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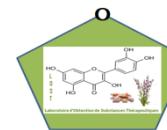
Phytochemical study and *in vitro* biological assays on *Zingiber officinal*: a widely used spice

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Abstract: *Zingiber officinal* is a widely used plant in cooking as well as traditional remedy in prevention of digestive conditions and disorders, cancer, inflammatory disease, antiseptic. In recent years several studies are conducted on botanical, chemical and toxicological parts of this plant in order to prove a concordance between traditional and medicinal knowledge. There is an urgent need to explore and investigate the innovations, current shortcomings, future challenges explore and convey the key concepts for understanding the assessment of plant based metabolites in therapeutically caring. Furthermore, Drug discovery from plants goes through different strategies: empirical approach like ethno botanical and pharmalogical studies, and chimiotaixonomical one like choosing certain secondary metabolites family phenols, flavones, terpens... In this case, the present work is a contribution in the evaluation of *Zingiber officinal*'s rhizome percolate potential in polyphenols, flavonoïdes, *in vitro* antioxidant test Ferric reducing *antioxidant* power FRAP, antibacterial activity against several gram + (*S.aureus*) and gram-(*E.coli*, *P.aeruginonose*, *K.pneumoniae*) referential strains and antifungal activity (*Candida albicans*, *Aspergillus niger*,) were tested using disk diffusion method, which reveled a very interesting dose-depending activity (up to 26mm) against *S.aureus*, *P.aeruginonose* and *K.pneumoniae*, similar to standard Gentamicin GN, whereas fungi exhibit less sensitivity with inhibition and *E.coli* was resistant to crud ginger extract.

Keywords: *Zingeber officinal*, phenols, antioxidant activity, antimicrobial

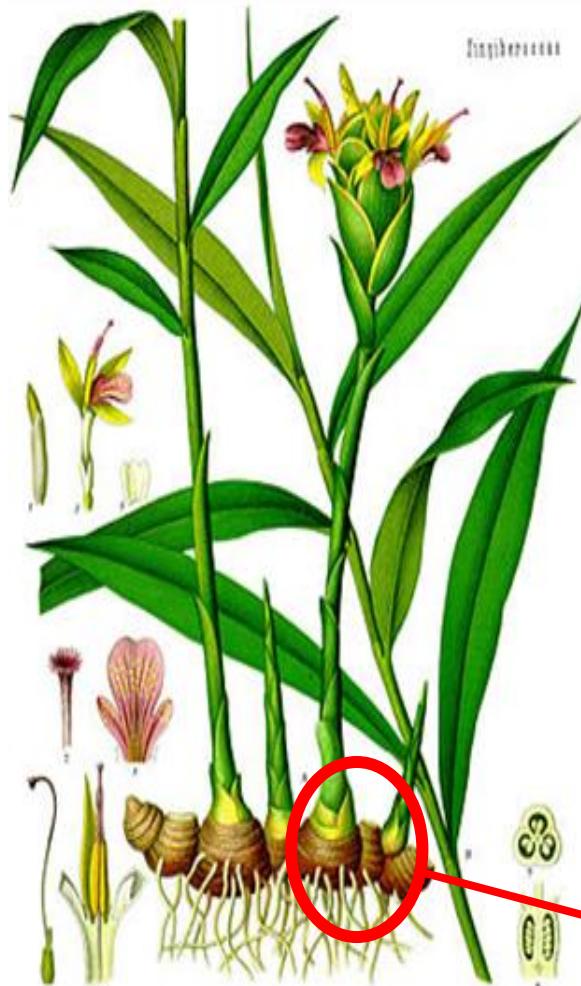
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Zingembre Officinale

Classification	
Famille	Zingibéracées
Genre	Zingiber Mill.
Espèce	Zingiber officinale

Origin

- Asie du Sud-est (Indonésie et Philippines)
- Chine
- Inde
- Afrique tropicale (Nigéria)



Uses

- Epice.
- Remède contre les douleurs musculaires, les troubles gastro-intestinal, les inflammations des voies respiratoires, etc.



Composition biochimique du Zingembre *Officinale*

Métabolites primaires

60% glucides

10% lipides

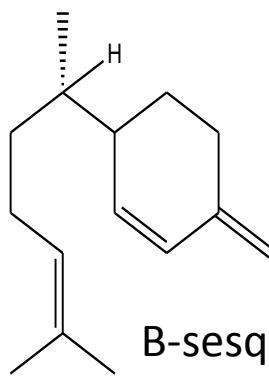
Protéine, fibres, minéraux, vitamines... etc

Métabolites secondaires

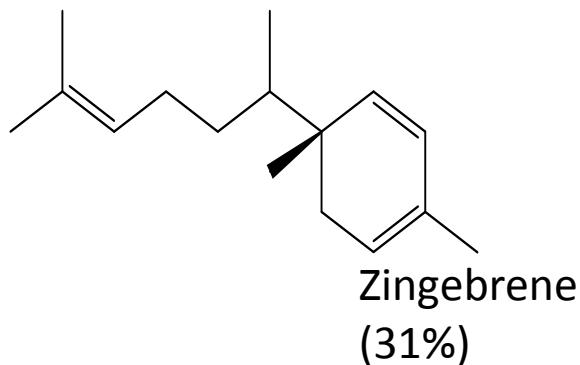
Polyphénols

Flavonoïdes

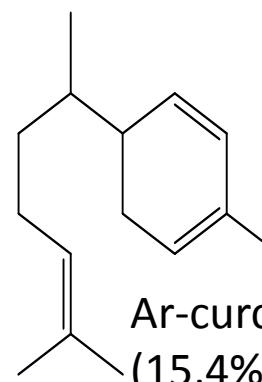
Terpènes... etc.



B-sesquiphellandrene
(14,02%)

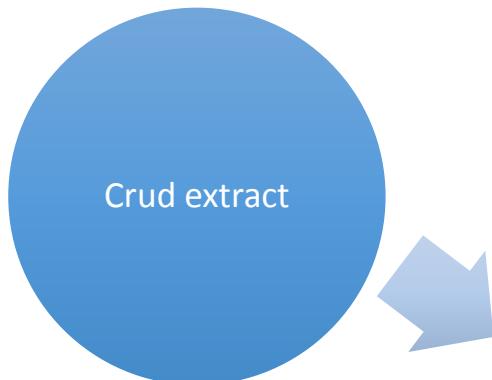


Zingebrene
(31%)



Ar-curcumene
(15,4%)

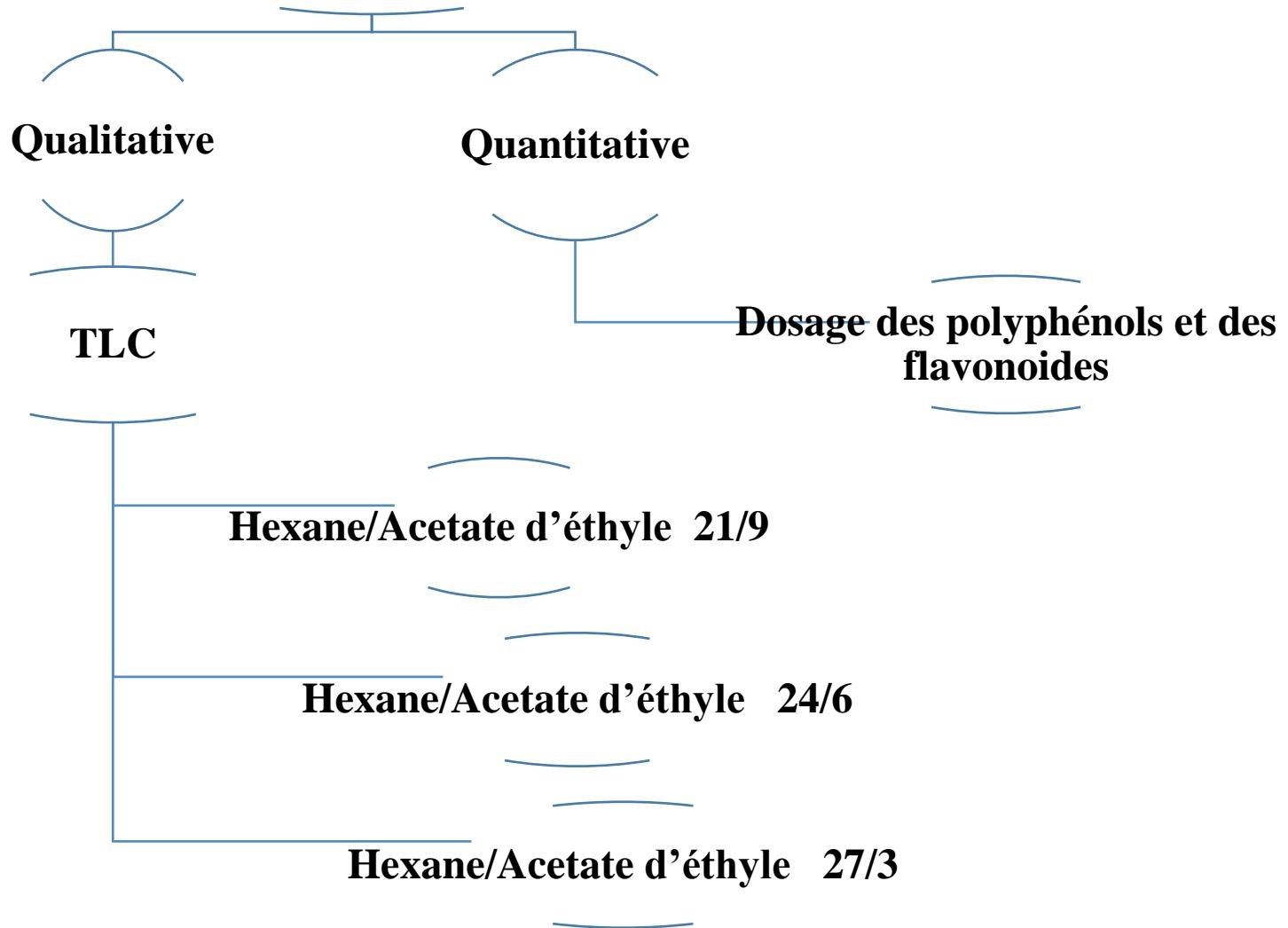
Results and Discussion



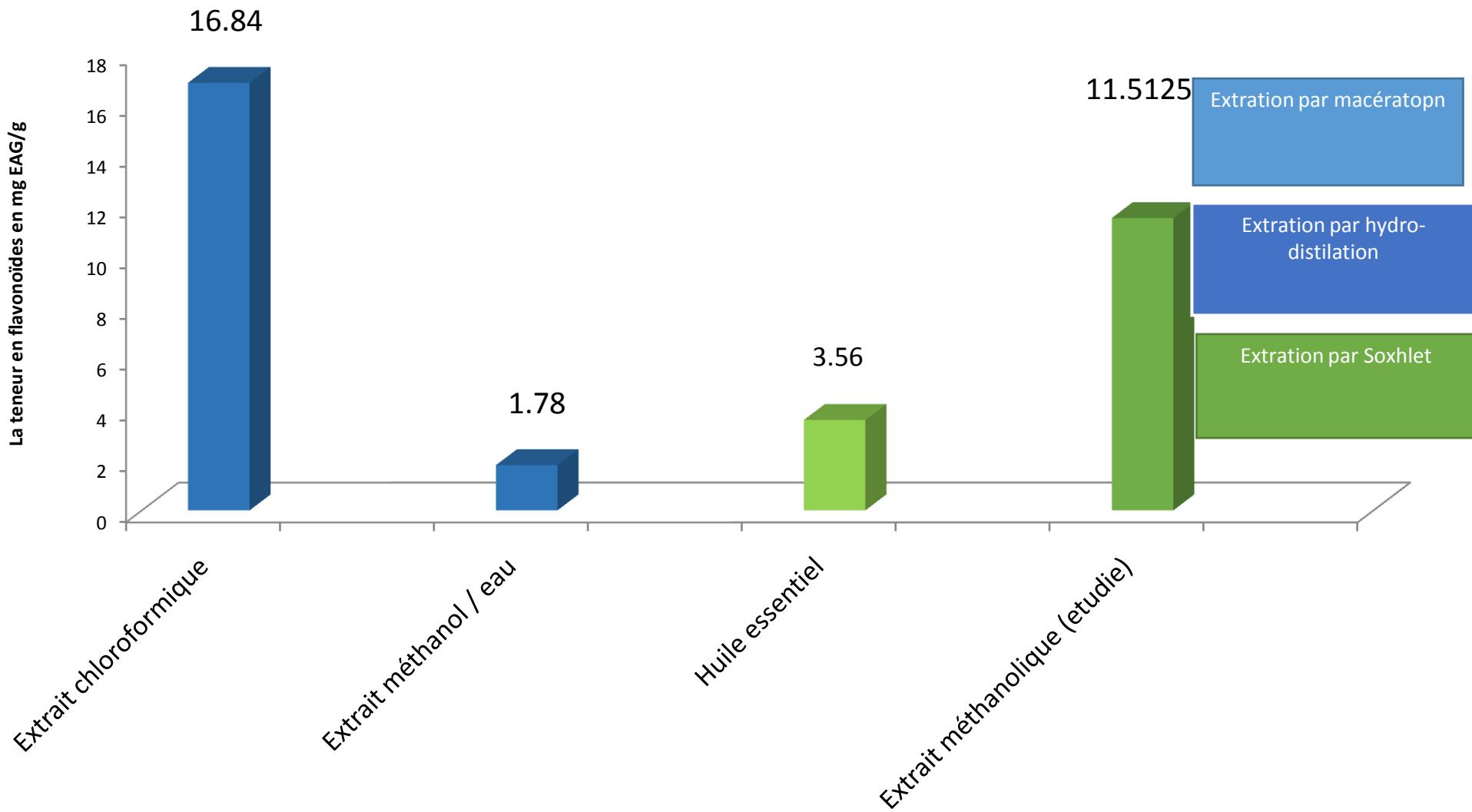
Yield= 19,06 %



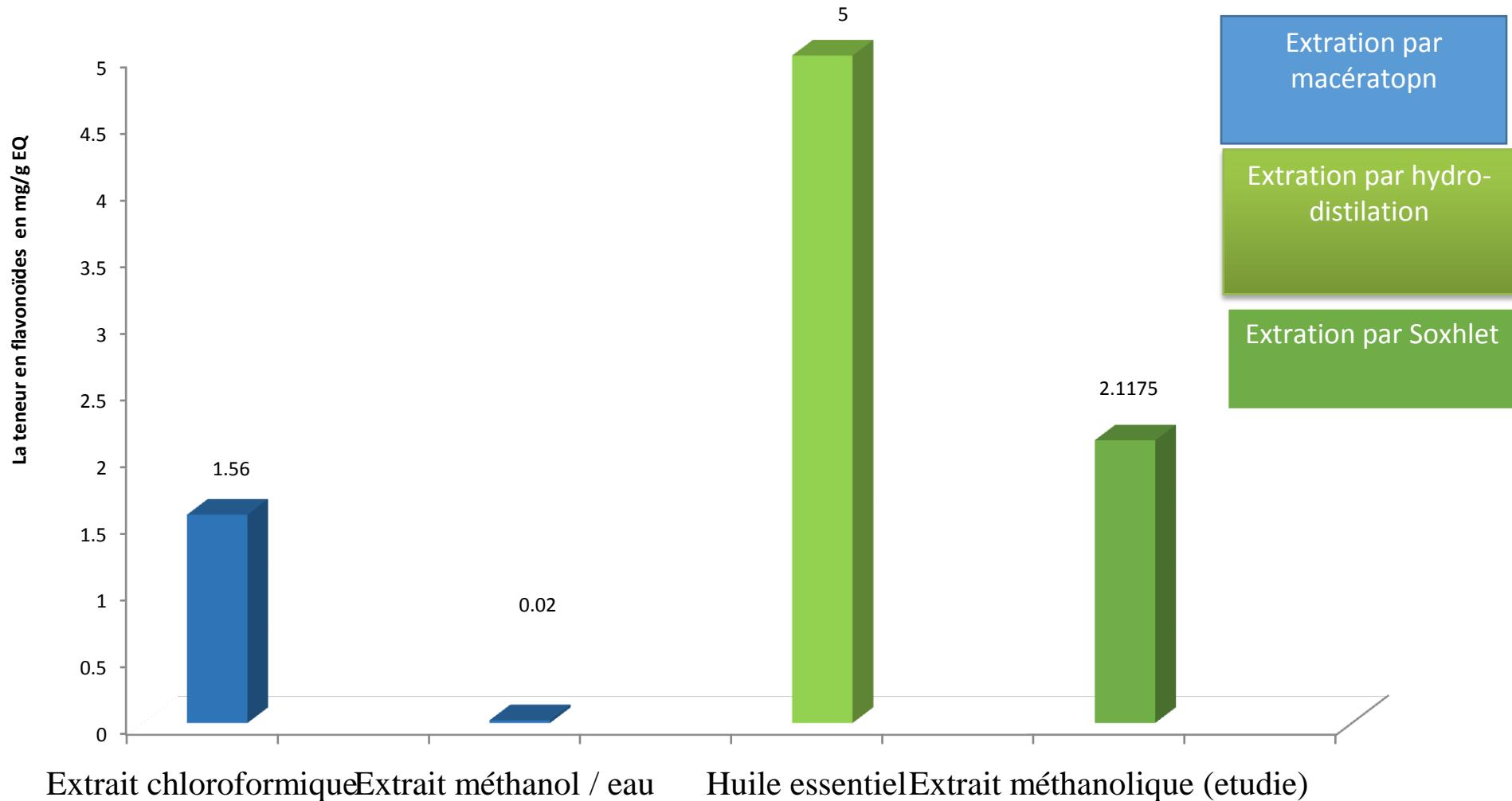
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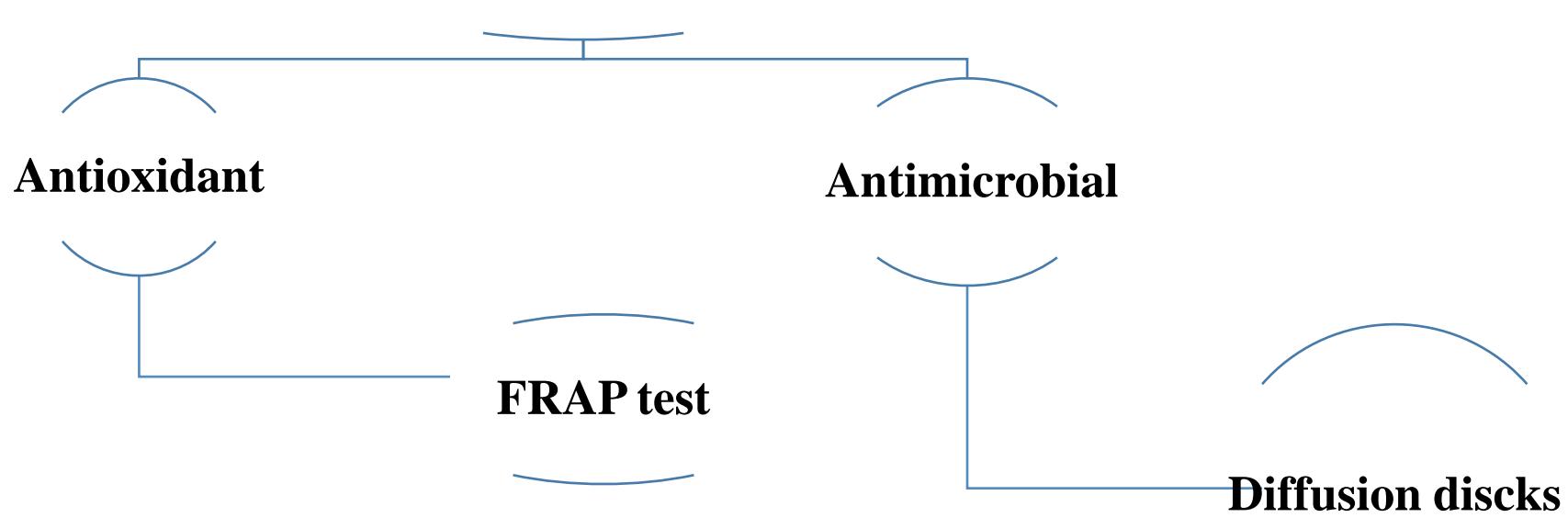
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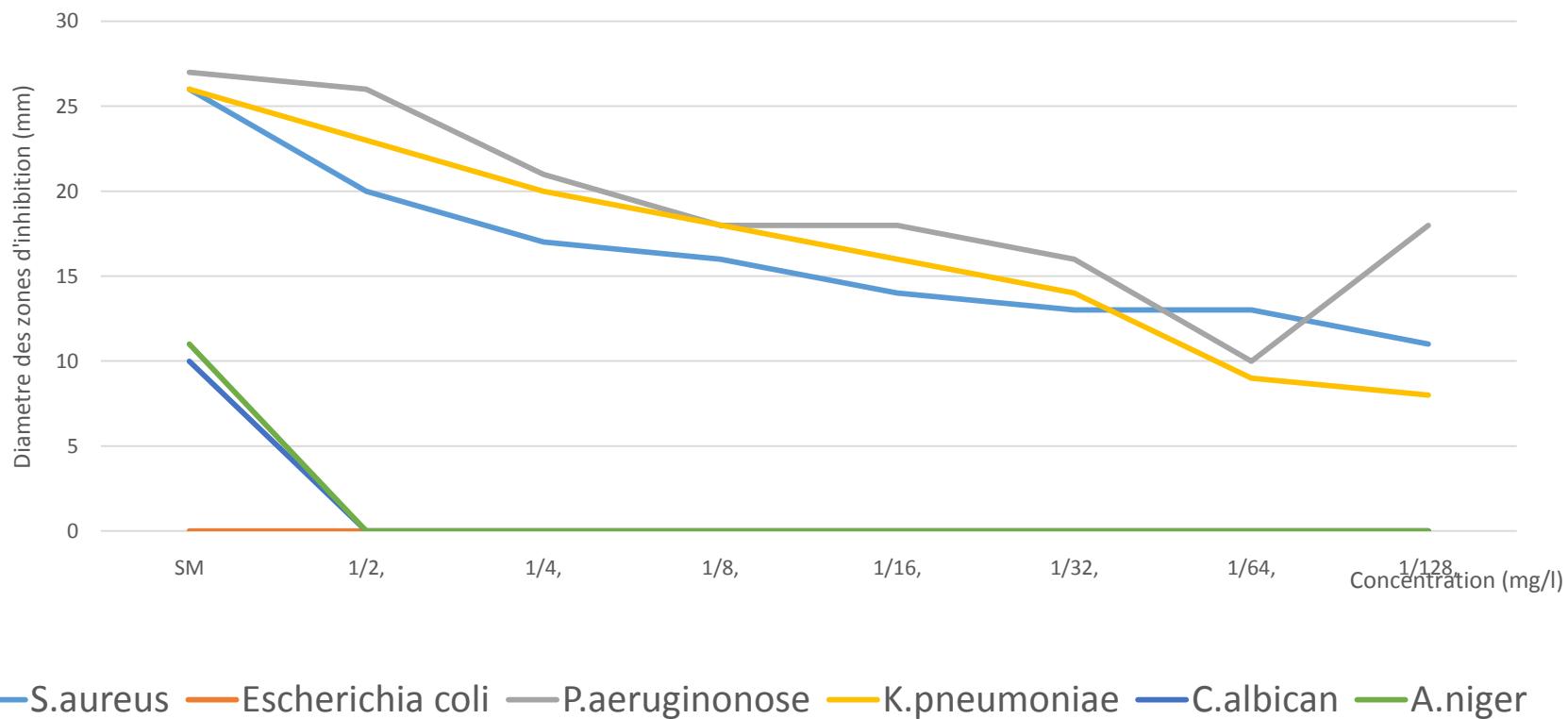
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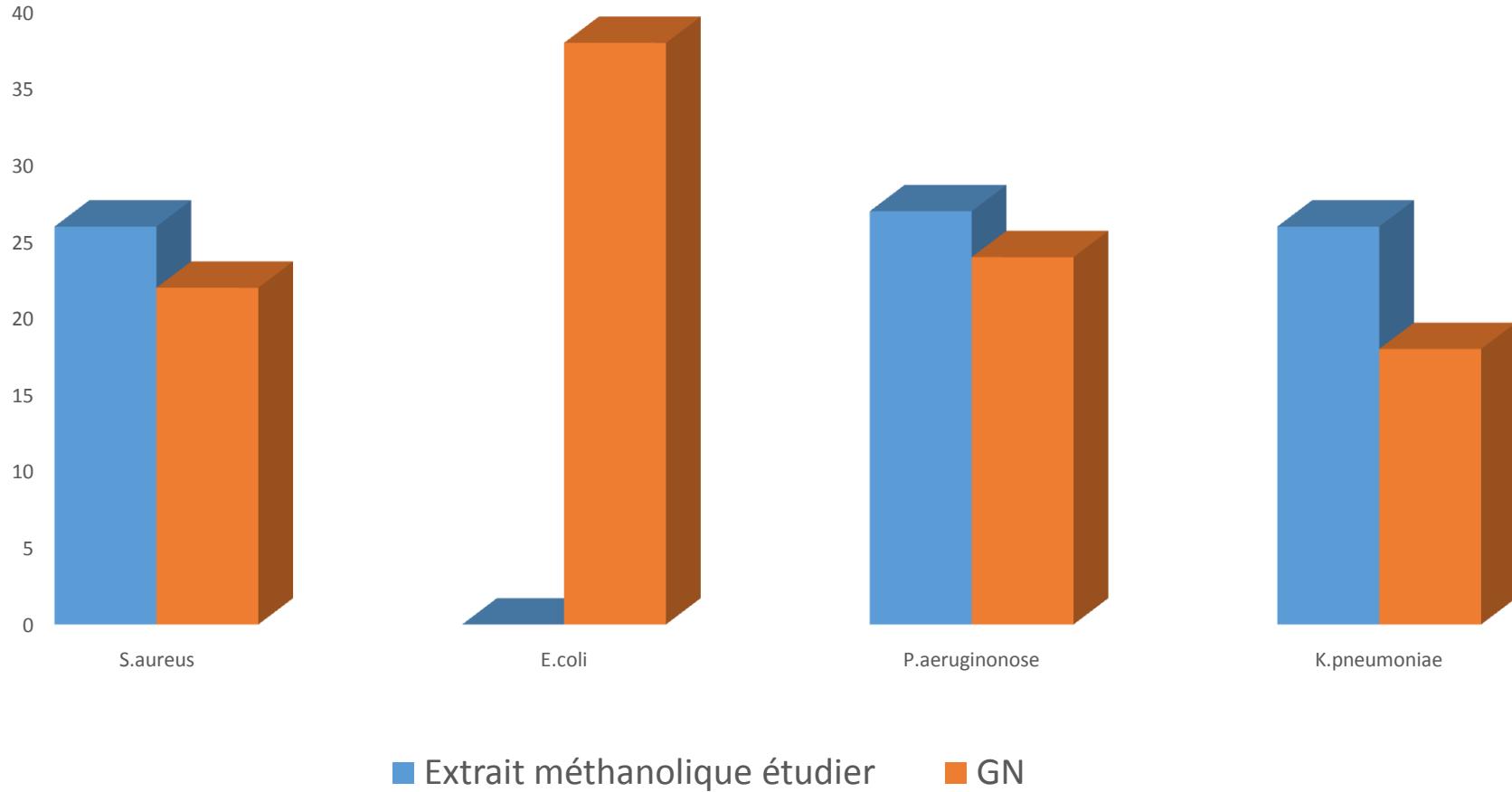
Biological activities



Dose-dependending antimicrobial activity



Diamètre des zones d'inhibition.



Conclusions In the present work a widely used spice in culinary field as well as traditional remedy "Zingeber officinal rhizomes" methanol percolate was investigated through its *in vitro* antioxidant and antimicrobial activities assessment. Phenols potent was evaluated. The antioxidant effect of studied plant was evaluated by the FRAP test which gave high effect at low concentration similar to vitamin C, the antimicrobial activity was evaluated by disk diffusion method for three Gram (-) bacteria (*E.coli*, *P.aeruginonose*, *K.pneumoniae*), one bacteria Gram (+) (*Staphylococcus aureus*) and two funguses: *Candida albicans*, *Aspergillus niger*. and exhibit an interesting antibacterial effect for *P.aeruginonose*, *K.pneumoniae* and *Staphylococcus aureus*, similar to used standard Gentamicin GN. Therefore, it may be considered, as an efficient nutraceutical and functional food for treating gastrointestinal disorder.

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