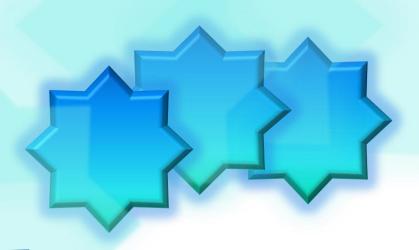
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#### **Original Article**

### Covering and the Manufacture of *Myxopyronin B* Antibiotic from Assorted Soil Environments in Egypt

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#### **ABSTRACT**

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BACKGROUND: Across the world, antibiotic resistance is a grave problem.

**AIM OF THE STUDY:** To explore Egypt's diverse soil habitats for the production of bacterial *Myxopyronin B*, which is then tested for antimicrobial activity in *preclinical animal studies* and *randomized human clinical trials stages 1/2*.

METHODOLOGY: Egypt's various soil conditions were examined for the development of bacterial isolates that produced the antibiotic compound *Myxopyronin B*. To determine the test antibiotic's *minimum inhibitory concentration [MIC]* and in vitro antibacterial activity, the Broth microdilution method and the Paper disc diffusion assay were utilized. Moreover, in vivo antibacterial spectrum, adverse medication responses, and pharmacokinetics were found in preclinical animal testing stages; as well as phases 1/2 of randomized clinical studies involving 150 volunteer humans from both secs with ages ranging from 5-60 years old.

RESULTS: Myxopyronin B was generated from the culture supernatant of Myxococcus SDU36, the main soil bacterial isolate cultured on a Casein yeast peptone plate. With MICs less than 100 mcg/ml, the test antibiotic prevented the growth of several Gram +ve bacteria, whereas, at MICs higher than 100 mcg/ml, it inhibited the growth of a small number of Gram -ve bacteria, including Escherichia coli. However, eukaryotic cells—such as those found in fungi and humans—were unaffected. The test antibiotic was seen to inhibit prokaryotic DNA-dependent RNA polymerase [RNLP], indicating its bactericidal activity. Mean Cmax was 9-10 mcg/ml at mean Tmax 1 hour when 600 mg dose was orally administered in randomized human clinical trials phases 1/2; as well as T1/2 reached 2.25 hours following first-order kinetics of elimination. The duration of its action was nearly 8 hours after oral administration.

**CONCLUSION:** The present study was promising due to the production of the bactericidal antibiotic *Myxopyronin B* from *Myxococcus sp. SDU36* isolated from different soil environments in Egypt.

**Keywords:** *Myxopyronin B*; Microbial; Antibiotic; Resistance; Myxobacteria.



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#### INTRODUCTION

For an antibiotic to be useful as a medicine, it must exhibit selective toxicity [1]. The activities of bacteria must be significantly suppressed compared to those of human cells [2]. The search for novel antibiotic sources is essential because antibiotic resistance is a serious, global issue that has to be addressed [3].

Cell walls, ribosomes, cell membranes, and nucleic acids are the four main targets of antibacterial drugs <sup>[4]</sup>. These drugs have no impact on human cells since they don't have a cell wall and have unique ribosomes, nucleic acid enzymes, and sterols in their membranes <sup>[5]</sup>. Drugs known to be *bactericidal* are effective against bacteria <sup>[6]</sup>. Conversely, bacteriostatic drugs prevent the growth of germs <sup>[7]</sup>. The pathogen is eliminated by the patient's phagocytes while using bacteriostatic drugs <sup>[8]</sup>.

When a patient has a low neutrophil count, they should be given bactericidal drugs <sup>[9]</sup>. The alpha-pyrone antibiotic class includes *Myxopyronins* <sup>[10]</sup>. The term "*pyrones*" or "*pyranones*" refers to a class of heterocyclic chemical compounds <sup>[11]</sup>. They comprise an unsaturated six-membered ring that is composed of one oxygen atom and a ketone functional group <sup>[12]</sup>. The names of the two isomers are 2-*pyrone* and 4-*pyrone* <sup>[13]</sup>. Given that *Myxopyronins* exhibit no cross-resistance with other medications, they may be able to mitigate the growing problem of drug resistance in tuberculosis <sup>[14]</sup>. Additionally, their medication may be beneficial for *Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus* [*MRSA*] <sup>[15]</sup>.

Assessing the production of a novel antibiotic, *Myxopyronin B*, in various soil conditions in Egypt was the aim of the present investigation. It was also examined for antibacterial efficacy in *phases 1/2 randomized human clinical trials*.

#### PATIENTS AND METHODS

Ethical statement: Prioritized in the current study were all pertinent institutional, national, and/or international standards concerning the use and care of humans and animals. All study protocols involving humans and animals were authorized by the Ethical Committee for Human and Animal Handling at Cairo University [ECAHCU], located at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Cairo University, Egypt, by the Weather all Report's recommendations [approval number TX10/2023]. At all costs, the study's human and animal subjects' numbers and suffering were kept to a minimum. Phases 1/2 registration number for the randomized human clinical trials was NCT00000806/2023.

**Type of the study:** Screening experimental study.

**Place and date of the study:** This study was processed at the faculty of pharmacy, Cairo University, Egypt between *May* 2023 and February 2024.

**Source of animal models:** They were existed and legalized by the pharmacology and toxicology department of the faculty of pharmacy, at Cairo University, Egypt.

**Inclusion criteria for animal models:** A hundred adult male obese rabbit animal models weighing about 2 kg; could be inoculated with different bacterial infections. Rabbits were acclimatized for one week before the experiment. At a humidity  $[50 \% \pm 5]$ , light-dark cycle [12/12 h], and a controlled temperature  $[25\pm 2 \, ^{\circ}C]$ . The rabbits were fed with fresh grass.

**Exclusion criteria for animal models:** Young and female rabbits; Non-obese rabbits weighing less than 2 kg.

Collection of 100 soil samples: Randomly selected samples were grassland soils collected from various soil types in Egypt at a depth of 30 cm. Before processing, samples were stored at 4°C in sterile containers. Each soil sample was weighed one gram and each 250 ml Erlenmeyer flask contained 99 ml of sterile distilled water. The vials were shaken at 400 rpm using a gyroscopic shaker for 5 min. After dilution from  $10^{-1}$  to  $10^{-6}$  in sterile distilled water, the soil suspension was placed on selective casein peptone [CYP] yeast agar medium [purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, USA]. 50 cc of nutrient broth with pH 7 was added to a 250 ml Erlenmeyer flask to create an inoculum for the bacterial strain under study. The medium was autoclaved and then inoculated with a loop of culture from nutrient agar slants overnight. The inoculum consisted of inoculated vials, which were shaken throughout the day at 150 rpm.

#### **Instruments**

**Table [1]:** List of instruments

Instrument	Model and manufacturer
Autoclaves	Tomy, japan
Aerobic incubator	Sanyo, Japan
Digital balance	Mettler Toledo, Switzerland
Oven	Binder, Germany
Deep freezer -70 ℃	Artiko
Refrigerator 5	whirlpool
PH meter electrode	Mettler-toledo, UK
Deep freezer -20 ℃	whirlpool
Gyrator shaker	Corning gyrator shaker, Japan
190-1100nm Ultraviolet-visible	UV1600PC, China
spectrophotometer	
Light[optical] microscope	Amscope 120X-1200X, China

**Materials:** All chemical and biochemical substances were obtained from Algomhuria Pharmaceutical Company and Alnasr Chemical Company, Egypt. All chemical reagents utilized were of expository review.

**Isolation of Myxococcus SDU36 producing Myxopyronin B antibiotic:** The selective isolation of species of *Myxococcus SDU36* from different soil samples was directly performed utilizing *dilution plating*. The technique included the suppression of competing bacteria exploiting antibiotics such as 10 mcg/ml Vancomycin and/ or 10 mcg/ml Chloramphenicol

combined with wet heat treatment of soils and air drying. Fungi were eliminated by supplementing the plating medium with 2 mcg/ ml Terbinafine HCl. Swarming of Myxococcus SDU36 colonies was controlled with Casein Yeast Peptone [CYP] plates incubated at 30°C and PH 7.2 for 5 days. The composition of the CYP plate included 0.4 % Peptone from Casein, tryptically digested, 0.3 % CaCl2. 2H2O, and 0.1% MgSO4.7H2O, PH 7.2. The potent bacterial isolate producing Myxopyronin was performed utilizing a 16 S rRNA sequencing technique. The predominant bacterial isolate with high antibacterial activity was identified using 16S rRNA sequencing and other biochemical tests. Nucleic acid was extracted from a swab by bead-beating in a buffered solution containing Phenol, Chloroform, and Isoamyl alcohol. The variable region of the 16S rRNA gene was then amplified from the resulting nucleic acid using PCR. The genomic DNA was extracted from 120 hours of cultured cells using a DNA purification kit [PurreLink<sup>TM</sup> Genomic DNA Mini Kit with Catalog number: K182002 was purchased from Invitrogen, USA] according to the protocol provided by the manufacturer of the DNA purification kit. The 16S rRNA gene was amplified by PCR [PCR SuperMix kit was purchased from Invitrogen, USA] using forward [5<sup>-</sup>AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG-3<sup>-</sup>] and reverse [5-GGTTACCTTGTTACGACTT-3<sup>-</sup>] primers. PCR amplicons from up to hundreds of samples were then combined and sequenced on a single run. The resulting sequences were matched to a reference database to determine relative bacterial abundances. Polymerase Chain Reaction [PCR] was a powerful method for amplifying particular segments of DNA. PCR used the enzyme *Platinum<sup>TM</sup> Taq DNA polymerase* with catalog number 10966018 [purchased from Invitrogen, USA] that directed the synthesis of DNA from deoxynucleotide substrates on a single-stranded DNA template. DNA polymerase added nucleotides to the 3' end of a custom-designed oligonucleotide when it was annealed to a longer template DNA. Thus, if a synthetic oligonucleotide was annealed to a single-stranded template that contained a region complementary to the oligonucleotide, DNA polymerase could use the oligonucleotide as a primer and elongate its 3' end to generate an extended region of double-stranded DNA. Denaturation was the initial PCR cycle stage The DNA template was heated to 94° C. This broke down the weak hydrogen bonds that held DNA strands together in a helix, allowing the strands to separate creating single-stranded DNA. Annealing was the second PCR cycle. The mixture was cooled to anywhere from 50-70° C. This allowed the primers to bind [anneal] to their complementary sequence in the template DNA. The extension was the final step of the PCR cycle. The reaction was; then heated up to  $72^{\circ}$  C, the optimal temperature for DNA polymerase to act. DNA polymerase extended the primers, adding nucleotides onto the primer in a sequential manner, using the target DNA as a template. With one cycle, a single segment of double-stranded DNA template was amplified into two separate pieces of double-stranded DNA. These two pieces were then available for amplification in the next cycle. As the cycles were repeated, more and more copies were generated and the number of copies of the template was increased

exponentially. The amplified *PCR* product was sequenced using a genetic analyzer *3130XL* [purchased from Applied Biosystems, *USA*]. *DNA* sequence homology search analysis of the predominant bacterial isolate was achieved using the Blastn algorithm at the *NCBI* website. Fruiting bodies were examined using a *Stereomicroscope* [dissecting microscope] *MSC-ST45T* [purchased from Infetik, China]. Wet mounts from crushed fruiting bodies were prepared. The refractivity, shape, and size of *Myxospores* were determined by victimizing phase contrast microscopy. On the other hand, the plates were exposed to *360 nm* wavelength ultraviolet light to assess the fruiting bodies fluoresced [16].

#### Identification of Myxopyronin B-producing bacterial isolates:

*Gram stain:* It grouped bacteria into two types based on their cell wall composition. Bacterial cells turned purple after being treated with a solution of *crystal violet* and then *iodine* on a microscope slide. When stained cells were treated with solvents such as alcohol or acetone, *Gram-positive* bacteria retained the stain while *Gram-negative* bacteria lost the stain and became colorless. With the addition of the decolorizing agent *safranin*, the transparent Gram-negative bacteria turned pink [17].

Spore shape: This was discovered using the spore staining method. To get rid of any fingerprints, the slide was wiped with alcohol and a Kim wipe. On the bottom of the slide, a Sharpie was used to create two circles. Each circle was filled with two tiny droplets of water using an inoculation loop. A very small amount of germs was taken out of the culture tube using an aseptic method. The water droplet on the slide had microorganisms on it. The slide was thoroughly dried by air. Bypassing the slide through the flame three to four times with the smear side up, the slide was heat-fixed. It took a while for the slide to completely cool. A piece of paper towel placed inside the slide's border was used to hide the streaks. A beaker of heating water was situated over the slide. The slide was allowed to steam for three to five minutes; while the paper towel was covered with a malachite green liquid. Removed and thrown away was the discolored paper towel. To get rid of any stray paper towel bits, the slide was gently cleaned with water. The counter-stain was safranin for 1 minute. Before putting the slide on the microscope's stage and seeing it via the oil immersion lens, the slide's bottom was dried [18].

**Spore site:** During the Gram stain test, the spore location was grooved [19].

*Cell shape:* During the Gram stain test, the cell shape was determined [20].

**Blood hemolysis:** On blood agar media, the test antibiotic capacity to haemolyze the blood was tried [21].

**Motility test:** It distinguished between motile bacteria and non-motile bacteria. A sterile needle was used to penetrate the medium to within  $1\ cm$  of the tube's bottom to select a well-isolated colony and test for motility. The needle was certainly preserved in the same position as it was artifact-ed and removed from the medium. It took 18 hours of incubation at  $35^{\circ}C$ , or until evident growth materialized [22].

Nitrate reduction test: 0.5 ml of Nitrate broth situated in a clean test tube was autoclaved for 15 minutes at 15 lbs pressure and 121°C and was allowed to cool to room temperature. The tube was inoculated with a heavy inoculum of unspoiled bacterial culture and was incubated at 35°C for 2 hours. 2 drops of reagent A and 2 drops of reagent B were added and blended well. The evolution of the red color within 2 minutes was ascertained. If no red color was formed, a small quantity of Zinc dust was added and discovered for the alteration to the red color in 5 minutes [23].

**Methyl red test:** In the *Methyl Red* test, a pestiferous tube of MR broth was used before adding the methyl red *PH* indicator. The buffers in the medium were over by the acids when an organism utilized the blended acid fermentation pathway and brought forth stable acidic end products, consequent on an acidic environment [24].

**Catalase test:** A little inoculum of a specific bacterial strain was enclosed in a 3% Hydrogen peroxide solution to comprehend if it might produce Catalase. It was ascertained that the rapid emission of Oxygen bubbles [25].

Oxidase test: The 1% Kovács oxidase reagent was added to a little piece of filter paper, which was then let to air dry. A well-isolated colony was confiscated from a fresh [18 to 24-hour culture] bacterial plate victimizing a sterile loop, and it was then hung up onto processed filter paper. Color changes were detected [26].

Citrate utilization: Five milliliters of a Simmon Koser's citrate medium were condemned after it had been autoclaved at 15 pounds for 15 minutes. To make up a clear slant and butt, the test tube incorporating melted citrate medium was slanted. Exploiting sterilized wire and labeled tubes, the specified samples of microbe were injected on the media's incline. For 24 hours, the tubes were incubated at 37°C. The medium's color alteration was observed [27].

Starch hydrolysis: For 48 hours at 37°C, the bacterium plates were injected. After incubation, a dropper was utilized to saturate the surface of the plates with an iodine solution for 30 seconds. Iodine that was superfluous was subsequently swarmed out. The area surrounding the bacterial growth line was dictated [28].

Tween 80 hydrolysis: 1% Tween 80 was exploited to make up agar media. The rendered microorganism was introduced to the Tween 80 agar plates by employing an

inoculating loop to make up a single center streak in the plate. The plates were procreated for 24 hours at 37 °C. HgCl2 solution was displaced over the plates. After a short while, the plates were discovered. Positive test outcome; A well-defined halo-zone surrounding the injected area demonstrated a *Tween* 80 chemical reaction [29].

**Growth at 10-45**  ${}^{0}C$ : On nutrient agar media, the biological process was observed to be possible at  $10-45{}^{\circ}C$  [30].

**Indole test:** The test tube incorporating the microorganism for inoculation received 5 *drops* of the *Kovács reagent* directly. Within seconds after inserting the reagent into the media, the reagent layer settled a pink to red color [cherryred ring], which was a mark of a positive *Indol test* [31].

**Tolerance salinity test:** Its capacity to evolve on nutrient agar while being responsive to 5% &7% NaCl was detected [32].

**Voges-Proskauer** [VP] test: For the test, Voges-Proskauer broth, a glucose-phosphate broth affluent-ed with microorganisms, was added to Alpha-naphthol and Potassium hydroxide. A successful consequence was betokened aside a Cherry red tint; whereas an unfortunate consequence was signal via a yellow-brown color [33].

Casein hydrolysis test: For testing the Casein hydrolyzing activity of the test antibiotic, a single line streak of the given culture was performed in the center of the skim milk agar plate under aseptic conditions and the plate was procreated at  $37^{\circ}$ C in an incubator for  $24-48 h^{[34]}$ .

#### Saccharide fermentation tests:

Glucose fermentation test: The fermentation reactions of glucose were investigated using glucose purple broth. Peptone and the *PH* indicator bromcresol purple made up the purple broth. A 1% concentration of glucose was added. Isolated colonies from a 24-hour pure culture of microorganisms were added to the glucose purple broth as an inoculant. Parallel to the inoculation of the glucose-based medium, a control tube of purple broth base was used. The inoculated medium was incubated aerobically for *3 days* at *35–37* °C. The medium began to become yellow, which was a sign of a successful outcome. A poor carbohydrate fermentation response was indicated by the lack of yellow color development [35].

**Fructose fermentation test:** A pure culture's inoculum was aseptically transferred to a sterile tube of phenol red fructose broth. The infected tube was incubated for 18–24 hours at 35–37 °C. A color shift from red to yellow, signifying acidic pH alteration, was a sign of a favorable response <sup>[36]</sup>.

**Maltose fermentation test:** A pure culture inoculum was aseptically transferred to a sterile tube containing phenol red maltose broth. The infected tube was incubated for 18–24 hours at 35–37 °C. A color shift from red to yellow, signifying an acidic PH alteration, was a sign of a favorable response [37].

**Sucrose fermentation test:** A pure culture's inoculum was aseptically transferred to a sterile tube containing phenol red sucrose broth. For  $24 \ hours$ , the infected tube was incubated at  $35-37^{\circ}C$ . A color shift from red to yellow, signifying an acidic *PH* alteration, was a sign of a favorable response [38].

#### Purification of *Myxopyronin B* antibiotic:

This was achieved through the reversed phase chromategraphy technique. The aeration rate was 0.142 V/V. min. The stirring rate was 500 rpm. PO2 was at about 90 % of saturation; but decreased to about 20 % after 18 hours]. The fermentation was stopped after 40 hours via centrifugation at 500 rpm in a gyrator shaker. The supernatants were collected; and then tested for antimicrobial sensitivity using broth dilution technique to detect MICs and agar paper diffusion discs technique. The test antibiotic was extracted from the 2 liters of culture broth with 2/10 volume ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate was then removed under the reduced pressure at 40°C. Afterward, the residue was dissolved in 398 ml of methanol-water [90:10] and chromatographed on reversed-phase HPLC. Methanol was the mobile phase. The eluent was 70 part *methanol*: 16 part *water*: and 4 part acetic acid with a flow rate of 300 ml/min. Detection of the antibiotic components was achieved by exploiting the refractive index. The main peak with a retention time of 5 minutes contained the biological antibiotic activity which was determined via agar diffusion assay using paper discs and Staphylococcus aureus as an indicator organism. On the other hand, the main peak was subjected to neutralization via NaHCO3. Myxopyronin B was extracted using 10 % V/V Ethylene chloride. After the evaporation of the solvent, about 85 % of the remaining antibiotic substance was pure. It was noticed that the retention time of Myxopyronin B was 10 minutes. The molecular formula of the purified Myxopyronin B was detected through a mass spectrometer [Quadrupole mass spectrometer, Advion, USA] [39].

**Procedure of** *Broth dilution assay* **for determination of** *MICs* **of** *Myxopyronin B*: During testing, multiple microtiter plates were filled with a certain broth, according to the needs of the target bacteria. Varying concentrations of the antibiotics and the bacteria to be tested were then added to the plate. The plate was then placed into a non-*CO2* incubator and incubated at thirty-seven degrees Celsius for sixteen to twenty hours. Following the allotted time, the plate was removed and checked for bacterial growth. When the broth became cloudy, bacterial growth occurred. The results of the broth microdilution method were reported in Minimum Inhibitory Concentration [MIC], or the lowest concentration of antibiotics that stopped bacterial expansion [40].

#### Agar diffusion assay with paper discs procedure for the determination of Myxopyronin A antimicrobial activity:

The disk diffusion method [DDM] was classified as an agar diffusion method [ADM] because the test antibiotic extract to be tested diffused from its reservoir through the agar

medium seeded with the test microorganism. Generally, the reservoir was a filter paper disk, which was placed on top of an agar surface. When tested extract compounds were microbiologically active, an <u>inhibition zone</u> developed around the filter paper disk after incubation. The diameter of the inhibition zone properly described the antimicrobial potency of the test extract. <sup>41</sup> The test microbes were isolated using either selective or enriched growth media or broth[ table 2].

**Table [2].** It demonstrates different isolation media for different pathogenic m.os. utilized in the *Broth microdilution* test and agar diffusion assay using paper discs:

Pathogenic m.o	No of strains	Isolation media		
Bacillus subtilis	5	Mannitol egg yolk polymixin agar[ MEYP]		
Bacillus cereus	7	Polymixin egg yolk mannitol bromothymol blue agar[ PEMBA]		
Staphylococcus aureus	6	Salt mannitol agar[ SMA]		
Pneumococci	13	Todd Hewitt broth with yeast extract		
E. coli	17	Sorbitol- Macconkey agar		
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	10	Pseudomonas isolation agar[ PSA]		
Candida albicans	1	Potato dextrose agar[ PDA]		
Saccharomyces cerevisiae	5	Sabourad dextrose agar[ SDA]		
Salmonella typhimurium	4	Bismuth sulfite agar[ BSA]		
Haemophilus influenza	3	Enriched chocolate agar		
Gonococci	4	Thayer martin medium		
meningococci	6	Mueller Hinton agar		
Serratia Marcescens	4	Caprylate thallous agar medium		
Mucor hiemalis	1	Potato dextrose broth		
Shigella dysenteriae	8	Hekteon enteric agar		
Micrococcus luteus	1	Tryptic soy agar		
Proteus mirabilis	1	Blood agar		

#### Estimation of *Myxopyronin B* effect on bacterial *RNA* synthesis:

The concentration of *RNA* isolated with *RNeasy Kits* [purchased from QIAGEN, USA] was determined by measuring the absorbance at 260 nm in a spectrophotometer. An absorbance of 1 unit at 260 nm corresponds to 40  $\mu$ g of *RNA* per ml [ $A260 = 1 = 40 \mu$ g/ml] [ $^{142}$ ].

#### Estimation of *Myxopyronin B* effect on bacterial protein synthesis:

Absorbance was measured at 205 nm to calculate the protein concentration by comparison with a standard curve. A [205] method could be used to quantify total protein in crude lysates and purified or partially purified protein. The UV spectrophotometer was set to read at 205 nm allowing 15 min for the instrument to equilibrate. The absorbance reading was set to zero with a solution of the buffer and all components except the protein present. The protein solution was placed in the 1 ml cuvette and the absorbance was determined. The dilution and readings of samples were performed in duplicate. The matched cuvettes for samples and controls were utilized during the test procedure. The extinction coefficient of the protein was known, and the following equation was employed. Absorbance = Extinctioncoefficient imesconcentration

protein  $\times$  path length [1 cm] to determine the concentration of the protein [43].

#### Estimation of pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic effects of *Myxopyronin B* during experimental animal testing in preclinical clinical trials:

In the present study, the pharmacokinetics and the pharmacodynamics of  $Myxopyronin\ A$  were evaluated after dosing in 100 male rabbit animal models weighing about  $2\ kg$ . Furthermore, compound concentrations were determined in target compartments, such as lung, kidney, and thigh tissue, using LC-MS/MS. Based on the pharmacokinetic results, the pharmacodynamic profile of  $Myxopyronin\ B$  was assessed utilizing the standard neutropenic thigh and lung infection models [44].

#### Estimation of pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic effects of *Myxopyronin B* in *randomized human clinical trials phases 1/2*:

This study was conducted on 150 male and female human volunteer subjects with ages ranging from 5-60 years old to show the bioavailability, pharmaco-kinetics, and pharmacodynamics of the test antibiotic. The study was designed as a randomized, 500 mg single-dose, 2-treatment, 2-period crossover trial with a washout period of 1 week. Blood samples were collected at 0[ baseline], 10, 20, and 40 minutes and at 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, and 24 hours post-dose. Plasma concentrations of the 4 drugs were measured by using a rapid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry Pharmacokinetic parameters were calculated by using noncompartmental methods. Bioequivalence was determined if the 90 % CIs of the log-transformed test/ reference ratios AUC [0-25], AUC  $[0-\infty]$ , and Cmax were within the predetermined range of 80% to 125%. Tolerability was assessed by using clinical parameters and subject reports Pharmacodynamic effects were evaluated through the determination of MICs via agar diffusion assay and broth dilution technique During randomized human clinical trials phases 1/2 all utilized infectious bacterial counts were estimated spectorophotometrically [45].

**Estimation of phototoxicity, mutagenicity, and carcinogenicity of** *Myxopyronin B*: The phototoxicity was dictated via the "3T3 neutral red uptake phototoxicity technique" [46]. On the other hand, mutagenicity and carcinogenicity of the test antibiotic were assessed using the Ames test [47].

The determination of toxicokinetics and toxico-dynamics impacts of Myxopyronin B: Up and down method for acute toxicity detection of Myxopyronin B was utilized for this purpose  $[^{48}]$ .

The determination of the maximum bactericidal activity of *Myxopyronin B*: A pure culture of a specified

microorganism was grown overnight, then diluted in growthsupporting broth[ typically Mueller Hinton Broth] to a concentration between 1 x 10<sup>5</sup> and 1 x 10<sup>6</sup> cfu/ ml. A stock dilution of the antimicrobial test substance was made at approximately 100 times the expected MIC. Further 1:1 dilutions were made in test tubes. All dilutions of the test antibiotic were inoculated with equal volumes of the specified microorganism. A positive and negative control tube was included for every test microorganism to demonstrate adequate microbial growth over the course of the incubation period and media sterility, respectively. An aliquot of the positive control was plated and used to establish a baseline concentration of the microorganism used. The tubes were then incubated at the appropriate temperature and duration. Turbidity indicated growth of the microorganism and the MIC was the lowest concentration where no growth was visually observed. To determine the MBC, the dilution representing the MIC and at least two of the more concentrated test product dilutions were plated and enumerated to determine viable CFU/ml. The MBC was the lowest concentration that demonstrated a predetermined reduction [such as 99.9%] in CFU/ ml when compared to the MIC dilution [49].

# **Determination of plasma protein binding capacity of** *Myxopyronin B*: Using an ultrafiltration technique, the protein binding [*PB*] extent and changeability of the test antibiotic medicates were settled when given simultaneously to *30 patients* inoculated with infectious *pneumococci* inside hospitals in Egypt. Clinical samples used were routinely received by the microbiological laboratory inside the faculty of Pharmacy, Cairo University, Egypt. Plasma proteins were likewise plumbed. A protein-free medium was utilized to ascertain the nonspecific binding. Plasma samples from *30* patients were included, of which plasma proteins were emancipated for *24 patients*.

**Determination of liver, kidney, and heart function tests of the test antibiotic:** These functional tests were carried out to evaluate the vitality of the liver, kidney, and heart during *the randomized human clinical trials phases 1/2.* On the other hand, Urine, and stool analyses in addition to the estimation of blood complete counts were performed on all experimental subjects given graded doses of *Myxopyronin B*.



Figure [1]: It demonstrates the structure of  $Myxopyronin\ B$  extracted from bacterial isolates  $Myxococcus\ SDU36$  collected from different soil environments in Egypt. The molecular formula of the purified test antibiotic was noticed to be  $C_{24}H_{33}NO_6$  determined through a mass spectrometer.

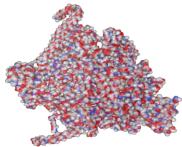


Figure [2]. It represents the docking of Myxopyronin B ligand on Bacterial RNA polymerase. Myxopyronin B non-competitively showed high affinity and inhibitory effect towards the switch region. The molecular mass of Myxopyronin B was observed to be nearly 430 Da. ΔG reached 20 joule/mole; while Kd was observed to be nearly -290 nM.

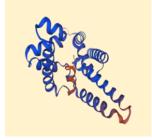


Figure [3]: It demonstrates the 3D structure of bacterial prokaryotic RNA polymerase comprising the switch binding site to which Myxopyronin B Ligand is strongly bound inhibiting bacterial RNA polymerase activity selectively leading to the inhibition of mRNA transcription and subsequently the mortality of the microbe. The secondary structure of the RNA polymerase enzyme consisted of spiral alpha and beta sheets. Its molecular mass was approximately 198 amino acids.

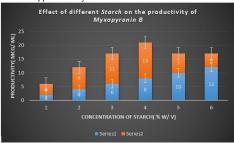


Figure [4]: It shows the impact of various concentrations of *Soluble Starch* on the production of *Myxopyronin B*.

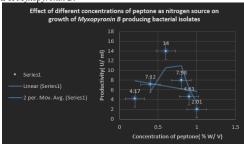


Figure [5]: It shows the effects of different *Peptone* concentrations as nitrogen growth factors on the productivity of *Myxopyronin B*.

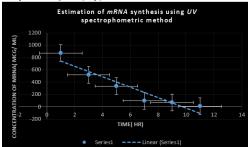
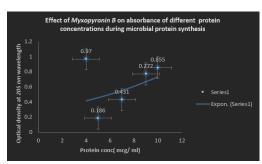
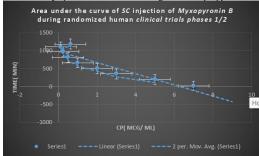


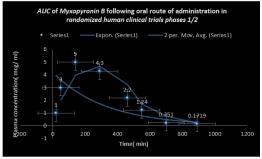
Figure [6]: It refers to the estimation of the effect of Myxopyronin B on microbial mRNA productivity. mRNA synthesis was detected to be diminished proportionately upon employment of exploding doses of Myxopyronin B antibiotic.



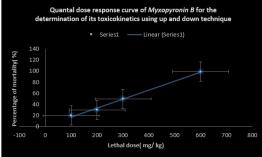
**Figure** [7]. It demonstrates the influence of *Myxopyronin B* on protein synthesis using *UV* spectrophotometer absorption at 205 nm. Protein synthesis was noticed to be decreased dramatically upon utilization of increasing doses of *Myxopyronin B* antibiotic.



**Figure [8].** It shows the AUC of Myxopyronin B following SC administration in clinical trial stages 1/2. Efficacious dose ranged from 7-8 mg/kg of body weight. The onset of action was observed following closely 15 minutes. It followed the first order of elimination kinetics. Bioavailability reached nearly 92%.



**Figure [9].** Area under the curve [AUC] following oral administration of Myxopyronin B during clinical trials phases 1/2. Effective dose ranged from 9-10 mg/kg of body weight. The onset of action was observed following nearly 28 minutes. It followed the first order of elimination kinetics. Bioavailability reached about 90%.



**Figure [10].** The quantal dose-response curve for the determination of toxicokinetics of  $Myxopyronin\ B$ . the  $LD_{50}$ % was found to be  $300\ mg/kg$ ; while LD99% was nearly  $600\ mg/kg$ .

#### Statistical analysis

All cultures were conducted in triplets. Their presentation was by means and standard deviation. One-way analysis of variance [p value  $\leq 0.05$ ] was used as a means for performing statistical analysis and also, statistical analysis was based on excel-spreadsheet-software. The F statistical analysis test was utilized during the present study.



Figure [11]. It shows Myxococcus SDU36 bacterial isolates on CYP isolation plates secreting Myxopyronin B antibiotic using a Stereomicroscope.

#### RESULTS

The primary soil bacterial isolate cultivated on Casein yeast peptone plate, Myxococcus SDU36 produced the culture supernatant from which Myxopyronin B was produced. The test antibiotic reduced the growth of a few Gram-ve bacteria, including Escherichia coli, at MICs more than 100 mcg/ml, but it did not prevent the development of numerous Gram+ve bacteria at MICs lower than 100 mcg/ml. Eukaryotic cells, on the other hand, including those in humans and fungi, were unharmed. The test antibiotic's bactericidal effect was shown by its inhibition of bacterial DNA-dependent RNA polymerase [RNLP]. In phase 1/2 of randomized human clinical trials, the mean Cmax was 9–10 mcg/ml, and the mean Tmax was 1 hour when the 600 mg dosage was taken orally. T1/2 also reached 2.25 hours after first-order kinetics of elimination. It took over eight hours for it to start working after oral administration. In fewer than 7% of experimental candidates, rare toxicity in the form of mild diarrhea and GI discomfort was found during preclinical and randomized human clinical trial stages 1/2. It demonstrated around 90% affinity to plasma proteins, particularly Albumin, which led to a lasting therapeutic effect. It demonstrated an antibiotic's concentration-dependent killing action.

The pace and amount of antimicrobial activity in the concentration-dependent killing pattern increase with drug concentration about the pathogen minimum inhibitory concentration [MIC]. After the test antibiotics were refined and purified using the reverse phase HPLC technology, Myxopyronin B was the predominant component [Table 4]. The 3T3 neutral red uptake phototoxicity test was used to determine the phototoxicity, and it revealed no phototoxicity. Conversely, the Ames test was used to evaluate the mutagenicity and carcinogenicity of the test antibiotic, and the results showed no genotoxicity or carcinogenicity at all.

The quantal dosage response curve for *Myxopyronin B's toxicokinetics* is shown in *Figure 10*. It was discovered that  $LD_{50}\%$  was 300 mg/kg and  $LD_{99}\%$  was over 600 mg/kg. Using a stereomicroscope, *Figure 11* depicts *Myxococcus SDU36* bacterial isolates on *CYP* isolation plates secreting the antibiotic *Myxopyronin B*.

Tables 9 and 10, show that there was a substantial reduction in protein synthesis and mRNA synthesis as the dosage of Myxopyronin B was increased. Docking experiments with the MCULE and SWISS DOCK software showed that the test antibiotic's mode of action was most likely caused by

inhibiting RNA polymerase by binding to its switch region. The test antibiotic's high  $\Delta G$  was found to be around 20 J/mol using the SWISS model software. However, utilizing SWISS-MODEL software, it was discovered that the test antibiotic's low Kd near the switch area was around -290 nM. Table 11 provides a summary of the biochemical profile and morphology of the strong bacterial isolates used in this investigation to produce the test antibiotic. Myxococcus SDU36 was the most common bacterial isolate found to be secreting the extracellular test antibiotic, according to its morphology and biochemical responses. The study had 150 human volunteers in total, with a mean age of 28.1 [8.7] years [SD]. The 90% confidence intervals [CIs] for the long-transformed ratios of Cmax, AUC [0-25], and  $AUC[0-\infty]$  for the test antibiotic were, respectively, 89.2 to 95.3, 88.2 to 96.1, and 90.8 to 93.4. For Myxopyronin B, the mean protein binding [PB] was found to be around 90%. It was shown that albumin exhibited the predominant protein binding for both Rifampicin and Myxopyronin B. The therapeutic activity was discovered to be attributed to the unbound fraction. The structure of Myxopyronin B, which was isolated from bacterial isolates of Myxococcus SDU36 collected from various soil habitats in Egypt, is depicted in Figure 1. Using a mass spectrometer, the molecular formula of the purified test antibiotic was found to be  $C_{24}H_{33}NO_6$ . The area under the curve [AUC] after oral Myxopyronin B dosing throughout *phases 1/2* of *clinical trials* is displayed in *Figure 9*. The range of the effective dosage was 9-10 mg/kg of body weight. The first signs of activity [onset of action] were noted after about 28 minutes. It adhered to the kinetics of first-order elimination. The location of bacterial isolates that produce Myxopyronin B is displayed in Table 3. The resolution of biological reactions is shown in Table 11. Table 10 uses a UV spectrophotometer set at 205 nm to illustrate how Myxopyronin B affects the synthesis of microbial proteins. Table 8 uses the broth microdilution technique to show the minimum bactericidal concentrations [MBCs] of Myxopyronin B on various bacteria. The estimation of Myxopyronin B's impact on microbial mRNA productivity is shown in Figure 6. An increase in the dosage of the antibiotic Myxopyronin B was found to cause a commensurate decrease in mRNA production. Following the administration of Myxopyronin B, Table 9 displays the estimation of mRNA quantity using a UV spectrophotometer at 260 nm. Table 7 shows the broth microdilution technique's minimum inhibitory concentrations [MICs] for several bacteria. Table 6 illustrates how the Agar diffusion assay, which uses paper discs, was used to estimate the zones of inhibition and lowest inhibitory doses of Myxopyronin B. Table 5 shows how to use BLASTn software to detect isolates that produce Myxopyronin B using 16S rRNA. The range of bacterial isolates that produce Myxopyronin B is displayed in Table 3. Using a stereomicroscope, Figure 11 depicts Myxococcus SDU36 bacterial isolates on CYP isolation plates secreting the antibiotic Myxopyronin B. The quantal dosage response curve for Myxopyronin B's toxicokinetics is shown in Figure 10. It was discovered that  $LD_{50}\%$  was 300 mg/kg and LD99% was over 600 mg/kg. The structure of Myxopyronin B, which was isolated from bacterial isolates of *Myxococcus SDU36* collected from various soil conditions in Egypt, is depicted in *Figure 1*.

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spectrophotometer absorption at 205 nm to illustrate how Myxopyronin B affects protein production. A significant reduction in protein synthesis was seen upon administration of escalating dosages of the antibiotic Myxopyronin B. The 3D structure of bacterial prokaryotic RNA polymerase is shown in Figure 3. It includes the switch binding site, to which Myxopyronin B Ligand binds strongly and inhibits bacterial RNA polymerase activity selectively, thereby inhibiting mRNA transcription and ultimately causing the microbe to die. Alpha and Beta spiral sheets make up the RNA polymerase enzyme's secondary structure. It had a molecular mass of about 198 amino acids. The docking of the Myxopyronin B ligand on Bacterial RNA polymerase is shown in Figure 2. High affinity and an inhibitory action were demonstrated by Myxopyronin B towards the switch region.

Table [3]. It shows the distribution of Myxopyronin B-producing bacterial isolates:

No of +ve bacterial isolates producing Myxopyronin B	No of -ve bacterial isolates producing Myxopyronin B
42	58

Table [4]. It demonstrates the degree of purity of test antibiotics following the purification via the reversed-phase HPLC technique:

Test antibiotic	Degree of purity[ %]
Myxopyronin A	15
Myxopyronin B	85

Table [5]. It demonstrates 16 S rRNA detection of Myxopyronin B-producing isolates using BLASTn software:

Description	Scientific Name	Max Score	Total Score	Query Cover	E value	Per. ident
Myxococcus sp. MH1 DNA, complete genome	Myxococcus sp. MH1	525	1051	99%	3.00E- 144	94.94
Myxococcus sp. SDU36 chromosome, complete genome	Myxococcus sp. SDU36	436	870	99%	1.00E- 117	90.15
Myxococcus hansupus strain mixupus chromosome, complete genome	Myxococcus hansupus	126	126	65%	3.00E- 24	77.23
Cystobacter fuscus strain DSM 52655 chromosome, complete genome	Cystobacter fuscus	124	124	54%	1.00E- 23	78.92
Cystobacter fuscus strain Cbf 8 chromosome, complete genome	Cystobacter fuscus	124	124	54%	1.00E- 23	78.92

Table [6]. It shows the estimation of zones of inhibition and minimum inhibitory concentrations of Myxopyronin B via Agar diffusion

Test organism <sup>1</sup>	$MIC[\mu g/ml]$	Diameter of inhibition zone[ mm]
Bacillus subtilis	3	11
Staphylococcus aureus	6	17
Streptococcus pneumonae	10	8
Escherichia coli	123	15
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	128	0
Candida albicans	110	0
Sacchromyces cerevisiae	186	0
Salmonella typhimurium	148	14
Bacillus cereus	7	9
Micrococcus luteus	31	15
Serratia Marcescens	187	10
Mucor hiemalis	0	19
Shigella dysentery	192	12
Proteus mirabilis	125	7

The initial density of each organism during the Agar diffusion assay for the determination of minimum inhibitory concentrations and zones of inhibition of growth was nearly  $10^5$ / ml.

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Table [7]. It demonstrates MICs of Myxopyronin B on different microorganisms using broth microdilution technique

Pathogenic m.o	MIC[ μg/ ml]
Bacillus subtilis	4
Bacillus cereus	2
Staphylococcus aureus	8
Pneumococci	9
E.coli	115
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	139
Candida albicans	0
Saccharomyces cerevisiae	0
Salmonella typhimurium	119
Haemophilus influenza	0
Gonococci	130
meningococci	148
Serratia Marcescens	198
Mucor hiemalis	0
Shigella dysenteriae	166
Micrococcus luteus	0
Proteus mirabilis	157

Table [8]. It demonstrates Minimum bactericidal concentrations [MBCs] of Myxopyronin B on different microorganisms using broth microdilution technique

Pathogenic m.o	$MBC[\mu g/ml]$		
Bacillus subtilis	30		
Bacillus cereus	36		
Staphylococcus aureus	45		
Pneumococci	31		
E.coli	249		
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	418		
Candida albicans	0		
Sacchromyces cerevisiae	0		
Salmonella typhimurium	298		
Haemophilus influenza	0		
Gonococci	401		
meningococci	403		
Serratia Marcescens	305		
Mucor hiemalis	0		
Shigella dysenteriae	287		
Micrococcus luteus	0		
Proteus mirabilis	513		

Table [9]. It shows the estimation of mRNA quantity via UV spectrophotometer at 260 nm after addition of Myxopyronin B

mRNA concentration[ ng/ ml]	Absorbance[ optical density] at 260 nm
723	0.881
642	0.597
216	0.219
13	0.109

Table [10]. It shows the effect of Myxopyronin B on microbial protein synthesis using a UV spectrophotometer at 205 nm

Bacterial protein concentration [ $mcg/ml$ ]	Time[ min]
80.2	60
31.56	180
21.08	300
2.85	450
0.03	720

Table [11]. The resolution of biochemical reactions

Test	Result	
Gram stain	-	
Cell shape	Elongated bacilli with tapered ends	
Spore shape	Ellipsoidal	
Spore site	Central	
Motility	+ via gliding	
Catalase	+	
Oxidase	-	
Blood haemolysis	-	
Indol	-	
Methyl red	-	
Nitrate reduction test	+	
Vogues Proskauer	-	
Citrate utilization	-	
Starch hydrolysis	+	
Casein hydrolysis	+	
Growth at 45 °C	Bacterial isolates did not grow at 45 °C; but were grown at 10-37 °C	
Tween 80	+	
Tolerance salinity		
5% NaCl		
7% NaCl	-	
Saccharide fermentation		
Glucose	-	
Fructose	-	
Maltose	-	
Sucrose	-	

#### **DISCUSSION**

The in vitro and in vivo antimicrobial activity of Myxopyronin B, a novel antibiotic was evaluated in the present study. It demonstrated excellent bactericidal activity against a broad spectrum of G +ve bacteria with MICs that did not exceed 20 mcg/ml. On the other hand, it showed few bactericidal activities against G -ve bacteria. With minimal inhibitory concentrations greater than 100 mcg/ml. Its mechanism of action was realized during the investigation of RNA synthesis to be via the inhibition of prokaryotic DNAdependant-RNA polymerase; whereas no inhibitory impact was observed for Eukaryotic one. Docking studies through SWISS DOCK software confirmed this as well. The antibiotic activities Myxopyronin A and B were isolated from the culture supernatant of 29 bacterial isolates of Myxobacterium Myxococcus SDU36 detected molecularly using 16 S rRNA technique [table 3].

The antibiotic activity did not inhibit the growth or kill eukaryotic cells such as human and fungal cells reflecting selectivity towards the inhibition of the growth of prokaryotic bacterial cells. This selectivity effect minimized the adverse effects noticed during the present study. Docking studies via SWISS DOCK software revealed that demethylation of either Myxopyronin A or B enhanced its biological activity. Purification was performed through reversed-phase HPLC. Myxopyronin B was the main refined antibiotic. Its purity degree reached approximately 85 %; while the remaining purified antibiotic was detected to be Myxopyronin A. The antibacterial activity was assessed via the determination of

MICs of the test antibiotics using the agar diffusion technique utilizing paper discs 5 mm in diameter and the broth dilution assay. The initial density of each test microorganism was about 10<sup>5</sup>/ ml of the culture suspension. The mean MICs of test antibiotics against G +ve bacteria ranged from 5 to  $20 \, mcg/ml$ ; Whereas MICs reached above 100 mcg/ml against some selected G -ve bacteria. Conversely, no effect was detected against the growth of fungi and yeasts. Irschik H et al. [39] stated that myxovalargin A was a novel peptide antibiotic isolated from the culture supernatant of the myxobacterium Myxococcus fulvus strain Mx f65. It was active against Gram-positive bacteria [MIC 0.3 approximately 5 micrograms/ml], at higher concentrations also against Gram-negative ones [MIC 6 approximately 100 micrograms/ ml], and not at all against yeasts and molds. Its mechanism of action involved the inhibition of bacterial protein synthesis [50].

According to Glaus et al. <sup>[51]</sup>, *Ripostatin*, a novel antibiotic, isolated from the culture supernatant of *Myxobacterium*, *Sorangium cellulosum strain Soce377* interfered in the bacterial *RNA* synthesis <sup>[51]</sup>; whereas *Myxopyronin B* in the present study was found as well to inhibit RNA synthesis. It was structurally related to α-pyrone antibiotics from *myxobacteria*. Its ability to inhibit *RNA polymerase* was through interaction with the switch region of *RNA polymerase*; while *Rifampicin* inhibited the same enzyme through different regions <sup>[52]</sup>.

Myxopyronin B showed no phototoxicity and mutagenicity in rabbit animal models during the preclinical trials stage, in the present study. Rare adverse effects including mild

diarrhea and cholestatic jaundice were reported in less than 5 % of the experimental subjects who received the test antibiotics during randomized human clinical trials phases 1/2. The biological half-life of *Myxopyronin A* reached approximately 2.5 hours. 0.6 % peptone and 8 % soluble starch were detected to be the optimal nitrogen and carbon growth factors for bacterial isolates producing the test antibiotics, respectively [figures 4 and 5]. The high  $\Delta G$  of the test antibiotic was observed to be approximately 20 J/ mole as determined via SWISS-MODEL software reflecting the high catalytic activity of the test antibiotic towards the switch region. On the other side, low Kd of the test antibiotic towards the switch region was found to be approximately -290 nM using SWISS MODEL software indicating high affinity and binding capacity. Bioavailability studies were performed using HPLC during randomized human clinical trials phases 1/2 revealed that Myxopyronin B reached nearly 90% oral bioavailability, 92% IM bioavailability, and 100% IV bioavailability. Metabolic studies using HPLC revealed that the test antibiotic showed no in vivo induction of hepatic metabolizing Cytochrome P450 enzymatic system; while rifampicin induced CYP3A4 hepatic metabolizing enzyme potently. Up and down procedure intended for the evaluation of the acute toxicity profile of the test antibiotic showed that LD50% was about 200 mg/kg body weight; while  $LD_{99}\%$  reached 300 mg/kg. On the other hand, the therapeutic margin of the test antibiotic ranged from 7 mcg/ ml to 100 mcg/ml. Myxopyronin A-producing bacterial isolates were gram-negative, spore-forming obligate aerobes and chemoorganotrophic. They were elongated rods with tapered ends. No flagella were present, but the cells moved via gliding. They fermented Tween 80, starch, and casein. On the other hand, they were positive for catalase while negative for oxidase tests. They reduced *nitrates* and were able to grow at 10-37 °C. A total of 150 human subjects [mean SD age, 27.3 [9.8] years were enrolled and completed the study. The 90% confidence intervals [CIs] for the long transformed ratios of Cmax, AUC [0-25], and AUC  $[0-\infty]$  for the test antibiotic were, respectively, 89.2 to 95.3, 88.2 to 96.1, and 90.8 to 93.4. The point estimates for Cmax in the present study were outside the limit for bioequivalence for the rifampicin standard drug. The mean PB was observed for Myxopyronin B which approximated 90% while that of *Rifampicin* reached 88% <sup>[53]</sup>. It was noticed that plasma protein binding was proportionally increased with increasing the doses of the test antibiotic. The plasma protein binding participated in extending the *Myxopyronin B* duration of action. The major protein binding for Myxopyronin B and Rifampicin was noticed to be albumin. The unbound fraction was detected to be responsible for the therapeutic activity.

**CONCLUSION:** Antibiotic resistance is a global challenge that the current study shows promise in solving. According to the findings of the current study,  $Myxopyronin\ B$ , which was isolated from the bacterial isolates  $\Delta G$  was found to be roughly  $20\ J/mol$  using the SWISS  $MODEL\ software$ . However, utilizing  $SWISS-MODEL\ software$ , it was discovered that the test antibiotic's low Kd near the switch area was roughly  $-290\ nM$  that were collected from various soil environments in

Egypt, exhibited significant antibiotic activity both in vitro and in vivo against a moderate range of pathogenic bacteria, particularly G+ve varieties. Future research is recommended to investigate pharmacological interactions of the synergism type between  $Myxopyronin\ B$  and different antibiotic classes.

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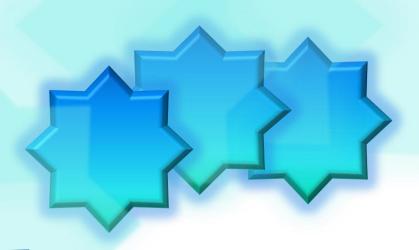
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