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Abstract

Background Cyanide compounds are considered dangerous and toxic compounds for human and animal health, and there are many industries that release these pollutants, determine these compounds and analyze (convert) them into non-toxic primary compounds to avoid their danger using microorganisms. **Methodology** The compositional medium for the growth of bacteria on many compounds, taking into account the change in the concentration of cyanide, where four concentrations were used (1.5 , 2, 2.5 , 3 g/L). **Result** the analysis of potassium cyanide compound by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella pneumonia* where four concentrations of cyanide were used or the last treatment was positive control, where sugar was used instead of cyanide compound. The second, third and fourth treatment gave significant differences compared to the control, as the growth rate in these treatments reached 3,5,6 compared to control 7 for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteria, while in *Klebsiella* bacteria, the three treatments gave a growth rate of 2,4,5 compared to control 7. **Conclusion** the best concentration of cyanide compound, which gave the best growth is 3 grams per liter and that the best bacteria in The analysis of this compound is *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteria.

Keywords: cyanide compounds, Gram-negative bacteria, Pseudomonas

Introduction

Cyanide is a chemical that does not exist separately but is usually combined with other chemicals to form cyanide compounds.^(1,2) For example hydrogen cyanide, sodium cyanide and potassium cyanide.^(3,4) Cyanide is found naturally in some bacteria, fungi, and algae that produce cyanide, and it is also found in a number of foods and plants, and we also find it in some edible plants such as almonds, soybeans, spinach, bamboo shoots,

and cassava roots which is the main source of food in countries equatorial^(5,6) Cyanide was found in the form of small granules in the form of white powder^(7,8) All cyanides are insoluble in water except for the alkali metal cyanides such as potassium (KCN), sodium (NaCN) and calcium (CaCN), as well as mercury cyanide that dissolves in water and its boiling point is 630° C⁽⁹⁾ Cyanide is one of the most common toxins used in the fish trade, and cyanide fishing is common in Northeast Asia and the South Pacific⁽¹⁰⁾ Fishermen use cyanide in coral communities in order to obtain live fish and marine organisms⁽¹¹⁾ Cyanide affects the respiratory system of fish, making it easier to catch them after they float to the surface, which are sold to marine organisms traders⁽¹²⁾ Cyanide is found in hydrogen gas or solid form⁽¹³⁾ A person needs a quantity not exceeding 0.2 of a gram to die directly within seconds. Inhaling cyanide leads to poisoning the body by stopping cellular oxidation processes and their death. Before that, a person suffers from multiple clinical symptoms, including: feeling dizziness, nausea, vomiting, loss of consciousness, and eventually cardiac arrest and sudden death⁽¹⁴⁾

Methodology

Isolation and identification of bacteria

Isolation of bacteria from different pathological sources and then they were grown on selective media, and then they were diagnosed with APE20, Where *Pseudomonas*

Preparation of synthetic medium for bacterial growth

The compositional medium for the growth of bacteria on many compounds⁽⁴⁾ taking into account the change in the concentration of cyanide, where four concentrations were used (1.5 , 2, 2.5 , 3) g/L (4)

The components	Concentration g/L
Cyanide	(1.5 , 2, 2.5 , 3 g/L)
K ₂ HPO ₄	0.52
KH ₂ PO ₄	0.41
CaSO ₄ .2H ₂ O	0.20
Na ₂ MoO ₄ .2H ₂ O	0.002
MgSO ₄ .7H ₂ O	0.16
FeSO ₄ .7H ₂ O	0.005

NaCl	0.20
MgSO4.7H2O	0.1

Result and discussion

Table 1 Effect of potassium cyanide on the growth of some types of Gram-negative bacteria

Dependent Variable: growth of bacteria			
type of bacteria	concentration of Potassium cyanide g/L	Mean	Std. Deviation
Pseudomonas	1.5	.240	.0548
	2	.300	.0707
	2.5	.500	.0707
	3	.680	.0837
	control	.700	.1000
	Total	.484	.2055
Klebsiella	1.5	.220	.0837
	2	.260	.1140
	2.5	.480	.0837
	3	.560	.0894
	control	.720	.1304
	Total	.448	.2124

Cyanide is one of the fastest and most lethal poisons ever, and we find it has appeared in a large number of spy movies as one of the types of poison used to kill either enemies or even commit suicide when arresting a soldier for fear of leaking the secrets of his state to the enemies some of his exposure to torture, but What is the secret of potassium cyanide and why is it known as a deadly poison. Table 1 shows the analysis of potassium cyanide compound by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella* bacteria, where four concentrations of cyanide were used or the last treatment was positive control, where sugar was used instead of cyanide compound. The second, third and fourth treatment gave significant differences compared to the control, as the growth rate in these treatments reached 3,5,6 compared to control 7 for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteria, while in *Klebsiella* bacteria, the three treatments gave a growth rate of 2,4,5 compared to control

7, we conclude from this that the best concentration of cyanide compound, which gave the best growth is 3 grams per liter and that the best bacteria in The analysis of this compound is *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteria

Table 2 ANOVA table of Effect of potassium cyanide on the growth of some types of Gram-negative bacteria

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects					
Dependent Variable: growth of bacteria					
Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Corrected Model	1.784^a	9	.198	24.176	.000
Intercept	10.858	1	10.858	1324.122	.000
bacteria	.016	1	.016	1.976	.168
concentration	1.741	4	.435	53.085	.000
bacteria * concentration	.027	4	.007	.817	.522
Error	.328	40	.008		
Total	12.970	50			
Corrected Total	2.112	49			

a. R Squared = .845 (Adjusted R Squared = .810)

Table 2 shows the meta-analysis of the effect of some concentrations of potassium cyanide on the growth of *Klebsiella* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteria, where it was noted that there were significant differences between all treatments except for the fourth treatment in which the potassium cyanide concentration was 3 g per liter did not give a significant difference with the positive control, so it was the best A treatment compared to the rest of the treatments for both types of bacteria As shown in Figure 1 What distinguishes cyanide and makes it one of the most dangerous poisons used is the composition of which it consists. Dangerous, because hydrocyanide acid is a volatile acid that smells very similar to bitter almonds, and poisoning occurs when it enters the body.

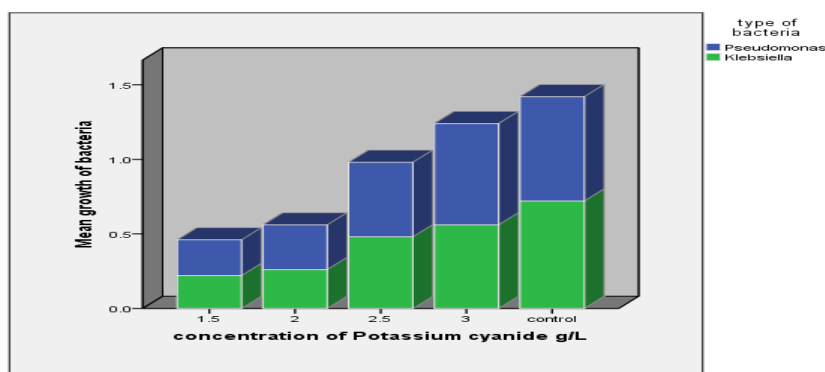


Figure 1 Effect of potassium cyanide on the growth of some types of Gram-negative bacteria

Table 3 Effect of sodium cyanide on the growth of some types of Gram-negative bacteria

Dependent Variable: growth of bacteria			
type of bacteria	concentration of sodium cyanide g/L	Mean	Std. Deviation
	<i>Pseudomonas</i>	1.5	.420
2		.460	.1140
2.5		.560	.1140
3		.640	.1140
control		.980	.1924
Total		.612	.2351
<i>Klebsiella</i>	1.5	.480	.1924
	2	.420	.1304
	2.5	.580	.0837
	3	.680	.0837
	control	1.060	.5413
	Total	.644	.3367

A white or colorless crystalline substance that is very toxic and must be handled with caution and kept in a tightly closed place and out of reach. Its chemical formula is NaCN, its molecular weight is 49.01 g/mol, its melting point is 563 degrees Celsius, its boiling point is 1496 degrees Celsius, and its density is 1.59 g/cm³. It is hygroscopic and soluble in water and ammonia solution (ammonium hydroxide) and sparingly soluble in ethanol. Table 3 shows the growth rates of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella bacteria* in different concentrations of the sodium cyanide compound, where three concentrations of

sodium cyanide were used (1.5, 2, 2.5, 3 and the latter was control). The growth rates of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteria were 0.48, 0.42, 0.58, 0.68 Compared to the control, it was 0.9. As for the growth rates of *Klebsiella* bacteria, the growth rates were 0.42, 0.46, 0.56 and 0.64 compared to the control 0.98. Therefore, we conclude that the best concentration that gave the best growth rate was a concentration of 3 grams per liter, and that the best bacteria in the sodium cyanide analysis were *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteria.

Table 4 ANOVA table of Effect of sodium cyanide on the growth of some types of Gram-negative bacteria

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects					
Dependent Variable: growth of bacteria					
Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Corrected Model	2.285^a	9	.254	5.718	.000
Intercept	19.719	1	19.719	444.126	.000
bacteria	.013	1	.013	.288	.594
concentration	2.251	4	.563	12.673	.000
bacteria * concentration	.021	4	.005	.119	.975
Error	1.776	40	.044		
Total	23.780	50			
Corrected Total	4.061	49			

a. R Squared = .563 (Adjusted R Squared = .464)

Table 3 shows the meta-analysis of the effect of some concentrations of sodium cyanide on the growth of *Klebsiella* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteria, where it was noted that there were significant differences between all treatments except for the fourth treatment in which the sodium cyanide concentration was 3 g per liter did not give a significant difference with the positive control, so it was the best A treatment compared to the rest of the treatments for both types of bacteria As shown in Figure 2 Sodium cyanide reacts quickly with strong acids to release hydrogen cyanide. This dangerous process presents a significant risk associated with cyanide salts. The most efficient detoxification is done with hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) to produce sodium cyanate (NaOCN) and water.

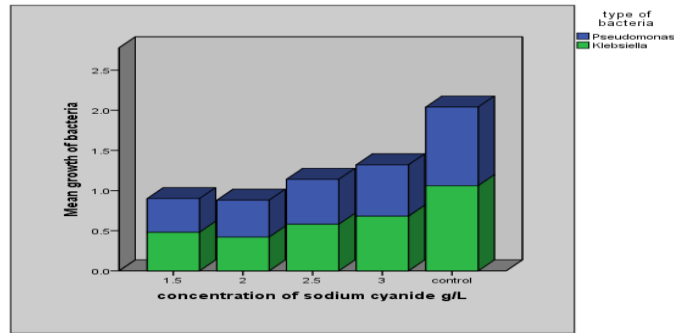


Figure 2 Effect of sodium cyanide on the growth of some types of Gram-negative bacteria

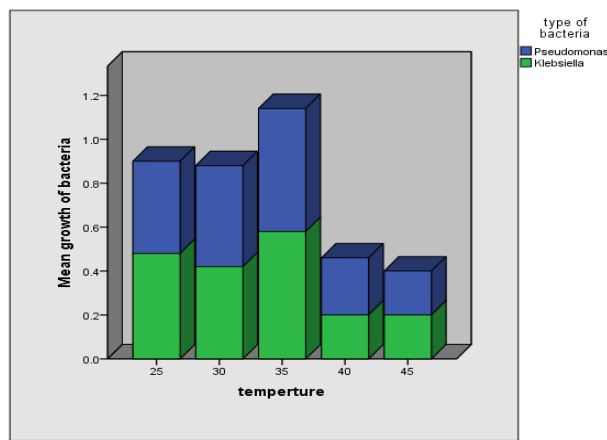


Figure 3 The effect of temperature on the growth of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella bacteria*

It is known that bacteria cells cannot develop at temperatures greater or less than those prevailing in their native surroundings. With regard to the impact of heat and the adaptability of bacterial cells, we assume that bacterial cells and their developing environment are of identical temperature, and that the heat that is emitted in cells is a result of distinct metabolic processes. The cell loses it via heat radiation, transformation, or both. The study of the effect of heat on bacteria is summarized in knowing their ability to grow strongly or slowly or stop growing at different temperatures (high and low), and it also includes studying the ability of cells to withstand maximum and minimum degrees of heat when exposed to them for short periods. Figure 3 depicts the influence of temperature on the development of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella bacteria*. We observe that growth happened at different temperatures, yet

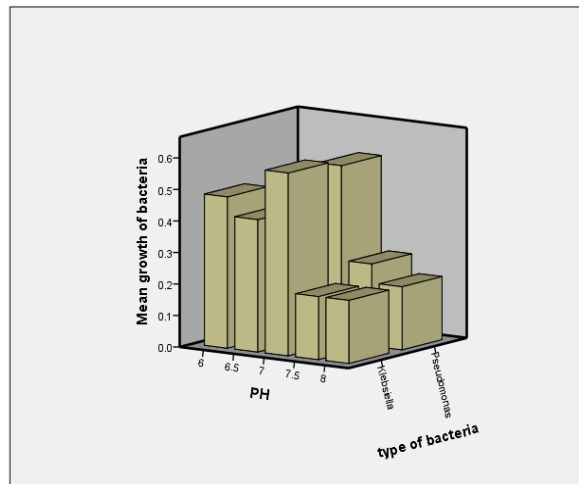


Figure 4 The effect of pH on the growth of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella bacteria*

It is a numerical measure of the pH or alkalinity of various liquids or solutions. This numerical measurement ranges from 1 to 14. As the PH value = 7 represents the state of neutrality, and less than 7 indicates an increase in acidity, and a higher than 7 indicates an increase in alkalinity Microbial growth is affected by changes in the hydrogen ion concentration in the growing environment. Microbial growth stops at high acidity and alkalinity, which affects enzymatic activity and metabolic processes, Each microbial species has an optimum degree of hydrogen ion concentration at which growth is greatest. Maximum degree, which is the maximum degree at which growth occurs. Each microbial species has a minimum degree, which is the degree to which if the hydrogen ion concentration drops, growth stops completely. Figure 4 shows the effect of pH on the growth of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella bacteria*. The growth of these types of bacteria with different pH ranges, but gave the best growth rate at pH 7

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