

Fig 1. Time-kill curves of norfloxacin (NOR) alone or in combination with *Ocimum americanum* (OA) extract on viable count of effluxing *S. aureus* strain SA1199B: M1, control; M2, one-half MIC OA; M3, one-fourth MIC NOR; M4, one-half MIC OA + one- fourth MIC NOR.

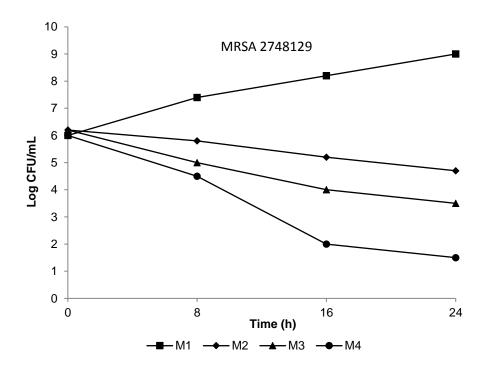


Fig 2. Time-kill curve of norfloxacin (NOR) alone or in combination with *Ocimum americanum* (OA) extract on viable count of MRSA 2748129: M1, control; M2, one-half MIC OA; M3, one-fourth MIC NOR; M4, one-half MIC OA + one- fourth MIC NOR.

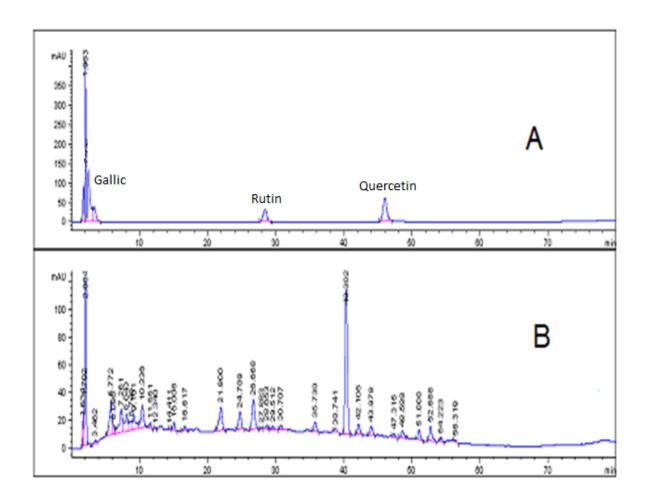


Fig 3. HPLC-DAD chromatograms of standard phenolic acids (A) commonly found in plants, the peaks correspond to gallic acid, rutin and quercetin: (B) show the chromatograms of methanol crude extracts (1 mg/mL) from *Ocimum americanum* leaves at 285 nm.

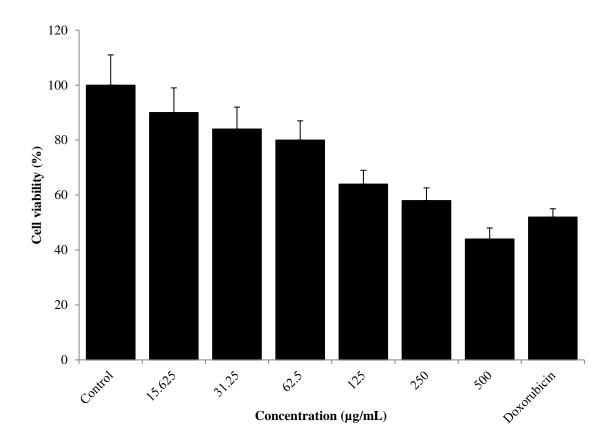


Figure 4. MTT cell viability assay of HepG2 cells treated with methanol extracts from *Ocimum americanum* leaves. Confluent cultures were treated for 48 h prior to the MTT assay. Data are expressed as % of control \pm SD (n=6). OA extract having an IC₅₀ value of 378 µg/mL. Doxorubicin (0.5 µg/mL: 52%) was used as positive control.

Table 1- Antioxidative properties of the methanol crude extract from OA leaves

| Samples | LOI (µg/mL) | PGI (µg/mL) | FRAP (µmolFe(II)/g) | DPPH (μg/mL) |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Ocimum americanum | 152 | 47.6 | 122.75 | 46.5 |
| ВНТ | 102 | - | 75.00 | - |
| Catechin | - | - | 859.32 | - |
| Caffeic acid | 215 | - | - | 3.22 |
| Aminoguanidine | - | 12.5 | - | - |

LOI stands for Lipid peroxidation inhibition; PGI: Protein glycation inhibition; FRAP: Ferric reducing antioxidant power and DPPH: 1,1-diphenyl-2-picryl-hydrazyl

Table 2- Antibacterial and norfloxacin-potentiation activity of a methanol extract from *Ocimum americanum* (OA) leaves and reserpine (20 μ g/mL) against *Staphylococcus aureus* strains.

| Treatments | Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (mg/L) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|------------|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | |
| - | MRSA274829 | SA1199B | NCTC 12981 | NCTC 13373 | EMRSA-15 | ATCC 25923 | | |
| | | | 12901 | 13373 | | | | |
| OA | 512 | 512 | >512 | >512 | >512 | 256 | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Norfloxacin | 64 | 32 | 2 | 2 | 0.5 | 1 | | |
| | 9 | 9 | | 9 | | | | |
| OA+Norfloxacin | 32(2) [§] | $8(4)^{\S}$ | $64(0)^{\S}$ | $2(0)^{\S}$ | NT | NT | | |
| | 8 | 0 (4) 8 | 0.000(11)8 | 4 (2) 8 | | | | |
| Reserpine + Norfloxacin | 16(4) [§] | 8(4) [§] | 0.032(64)§ | 1(2)§ | NT | NT | | |
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NT: not tested

^{§:} potentiation value