

## Comparative Analysis of Different Hand Wash and Disinfectant on Bacterial Growth

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### **ABSTRACT**

It is well known that hand hygiene is crucial to prevent and minimize healthcare-associated infections (Prat and Pellow *et al.*, 2001). Bacteria are very diverse and present everywhere such as in soil, water, sewage, standing water and even in human body. Transient bacteria are deposited on the skin surface from environmental sources and causes skin infections. Examples of such bacteria are *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (Fluit and Schmitz *et al.*, 2001) and *Staphylococcus aureus* (Higaki and Kitagawa *et al.*, 2000).

Hand sanitizer is a liquid which is generally used to decrease infectious agents from the hands. Formulations of the alcohol-based types are preferred to hand washing with soap and water in most situations in the healthcare setting (Bolon, MK September 2016). It is generally more effective at killing microorganisms and better tolerated than soap and water (Boyce and Pitter 25 October 2002). The general use of non-alcohol based versions has no recommendations (Bolon, MK September



2016). Outside the health care setting evidence to support the use of hand sanitizer over hand washing is poor (De Witt Hubert and Greenland et al., 1 July 2016, Meadows, Saux 1 November 2004).

Formalin is a 37% solution of formaldehyde gas in water. Diluted to 5% formaldehyde it is an effective disinfectant; at 0.2% - 0.4% it can inactivate bacteria and viruses. Unlike chlorine, formalin does not corrode stainless steel. It has a pungent, irritating odor; exposures must be limited due to its toxicity and carcinogenicity. A 100% formalin solution is equivalent to 37%–40% formaldehyde. In dialysis, a 4% formaldehyde (11% formalin) concentration is used.

Results can be concluded that Liquid Hand Wash and Formalin were found highly effective against all pathogens; Whereas Solid Hand Wash was found low effective against all pathogens. Results of this experiment also indicate that different pathogens acquired resistance to different hand wash and disinfectant. The antibacterial effect of hand wash and disinfectant are not only dependent on the type of hand wash and disinfectant but also on their concentration.

**Key Words:** Carcinogenicity, dialysis, Formalin, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, Transient bacteria.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Hands are considered to be the primary route for transmitting microbes and infections to the individuals (Mondal, Kolhapure. 2004) Personal as well as hand hygiene is important to prevent many communicable diseases. The word “hygiene” is derived from the ancient Greek goddess “Hygeia” that means “goddess of healing.” Cleansing agents have been used around us for a long time and among them soap, liquid hand wash detergent etc. are not worthy. Antibacterial soaps have been used as personal hygiene for generations.

Bacteria are very sundry and diverse and can be found in water, soil, sewage, on human body and are of great importance with reference to health (Johnson and Goddard, *et al.*, 2002). In the year 1961, the U.S Public Health Service Recommendation mentioned that personnel clean and wash their hands with soap and water for one to two minutes before and after client contact (Osborne and Grube 1982). Hand wash are available as liquids, gels, and foams (Boyce and Pitter 25 October 2002).

Hand washing is very important and crucial when it is related to health care workers because of possible and probable cross contaminating of bacteria that may be pathogenic or opportunistic (Richards, Edwards *et al.*, 1999). Hygiene of hands and prevention of infection through the use of antibacterial liquid hand-wash has been well recognized. There are many and a large number of chemical compounds that have the potential to inhibit the growth, contamination and metabolism of microorganisms or kill them. The quantity and number of chemicals are vast and probably at least 10000 and among them 1000 chemicals are generally and commonly used in hospitals and homes. The important and significant groups of chemicals that help to destroy microorganisms are hydrogen, phenols, soaps, detergents, ammonia compounds, chlorine, alcohols, heavy metals, acids and certain compounds are available around us. Antisepsis, sanitization, disinfection, decontamination, sterilization and so on are a few terms that tell the process of cleaning by any cleansing agents. Various and several cleansing agents are available in the market that is found in various forms and in different formulations. Trichlorocarbanilide, triclosan and P-chloroin-xyleneol (PCMX/ Chloroxylenol) are the mostly used antibacterial in medicated soaps. Actually, these are generally only contained at preservation level unless the product is properly marked as antibacterial, antiseptic or germicidal. Washing, scrubbing of hands with hand wash is the first of defense against bacteria and other pathogens that can affect us with flu, skin infection and even deadly communicable diseases (Kimel, 1996). Usually, most of the people believe that an antimicrobial portion of hand washes is effective at preventing communicable diseases. It is to be noted that now many researchers mention that high use of antimicrobial chemicals can have the reverse effect of spreading diseases and infections instead of preventing them (Poole, K 2002). Antimicrobial resistance and rendering individual more vulnerable to more microbial attacks like diseases or infections can result due to over utilization of antibacterial chemicals (White, and McDermolt, 2001). High use of these agents can



give rise to drug resistant microorganisms in the future. Hospital and community-acquired infections are escalating and pose a serious public health problem worldwide (Hassan, Hassan Muhibi *et al.*)

### Hand hygiene

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### Hand sanitizer

Hand sanitizer is a liquid generally used to decrease infectious agents on the hands (Hand sanitizer-definition of hand sanitizer in English on 27 April 2018). Formulations of the alcohol-based type are preferable to hand washing with soap and water in most situations in the healthcare setting (Bolon, MK September 2016). It is generally more effective at killing microorganisms and better tolerated than soap and water (Boyce and Pitter 25 October 2002). Hand washing should still be carried out if contamination can be seen or following the use of the toilet (WHO Expert Committee 2015). The general use of non-alcohol based versions has no recommendations (Bolon, MK September 2016). Outside the health care setting evidence to support the use of hand sanitizer over hand washing



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Alcohol-based versions typically contain some combination of isopropyl alcohol, ethanol (ethyl alcohol), or *n*-propanol (Boyce, and Pitter D; 25 October 2002). Versions that contain 60 to 95% alcohol are most effective (Boyce, and Pitter 25 October 2002). Care should be taken as they are flammable (Bolon, MK September 2016). Alcohol-based hand sanitizer works against a variety of microorganisms but not spores. Some versions contain compounds such as glycerol to prevent drying of the skin (Boyce, JM; Pitter D 25 October 2002). Non-alcohol based versions may contain benzalkonium chloride or triclosan (Long, Bruce et al., 2015, Block, et al., 2015).

Alcohol has been used as an antiseptic at least as early as 1363 with evidence to support its use becoming available in the late 1800s (Block, Seymour Stanton 2001). Alcohol-based hand sanitizer has been commonly used in Europe since at least the 1980s (Miller, Chris et al., 2016). The alcohol-based version is on the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines, the most effective and safe medicines needed in a health system.

### Disinfectant

Disinfection is a process in which chemical or physical means is used to control or destroy the microorganisms that are capable of causing diseases. There are three levels of disinfection<sup>1</sup> (i.e. high, intermediate and low level) with respect to the effectiveness of the disinfection. Disinfecting agents are substances used to control or destroy harmful microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, or fungi. Many disinfectants are non-specific in their action and will act against a spectrum of microorganisms. Chemical disinfectants can be grouped in accordance with their chemical properties. They work on various modes of action to destroy the microorganisms such as by rupturing the cell wall, denaturing proteins or lipids, oxidation, alkylation, etc. The efficacy of a disinfectant hinges on various factors including concentration, contact duration, temperature, pH, the presence of organic matters and metal ions. Choice of the disinfectant to be used depends on the particular situations. Some of the disinfectants are adopted because of the wide spectrum of destroying microorganisms in order to achieve effective disinfections. Others destroy a smaller range of disease-causing organisms but are preferred because the chemical disinfectants are less or non-toxic to human and the level of disinfections required is low. There are disinfectants which possess surfactant effect and are used to clean and disinfect in “one-step” process (Labour Department, Chemical Safety in the workplace. 2001). Disinfectants are antimicrobial agents that are applied to the surface of non-living objects to destroy microorganisms that are living on the objects (Division of Oral Health- Infection Control Glossary U.S. 30 April 2018).

A perfect disinfectant would also offer complete and full microbiological sterilization, without harming humans and useful form of life is inexpensive, and noncorrosive. However, most disinfectants are also, by nature, potentially harmful (even toxic) to humans or animals. Most modern household disinfectants contain Bitrex, an exceptionally bitter substance added to discourage ingestion, as a measure. Those that are used indoors should never be mixed with other cleaning products as chemical reactions can occur (Common cleaning Products 30 April 2018). The choice of disinfectant to be used depends on the particular situation. Some disinfectants have a wide spectrum (kill many different types of microorganisms), while others kill a smaller range of disease-causing organisms but are preferred for other properties (they may be non-corrosive, non-toxic, or inexpensive). (Hospital Disinfectants for is Disinfection of Environmental 30 April 2018).

### Formalin as Disinfectant:

Formalin is a 37% solution of formaldehyde gas in water. Diluted to 5% formaldehyde it is an effective disinfectant; at 0.2% - 0.4% it can inactivate bacteria and viruses. Unlike chlorine, formalin does not corrode stainless steel. It has a pungent, irritating odor; exposures must be limited due to its toxicity and carcinogenicity. A 100% formalin solution is equivalent to 37%–40% formaldehyde. In dialysis, a 4% formaldehyde (11% formalin) concentration is used.



Formaldehyde is a cold sterilant that effectively kills all microorganisms, including spores and resistant viruses, when used in proper concentrations and given adequate contact time. There are several reports of serious to deadly septicemia, with inadequate formaldehyde concentrations being used to disinfect the fluid path of dialysis machinery. It is the most common periodic disinfectant used for fluid-delivery systems. It is an inexpensive and stable solution with a long shelf life. Formaldehyde concentrations lower than 4% do not adequately kill *Mycobacterium chelonae* in water.

## Ethanol as Disinfectant:

Journal of Media Virology 84(3), 543-547, 2012. Ethanol-containing hand rubs are used frequently as substitute for hand washing with water and soap. However, not all viruses are inactivated by a short-term rubbing with alcohol. The capacity of a single round of instructed and controlled hand cleaning with water and soap or ethanol-containing hand rub, respectively, was tested for removal of human rhinovirus administered onto the skin of healthy volunteers on the back of the hands. Hand washing with soap and water appeared to be much more efficient for removing rhinovirus.

## Pathogens (Disease causing bacteria)

A pathogen in the oldest and broadest sense is anything that can produce disease. Typically the term is used to mean an infectious agent—a microorganism in the widest sense such as virus, bacterium, prion, a plant, a fungus or even other microorganism. The ability of a pathogen to cause is called pathogenicity.

### Bacteria:

#### 1. *Staphylococcus aureus*:

##### Scientific Classification:-

Domain: Bacteria  
 Kingdom: Eubacteria  
 Phylum: Firmicutes  
 Class: Bacilli  
 Order: Bacillales  
 Family: Staphylococcus  
 Genus: *Staphylococcus*  
 Species: *S. aureus*

#### 2. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*:

##### Scientific classification:-

Kingdom: Bacteria  
 Phylum: Proteobacteria  
 Class: Gramma Proteobacteria  
 Order: Pseudomonadaceae  
 Family: Pseudomonadaceae  
 Genus: *Pseudomonas*  
 Species: *P. aeruginosa*

#### 3. *Escherichia coli*:

##### Scientific Classification:-

Domain: Bacteria  
 Phylum: Proteobacteria  
 Class: Gammaproteobacteria  
 Order: Enterobacteriales  
 Family: Enterobacteriaceae



Genus: *Escherichia*  
Species: *E. coli*

# **MATERIAL AND METHOD**

**Collection of different hand washes and disinfectant:** It was collected from local market of Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India.

**Collection of pure culture:** The bacterial cultures were collected from Pathology Lab of Mahant Indresh Hospital, Dehradun, India.

## **Chemicals and Media used:**

Distilled water, Liquid and Solid hand wash, Formalin, Nutrient agar media and Nutrient broth

## **Preparation of Bacterial Inoculum**

For Inoculum preparation nutrient broth was made according to manufacturer's instructions and 10ml of broth medium was dispensed in screw capped test tubes and sterilized by autoclaving at 121°C for 15 minutes. The test tubes were cooled and kept in an incubator for 24 hours at 35°C to check sterility. The isolated strains were inoculated in the sterilized test tube containing the medium, and placed in an incubator overnight at 35°C. The presence of turbidity in broth culture was noted. Nutrient broth is used for general cultivation of less fastidious microorganisms.

## **Composition of Nutrient Broth**

13grams constituents were suspended in 1000ml distilled water and heated it if needed, to dissolve the medium completely then dispensed as desired and sterilized by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 1 minute. A loop full of bacterial strain was inoculated in 10ml of Nutrient broth in 3 test tubes and incubated for 72 hrs to get active strains, and then stored in refrigerator for further use.

## **Composition of Nutrient Broth**

<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>Gms / Litre</b>
Peptone	5.000
Sodium chloride (NaCl)	5.000
Beef extract	3.000
pH	7.4+0.2

## **Preparation Nutrient Agar Media(NAM)**

28grams constituents were suspended in 1000ml distilled water and heated it if needed, to dissolve the medium completely. Dispensed as desired and sterilized by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes and was mixed well before pouring.

## **Nutrient Agar Medium(NAM)**

<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>Gms/ Litre</b>
Peptone	5.000
Sodium chloride(NaCl)	5.000
Agar	15.00
Beef extract	3.000
Final Ph(at 250C)	7.4+0.2

## **Preparation of Sterile discs**

Whatman's No3 filter paper were made in 5mm discs and wrapped in aluminum foils and then sterilized it in an oven for 30 minutes.

# **METHODS**

## **1. Disc Diffusion Method**

For each test, 100ml nutrient broth was inoculated with few cells of pathogenic bacterium and incubated at 37°C for 24 hrs in incubator. For each test, 15 petriplates were prepared for the growth of bacteria by pouring NAM in each petriplate and allowed them to solidify. After solidification, 1 ml of broth was poured in each Petri plate with the help of micropipette. Broth culture was spread uniformly



on nutrient agar plate with sterile glass spreader. The plate was air dried for few minutes. Sterile filter paper disc were soaked with 100%, 80%, 60%, 40%, 20% concentration of different handwash and disinfectant. Then these discs were placed on inoculated nutrient agar plates. These plates were then incubated at 37°C for 24hrs in incubator. After incubation, cleared zones were observed around the discs that indicates the inhibition of growth of the microorganisms.

## 2. Well Diffusion Method

For each test, 5 plates were prepared for the growth of bacteria by pouring NAM in each Petri plate and allow them to solidify. After solidify, pour 1 ml of incubated broth in each Petri plate with help of micropipette. Broth culture was spread uniformly on nutrient agar plate with sterile glass spreader. The plate was air dried for few minutes. The wells are prepare with well puncture than dip in agar plate and wells in loaded 100%, 80%, 60%, 40%, 20% concentration of commercial from of different hand wash and disinfectant. These plates were then incubated at 37°C for 24 hrs in incubator. After incubation, clear zones were observed around the discs that indicates the inhibition of growth of the microorganisms.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results obtained from this experiment shows that different types of microorganisms vary in their response toward different liquid handwash and disinfectants.

In liquid hand wash was found to be effective against *Pseudomonas sp.* were the zones of inhibition ranged from 4.8 mm maximum to 0.7 mm minimum whereas in case of disinfectant it ranged from 6.0 mm. and 4.0mm.

### 1. Results for Liquid Hand Wash

The effect of Dettol on *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococcus* and *E. coli* is shown in the table no. 1(a –f) and Fig. (a -f) respectively and the comparison between the zone of inhibition of the three pathogens is shown in the bar graph 1 and 2 which shows that the Dettol was more effective against *Pseudomonas* and least effective against *E. coli*.

**Table 1.a-** Zone of inhibition (mm) for *Pseudomonas sp.* (Disc Method)

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
<b>Liquid Hand Wash</b>	100	2.2	2.3	0.9	4.8
	80	0.9	1.7	1.5	3.1
	60	1.6	1.1	1.0	3.0
	40	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
	20	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.7

**Table 1.b-** Zone of inhibition (mm) for *Pseudomonas sp* (Well Method)

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plates 1	Plates 2	Plates 3	Mean
<b>Liquid Hand Wash</b>	100	2.2	2.1	1	4.6
	80	2.2	1	1.9	3.8
	60	1	1.4	1.2	2.8
	40	1	1.4	0.6	2.6
	20	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.8

**Table 1.c-** Zone of inhibition (mm) for *Staphylococcus sp.* (Disc Method)

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
<b>Liquid Hand Wash</b>	100	3.3	3	3.5	3.2
	80	2.1	2	2.4	2.1
	60	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.8
	40	1.6	1.9	2	1.8



	20	2.4	1.2	1.4	1.6
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**Table 1.d-** Zone of inhibition (mm) for *Staphylococcus sp.* (Well Method)

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate3	Mean
<b>Liquid Hand Wash</b>	100	2.7	1.9	3.1	2.5
	80	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.4
	60	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.2
	40	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.9
	20	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.5

**Table 1.e-** Zone of inhibition (mm) for *E. coli* (Disc Method)

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
<b>Liquid Hand Wash</b>	100	2	2.1	1.8	1.9
	80	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4
	60	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3
	40	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5
	20	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3

**Table 1.f-** Zone of inhibition (mm) for *E. coli* (Well Method)

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
<b>Liquid Hand Wash</b>	100	0.4	1.9	4	2.1
	80	0.2	2.1	1.7	1.3
	60	2.1	No Zone	1.7	1.2
	40	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3
	20	No Zone	No Zone	No Zone	—

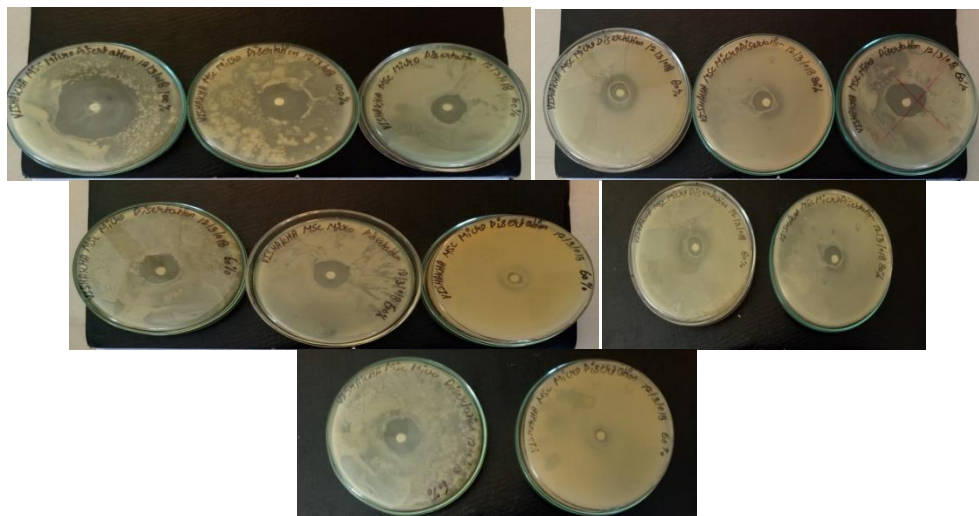


**Fig. a-** Liquid Hand Wash showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Pseudomonas sp* (Disc method)



**Fig. b-** Liquid Hand Wash showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Pseudomonas sp.* (Well method)

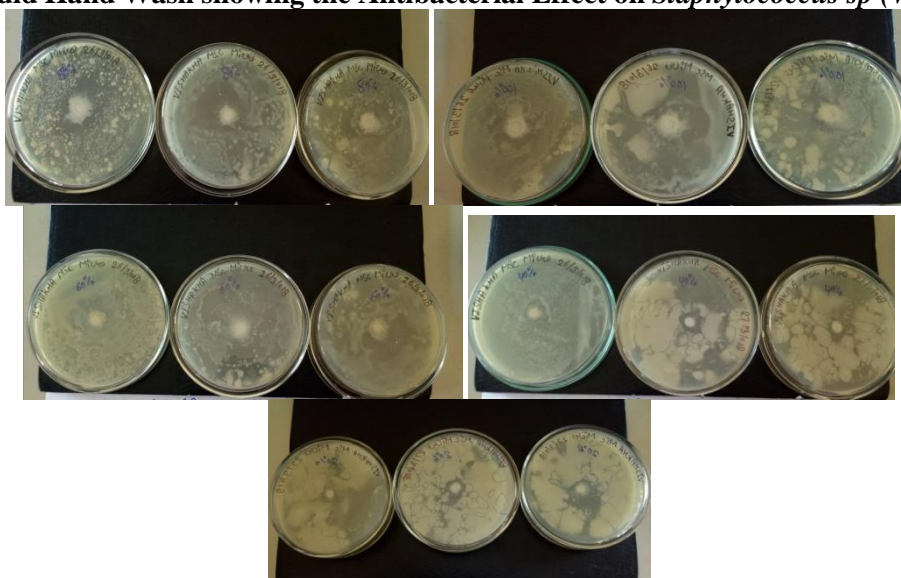




**Fig. c- Liquid Hand Wash showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Staphylococcus sp* (Disc method)**



**Fig. d- Liquid Hand Wash showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Staphylococcus sp* (Well method)**



**Fig. e- Liquid Hand Wash showing the Antibacterial Effect on *E. coli* (Disc method)**



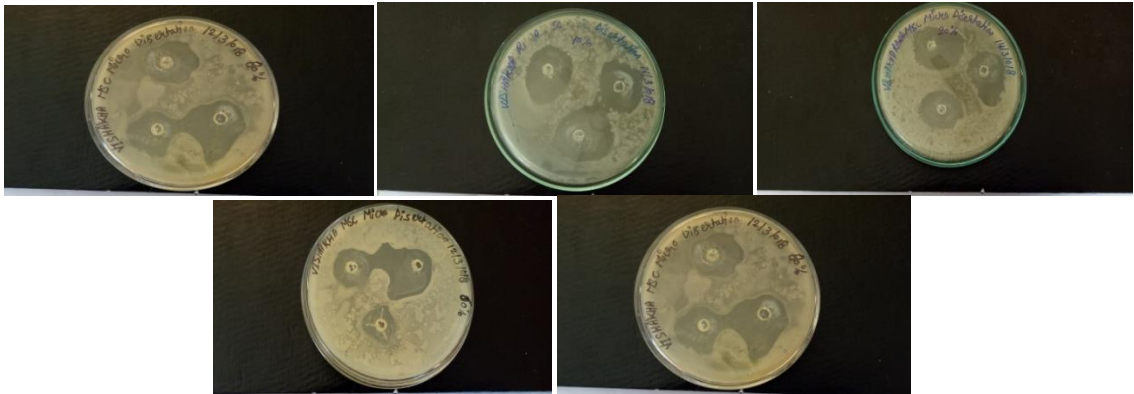
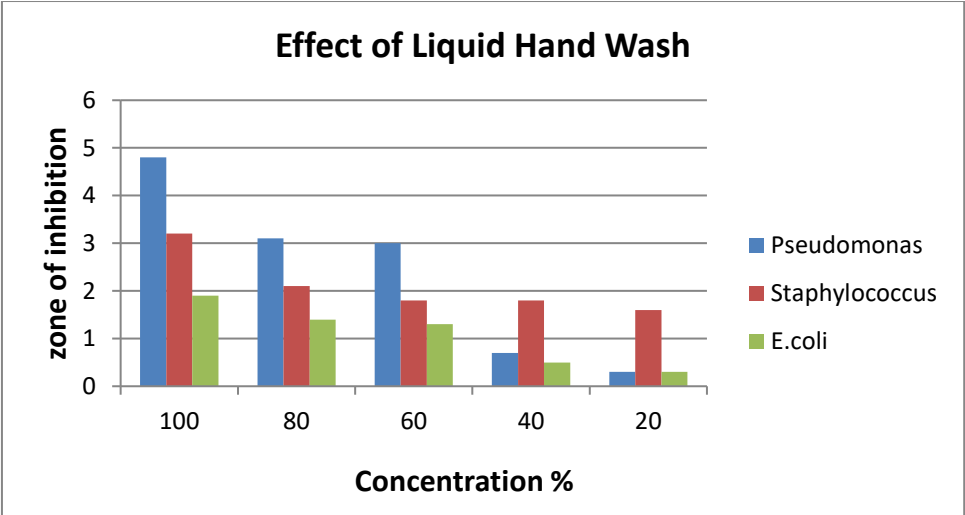
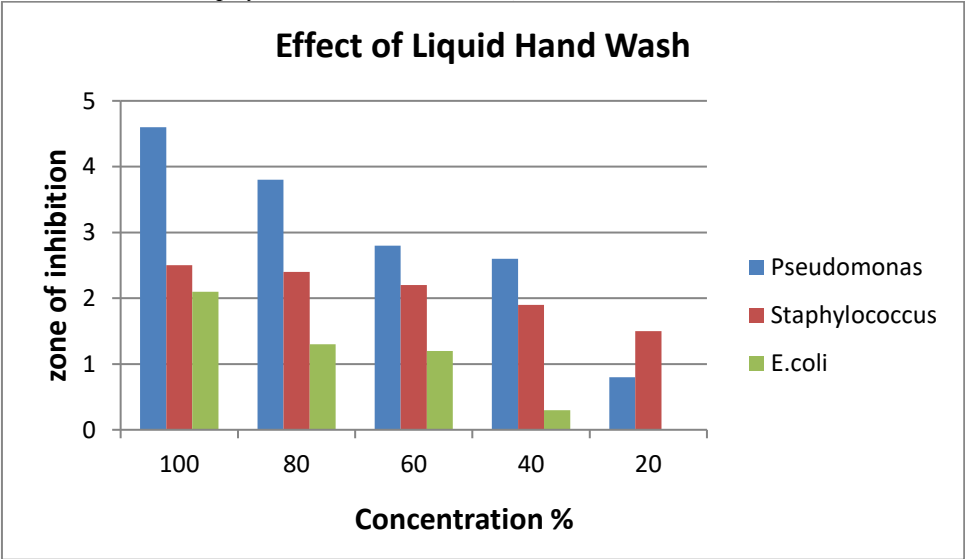


Fig. f- Liquid Hand Washshowing the Antibacterial Effect on *E. coli*. (Well method)



Graph 1. Depicts antibacterial effect of Liquid Hand Wash on growth of *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococcus* and *E. coli* (Disc diffusion method)



Graph 2. Depicts the antibacterial effect of Liquid Hand Wash on the growth of *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococcus* and *E. coli* (Well Diffusion Method)



## 2. Result for Solid Hand Wash

The effect of Solid Hand Wash on *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococcus*, and *E. coli* is shown in the table 2(a-f )and Fig. (g- l) respectively and the comparison between the zones of inhibition of the three pathogens shown in the graph which show that the Solid Hand Wash was more effective against *E.coli* and was least effective against *Pseudomonas sp.*

**Table 2.a-Zone of inhibition (mm) of Solid Hand Washfor *Pseudomonas sp* (Disc Method)**

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate3	Mean
<b>Solid Hand Wash</b>	100	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.6
	80	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.4
	60	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
	40	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.3
	20	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.6

**Table 2.b.Zone of inhibition (mm) of Solid Hand Wash for *Pseudomonas sp* (Well Method)**

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
<b>Solid Hand Wash</b>	100	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
	80	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.4
	60	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.4
	40	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4
	20	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

**Table 2.cZone of inhibition (mm) of Solid Hand Wash for *Staphylococcus sp* (Disc Method)**

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate1	Plate 2	Plate3	Mean
<b>Solid Hand Wash</b>	100	1	1.3	1	1.1
	80	1.3	2	0.3	1.2
	60	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.8
	40	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2
	20	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1

**Table 2.d Zone of inhibition (mm) of Solid Hand Wash for *Staphylococcus sp.* (Well Method)**

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
<b>Solid Hand Wash</b>	100	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.6
	80	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.5
	60	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.4
	40	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.3
	20	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.2

**Table 2.eZone of inhibition (mm) of Solid Hand Wash for *E. coli* (Disc Method)**

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
<b>Solid Hand Wash</b>	100	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.9
	80	1.7	1.7	2	1.8
	60	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.5
	40	0.4	1.3	1	0.9
	20	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.4

**Table 2.f Zone of inhibition (mm) of Solid Hand Wash for *E. coli.*(Well Method)**

Hand wash	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate3	Mean
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Solid Hand Wash	100	4	2.5	2	2.8
	80	3	2.6	2.7	2.7
	60	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4
	40	2	2.3	2.1	2.1
	20	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.9



Fig. g- Solid Hand Wash showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Pseudomonas* sp.(Disc method)

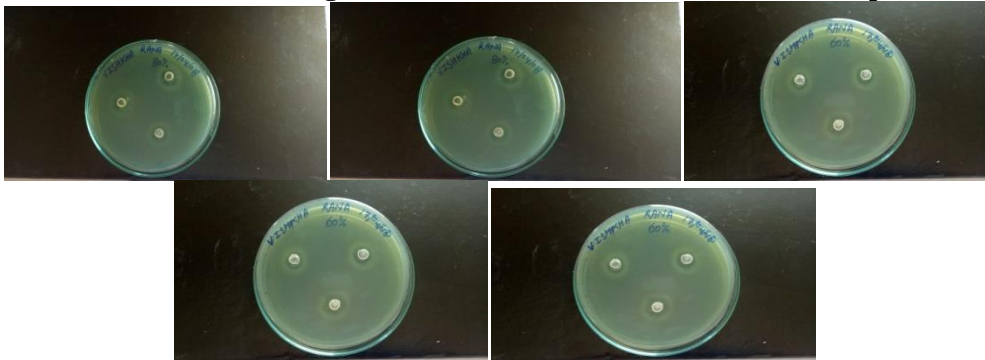


Fig. h- Solid Hand Wash showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Pseudomonas* sp. (Well method)

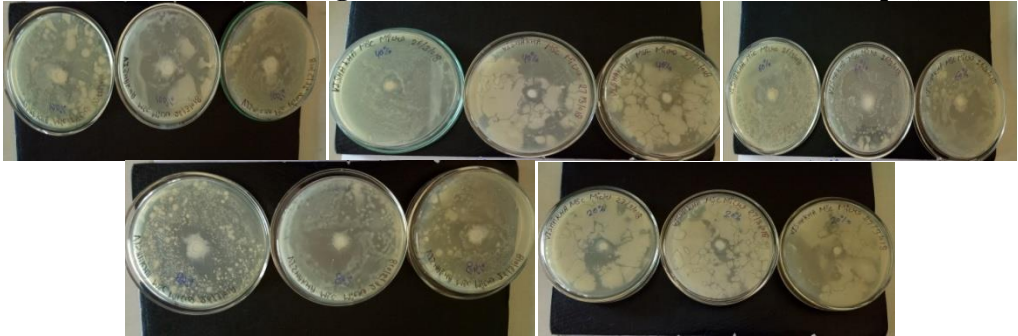
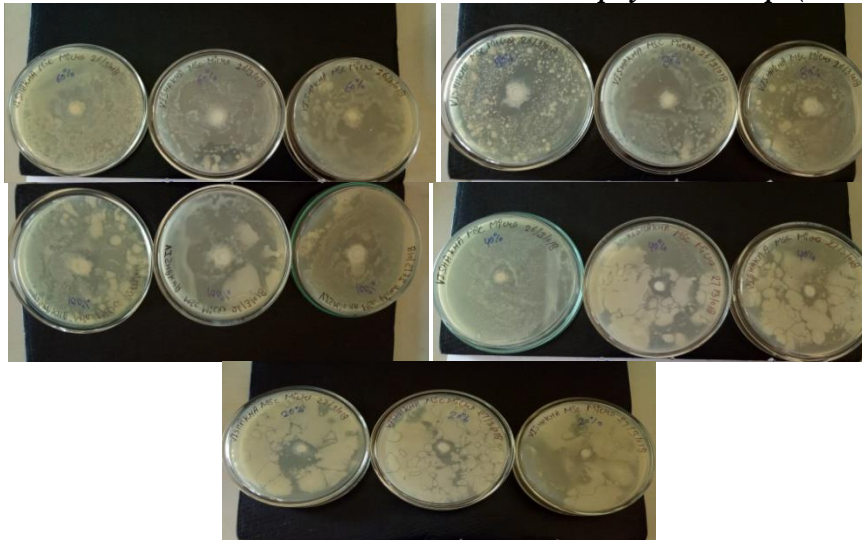


Fig. i- Solid Hand Wash showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Staphylococcus* sp. (Disc method)

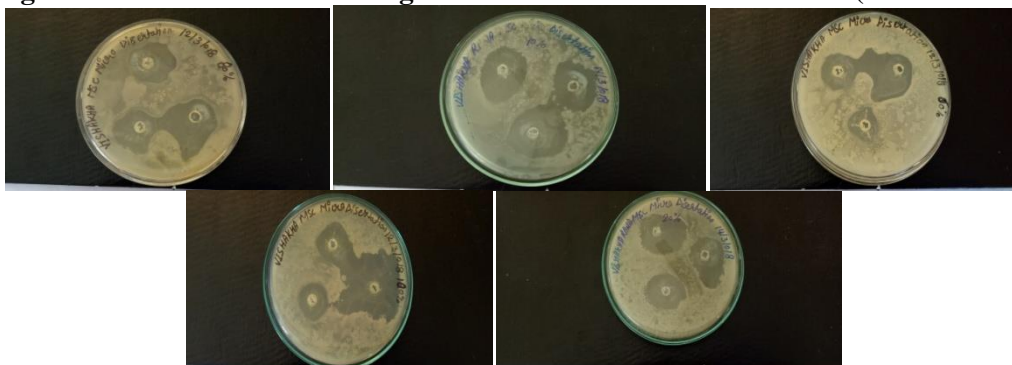




**Fig. j- Solid Hand Wash the Antibacterial Effect on *Staphylococcus* sp. (well method)**

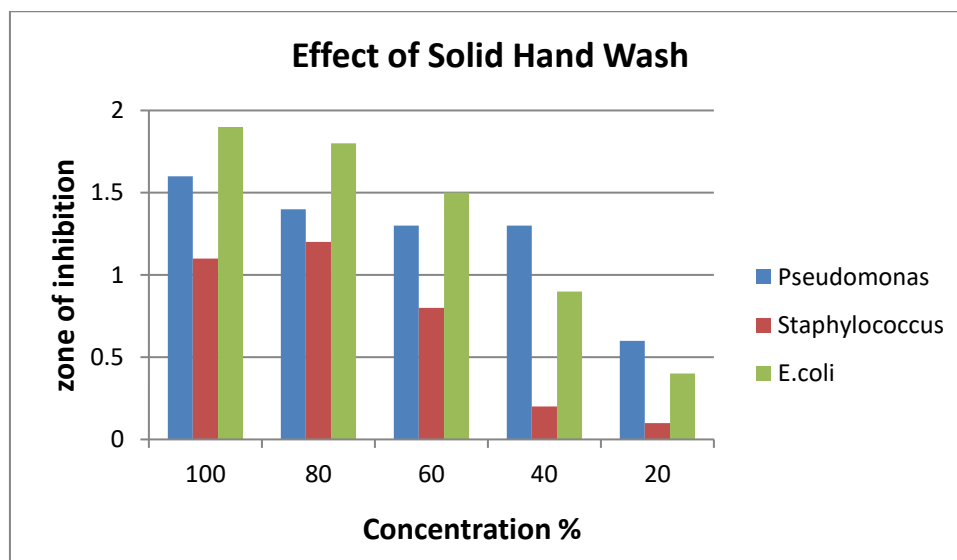


**Fig. k- Solid Hand Wash showing the Antibacterial Effect on *E. coli*. (Disc method)**

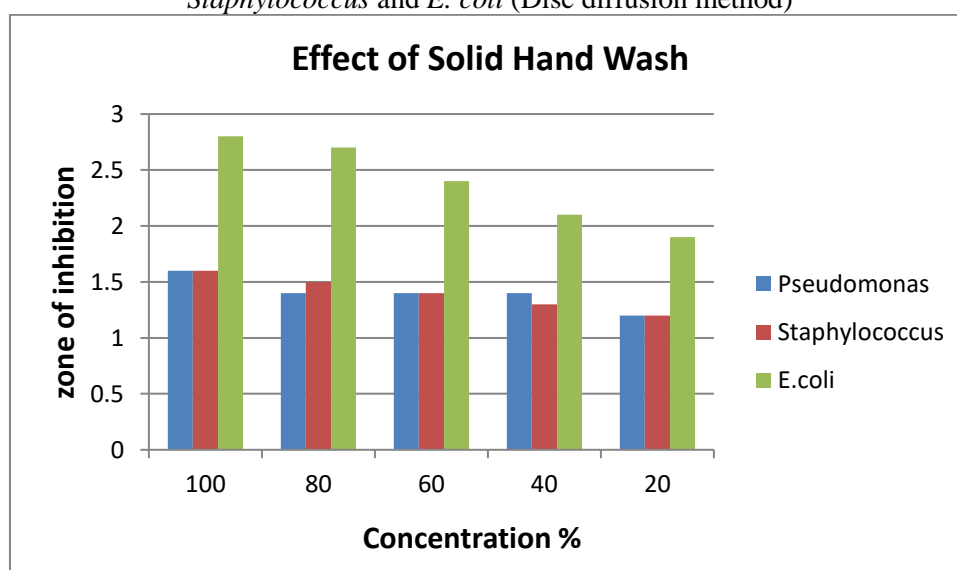


**Fig. 1- Solid Hand Wash showing the Antibacterial Effect on *E. coli* (Well method)**





**Graph 3.** Depicts antibacterial effect of Solid Hand Wash on growth of *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococcus* and *E. coli* (Disc diffusion method)



**Graph 4.** Depicts antibacterial effect of Solid Hand Wash on growth of *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococcus* and *E. coli* (Well diffusion method)

### 3. Result for Formalin

The effect of Formalin on *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococcus* and *E. coli* is shown in the table 3(a-d) and Fig. (m- p) respectively and the comparison between the zones of inhibition of the three pathogens is shown in the bar graph which shows that the Formalin was more effective against pathogens.

**Table 3.a-** Zone of inhibition (mm) of Formalin for *Pseudomonas sp.*(Disc Method)

Disinfectant	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
Formalin	100	4.9	4.3	5.3	4.8
	80	3.8	4.4	5.2	4.4
	60	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
	40	3.1	2.4	2.1	2.5
	20	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.4



**Table 3.b-** Zone of inhibition (mm) of Formalin for *Pseudomonas sp.* (Well Method)

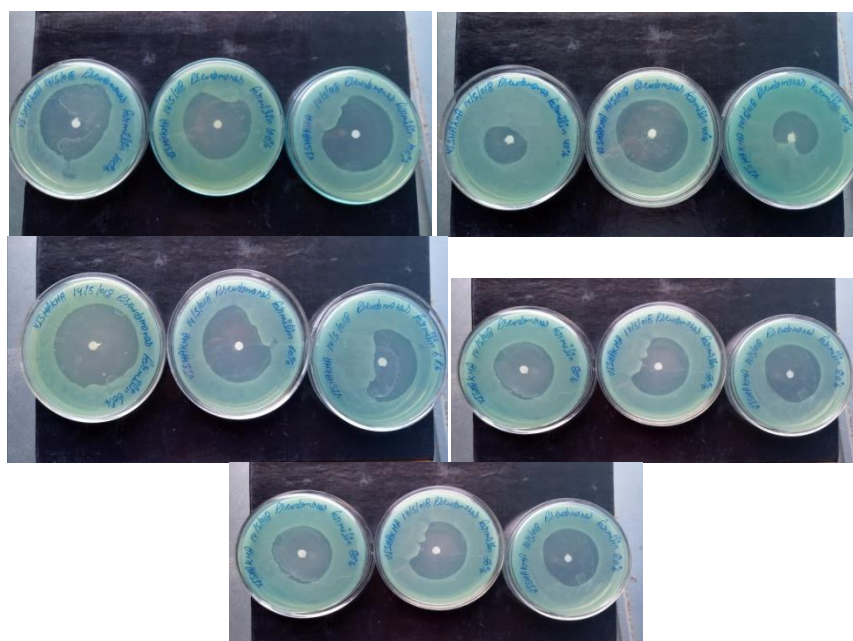
Disinfectant	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
Formalin	100	5	5.2	5	5.2
	80	5.1	5.3	5	5.1
	60	5	5.1	5	5
	40	6.1	4.3	4.5	4.9
	20	4	4	4.1	4.1

**Table 3.c-**Zone of inhibition (mm) of Formalin for *Staphylococcus sp.*(Disc Method)

Disinfectant	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
Formalin	100	6.6	8.5	5.6	6.9
	80	6.6	5.4	6.1	6
	60	5.2	5.3	6	5.5
	40	4.5	4.4	4	4.4
	20	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5

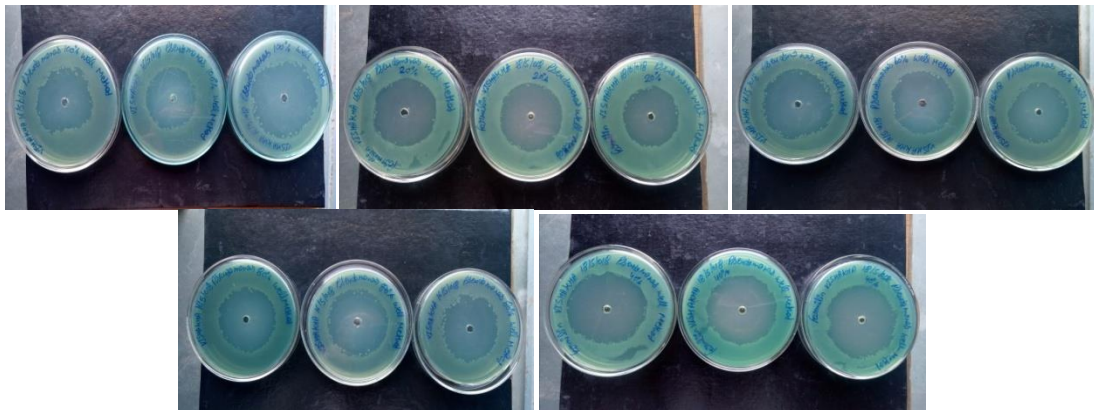
**Table 3.d-** Zone Of inhibition (mm) of Formalin for *Staphylococcus sp.*(Well Method)

Disinfectant	Concentration (%)	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Mean
Formalin	100	6	6.1	6	6
	80	5	6	6	5.6
	60	5.2	5.4	5	5.2
	40	5	4	4.3	4.4
	20	4	4.1	4.3	4.1

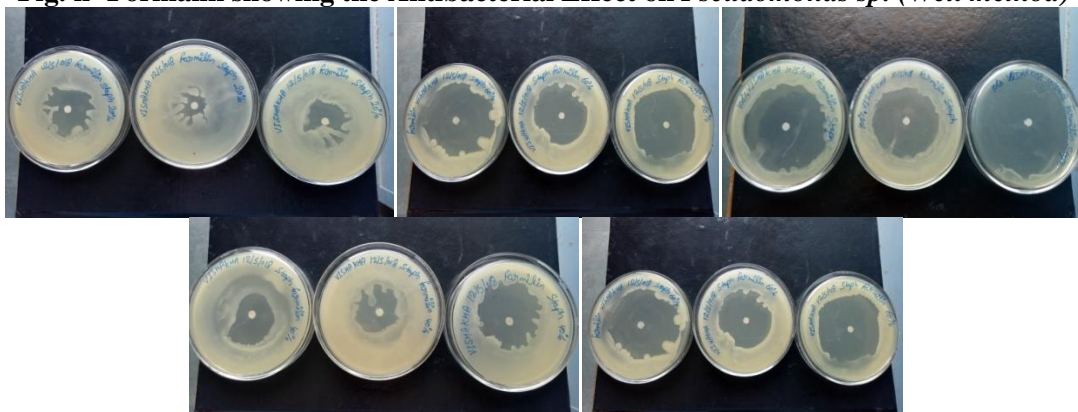


**Fig. m-** Formalin showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Pseudomonas sp.* (Disc method)

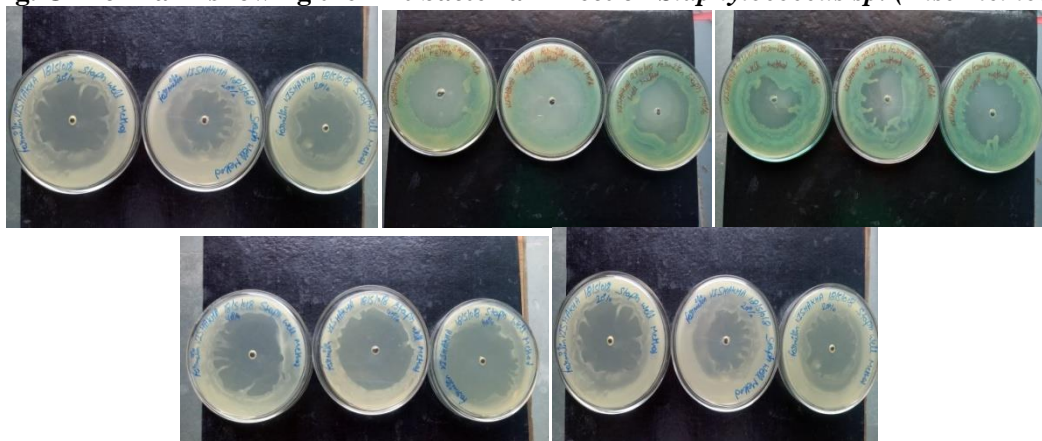




**Fig. n- Formalin showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Pseudomonas* sp. (Well method)**

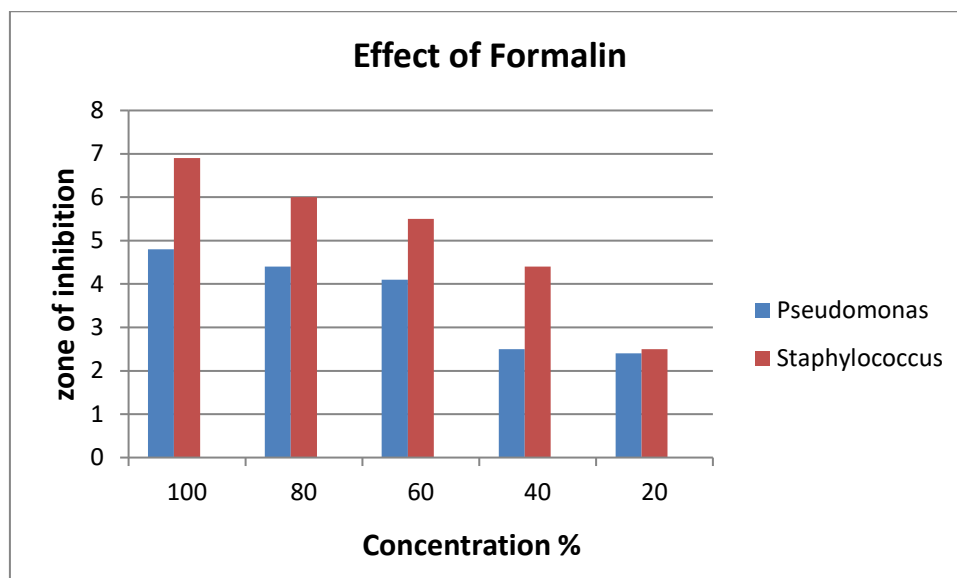


**Fig. O- Formalin showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Staphylococcus* sp. (Disc method)**

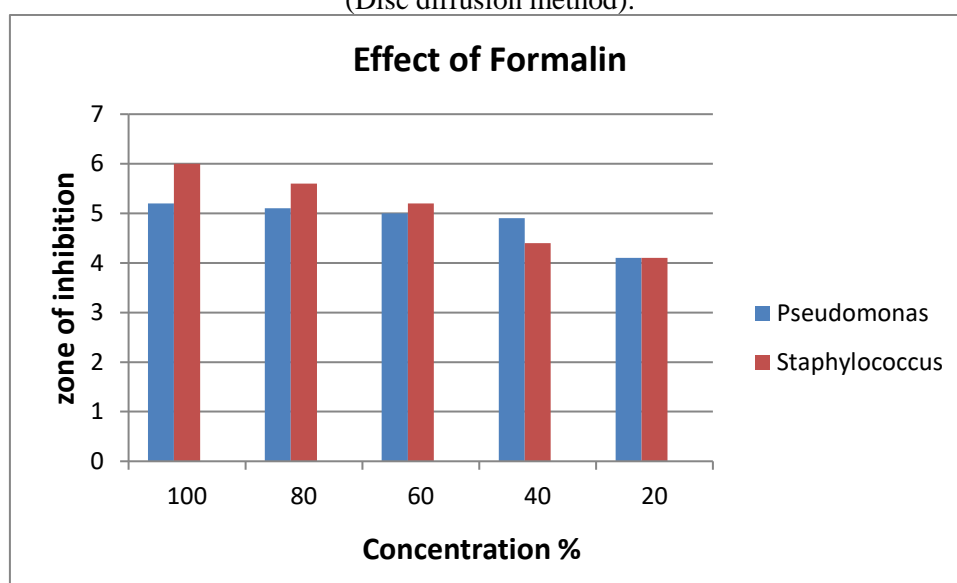


**Fig. p- Formalin showing the Antibacterial Effect on *Staphylococcus* sp. (Well method)**





**Graph5-** Depicts antibacterial effect of Formalin on growth of *Pseudomonas*, and *Staphylococcus* (Disc diffusion method).



**Graph. 6-**Depicts antibacterial effect of Formalin on growth of *Pseudomonas*, and *Staphylococcus* (Well Diffusion method)

## DISCUSSION

Result of this experiment illustrated that different pathogens acquire resistance to different hand wash and disinfectant. The results also suggests that the antibacterial effects of liquid hand wash and disinfectant are not only dependent on the type of hand wash and disinfectant but also on their concentrations.

Similar results were found by Vaishali et al., 2011, they demonstrated that it is practically impossible to keep our surrounding free from microorganisms because they can grow in the presence of moisture. Sinha et al, 2009, have isolated and identified the most frequently occurring bacterial species as *E. coli*, *Micrococcus luteus* (Nonpathogenic) and *Serratia marcescens*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Bacillus cereus* (Pathogenic). They have used the disinfectant that are sold maximum and tried to compare their efficacy using in vitro analysis. People are happy with what



they use and only a few are open to try new product launched. Instead of the composition and inhibition factor, to select a specific disinfectant, odour and cost are major criteria. With respect to the above stated information obtained by survey analysis and confirm the earlier work done in laboratory, commonly used disinfectant like Formalin.

The present study also revealed that Liquid Hand Wash is effective antiseptic against *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococcus* and *E. coli* and the zone of inhibition was maximum for *Pseudomonas* and minimum for *E.coli*. Nobody knows the significance of liquid hand washes even these are much better than plain soaps due to their ingredient and effectiveness on our skin of hands and as well as suitable for all type of skin might be that was most sensitive. Mostly hand washes protect us from many daily encountered bacteria.

In February (Sajed *et al.*, 2014) showed that liquid soap significantly depressed the bacterial population than plain soaps. Similar result have been deduced by Toshima in 2001 (Shahida., 2009). Actually the soap hold ingredient (Iodophor and Triclosan). Triclosan is a bactericidal and appears to act upon several non specific targets. Plain soap is less effective than liquid soap; this was also confirmed by Connie and George from London in Text Book diagnostic Microbiology that liquid soap has a greater effect on inhibition and removal of bacteria population than bars (Kaiser.2006).

In 2014 Padma singh, Anchal Rani and Shampa Pal isolated bacteria as lab contaminated were *Bacillus*, *S. aureus*, *Pseudomonas*, *Micrococcus*. All these bacterial were identified on the basis of biochemical test and Bergey's mannul. To check the efficacy of chemical sterilization against the isolated bacteria by disc diffusion test first the zone of inhibition of different disinfectant on lab contaminant were observed by Kirby Bauer method (1966). In 2009 saba Riaz, Adeel Ahmad Shasida Hasnain illustrated that the plain soap also possessed antibacterial activity although lesser than that of antibacterial soaps. It was seen clearly that Gram positive bacteria were killed at low concentration of soap than Gram negative bacteria. The best of all soap used is lifebuoy white (antibacterial) because the calculation of the efficiency then the others used. The most resistant bacterium of all the soaps is *K. pneumonia* following *P. aeruginosa*. It is proved experimentally that antibacterial soaps kill the bacterial at a specific concentration; they also have bacteriostatic activity and can inhibit the growth of bacteria. Beauty soaps contain some natural and plant extracted ingredients in their composition which have the ability to inhibit or kill the bacteria so they also gave some bactericidal activity.

### **CONCLUSION**

From the above results it can be concluded that Liquid Hand Wash and Formalin were found highly effective against pathogens, Whereas Solid Hand Wash was found low effected against pathogens.

Results of this experiment also indicate that different pathogens acquired resistance to different liquid hand wash and disinfectant. The result also suggests that the antibacterial effect of hand wash and disinfectant are not only dependent on the type of hand wash and disinfectant but also on their concentration.

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