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( الكلمات الدالة : البردقوش- العرقسوس- مضادات للميكروبات- مضدات الأكسدة- التقييم البيولوجي)

ينتشر استخدام االبردقوش و العرقسوس كنباتات طبيه، تم تقدير تركيب الزيت العطرى باستخدام GC/MS ، وكانت المركبات السائده هى المركبات الهيدروكربونيه (60.1.5). أما الفينولات الكليه للمستخلص الإيثانولى للعرقسوس فقد تم التعرف عليها من خلال جهاز HPLC وكانت الفلافونيدات هى المركبات السائده (60.7.5). تم تقدير النشاط المضاد للميكروبات لكلا المستخلصين بطريقة إنتشار القرص. كذلك تم تقدير النشاط المضاد للأكسده لكلا المستخلصين . بالإضافة إلى أن المستخلصين كان لهم تأثير مخفض للكوليسيرول ومحسن لمستوى إنزيمات الكبد ووظائف الكلية الكلية علي فئران التجارب.

### ٥ - ٢ باللغة الأجنبية: بشرط ألا يزيد عن ٧ أسطر

( Key Words: Marjoram, Licorice, Antioxidant, Antimicrobial, Biological evaluation)

Marjoram and licorice are extensively used as medicinal plants. Marjoram essential oil (MEO) was determined by GC/MS. The main compounds were hydrocarbons (61.48%). Total phenolic compounds of licorice ethanolic extract (LEE) were identified using HPLC. Flavonoids were the main compounds (56.8%). The antimicrobial activity of MEO and LEE was determined by using Disc Diffusion method. Additionally, antioxidant activity of MEO and LEE was determined. Also, MEO and LEE had hypocholesterolemic effect and improved liver and kidney function.

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- ۲-٦ أظهر زيت البردقوش وكذلك المستخلص الإيثانولي للعرقسوس تأثير مضاد للبكتريا وبعض الخمائر خاصة عند التركيزات المرتفعة.
- 7-7 أظهر زيت البردقوش وكذلك المستخلص الإيثانولي للعرقسوس نشاطاً مضاداً للأكسدة من خلال التأثير الإزاحي على الشق الحر DPPH.
- 7-٤ إنخفض مستوى الكوليسترول وإنزيمات الكبد وتحسن في وظائف الكلى عند إعطاء زيت البردقوش العطرى والمستخلص الإيثانولي للعرقسوس لفئران التجارب.

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Marjoram and licorice are extensively used as medicinal plants. Marjoram essential oil (MEO) was determined by GC/MS. The main compound was  $\alpha$ -terpinene (7.37%),  $\gamma$ -terpinene (7.25%), champhene (4.64%) and terpinene 4-ol (6.33%). The antimicrobial activity of MEO was determined by using Disc Diffusion method. Data ascertained that MEO had an inhibitory effect against all tested bacteria and fungal strains. In addition, antioxidant activity of MEO was examined by the 2, 2'- diphenyl-1- picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging method. Data show that MEO exhibited antioxidant activity, especially, at a high concentration (50000 ppm) that recorded 88.82% inhibition. The biological effect of MEO on hypercholesterolemic rats compared with BHT was determined. The MEO decreased the serum total cholesterol, LDL, triglycerides and total lipids of tested rats. Also, MEO reduced the liver and kidney functions compared with BHT. Total phenolic compounds of licorice ethanolic extract (LEE) were identified using HPLC. The major compounds were glabridin (11.72%), cinnamic acid (8.22%) and apigenin (7.81%). The antimicrobial activity of LEE could inhibit Gram-positive bacteria more than Gram-negative bacteria. Antioxidant activity of LEE was examined by Electron Spin Resonance-technique (ESR). The antioxidant activity was 99.93%. The biological evaluation of LEE on hypercholesterolemic rats was examined. Serum total cholesterol, LDL, triglycerides and total lipids levels were decreased compared with rats fed with high fat diet + cholesterol.

**Keywords:** Marjoram, Licorice, Antioxidant, Antimicrobial,

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