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Susceptibility of *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* to *Myrtus communis* extracts and other Antimicrobial Agents

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Background and Aim: Increasing prevalence of dental caries makes it one of the most important problems in public health. Plants products are currently gaining attention for treatment of various ailments. *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* is a major pathogen associated with chronic periodontitis, an inflammatory disease of the supporting tissues of the teeth. Oral *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* are pathogens commonly associated with dental plaque and the formation of caries. The inhibitory effects of *Myrtus communis* extract on the caries inducing properties of *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* were examined in vitro.

Methods: *communis* extract was dissolved in sterile distilled water with gentle heating where necessary. All the extracts showed activity against *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* standard oral pathogenic bacteria. The MICs were determined using a standard susceptibility broth dilution technique. Bacteria and growth conditions strain of *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* bacteria were selected for this study. All bacteria were maintained on Tryptic Soy Broth (TSB; Merck, Ger.) and blood brucella agar supplemented with menadione, hemin and yeast extract grown in at 37°C for 96 h. Bacterial suspensions were prepared by centrifuging 20 mL of TSB cultures at 15 min, *Myrtus communis* extract solutions or component solutions prepared of Commercial *Myrtus communis* were prepared by using 70% Methanol