

# **SCREENING OF SOME HIGHER PLANTS FOR ANTI-BACTERIAL SUBSTANCES**

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Some higher plants, traditionally employed by Ayurvedic physicians in Sri Lanka for treatment of dysentery and pyoderma, have been screened for the anti-bacterial properties.

Disc diffusion method was employed to assess the effectiveness of aqueous and ethanolic extracts of plant materials against Gram-positive and Gram-negative human pathogenic bacteria.

Results show that some of the plants tested have an anti-bacterial effect.