

# Antimicrobial Activity of Fatty Acid Methyl Esters of Some Members of Chenopodiaceae

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Fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) extracts of four halophytic plants, viz. *Arthrocnemum indicum*, *Salicornia brachiata*, *Suaeda maritima* and *Suaeda monoica* belonging to the family Chenopodiaceae, were prepared and their composition was analyzed by GC-MS. The FAME extracts were also screened for antibacterial and antifungal activities. The GC-MS analysis revealed the presence of more saturated fatty acids than unsaturated fatty acids. Among the fatty acids analyzed, the relative percentage of lauric acid was high in *S. brachiata* (61.85%). The FAME extract of *S. brachiata* showed the highest antibacterial and antifungal activities among the extracts tested. The other three extracts showed potent antibacterial and moderate anticandidal activities.

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