal isolate Bacteria	Diameter of inhibition zone in (mm)		
	<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	<i>Chroococcus turgidus</i>	<i>Phormidium tenue</i>
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	-ve	17	28
<i>Enterococcus sp.</i>	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	-ve	-ve	17
<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i>	-ve	-ve	18
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Proteus sp.</i>	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	26	27	30
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	19	-ve	27

Antibacterial activity of successive extracts of *Phormidium tenue* on the growth of pathogenic bacteria:

- i.** Petroleum ether extract of *Phormidium tenue* showed antibacterial activity against *Escherichia coli*, *Enterococcus sp.* and *Salmonella typhi* and the recorded inhibition zones were (23mm, 22mm and 19mm); respectively. While other pathogenic bacteria were resistant to it (Table 2)
- ii.** Ethyl acetate extract of *Phormidium tenue* showed antibacterial activity against *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Enterococcus sp.*, *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus* and the recorded inhibition zones were (26mm, 23mm, 21mm, 20mm, 20mm and 15mm); respectively. While other pathogenic bacteria were resistant to it (Table 2).
- iii. Methanol extract:** All selected pathogenic bacteria were resistant to the 80% methanol extract of *Phormidium tenue* except *Escherichia coli*. The recorded inhibition zone was (15mm) (Table 2).
- iv. Water extract:** All selected pathogenic bacteria were resistant to the water extract of *Phormidium tenue* (Table 2).

Table (2): The inhibition effect of the successive extracts of *Phormidium tenue* on the growth of pathogenic bacteria

Algal Extract Bacteria	Diameter of inhibition zone in (mm)		
	Petroleum ether extract	Ethyl acetate extract	Methanol 80% extract
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	-ve	26	-ve
<i>Enterococcus sp.</i>	22	23	-ve
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	23	20	15
<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i>	-ve	21	-ve
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Proteus sp.</i>	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	19	20	-ve
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	-ve	15	-ve

Identification of phenolic compounds using HPLC technique:

The qualitative and quantitative estimation of the phenolic compounds of *Phormidium tenue* ethylacetate successive extract were achieved using the high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) technique, where each compound was separated, identified using authentic pattern and determined its concentration. The separated and identified compounds were Ethyl vanillate, Catechin, Alpha-Coumaric acid, Epicatechin, Chlorogenic acid, 4-Amino-benzoic acid, Pyrogallol, Cinnamic acid, Coumarin, Ellagic acid, Caffeine, P-OH- benzoic acid, Ferulic acid, Caffeic acid, Benzoic acid, Isoferulic acid, Protocatechuic acid, 3,4,5-methoxy-Cinnamic acid, P-coumaric acid, Gallic acid, Salicylic acid and Catechol. The concentration of ethyl vanillate showed the maximum value (1755.2 ppm). While catechol showed the minimum value (10.4 ppm) (Table 3).

Table (3): Phenolic composition of the ethyl acetate successive extract of *Phormidium tenue* using HPLC.

Phenolic compounds	Concentration in ppm
Ethylvanillate	1755.2
Catechein	627.9
Alpha-coumaric acid	429.2
Epicatachin	325.41
Chlorogenic acid	289.45
4-Amino-benzoic acid	283.57
Pyrogallol	278.68
Cinnamic acid	278.68
Coumarin	231.87
Ellagic acid	227.47
Caffene	189.6
P-OH- benzoic acid	145.74
Ferulic acid	137.68
Caffeic acid	136.13
Benzoic acid	114.88
Iso-ferulic acid	89.776
Protocatchuic acid	57.18
3,4,5-methoxy-cinnamic acid	44.937
P-coumaric acid	42.058
Gallic acid	29.934
Salycilic acid	14.392
Catechol	10.425

DISCUSSION

Usage of commercial antibiotics for human disease treatment produces undesirable side effects. Cell extracts and active constituents of various algae may be potential bioactive compounds of interest in the pharmaceutical industry (Rodrigues *et al.*, 2004). In the present study the results showed that the methanolic extracts of the three tested algae *Chlorella vulgaris*,

Chroococcus turgidus and *Phormidium tenue* had an antibacterial activity against some of the selected human pathogenic bacteria *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Enterococcus* sp., *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *Proteus* sp., *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Salmonella typhi* and *Staphylococcus aureus* (Table 1).

Recorded results of inhibition zone diameters of *Phormidium tenue* methanolic extract revealed that it affected on five of selected tested pathogenic bacteria including one Gram-positive bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* (27mm) and four Gram-negative bacteria *Salmonella typhi* (a gastrointestinal tract (GIT) infectious bacteria) (30mm), *Acinetobacter baumannii* (28mm), *Klebsiella pneumonia* (18mm) and *Escherichia coli* (17mm). These results are in agreement with the results obtained by Sethubathi and Prabu (2010) who found that the aqueous crude extract of *Phormidium* sp. had an antibacterial activity against human pathogenic bacteria such as *Streptococcus mutants*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Bacillus subtilis* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Also, these results coordinate with the results obtained by Al-Wathnani *et al.* (2012) who found that *Phormidium autumnale* showed a wide inhibition zone (about 25 mm) against *Shigella sonnei* (a gastrointestinal tract (GIT) infectious bacteria).

In the current recorded results of inhibition zone diameters of *Chroococcus turgidus* methanolic extract revealed that it affected on two Gram-ve pathogenic bacteria only, *Salmonella typhi* (27mm) and *Acinetobacter baumannii* (17mm) but with diameter of inhibition zones less

than that of the corresponding inhibition zones of *Phormidium tenue* against *Salmonella typhi* (30mm) and *Acinetobacter baumannii* (28mm). These results are in agreement with the results obtained by Chinnu *et al.* (2014) who found that the methanolic extract of *Chroococcus turgidus* had a good activity against the tested bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* (13mm), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (8mm) and *Salmonella typhi* (8mm). In another report *Chroococcus disperses* exhibited widespread spectrum of antimicrobial activities (Younes *et al.*, 2007). It was reported the methanolic extract of *C. turgidus* exhibited positive inhibition (92.6%) against *E. coli* (Abdo *et al.*, 2012) but this was in contrast with the present result which showed negative inhibition.

These two results of *Phormidium tenue* and *Chroococcus turgidus* revealed the potential of the blue green algal extract.

Recorded results of inhibition zone diameters of *Chlorella vulgaris* methanolic extract revealed that it affected on two pathogenic bacteria only, one was Gram +ve *Staphylococcus aureus* (19mm) and the other was Gram -ve *Salmonella typhi* (26mm), also with a diameter of inhibition zones less than that of the corresponding inhibition zones of *Phormidium tenue* against *Salmonella typhi* (30mm) and *Staphylococcus aureus* (27mm). These results are in agreement with the results obtained by Sanmukh *et al.* (2014) who found that *Chlorella* sp. extract had a high effect against the pathogenic bacteria (*Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella* sp.).

In the current result *Phormidium tenue* ethyl acetate successive extract showed the maximum recorded diameter of inhibition zones against *Enterococcus* sp. (23mm) and the gastrointestinal tract (GIT) infectious bacteria *Salmonella typhi* (20mm), it was the only one affected on *Acinetobacter baumannii* (26mm), *Klebsiella pneumonia* (21mm) and *Staphylococcus aureus* (15mm), also it affected on *Escherichia coli* but with diameter of inhibition zone (20mm) less than that of the petroleum ether successive extract (23 mm) (Table 2). These results are in agreement with the results obtained by Khairy and El-Kassas (2010) who found that the ethylacetate extract of the three tested blue green algae *Anabaena flosaquae*, *Anabaena variabilis* and *Oscillatoria angustissima* notably inhibited nearly the whole tested eight bacteria *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Staph. aureus* *Salmonella faecalis*, *E. coli* *P.aeruginosa*, *Aeromonas hydrophila*, *Vibrio fluvialis*. Also, these results are in agreement with the results obtained by Abdel-Raouf and Ibraheem (2008) who reported the antibiotic activity of the ethyl acetate extract of two *Anabaena* species against four fish pathogenic bacteria *Aeromonas* spp.

In the present result it was found that phenolic compounds were the main active compounds in the ethylacetate successive extract.

These results are in agreement with the results obtained by Ouattara *et al.* (2011) who reported that the phenolic contents are active as antibacterial agents against different types of microorganisms like *Salmonella typhi*.

In the present study the HPLC analysis of the ethylacetate successive extract of *Phormidium tenue* resulted in the identification of 22 phenolic

compounds which were ethyl vanillate, catechin, alpha-coumaric acid, epicatechin, chlorogenic acid, 4-amino-benzoic acid, pyrogallol, cinnamic acid, coumarin, ellagic acid, caffeine, p-OH- benzoic acid, ferulic acid, caffeic acid and benzoic acid, Iso-ferulic acid, protocatechuic acid, 3,4,5-methoxy-cinnamic acid, p-coumaric acid, gallic acid, salicylic acid and catechol with different concentrations ranging from 1755.2 to 10.425 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (Table 3). These results are in agreement with the results obtained by Ijaz and Hasnain (2016) who found that cyanobacterial strains showed high potential as a good source of phenolic compounds which could be beneficial for food, cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries. Also, these results are coordinate with the result obtained by Abd El-Baky *et al.* (2009) who found that Gallic, chlorogenic, cinnamic, p-OH benzoic, quimic, caffeic, vanillic and ferulic acids were the most abundant constituents of phenolic acids of *Spirulina maxima*.

The Economic values of some identified phenolic compounds (Table3):

Ethyl Vanillate: (vanillic acid ethyl ester): It is a strong hydrogen peroxide scavenger, an antioxidant agent, reduce the need for phototherapy in the treatment of vitiligo by improving repigmentation (Namazi, 2015).

Vanillic acid: Protective effect of VA against hyperinsulinemia, hyperglycemia and hyperlipidemia is through decreasing hepatic nonestrified fatty acid accumulation, alleviating hepatic inflammation (Chang *et al.*, 2015).

Chlorogenic acid: Antioxidant (Jing *et al.*, 2013), anticancer for colon (Thurow, 2012).

Pyrogallol: Antifungal against *Candida albicans* (Ramage *et al.*, 2014).

Cinnamic acid: Inhibitory effects of cinnamic acid on melanin biosynthesis in skin (Kong *et al.*, 2008).

Coumarines: treatment of prostate cancer, renal cell carcinoma and leukemia and side effects caused by radiotherapy (Rohini and Srikumar, 2014).

Gallic acid: has high antioxidant capacity, significantly higher than any other antioxidant and about five times higher than vitamin c juice of apple (Sakagami, *et al.*, 1997).

CONCLUSION

Phormidium tenue was observed to exhibit a high antibiotic activity against the tested human pathogens. Among the tested extracts the ethylacetate extract of *Phormidium tenue* showed as a promising and potential solvent for the extraction of antimicrobial compounds. Phytochemical analyses showed that the phenolic compounds may be attributed to its antibacterial activity. Further analysis of the active compound from the alga might lead to a potent therapeutic agent. This study enables to pave a way to discover a new drug and field trials are to be needed with proper licencing producers.

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النشاطات المضادة للبكتريا لبعض الطحالب المعزولة

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المستخلص

تعتبر الطحالب من أكثر المصادر الطبيعية للعديد من المركبات النشطة بيولوجيا بناء على ذلك تم تجميع الطحالب فى صيف ٢٠١٤ من ٥ بيئات مائية من واحة سيوة-مصر. تم عزل و تنقية ثلاث أنواع من الطحالب الدقيقة الشائعة وهى نوع من الطحالب الخضراء *Chlorella vulgaris* ونوعين من الطحالب الخضراء المزرقه *Chroococcus turgidus* و *Phormidium tenue* باستخدام بيئات Basal Bold، BG11 و Zarrok تم اختبارالنشاط المضاد للبكتريا للمستخلص الميثانولى للثلاث عزلات من الطحالب باستخدام طريقة well diffusion ضد ثمان أنواع من البكتريا الممرضة للانسان وتشمل *Staphylococcus aureus*، *Enterococcus sp.*، *Acinetobacter baumannii*، *Escherichia coli*، *Klebsiella pneumonia*، *Proteus sp.*، *Salmonella tyhphi* و *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* أوضحت النتائج أن طحلب *Phormidium tenue* قد أظهر أعلى فاعلية كنشاط مضاد للبكتريا لذا تم اختياره لتطبيق الاستخلاص التتابعى باستخدام المذيبات (الايثير البترولى، خلات الايثيل، ٨٠% ميثانول و الماء). أعطى المستخلص التتابعى بخلات الايثيل أقوى تأثير مضاد للبكتريا فتم تحليله كروماتوجرافيا. تبين من النتائج ان المركبات الفينولية هى المركبات الفعالة الأكثر شيوعا فتم تعريفها وتقديرها باستخدام جهاز التحليل اللوني العالى الكفاءة للسوائل(HPLC). وقد أظهرت النتائج ان مركب ال ethyl vanillate أعطى أعلى تركيز بقيمة 1755.2 ميكروجرام/جرام .