

# Isolation, Identification and Molecular Characterization of Cadmium Resistant Bacteria Isolated from Polluted Drainage Water

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## ABSTRACT

Water is the most basic element for the life on earth. Reliable access to clean and affordable water is considered main challenge for the total world. Along with waste water progress, environmental pollutants like toxic heavy metals are widely spreading throughout the world. The presence of heavy metal in aqueous environment poses a dangerous environmental risk. The utilization of heavy metal resistance bacteria might avail a cost-efficient tool for bioremediations of contaminated water bodies. During our screening program for heavy metal resistant bacteria isolated from agriculture wastewater sample collected from mainsheet El Awqaf near kafr el-Dewar), EL-Bahaira Egypt was able to grow on (LB) medium supplemented with Cadmium (50 to 500 mg/l), six isolates were chosen (4(DB-3), 5(DB-3), 6(CB-3), 7(CB-7), J (CB-5), and M (CB-3) based on the metal tolerance concentration (MIC) values these isolates were gram negative rod shaped bacteria.

**Key words:** Wastewater, Isolation, identification, Heavy metal removal, Cadmium, minimum tolerance concentrations, bioremediations.

## INTRODUCTION

Water is a major vital natural resource and crucial for permanence of all living organisms (WHO, 2012). The deficiency of renewable water resources, growing contradiction between demand and supply of clean water is a major challenge (Rijsberman, 2006). The competition for fresh-water allocation already exists among domestic, industrial and agricultural sectors, especially in water rare areas (Qadir et al., 2010). In some countries, irrigation accounts for further than 95% of the developed water supply (AQUASTAT, 2012). The expanding shortage of water joined with different factors is driving a large number of agriculturists to make utilization of wastewater.

Wastewater is being utilized for water system on an expected 4.5 million hectares around the world (Jiménez and Asano, 2008). Other scientists estimated around 200 million farmers use irrigate with treated and untreated polluted water in irrigation (Sato et al., 2013). More than 20 million hectares of ground are now irrigated

with polluted water, The problem is that a greater percentage of this practice is not based on any scientific management that ensures the "safe use" of polluted water (Hettiarachchi and Ardakanian, 2016).

Egypt, an arid country in the end of the longest river in the world, has passive water balance. The Egyptian share of the River Nile has been constant since the treaty of 1959, while the population has increased around three times during the same period (Hettiarachchi and Ardakanian, 2016). The annual supply of water from the Nile water, rainfall along the Mediterranean Coast and profound groundwater amounts to equal 57.7 billion cubic meters. But every year, Egypt employs around 72.4 billion cubic meters of water how is it possible for a country to use 25% more water than it has. Much of Egypt's water is use multiplied times on its journey through the country. Reuse increased overall efficiency from 57% to 74%. Other references estimated that overall irrigation efficiency increased from below 50% to 82% with the effect of reuse (Oosterbaan, 1999). The unofficial use of drainage water by farmers is about 3.0 BCM/year and is rising rapidly with the increase in water crises Allam (2001) In the future, irrigating agricultural area with this wastewater or treated polluted water could be a popular scenario in the developing countries because of the non-availability of clean fresh water (Raja et al., 2015). The water applied for agriculture in 2025 will be 1.4 times that of 2000, i.e., 82 BCM and 34.8 BCM returns to the system (Abouloos and Satoh 2017). Final losses are 18.7 BCM, including 2.8 BCM that are evaporated and 15.9 BCM from the drainage water that are dumped to the sea, and the rest is reused (Hettiarachchi, et al., 2016).

Heavy metals wastewater are directly or indirectly thrown into the environment progressively; especially in developing countries (Khalil et al., 2016). Heavy-metals have a crucial role in the metabolic operation of the biota, some of them are essential for all organisms as micro nutrients (cobalt, chromium, nickel, iron, manganese and zinc. However, at high levels, both of the major and non-essential metals become poisonous to

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the organisms (Rathnayake et al., 2010) because they are toxic, non biodegradable in the environment, and facily accumulated in living organisms(Coelho et al., 2015).

Cadmium is one hazardous heavy metal which non degradable easily, and has the capacity to accumulate in living organisms, causes significant problems to both the environment and public health (Zhai et al., 2015). it has been classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer as a Category I human carcinogen .Cadmium can impact the kidney, occasion renal dysfunction and with increased exposure, the respiratory distress increases with uncontrollable cough and gastrointestinal pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea (Khojastehfar et al., 2015).

The conventional physicochemical technologies appear to be inadequate or high cost for removal heavy metals at lower concentrations New approaches are continually being examined to supplement traditional water treatment methods (Marin-Morales et al., 2016). There are a bio materials used to remove heavy metal from polluted water, such molds, yeasts, bacteria, and seaweeds (Yaseen et al.,2018; El-Refae, 2016; El-Aziz et al., 2016). Several studies shown that many organisms (prokaryotes and eukaryotes) have a naturalistic capacity to biosorb toxic metal ions (Kharwar et al., 2017). The aim of this work deals with the evaluation of the level of contamination of wastewater bodies, the isolation of heavy metals resistant bacteria in terms of Cd resistance, morphological characteristics and their potential capacity to MIC .

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Sample collection:

Waste water samples were collected from an agricultural drain at mainsheet El Awqaf near kafr el-Dewar (latitude 31.13566 North and longitude 30.13278 East), EL-Bahaira, Egypt in August 2016. Samples were packed in sterile glass bottles and stored at 4<sup>o</sup> C until transport to the laboratory for microbiological and further analysis.

### Physicochemical Characteristics for Water Samples:

The physicochemical parameters were analysis by measuring elemental of Cu, Cd, fe, Mn and pb were examined for agricultural drainage water samples using Atomic Adsorption Spectrophotometer (analyticjena,contraAA700) in faculty of agriculture saba-basha, Alexandria, Egypt as shown in Table1 then transferred samples to Sotic Group Company to measure pesticides by GC-MS.

### Isolation of Bacterial strains

Isolation and enumeration of the bacterial populations was based on serial dilution technique (Banerjee et al., 2015; Kang and Kondo, 2002; Khatiwada et al., 2016)with a little modification 1mL of waste water samples were suspended in 9 ml of sterile distilled water) and serially diluted to 10<sup>-9</sup> with distilled water. Then, 0.1 ml of diluted suspension was placed on Luria bertani (Peptone 10.00 g/L, yeast extract, 5.00 g/L, NaCl 10.00 g/L and agar 20.00g/L : pH 7.00) agar plates. After that the plates incubated at 30°C for 24 hours then isolates colonies picked out, cultured for purification and identification. For long-term preservation and maintenance, the microbial cultures were stored as 60% glycerol stocks in Eppendorff tubes, mixed well and stored at -20°C.

### Identification of the Selected Resistant Isolate

#### Morphological Characteristics

Morphological characteristics namely, colony morphology (color and shape) cell morphology (shape and gram reaction) of the chose isolate were studied (Holt et al., 1994).

#### Primary screening of heavy metal resistant bacteria

For the selective screening of heavy metal resistant bacteria, 50-200 mg/L of heavy metal (cadmium) incorporated (LB-broth) medium. The isolates were grown in a rotary shaker at 150 rpm and pH 7.0 and the temperature was 30<sup>o</sup> C After 24, 48 h incubation sample was collected by taking 1 ml of growth from this flask to read the density of this growth at 550 nm using spectrophotometrically (Bestawy et al., 2013). The highest metal concentration 175,200 mg/l the waste water activity was amended in Petri dish sterile LB agar. Control also prepared with LB media without including any heavy metal to make comparison, serial dilution was done as (Azad et al., 2013) to isolate desired bacteria. Colonies differing in morphological characteristics were selected, picked, purified and then preserved on different plates for further studies.

### Screening for Heavy Metal Resistant Bacteria

#### Determination of minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of the isolated microbial consortium

The MIC of the cadmium metal ion was determined by turbid metric analysis. Bacterial isolates were cultured into shake flask and cultivated in LB broth medium broth in various concentrations ranging from 50- 500 mg /L. After incubation while pH and temperature were maintained 7.0 at 30<sup>o</sup> C for 24, 48 h in a rotary shaker at 150 rpm, the optical density was measured at 550 nm to measure the turbidometric analysis culture using Spectrophotometer (Marzan et al.,2017; Rajeshkumar et al., 2012).

## RERSULTS AND DISCUSSION

Organization of the United Nations(Ayers and Westcot, 1994) and Egyptian standards(Gad and Ali, 2009; Physicochemical characteristics of waste water

Results revealed higher pollution load parameters of heavy metal in the waste water, several chemical elements were found at concentrations ranged between 0.25 to 49.9 mg/l, Table 1. The Atomic absorption spectrophotometric analysis of metals in water samples detected a high level of Fe, Mn, Cu, pb, and Cd. Manganese was the highest (49.9ppm) in water samples followed by Fe (38.6ppm), Cu (31.7ppm), Cd (30.7ppm), and Pb (0.37ppm). Cadmium was found only at Sample 2 concentration is 30.7ppm of water. The water characteristics were contrasted guidelines of the Food, Agriculture Nasr and Zahran, 2016).

**Table1. Analysis of heavy metals in water samples**

Heavy metal (ppm)	Sample1	Sample2	Sample3
Cd	0.8777	30.78	2.343
Pb	No result	0.2560	0.3740
Cu	0.4241	31.75	0.3740
Fe	38.68	18.25	1.047
Mn	43.66	49.96	3.949

In this study we recognize and describe of heavy metal tolerant bacteria isolated from drainage waste water. They were isolated from heavily polluted water and environments(Benidickson, 2011; El-Bestawy et al., 2008). Cultures were maintained at 4°C on nutrient agar slants and transferred monthly

### Pesticides analysis

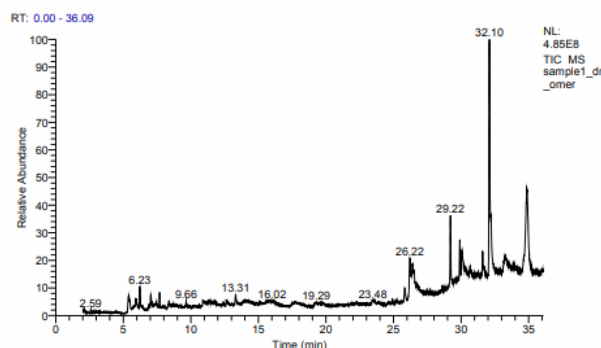
The waste water samples on subjecting to GC-MS provide result of different peaks determining the presence of different compounds. The molecular weight of these compounds is also known. The Chromatogram (Figure 1) shows 4prominent peaks in the retention time range 6.23– 32.10. GC-(sample 1), the retention time range 2.93-32.10(sample2) and the retention time range 3.12-33.94(sample3) MS analysis was done for the three waste water samples and 5 ,8 and 12 compounds were identified in sample 1,2 and 3 respectively. The GC-MS analysis of all waste water samples active principles with their retention time (RT), the Compound Name, Molecular Formula, Molecular weight (MW), Peak area%, were presented in table 2.

### Phenotypic characterization of Bacteria

Bacteria were examined for colony, cell morphology and gram staining. Cell varied between rods or cocci, only twelve isolates where spore former. Twenty eight isolates were gram positive, whereas nine were gram negative rod shaped bacterium. Compare with these characteristics of the standard description by (Holt et

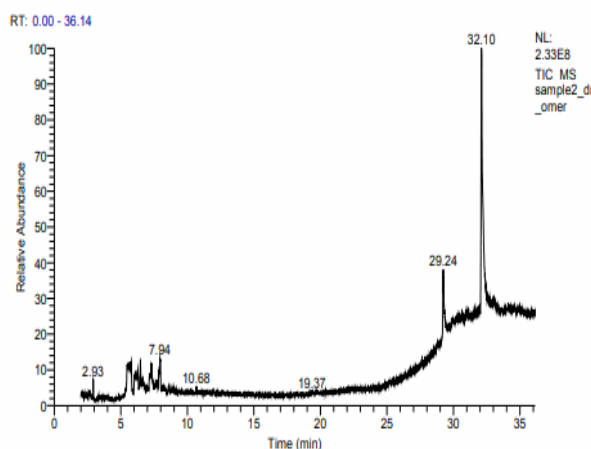
al., 1994), Table3 shows that 21 isolates were found to be belonged to the family bacilli, 5 were found to be *streptococcus* Spp,3 staphylococci, one was found to be coccobacilli and

#### Sample one

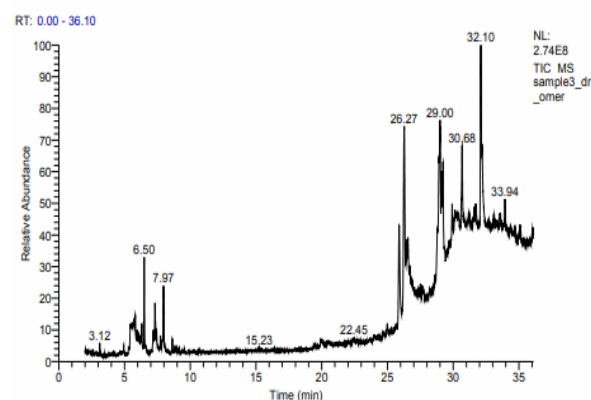


**Figure 1.GC-MS Chromatogram of sample one, two and three from drainage water**

#### Sample two



#### sample three



**Figure 2.GC-MS Chromatogram of sample2 from drainage water**

**Table2. GC-MS CHROMATOGRAM ANALYSIS OF waste water samples**

Sample 1					
S.No	Retention .Time	The Compound name	Molecular Formula	MW	Area %
1	6.23	Ethanol,2-butoxy	C6H14O2	118	1.63
2	26.22	2(1H)-Benzocyclooctenone, decahydro-40-methyl-,trans(-)	C13H36O	194	4.15
3	29.22	Hexadecanoic acid,methyl ester(CAS)	C17H34O2	270	6.55
4	32.10	11-Octadecenoic acid,methyl ester	C19H36O2	296	33.94
Sample2					
S.NO	Retention .Time	The Compound name	Molecular Formula	MW	Area%
1	2.93	Pentanoic acid Propanol Cyanogen chloride (CAS)	C5H10O2	102	0.77
2	7.94	Benzene,1,3,5-trimethyl(CAS)	C9H12	120	5.82
3	29.24	Pentadecanoic acid ,14-methyl- ,methyl ester (CAS)	C17H34O2	270	8.21
4	32.10	Trans-13-Octadecenoic acid ,methyl ester	C19H36O2	296	38.10
Sample3					
S.NO	Retention.Time	The Compound name	Molecular Formula	MW	Area%
1	3.12	Cyanogens chloride	CCIN	61	0.24
2	6.50	Ethanol,2-butoxy	C6H14O2	118	2.95
3	7.97	-Mesithylene	C9H12	120	3.10
4	26.27	-Benzene,1-ethyl-3-methyl 2(1H)- Benzocyclooctenone,decahydro- 4a-methyl-trans(-) Tetrahydro-Ionone	C13H22O	194	12.05
5	29.00	Diisooctyl phthalate 1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid,3- nitro-(CAS)	C24H38O4	390	7.84
6	30.68	IsoCHIAPIN B	C19H22O6	346	4.50
7	32.10	Trans-13-Octadecenoic acid ,methryl ester	C19H36O2	296	12.92
8	33.94	ISOCHIAPIN B	C19H22O6	346	2.13

**Table3. Enumeration of Cadmium resistant bacteria species Isolated from drainage water**

Isolate colonies	Gram positive(+ve)	Gram negative(-ve)	Total
Bacilli sp	12	9	21
Streptobacilli	5	-	5
Staphylococcus	3	-	3
Cocci	1	-	1
Coccobacilli	1	-	1
Total	22	9	31

one was belonged to Dicocci.(Rajesh et al., 2014) studied biosorption of cadmium by a novel bacterium isolated from industry effluent and found three strains labelled as BVR 1, BVR 2 and BVR 3 gram negative rod shaped bacteria.

#### Screening MIC of resistant bacteria isolates on consortium OD

Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) for Cadmium element was studied from 50 to 500 mg/L. It was found that six isolates showed the highest tolerance

to cadmium. (Table 4) bacteria have metal obligatory abilities, and they are known to show resistance to heavy metals and their detoxification, Jamaluddin et al., (2012) Finally, the best isolates (4(DB-3), 5(DB-3), 6CB-3), 7(CB-7), J (CB-5), and M (CB-3)) were selected depend on their maximum grade of resistance to cadmium for moreover studies, this result correspondence with that stated by (Utgikar et al., 2002) showed that, although cadmium is bacteriostatic at minimize concentrations, it can prevent the growth of the bacteria at maximize concentrations.

(Bhagat et al., 2016) demonstrated the use of heavy metal resistance bacteria which perhaps avail cost-effective tool for remediate of waste water bodies. The waste water sample gathered from polluted sites of downstream, Yamuna River, Delhi. The enrichment of stagnant water sample collect guide to isolate bacteria that considered remediate to resistance high cadmium concentrations and fit to cultivate at 2000 and 3000  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  of cadmium ion in the liquid medium. The fractional amplification and 16S mRNA gene sequencer were resolved for sequences homology by employ BLAST He found that the fractional nucleotide sequences of sample 2 (revealed 99% similarity with *Pantoea agglomerans* JCM1) and of sample 8 (*Enterobacter asburiae* JCM 6051).

All the six isolate exhibited tolerance to cadmium. The growth models suggest resistance development or adaptability of bacteria to heavy metals in aquatic environment. Tolerance to Cadmium Salts and Metal Absorption by using Different Microorganism was studied by Marina (Gelmi et al., 1994) generally; the Gram-negative species (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Salmonella typhimurium*) bacteria and one yeast (*Candida albicans*) evidence to be highly tolerance to Cd ions and accumulated high amounts of Cd through growth. Two strains of *P. aeruginosa* appeared that a high degree of tolerance to Cd and were particularly efficient in removing the metal from solutions. The metal absorption for Gram-negative bacteria species were dosed dependent, however, for the Cd-resistant staphylococci it reach to a plateau, this results submit that microorganism represented a good scenario to study the interactions between heavy metals and living microorganisms.

Researchers has describe *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* KUCADM1UM1 show that biological elimination of cadmium in the level of 75 to 89% of total content (Sinha and Mukherjee, 2009) and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* CBL-1 at concentration of 1500 mg/ml (Shamim and Rehman, 2012). The bacteria consortium of metal-tolerance bacteria included

*Enterobacteriaceae* members, which isolated from the river Yamuna, has been separated as a potency source for generate of electricity (Bhagat et al., 2016). Several of the preceding study showed that isolates *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and *Bacillus cereus* were found resistance and prevent cadmium ion ( $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ) from cell surface (Kafilzadeh et al., 2013). Similarly, Multi metal resistance *Alcaligenes xylooxidans*, tolerate range of 2.0 to 4.0 mM for  $\text{NiCl}_2$  and 1 mM Cadmium was described by (Sevgi, CORAL, Gizir, & SANGUN, 2010). Previously studies have reported bacteria resistant to Cadmium community separated from sewage sludge contaminated by cadmium ion (50  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) and the dominance of bacteria gram-negative with  $5.08 \pm 0.88\%$  Cadmium (Chovanov? et al., 2004).

**Table 4. Tolerance of the bacterial strains isolated from drainage water to Cadmium expressed as Minimal Inhibitory Concentration (MIC)**

Strains Bacteria resistant	50 ppm after 48 h	500 ppm after 48h
4(DB-3)	0.661	0.310
5(DB-3)	0.709	0.124
6(CB-3)	0.665	0.425
7(CB-7)	0.761	0.320
J(CB-5)	0.634	0.217
M(CB-3)	0.672	0.125

## CONCLUSION

The excess levels of pollution in the water streams leading gathered of heavy metals in the neighboring plants and soil in this area. The entity of heavy metals at low concentrations in the water in addition to agricultural products poses a higher risk to the human and animal health. Such polluted environments pose pressure on microorganism to improve different mechanisms to survive in higher metal concentration. The ability of microbial strains to grow in the entity of heavy metals would be useful in the polluted water treatment. This work demonstrate to be successful in isolating and characterizing a novel heavy metal resistant bacterium, gram negative rod shaped bacteria which resistance to high concentrations of cadmium (500 mg/l). This isolates mission as an effective adsorbent for bio remediation of cadmium. Further molecular studies are needed for deep identification before using such promising bacteria as tool for the removal this deleterious metal from the contaminated water bodies.

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## المخلص العربي

### عزل وتوصيف جزيئي للبكتيريا المقاومة للكاديوم المعزولة من مياه الصرف الملوثة

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المعادن الثقيلة في معالجة مياه الصرف. ولقد اثبت هذا البحث نجاحه في عزل وتوصيف بكتريامقاومة لمعدن الكاديوم في وجود تركيزات عالية من هذا المعدن (500 مجم / لتر) وقد اتضح من الدراسات المورفولوجية انها بكتريا عصوية سالبة لصبغة جرام وهناك حاجة الى مزيد من الدراسات على المستوى الجزيئي لهذه البكتريا قبل استخدامها كاداة جيدة لإزالة معدن الكاديوم الضار من المسطحات المائية الملوثة.

تؤدي زيادة مستويات التلوث في مجاري المياه إلى تراكم المعادن الثقيلة في النباتات المنزرعة المجاورة و التربة في هذه المنطقة. ووجود المعادن الثقيلة، حتى عند التركيزات المنخفضة في الماء وكذلك في المنتجات الزراعية يشكل خطرا كبيرا على صحة الانسان والحيوان. وتشكل مثل هذه البيئة الملوثة ضغطاً على الميكروبات مما يدفعها لتطوير آليات مختلفة للبقاء على قيد الحياة في تلك التركيزات المرتفعة من المعادن الثقيله. ومن الممكن استغلال قدرة هذه الميكروبات على النمو في وجود تلك