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ANTIBIOTIC ACTIVITY OF SEVERAL PHYTOPATHOGENIC FUNGI

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ABSTRACT

Twenty one strains of phytopathogenic fungi were screened for antibiotic activity by the microdilution method. The highest bacteriostatic activity was recorded in *Curvularia lunata, Phytophthora capsici, P. drechsleri, Gliocladium* spp., *Neocosmospora vasinfecta, Helminthosporium* spp., *Fusarium lateritum,* and *Rhizopus* spp. These strains showed activity against at least one of the following bacteria of medical interest: *Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus,* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Likewise, against some phytopathogenic bacteria: *Pectobacterium carotovorum* subsp. *carotovorum, Agrobacterium tumefaciens* and *Xanthomonas vesicatoria*. Activities were recorded in the following concentrations of aqueous extracts: 62.5 µl/ml and 250 µl/ml. *Curvularia lunata, Fusarium lateritium* and *Rhizopus* spp. also showed bactericidal activity.

Key words: Antibiotic activity, bacteriostatic activity, bactericidal activity, phytopathogenic fungi.