IMPROVING THE PHARMACEUTICAL EFFECT OF AMPICILLIN BY TRIGONELLA FOENUM-GRAECUM (TFG) NANOCOMPOSITE OF RESISTANT BACTERIA S.AUREUS AND E.COLI CAUSING RECURRENT MISCARRIAGE ISOLATED FROM WOMEN WITH UTIS

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Abstract

The current study aimed to isolate and diagnose the bacteria that cause urinary tract infections in pregnant women and cause miscarriage, estimate the resistance of the isolated bacterial species, and evaluate the inhibitory effect of Trigonella foenum-graecum extract. (TGF) and the nanocomposite prepared in green ways from the seeds of the fenugreek plant TGF/Nps before and after loading the antibiotic Ampiciliin into the bacteria E. coli and S. aureus, which are most common in pregnant women and aborted women with urinary tract infections. The results of the sensitivity test showed that most of the isolates were bacteria. E. coli and S. aureus were resistant to most antibiotics and sensitive to others. They were diagnosed using the VITEK 2 system test. The resistance of E. coli to the antibiotic (Ampicillin) was 66.66%, while the resistance of S. aureus to the same antibiotic reached 100% at the MIC concentration. The inhibitory effect on the growth of E. coli and S. aureus bacteria was studied by the TGF/NPs nanocomposite in its free form (T3) and the results were compared with the inhibitory ability of the free AMP antibiotic (T1) with what was recorded of the synergistic effect of the antibiotic after loading it. Treatment with the nanocomposite With the antibiotic TGFNps/AMP (5T), it showed the highest rate of inhibition at the first and second concentrations (C1,2 C). These increases in the rate of inhibition were significant (P≤0.05), as the rate of inhibition for the two concentrations compared to what was recorded in the fourth treatment. (T4), which treatment with the extract loaded with the antigen (TGF/AMP). To evaluate the inhibitory action of the isolated E. coli bacteria, the study recorded an increase in the diameter of the inhibition ring of the antibiotic (AMP) when loaded with the green nanocomposite of the plant The increase in TGFNps/AMP (T5/C1-2) was significant when compared with what was recorded in the results of treatment with the free antibiotic and the free nanocomposite at the two concentrations above. When treated with the first concentration (C1), the rate of inhibition of S. aureus in the treatment with the second concentration (C2), and the results were also high when compared with what was recorded in the fourth treatment with its first and second concentrations (T4/C1-2).

Introduction

antibiotics.

serious consequences for both the fetus and the mother [3]. It is The ability of microbes to reduce or neutralize the action of one of the microorganisms that commonly cause urinary tract drugs that have been used against them is considered infections and is of serious concern due to its high incidence of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Among various strains of multidrug resistance [4]. Ampicillin is a semi-synthetic Escherichia coli which represent a major threat to public health, compound of penicillin that acts as an oral broad-spectrum drug-resistant E. coli is mostly found in hospital lobbies, antibiotic [5]. It inhibits bacterial cell wall formation by binding population centers, and the surrounding environment. Different to penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs). Ampicillin is used to treat defense strategies have been adopted to reduce the effects of various infections caused by Gram-positive bacteria and gram-Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase (ESBL), positive and gram-negative bacteria. The overuse of antibiotics fluoroquinolones, and carbapenems have been considered has led to the spread of multidrug resistance among pathogenic powerful resistance strategies present in most resistant bacterial strains, including ampicillin resistance [6]. Urinary tract strains [1]. Some strains of S. aureus are known for their ability infections (UTIs) are widespread among women, especially in to produce toxins, which contribute to the severity of infections. the first months of marriage. Despite the short-term effect of Methicillin-resistant S. aureus (MRSA) is a specific strain that antibiotics on alleviating acute urinary tract infections, they has developed resistance to many commonly used antibiotics, increase pregnancy problems and disorders for the mother and making it difficult to treat infections caused by MRSA it is more child [7]. In addition, antibiotic resistance and the use of difficult[2]. S. aureus in pregnant women with UTI can lead to antimicrobial drugs are increasing alarmingly. 90% of urinary

tract infections are caused by resistant strains of E. coli in 2.1: Preparation of TFG extract from the roots of Trigonella patients treated with trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole for a foenum-graecum month after which they become resistant to antibiotics [8]. E. The 200 gm seeds are washed and soaked for an hour to remove coli is the causative organism in 85% of urinary tract infections the outer layer of dust. The seeds were rinsed a second time and because it has the property of adhesion [9]. Bacteria from the heated in 500 ml of sterile distilled water for 30 min. The digestive tract colonize the area around the urethra. Pathogens mixture was then centrifuged at 1000 rpm for 15 minutes in a move from the urethral area to invade the kidneys or bladder. centrifuge, and the supernatant was collected and the precipitate The reason why women are at risk of developing a urinary tract was discarded. The solution is filtered using filter paper, the infection is the short urethra and proximity to the rectum, which filtrate is collected, spread and dried in glass containers, makes it easier for bacteria to reach the urinary tract compared weighed and preserved until use [15]. to men. Changes in sexual activity, pregnancy, and menopausal 2.2: Prepare 100 ml of 1Mm solution of silver nitrate status also have an impact. It has a significant impact on the risk Ag(NO)3. of urinary tract infection [10]. Plants are known as nature's Molarity is the number of moles per liter. Since the molar mass chemical factories, and they are effective in terms of material of AgNO3 is 169.87 g/mol, a 1 molar solution of AgNO3 will costs and require little attention. Studies have revealed that be 169.87 g (1 mol of AgNO3) in 1 liter. To prepare 100 ml of many plants have outstanding capabilities in removing toxins solution, 0.034 g of silver nitrate is taken [16]. and heavy metals, as well as their accumulation, through which 2.3: Preparation of AgNPs-TFG nanocomposite from the problem of environmental pollutants can be overcome fenugreek root extract. because the very small traces of these heavy metals are It is also Weigh 2 grams of dry extract powder, dissolve it in 100% toxic even at very low levels in its concentrations [11]. nonionic water, place it in an opaque bottle and store it in the Nanotechnology is one of the important modern applications in dark for 24 hours at room temperature. Solution No. (1), and various fields. Nanoparticles are a basic unit in nanotechnology. 100 ml of 1Mm solution of Ag(NO)3 prepared silver nitrate was The sizes of nanoparticles range from 1 to 100 nanometers. The prepared. In paragraph (1.3), solution No. (2). Solution No. (1) smaller size of nanoparticles contributes to saving unique is divided into Solution No. (2) in a ratio of 80:20 with properties of nanomaterials [12]. To synthesize nanoparticles, continuous stirring, and the color of the solution changes from there are wide-ranging industrial methods that have been yellow to reddish yellow, indicating the formation of AgNPs. applied. Physical, chemical, and biological methods have The AgNPs/-TFG nanocomposite was preserved, a quantity of become the most widespread in general. The chemical methods it was isolated for examination, and the other quantity was used are very expensive and include the use of hazardous and toxic chemicals responsible for many different risks to the 2:4: Purification of AgNPs-TFG nanocomposite environment. The three main conditions must be met for the The solution containing silver nanoparticles was placed in the synthesis of nanoparticles by green methods: Choose a green or environmentally friendly solvent, a good reducing agent, and a minutes). After the expiration of the period, the filtrate was harmless material for stabilization[13].

Materials and methods

1: Isolation and diagnosis of microorganisms

Samples were inoculated onto MacConkey agar and blood agar for the cultivation of bacterial isolates and preliminary diagnosis of each sample. They were placed in the incubator for the nanocomposite twenty-four hours at a temperature of 37°C under aerobic conditions. The morphological characteristics of bacteria were used as the basis for the diagnostic process, with Gram stain serving as the primary identification factor. To conduct biochemical analysis and identify the types of bacteria, pure cultures were created. In addition, the bacterial species were finally identified using the Vitek-2 bioMerieux method, which was used according to the instructions provided by the manufacturer. This method relied on pure culture. And the biochemical characteristics of the isolates.

2: Preparation and identification of nanocomposites

nanocomposite were prepared and characterized from the determined by the sensitivity of the Vitek device for both E.coli preparation was done using the environmentally friendly green synthesis method [14], and the diagnosis was made using an atomic force microscope. microscope (AFM).

stored until use.

centrifuge at a speed of (10,000 rpm) and for a period of (10 removed, the sediment was collected, washed with ionic distilled water, and placed again in the centrifuge at a speed of (10,000 rpm) and for a period of 10 minutes. The process was repeated (3) times until the compound was transformed into a clear color and preserved until use [17][16].

3: Evaluation of the inhibitory effect of the plant extract and

In this section, the inhibitory effect of the plant extract and the nanocomposite was evaluated for two types of isolated bacteria, Escherichia coli Staphylococcus aureus, grown on Mueller Hinton Agar (MHA) medium, resistant to the free antibiotic Ampicillin, as well as the synergistic effect after loading it with the extract and the green nanocomposite, in which study samples were distributed. For five treatments, 4 replicates for each treatment, with two concentrations for each treatment from the two samples above, as follows:

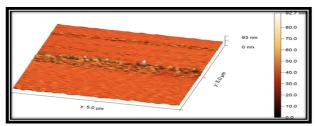
The first treatmen (T1): The treatment was done using the free treatment Ampicillin with Minimum Inhibitory Concentration In this part, the hot aqueous extract and the green (MIC) concentrations (64.32) and (8.4) micrograms/ml, fenugreek seed plant Trigonella foenum-graecum (TFG). The and S.aureus samples under study. Consecutive. The second treatment: (T2) was treated with (TFG) extract at a MIC concentration of (512, 1054) µg/ml for the two samples under study, E.coli and S.aureus, respectively. The third treatment, (T3): Treatment was done with the nanocomposite (NP/TFG) at a MIC concentration of (64, 128) and (32, 64) µg/ml for the two nanocomposite particles (Figure (1a) was almost homogeneous (NP/TFG-AMP) extract at a MIC concentration of (32/16, 64/32) and (2/16, 32/4) µg/ml for the two samples under study, E.coli and S.aureus on respectively [18].

Results and discussion

1. Characterization of the free nanocomposite TGF/NPs loaded with antibiotic (TGF/NPs-AMP):

The results for diagnosing the nanocomposite showed the outer surface of the nanoparticles of the free GTF/NPs nanocomposite, as the roughness of this surface and its square root are calculated according to the equation (Table 1), the roughness factor (Sa) Arithmetical mean height of the surface of the free nanocomposite was equal to 2.25 nm, Figure (1b), and when loading the antibiotic, this measured factor became 5.42 nm, Figure (2b), meaning the difference before and after loading became 3.17 nm, and this is an important criterion for increasing the effectiveness. The prepared compound, that is, the particle size loaded onto the nanostructured surfaces plays an important role in the surface roughness, its regular crystalline system, as well as the surface homogeneity. The root mean square height (Sq) of the nano-TGF/NPs was recorded as 3.57 nm, Figure (1b), while the Root mean square height of the TGF/NPs loaded with the antibiotic AMP nm, Figure (2b), was 7.01, so that the difference in the root mean square height before and after was 7.01. Loading nm 3.44, and the greater this difference, there is an increase in the resulting crystal structure after loading than before loading (Table [19]. The surface shape of the

samples under study, E.coli and S.aureus, respectively. Fourth in terms of the number of protrusions above and below the treatment, (T4): Treatment was done with (TFG-Amp) extract surface level, degree the roughness shap (Ssk), as it recorded an at a MIC concentration of (16/256, 32/512) and (2/256, 512/4) average of 0.92 g (Figure (b1), i.e. close to 1, and this indicates μg/ml for the two samples under study, E.coli and S.aureus, the homogeneity and stability of the compound. The current respectively. Fifth treatment (T5): Treatment was done with study showed Loading with the antibiotic reduces the homogeneity, which indicates that the compound was able to be loaded with the antibiotic even after performing the washing process several times in the centrifuge, as it was shown that the (Ssk) recorded a rate of 0.16 in Figure (2b), which gives a clear idea that the distribution of particles did not apply to The surface of the composite is evenly flat, Table (1) [20]. The increase in the intensity of reflected light in the surface points of the TGF/NPs nanocomposite was recorded at 15.25, and this is clear by observing Figure (1b, 1a), in which the surface appears in most places in a light color compared to the surface after loading the antibiotic 1.84 Figure (1a, 2b) which shows the shape of the surface and also the amount of increase in the peaks protruding from it, as well as the bright points reflecting light, so the surface appears in a darker color compared to the special surface before loading. The current results also showed that there was loading by measuring the increase in the height of the peaks protruding from the surface, when the rate of the highest peaks increased from 53.47 nm to 57.78 nm, as well as the height of the excavation, as it was covered by the rate of the highest value of the excavation from 39.25 nm to 43.39 nm, and this indicates the uniformity of the loading. By covering the surface in a symmetrical way between the peaks and their height, as well as the presence of a height at the tops of the holes as in Table (1). The results of the study indicate that the average molecular size the TGF/NPs nanocomposite before loading was approximately 108 nm, while after loading it with the antibiotic AMP it became approximately 115 nm (Figure:1c, 2c).



Atomic force microscope image nanocomposite showing the highest peak height and surface shape before loading it with the antibiotic AMP:

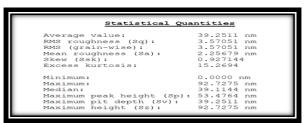


Figure 1b: Images of the analysis of the results of the atomic force microscopy of the TGF/NPs nanocomposite showing details of its physical properties before loading it with the antibiotic AMP:

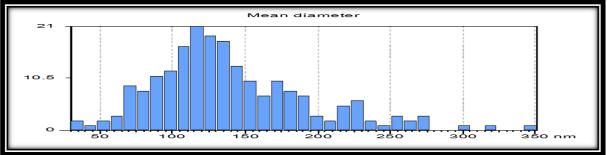
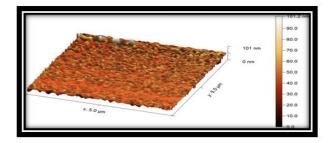
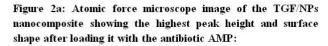


Figure 1c: Particle size distribution of TGF/NPs nanocomposite before loading it with AMP





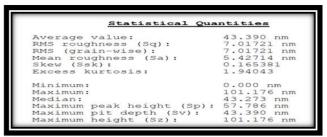


Figure 2b: Images of the analysis of the results of the atomic force microscopy of the TGF/NPs nanocomposite showing details of its physical properties before loading it with the antibiotic AMP:

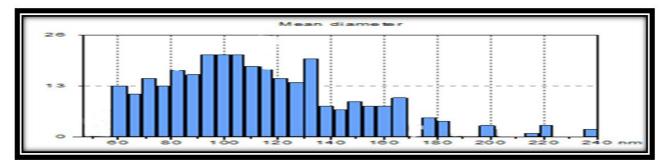


Figure 2c: Particle size distribution of TGF/NPs nanocomposite after loading with antibiotic AMP.

Table 1: shows the different physical properties of the free TGF/NPs nanocomposite and the free TGF extract before and after loading the antibiotic AMP:

Physical properties of the extract and the free and	TGF/NPs	(nm)	TGF/NPs-AMP	TGF-AMP(nm)
loaded nanocomposite	(nm)	TGF	(nm)	
(Sa) Arithmetical mean height	2.25	5.33	5.42	5.62
(Sq) Root mean square height	3.57	8.37	7.01	8.71
degree the roughness shap* (Ssk)	0.92	0.35	0.16	0.21
(Sku) Kurtosis	15.26	5.30	1.94	8.33
(Sp) Maximum peak height	53.47	63.26	57.78	71.05
(Sv) Maximum pit height	39.25	57.73	43.39	72.93
Mean size	108	123	115	145

^{*}Ssk<0: Height distribution is skewed above the mean plane. Ssk=0: Height distribution (peaks and pits) is symmetrical around the mean plane. Ssk>0: Height distribution is skewed below the mean plane

The current study showed that the distribution rates of resistance prevents glycolysis and contributes to increased glucose of the most common types of E. coli and S.aureus among accumulation, leading to genetic mutations and the generation pregnant women with UTI were to the antibiotic ampicillin by of reactive oxygen species. (ROS) [23], it has also been shown both E. coli, which showed resistance to Ampiciliin at a rate of that synergistic treatment with some antimicrobial peptides (55.55)%, while S.aureus bacteria recorded resistance. The (AMPs) reduces the possibility of developing resistance in S. resistance shown by bacteria isolated from aborted women to aureus, and treatment with certain compounds with AMPs can the antibiotic ampicillin was high for the antibiotic Ampicillin hinder the development of resistance compared to free AMPs, with an MIC of 100%, respectively, in Table (2). Resistance of especially Those that developed resistance to free AMPs after E. coli to the antibiotic ampicillin is a growing concern due to taking concentrations that led to poor bacterial growth and did the misuse of antibiotics in medical treatment and animal not give them significant resistance to AMPs [24]. Antibiotic production as an antibacterial [21]. Ampicillin resistance is resistance in E. coli and S. aureus bacteria isolated from associated with changes in intracellular ampicillin concentration miscarried women has been studied in several studies. One and cell membrane permeability. In addition, a study was study [25] showed isolates of E. coli and S. aureus bacteria S. conducted that indicated that The low permeability of the cell aureus from locally manufactured cheeses consumed on a daily envelope in Gram-negative bacteria, including E. coli, basis was associated with high levels of multidrug resistance represents a major challenge for antibiotic development[22]. (MDR) and showed gene expression to develop different Staphylococcus aureus bacteria, S. aureus, possess resistance to resistances. The results of the current study were also consistent the antibiotic ampicillin through several mechanisms, including with what was found in Nigeria, as many antibiotic-resistant E. the bacteria using ampicillin in glucose metabolism, which coli isolates were found in women. Pregnant women with

urinary tract infections, and resistance genes such as VIM, bla ctx-M, and TEM were discovered [26].

Table 2: Antibiotic resistance rates for *E. coli* and *S. aureus* bacteria isolated from pregnant women and abortions:

Antimicrobial	pregnan	t			abortion	IS		
Ampiciliin	E. coli	Sensitivity	S.aureus	Sensitivity	E. coli	Sensitivity	S.aureus	Sensitivity
	G2/1	R	G2/10	R	G4/1	R	G4/8	R
	G2/3	R	G2/11	R	G4/5	R	G4/14	R
	G2/6	S	G2/18	R	G4/6	S	G4/16	R
	G2/8	R			G4/9	R	G4/18	R
	G2/12	S			G4/13	S	G4/19	R
	G2/14	R			G4/17	R	G4/22	R
	G2/16	R			G4/21	R	G4/28	R
	G2/19	S			G4/24	S	G4/29	R
	G2/20	S					G4/30	R
							G4/33	R
TOTAL/%	(5) 55%	_	(3)100%		(6) 62.5%	/o	(10) 100%	Ó

^{*}R = Resistance, S= Sensitive

antibiotic TGFNps/AMP (T 5)

active sites of nanosilver, and a mixture of... The antibodies ampicillin-resistant E. coli bacteria [30], [31]. imipenem and meropenem, this nanocomposite showed a very high inhibitory power against Gram-positive and Gram-

negative bacteria [27]. One study also investigated the The results indicate that loading the antibiotic with the antimicrobial properties of fenugreek seed oil (FSEO) that nanomaterial leads to increasing the effectiveness of the enhanced carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC) membranes and antibiotic and breaking resistance from bacteria within the Plantago plantain seed gum (PMSG) nanomembranes, as it minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) and increasing their indicated the possibility of promoting apoptotic cell death and sensitivity to the antibiotic after they were highly resistant. the production of free radicals (ROS) that increase bacterial Table (3), and that treatment with the nanocomposite with the inhibition. Nanocomposites can be used to eliminate the ability of E. coli bacteria to resist ampicillin by breaking down some It showed the highest rate of inhibition at the first and second of their resistance genes [28]. Another study also provided concentrations (C1, C2). These increases in the rate of inhibition results identical to the findings of the current study, as the were significant ($P \le 0.05$), as the rate of inhibition for the two manufactured compounds were based on the use of chitosan concentrations reached (11.66±2.581) mM compared to what nanoparticles to enhance the delivery of ampicillin to reduce was recorded in the fourth treatment (T4), in which the rates of drug resistance. mediated by plasmid, as nanoparticles the two concentrations were recorded (5.16 ± 0.752 mm, which containing ampicillin payloads showed high antimicrobial relates to treatment with the extract loaded with the antigen activity against microbes, including ampicillin-resistant (TGF/AMP). The effect of nanocomposites produced from bacteria E. coli [29]. These results also indicate that fenugreek seeds on E. coli bacteria was studied. In a study, nanocomposites, such as those based on silica nanoparticles and medium-porous silica nanoparticles were manufactured with chitosan, have the ability to completely eliminate Effective on

Table 3: The diameter of the inhibition ring when treated with the nanocomposite TGF/Nps and the extract TGF before and after loading the antibiotic Ampiciliin (AMP) in *E. coli* bacteria:

	Inhibition zone/mm	mean ± standard error	
Treatment	Composition longitudinal		LSD
	Concentration/µg/ml		
	l μ50/)gμ32 (C1	0.33 ± 0.057	1.03
T1	1 /61 \		
	l µ50/) gµ64 (C2	2.00 ± 1.000	1.90
AMP			
	TOTAL	1.16 ± 0.169	0.74
	lμ50/)g(μ512 C1	0.33 ± 0.057	
T2			
	l/μ50)g μ 1054(C2	1.33 ± 0.057	
TGF			
	TOTAL	0.83 ± 0.075	

Т3	lμ50/)g μ 64(C1	2.66 ± 0.577	
TGFNps	lμ50 /)g μ128(C2	4.33 ± 0.577	1
	TOTAL	3.50 ± 1.048	1
T4	l μ50/)g μ16 /(256/C1	4.66 ± 0.577	1
TGF/AMP	1) μ50g μ512/32 (C2	5.66 ± 0.577	1
	TOTAL	5.16 ± 0.752	
Т5	lμ50/)g μ16/32(C1	9.66 ± 1.527	
TGFNps/AM	lμ50/)g μ 64/32(C2	13.66 ± 1.527	
P	TOTAL	11.66 ± 2.581	

The results recorded in Table (4) showed that the bacteria S. and antifungal activity of cumin and fenugreek extracts, both what was recorded by the results of treatment with the free showed antibacterial activity antibiotic and the free nanocomposite. With the two and concentrations above, when treated with the first concentration Staphylococcus Moreover, a study indicated confirmation On the antibacterial bacterial infection invetro and in vivo [38].

aureus treated with the antibiotic Ampiciliin when loaded with extracts showed antibacterial activity against Staphylococcus the green nanocomposite of the fenugreek plant TGFNps/AMP aureus, and the aqueous extracts showed good inhibitory (T5/C1-2) were significantly increased when compared with activity in their free form, as alcoholic extracts of fenugreek

inhibited the of methicillin-resistant growth (MRSA). aureus Methicillin-sensitive (C1), the rate of inhibition of S. aureus reached (10.3 \pm 1.15) Staphylococcus aureus (MSSA) and the alcoholic extract had a mm, and the rate of inhibition was recorded at (14.6 ± 1.52) mm higher zone of inhibition compared to the aqueous extract in its when treated with the second concentration (C2), and the results form [35]. The results indicate that the fenugreek extract has the were also high when compared with what was recorded by the ability to preserve food and can be used as a natural aid in food treatment. The fourth concentration, the first and second preservation due to its antibacterial activity, providing an (T4/C1-2), recorded an inhibition rate of $(6.00 \pm 1.00, 6.33 \pm \text{alternative to materials})$. Chemical preservative [36]. The results 0.57) mm, respectively. There are multiple mechanisms through of the current study also agree with the results shown by the which fenugreek extract shows its inhibitory effect on S. aureus, study [37] that when producing a magnetic nanocomposite with as the extract may have weakened the bacterial cell membrane, CuO, properties with an inhibitory mechanism against causing loss of membrane organization and the release of Staphylococcus aureus are generated, through the preparation cellular components, causing hemolytic cell death. In addition, of a nanocomposite of silver and polymer, and in general the fenugreek extract has shown the ability It interferes with green nanocomposites showed distinctive results. In its ability bacterial DNA, indicating that it can target multiple sites within to affect Staphylococcus aureus bacteria and inhibit their bacteria. The extract showed inhibition zones ranging in growth, the Van-Amp-SLN formulation has been shown to diameter from 17 to 26 mm and antibacterial activity [32]-[34]. reduce bacterial population rates and effectively prevent

Table 4: Diameter of the inhibition ring (mm) when treated with the nanocomposite TGFNps and the extract TGF before and after loading the antibiotic Ampiciliin (AMP) on S. aureus bacteria at two concentrations, the first (C1) MIC > and the second (C2) = MIC:

Treatment	Inhibition zone/mm Concentration/µg/ml	mean ± standard error	LSD
T1	C1 (µ4g)/ µ50l	0.66 ± 0.05	1.08
AMP	C2 (µ 8g)/ µ50l	1.33 ± 0.50	1.17
	TOTAL	1.00 ± 0.63	0.77

T2	C1(µ512g)/ µ50l	33 0. ± 0.05	
TGF	C2 (µ 1054g) /µ50l	0.66 ± 0.05	
	TOTAL	0.50 ± 50.0	
Т3	С1(32µg)/ µ501	3.00 ± 1.00	
TGFNps	С2(µ64g) /µ50l	1.15 ± 4.66	
TGTTQS	TOTAL	3.83 ± 1.32	
T4 =	C1 /(µ 2/256g)/ µ50l	6.00 ± 1.00	
	С2 (512/4 µg) µ501	6.33 ± 0.57	
	TOTAL	6.16 ± 0.75	
T5 TGFNps/AMP	С1(16/2 µg)/ µ501	10.3 ± 1.15	
	C2(32/4 µg)/ µ501	14.6 ± 1.52	
	TOTAL	12.50 ± 2.66	

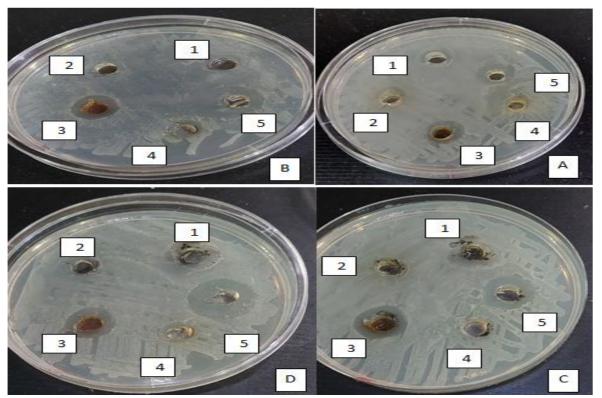


Figure (3) shows the inhibitory effect of the nanocomposite and the antibiotic AMP in its free and synergistic forms before and after loading on *E.coli* and *S. aureus* bacteria. A – Zone of inhibition/mm at C1 <MIC in μ g/ml for *E.coli*, B – Zone of inhibition/mm at C1 >MIC in μ g/ml for *S. aureus*, D – Zone of inhibition/mm at C1 >MIC in μ g/ml for *S. aureus*;

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