

**ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF *CORIANDRUM SATIVUM* (DHANIYA)
SPICE AGAINST MDR BACTERIA**

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ABSTRACT : The antibacterial effect of a spice *Coriandrum sativum* was studied against some of the Multi drug resistant strains. The extract was investigated for 8 bacterial strains. Some of the tested organisms were found to be inhibitory towards the extracts. The *Coriandrum sativum* extract was found to be more effective towards *Shigella dysenteriae* as compared to *Klebsiella pneumoniae* as well as *Staphylococcus aureus*. The result shows that *Coriandrum sativum* has antimicrobial properties.

Key Words: Antibiotic effect, Multi-drug-resistant strains, *Coriandrum sativum*, susceptibility, inhibition zone.