

PROPHYLACTIC ACTIVITY OF *Diodia scandens* CRUDE EXTRACTS ON SWISS ALBINO RATS

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to evaluate the prophylactic activity of *Diodia scandens* on Swiss albino rats challenged with *Staphylococcus epidermidis*. Twenty (20) Swiss albino rats of both sexes weighing (120-200) were housed in polycarbonated cages at ambient environmental condition of 23±2oC, 30-60% relative humidity. They were defasted for 4hour prior to treatment. Different concentrations of different extracts (50mg/kg and 100mg/kg) of *Diodia scandens* were given according to the weight of rats and were challenged with 0.5ml of 1×10⁸ cfu/ml of *Staphylococcus epidermidis* in Mueller Hinton broth using 0.5 Mcfarland standards at the 4th day of the pre-treatment. The result showed aggressiveness, no fever or inflammation during the pre-treatment. After the organism challenge test it was observed that with some level of protection were offered by extract of *Diodia scandens* on the rats. The protection offered by *Diodia scandens* after organism challenged test has shown that the plant is potent, effective and had boosted the immunity of the rats against *Staphylococcus epidermidis*. It was concluded that 50mg/kg and 100mg/kg of *Diodia scandens* was effective during pre-treatment and was not toxic on the rats.