1	In-vitro Anti-Salmonella Activity of Gossypium hirsutum Leaves Extracted with Lime		
2	Juice		
3	ABSTRACT		
4	Blue = deletion		
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Invasive Salmonella infections are responsible for a significant burden of morbidity and 6 mortality worldwide. and with the There has been increase in resistance to anti-typhoid 7 prescription drugs and the medicinal plants have gained popularity among both urban and 8 rural dwellers in the treatment of not only typhoid fevers but also to treat various the 9 ailments. The present study was undertaken to investigate the anti-Salmonella activity of 10 Gossypium hirsutum leaf extract on Salmonella typhi (clinical isolates) using fresh lime juice 11 as an extraction solvent. Extraction of lime juice, and bioactive components of the plant leaf 12 and in vitro anti-Salmonella activity of extract were all carried out using standard 13 14 microbiological methods. while Salmonella typhi ATCC 14028 (Type isolates) was used as control. Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer (FTIR) was used to assay identify the 15 functional groups in the extract. The result revealed that clinical (35.10±0.45 mm) is it 16 diameter? Specify. and typed (36.71±0.32 mm) isolates had showed highest susceptibility to 17 ciprofloxacin. while tThe crude extract showed an inhibition against Salmonella with zone of 18 inhibition range ranging from 24.63±0.11 to 1.43±0.04 mm for clinical and 25.11±0.62 to 19 1.18±0.31 mm for typed isolates at 600 and 200 mg/mlL, respectively. Fourier Transform 20 Infrared Spectrophotometer (FTIR) revealed different indicated the presence of various 21 functional groups in the extract which are such as 1,2,4-trisubstituted, sulfoxide, vinyl ether, 22 phenol, carboxylic acid, conjugated alkene, α , β -unsaturated ester, allene and alcohol. The 23 24 overall results indicated that the lime juice extract obtained from of G. hirsutum leaves using 25 a lime juice has the potential for to provide an effective treatment for of salmonellosis, including typhoid fevers. However, it is necessary to ascertain the safety of this extract and 26 extrapolate these results in large animals, (what do you mean by large animals?) in further 27 28 studies.

29 Modifye this underlined sentence

Key words: *Salmonella*, lime juice, crude extract, functional group (include a few more
 strong key words)

32 Introduction

- 33 Salmonella spp. is the causative agent of salmonellosis. It is a rod-shaped gram-negative
- 34 facultative anaerobe bacterium belonging to the *Enterobacteriaceae* family. <u>Among more</u>
- 35 than 2,300 closely-related Salmonella serovars recognized, Salmonella typhi and Paratyphi

- 36 (the latter one should be italics) are pathogenic exclusively for humans, and cause systemic
- 37 infections and typhoid fever, whereas others such as S. Typhimurium cause gastroenteritis
- 38 (Zhang *et al.*, 2008; Kirk *et al.*, 2015).
- 39 The above underlined sentence is not clear. Simplify the sentence.
- 40 Salmonellosis is more prevalent in some developing areas of continents such as parts of the
- 41 world in Africa, Asia, and South America.
- 42 South Asia are is at highest risk for infections that are nalidixic acid-resistant or multidrug-
- 43 resistant (i.e., resistant to ampicillin, chloramphenicol, and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole).
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- In humans, salmonellosis is seen in two kinds of viz. enteric fever which can be typhoid or paratyphoid and gastroenteritis which is non-typhoidal. Typhoid fever is an acute, lifethreatening febrile illness caused by the bacterium *S. typhi* and *paratyphi*. and tThere are estimated 20 million cases and 200,000 deaths worldwide have been reported each year (Ao *et al.*, 2015).
- 50 Typhoid fever is a serious problem. Although it is could be treated with antibiotics, however
- 51 <u>because of the due to increase in resistance of the aetiologic cause, S. typhi to conventional</u>
- 52 antibiotic therapy, there is a need to search for alternative therapeutic methods of treatment
- 53 <u>(Kirk *et al.*, 2015).</u>
- 54 The above sentence is not clear.
- 55 Therefore, the search for new or alternative therapeutic methods becomes imperative in 56 treating infection caused by this organism.
- In folklore medicine, especially in some communities in Southwest, of Nigeria, typhoid fever
 is treated locally with a traditional decoction made from the leaves of *Psidium guavaja*, *Azadirachta indica*, *Gossypium hirsutum*, *Mangifera indica* and *Persea americana*, the bark

of *Anacardium occidentale* and *Swietenia mahagoni* and the husk of *Cocos nucifera* (Kraft,
2009; Modi *et al.*, 2007; Moquin *et al.*, 2009).

In our previous study on anti*Salmonella* activity of *Euphorbia heterophylla* aqueous extract and cassava flakes (white and yellow), the combinations of *Euphorbia heterophylla* + white cassava flakes had the highest anti*Salmonella* activity *in-vitro* while the result of the histopathological studies *in-vivo* showed that *Euphorbia heterophylla* mixed with yellow and white cassava flakes can be used in the control of *Salmonella typhi* infections, especially the problems caused in the liver and kidney by the organism.

68 Simplify the above sentence and rewrite

It (specify) can be used to treat disruptions in the kidney and liver with mild histopathological features on liver, heart and kidney of mice compared with those that were infected and not <u>tra</u> (what is this?) therapeutic agent being used for treating the infection (Omoya *et al.*, 2015).

Many organic solvents, hot and cold water have been used as extraction solvent to assay 73 74 antibacterial efficacy of different medicinal plants (Egharevba and Ikhatua, 2008) why different font? hHowever, it is commonly practice among the 'Yoruba' tribe to extract bioactive 75 components of leaf, root and stem of ethno-medicinal plants with lime juice or taken the 76 decoction (how the decoction is obtained) in combinations with lime juice (Ene et al., 2010). 77 The present study was undertaken to investigate anti-Salmonella activity of Gossypium 78 79 hirsutum leaf extract on Salmonella Typhi using fresh lime juice as extraction solvent with the view to provide scientific evidence for its application as a medicinal plant. There has not 80 been any previous published literature on extraction of plant and examination of 81 82 phytochemicals using FTIR with lime as extraction solvent, therefore this study is a baseline study for further studies. 83

84 <u>Modify the sentence</u>

85 Materials and methods

86 Collection of leaves of Gossypium hirsutum

Fresh leaves of *Gossypium hirsutum* were collected before the sunrise to prevent plant photo-oxidation from around the North gate at of Federal University of Technology, Akure. tThe leaf leaves that has no injury nor or chlorosis were sorted out and kept in a clean sack for further work. and The plant material was identified by the an expert (specify the name and designation) in the Department of Crop, Soil and Pest Management, Federal University of Technology, Akure Ondo State. The vernacular name of this plant is popularly called "ewe owu" by Yoruba's' in the South western part of Nigeria.

94 Selection and Extraction of Lime Juice

Lime that was free of decay and mold was taken. It was washed with distilled water several 95 96 times to remove soil and other extraneous matter and then surfaced sterilized with 70% ethanol. so that any dirt or microorganism residing on the surface will not be transferred to 97 the fruit's interior part. The fruits were then halved (using a presterilized knife) and the juice 98 squeezed with presterilised juice extractor aseptically (sterile gloves worn during operation) 99 into sterile 100 mL conical flasks. In order to determine that the lime juice is not 100 contaminated with microorganism, the lime juice was filtered with Millipore membrane filter 101 facilitated with vacuum pump after which a loop-full of the lime juice was inoculated on 102 nutrient agar and potato dextrose agar plates to confirm the sterility. The presence of zero 103 microbial loads indicates that the lime is sterile. The fresh lime juice was kept at -4 °C for 104 further use. 105

106 **Preparation of plant extract**

Plant extract was prepared as per the method reported in the literature (Tomassini *et al.*2009). The method of Tomassini *et al.* (2009) was used. The fresh leaves were washed with
sterile distilled water and air dried until they turned brittle and fully crispy. The dry leaves

110 were crushed manually using clean mortar and pestle, then pulverized into fine powder by a blending machine (Philips HR2001). They were separately kept in an airtight container to 111 avoid the absorption of moisture. The powdered samples were soaked for 72 hours (3 days) in 112 fresh lime juice in the ratio of 1:10 each (i.e. 50 g of the powdered sample in 500 mlL of lime 113 juice) as solvents used for the extraction of the bioactive compounds from the plants. After 72 114 hours, it was sieved using muslin cloth and then filtered using Millipore filter paper. The 115 filtrates were vaporized to dryness using rotary evaporator (Union Laboratories England). 116 The extracts were preserved in a sterile bottle at -4 °C ready for use (Ogoti et al., 2015). 117

118 Test organism

The clinical bacterial strains (specify the name) were obtained from the culture collection 119 bank, Department of Microbiology, Federal University of Technology Akure and the source 120 121 of the clinical isolate was human stool. Clinical isolate of Salmonella typhi and typed (ATCC 14028) Salmonella typhi was used as control. The isolates were confirmed based on cultural, 122 morphological and biochemical characteristics following standard methods of identifying 123 Salmonella typhi (Cheesbrough, 2014). The bacterial strain was grown in nutrient broth for 124 12-18 hours at 37°C on rotary shaker. Cells were grown at 37°C for 18 hours and the cultures 125 were kept at 4°C. 126

127 In vitro Antimicrobial susceptibility tests

128 Standardization of the inoculum

The inoculum was prepared by inoculating colonies of fresh test cultures into sterile distilled
water. The turbidity was compared to 0.5McFarland standard, which was prepared according
to method reported in literature of Cheesbrough (2014).

132 Antibiotics susceptibility test using commercial antibiotics

133 Antibiotics sensitivity test of the bacterial isolates were determined by disc diffusion method

as described by Cheesbrough (2014). Standard inoculum of 18 hours broth was spread on

Muller Hinton agar using sterile swab in triplicate. The antibiotic discs were placed on the
plate at equidistance. The plates were then incubated for 18 hours at 37°C and diameter of
zone of inhibition were measured and recorded in millimeter (mm). The following
commercial antibiotics discs (Fondoz Laboratories Ltd, Nigeria) were used were;
Chloramphenicol (CH) 30 µg, Zinacef (SP) 20 µg, Ciprofloxacin (CPX) 10µg, Amoxicillin
(AM) 25µg, Ampiclox (AMP) 30µg, Gentamycin (GEN) 10µg, Pefloxacin (PEF) 5µg,
Tetracycline (TET) 5µg, Streptomycin (S) 10 µg and Septrin (SXT) 30µg.

142 Antibiotics susceptibility test of *G. hirsutum* leaf extract

143 Agar well diffusion test

% volume/volume The extracts were dissolved and diluted using 30 144 (v/v)dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO) to obtain different concentrations 200, 300, 400 and 600 145 mg/mL. Surface of solidify Muller Hinton agar was aseptically streaked with the 146 standerdised (0.5McFarland turbidity standard) inoculum of test organism. The 200 mg/ml, 147 300 mg/ml, 400 mg/ml and 600 mg/ml of the extracts of G. hirsutum (100 µl) leaves were 148 introduced into the wells earlier bored with sterile cork borer on Muller Hinton agar plate. 149 The plates were incubated aerobically at 37°C and examined after 24 hours. The plates were 150 examined for microbial growth inhibition and the Inhibition Zone Diameter (IZD) was 151 measured to the nearest millimeter and compared with those produced by the commercial 152 antibiotic ciprofloxacin which was used as control. 153

- 154 (Is the test conducted in duplicate or triplicate?)
- 155 Change throughout from mg/ml to mg/mL
- **Broth dilution test**

157 Also, The effects of extract on anti-Salmonella efficacy of the extract in broth was assayed,

158 10.0 ml of Muller Hinton broth was prepared in a test tube and inoculated with 10 µl of

159 Salmonella (0.5McFarland turbidity standard) was inoculated into the broth and treated with

160 μ l of varying concentrations of extract inside the test tube and incubated at 37 °C for 18

hours after which it was shaken and 100 μ l was pour plated on nutrient agar, incubated at 37

^oC for 24 hours and number of colony was counted after incubation period (Marcelin *et al.*,

163 2016).

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166 Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) and Minimum Bacteriocidal Concentration

167 (MBC) of G. hirsutum Extracts

The Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) and Minimum Bacteriocidal Concentration 168 (MBC) of the extracts were determined using the broth (tube) dilution technique (Anibijuwon 169 and Udeze, 2009). Dilutions of the extract in Mueller Hinton broth were prepared in tubes. 170 The concentration of inoculum was also standardized to 0.5 McFarland's turbidity. The 171 Mueller Hinton broth in tubes containing the different concentration of plant extract, 200 172 mg/ml, 300 mg/ml, 400 mg/ml and 600 mg/ml were then inoculated with 0.5 ml of the 173 standardized culture. The tubes were then incubated at 37°C for 24 hours. MIC and MBC 174 values were recorded. 175

- 176 Change throughout from mg/ml to mg/mL
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178 Determination Identification of functional groups of the plant extract by FTIR

Dried powder of extract was used, 10 mg of the extract was encapsulated in 100 mg of KBr pellet in order to prepare translucent sample discs. The prepared sample was loaded in FTIR spectroscope (Shimadzu, IR Affinity 1, Japan) with a scan range from 400 to 4000 cm⁻¹ (Ashokkumar and Ramaswamy, 2014). Different peaks generated were interpreted by the expert (specify name and designation) in the Department of Chemistry, Federal University of Technology, Akure

185 Statistical analysis of data

186 Data obtained were expressed as mean \pm Standard Error of Mean and were statistically 187 analysed using One-way ANOVA. The new Duncan Multiple Range test was used to 188 compare means of different groups. A *P*-value of < 0.05 was considered statistically 189 significant.

190 **Results**

191 Comparative Antibiotic Susceptibility Patterns of Clinical and Typed (ATCC 14028)

192 Isolates of Salmonella Typhi

193 specify in which assay?

The results showed in Figure 1 revealed the comparative antibiotic susceptibility patterns of 194 clinical and typed (ATCC 14028) isolates of SalmonellaTyphi used for this study. It was 195 196 noted that SalmonellaTyphi (space required) clinical and typed isolates had exhibited varying susceptibility to antibiotics used, ciprofloxacin inhibited clinical (35.10±0.45 mm) and typed 197 $(36.71\pm0.32 \text{ mm})$ isolates more than other antibiotics and there was no significant (p<0.05) 198 difference between their zones of inhibition to ciprofloxacin while chloramphenicol 199 (12.00±0.01 mm) had least inhibition against clinical isolate and tetracycline (18.73±0.32 200 mm) had the least inhibition against typed isolate. 201

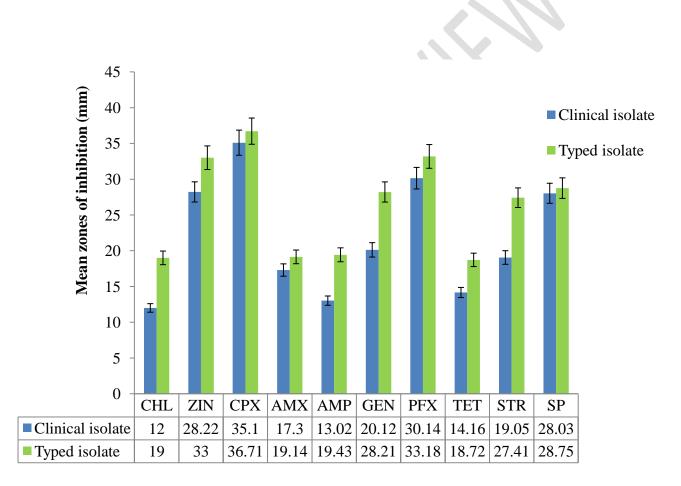
202 Simplify and modify the sentence

Comparative Susceptibility Patterns of Clinical and Typed (ATCC 14028) Isolates of SalmonellaTyphi to G. hirsutum Extract Using Agar Well Diffusion

205 Comparative susceptibility patterns of clinical and typed (ATCC 14028) isolates of 206 *Salmonella*Typhi to *G. hirsutum* extract using agar well diffusion method is shown in Figure 207 2. The result showed that the anti-*Salmonella* efficacy of the extract is concentration 208 dependent, the extract had no significant (p<0.05) different in the inhibition of clinical and 209 typed isolates at concentration of 300, 400 and 600 mg/ml. however, the highest inhibition against clinical isolate was observed at extract concentration of 600 mg/ml (24.63±0.11 mm)
and the least at 200 mg/ml (1.43±0.04 mm) while the highest and the least extract
concentration that inhibited typed isolate was 600 (25.11±0.62 mm) and 200 (1.18±0.31 mm)
mg/ml respectively. Ciprofloxacin was used as control and the zones of inhibition against
clinical and typed isolates were 21.07±0.06 and 27.86±0.03 mm.

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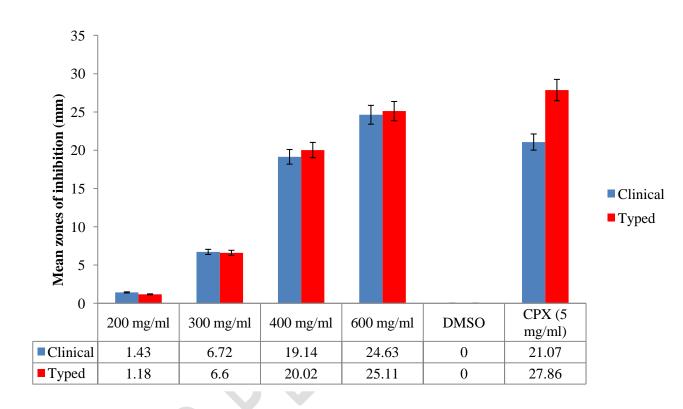


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- 220 14028) Isolates of SalmonellaTyphi
- 221 specify in which assay?
- 222 KEYS:

- 223 CHL= Chloramphenicol, ZIN= Zinacef, CPX= Ciprofloxacin, AMX=Amoxicillin, AMP=
- 224 Ampiclox, GEN= Gentamycin, PFX=Pefloxacin, TET= Tetracycline, STR= Streptomycin,
- 225 SP= Septrin
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228Figure 2: Comparative Susceptibility Patterns of Clinical and Typed (ATCC 14028)229Isolates of SalmonellaTyphi to G. hirsutum Extract Using Agar Well

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- 231 Keys:
- 232 CPX= Ciprofloxacin, DMSO= dimethylsulphoxide

Diffusion

233 Comparative Bactericidal Effects of G. hirsutum Extract on Clinical and Typed (ATCC

- 234 14028) Isolates of Salmonella Typhi Using Broth Dilution
- 235 Comparative bactericidal effects of *G. hirsutum* extract on clinical and Typed (ATCC 14028)
- isolates of *Salmonella*Typhi using broth dilution method is revealed shown in Figure 3. There
- was significant (p<0.05) reduction in cell number, and it was observed that the extract had
- high (reduced the cell to 0.00±0.00 cfu/ml) bactericidal effects at 400 and 600 mg/ml on

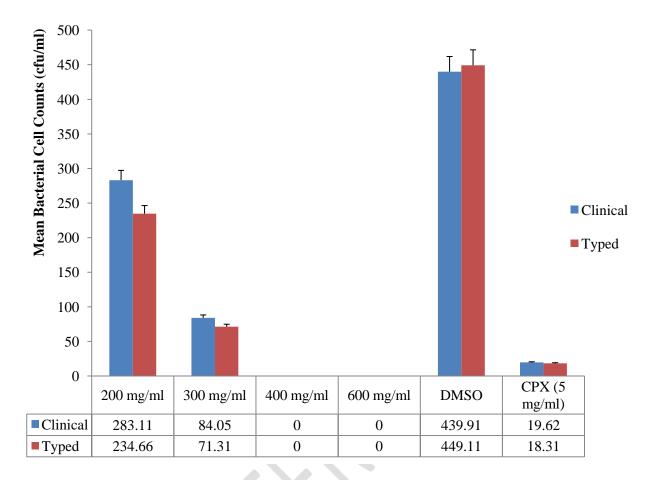
clinical and typed isolate of *Salmonella*Typhi. The bactericidal efficacy of the extract at 200 and 300 mg/ml concentration on clinical isolates were 283.11 ± 1.37 and 84.04 ± 0.55 cfu/ml whereas, on typed isolates is 234.66 ± 0.34 and 71.31 ± 0.95 cfu/ml respectively. Also, ciprofloxacin (5 mg/ml) had reduced the cell number to 19.62 (clinical isolate) and 18.31 cfu/ml (typed isolate) while the control group with DMSO had 439.91 ± 0.53 and 449.11 ± 1.42 x 10^{3} cfu/ml on clinical and typed isolates respectively.

245 Change throughout from mg/ml to mg/mL

246 Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) and Minimum Bactericidal Concentration

247 (MBC) of *G. hirsutum*Extract

- 248 Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) and Minimum Bactericidal Concentration (MBC)
- of G. hirsutum extract are reported in Table 1. The MIC of extract against both isolates is 100
- mg/ml while the MBC is 150 mg/ml.
- 251 Change throughout from mg/ml to mg/mL
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Figure 3: Comparative Bactericidal Effects of Clinical and Typed (ATCC 14028) Isolates of SalmonellaTyphi to G. hirsutum Extract Using Broth Dilution assay

- 257 Keys:
- 258 CPX= Ciprofloxacin, DMSO= dimethylsulphoxide
- 259 Table 1: Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) and Minimum Bactericidal
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Concentration (MBC) of G. hirsutumExtract

SalmonellaTyphi Isolates	MIC (mg/ml)	MBC (mg/ml)
Clinical	100	150
Typed	100	150

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262 Key: MIC = Minimum Inhibitory Concentration, MBC = Minimum Bactericidal
263 Concentration

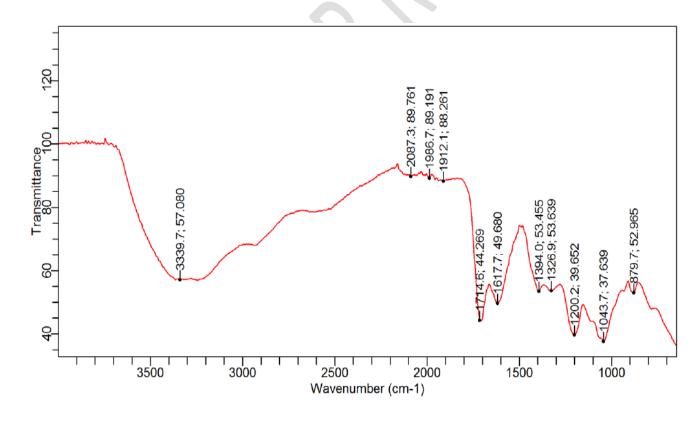
264 Change throughout from mg/ml to mg/mL



266 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer FTIR spectra of G. hirsutum extract

The results presented in Figure 4 and Table 2 showed the FTIR spectra and spectral peak 267 values and functional groups obtained for leaf extract of G. hirsutum respectively. Figure 4 268 revealed the peaks generated at different wavelengths (cm⁻¹) and Table 2 showed that there 269 were eleven (11) different peaks generated which represents the following functional groups; 270 1,2,4-trisubstituted, sulfoxide, vinyl ether, phenol, carboxylic acid, conjugated alkene, α , β -271 unsaturated ester, allene, allene, allene and alcohol at wavelength wavenumber v_{max} 879.7, 272 1043.7, 1200.2, 1326.9, 1394.0, 1617.7, 1714.6, 1912.1, 1986.7, 2087.3 and 3339.7 cm⁻¹ 273 274 respectively.





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extract

279	The appearance of this spectrum is not good. Baseline corrections should be done. The
280	finger print region (900-1400cm ⁻¹) alone should have many unassigned
281	peaks. Particularly, for crude extract, this region should
282	be much more complex. Based on the appearance of this spectrum, we shall not give any
283	importance or credit to the this plant G. hirsutum extract
284	Because, almost, any crude extract from any plant will typically have all these peaks.
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288	Table 2: FTIR spectral peak values and functional groups obtained for leaf extract of G.
289	hirsutum

S.no	Peak values (cm ⁻¹)	Functional group	Interpretation
1	879.7	C-H bending	1,2,4-trisubstituted of what?
2	1043.7	S=O stretching	Sulfoxide (Sulphur containing
			compounds in natural products
			are very rare) (The authors
			should report any previously
	\sim		reported papers on this plant
			has Sulphur containing
			compounds)
3	1200.2	C-O stretching	Vinyl ether
4	1326.9	O-H bending	Phenol
5	1394.0	O-H bending	Carboxylic acid
6	1617.7	C=C stretching	Conjugated alkene
7	1714.6	C=O stretching	α , β -unsaturated ester

8	1912.1	C=C=C stretching	Allene
9	1986.7	C=C=C stretching	Allene
10	2087.3	C=C=C stretching	Allene (this value should be
			around 1950 cm ⁻¹ and not
			2087.3 cm ⁻¹)
11	3339.7	O-H stretching	Alcohol

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291 Key: C= Carbon, O= Oxygen, S= Sulphur, N= Nitrogen, H= Hydrogen

292 **DISCUSSION**

Typhoid fever is a serious problem. Although it is treated with antibiotics, however because of the increase in resistance of the aetiologic cause, *S. typhi* to conventional antibiotic therapy, there is a need to search for alternative therapeutic methods of treatment (Kirk *et al.*, 2015).

297 Modify the above sentence.

Many organic solvents have been used as extraction solvent to assay antibacterial efficacy of 298 different medicinal plants, however, it is a commonly practice among the 'Yoruba' tribe to 299 300 extract bioactive components of from leaf, root and stem of ethno-medicinal plants with lime juice. Based on information provided by both the traditional healer and the in vitro 301 antibacterial test results, in vivo study was shall be undertaken in a view to verifying the 302 therapeutic efficacy of the extract. An *in vivo* model was could be employed for this study 303 304 because it takes into account a possible prodrug effect and possible involvement of the 305 immune system in the eradication of an infections (Hilou et al., 2006).

Salmonella typhi, clinical and typed isolates had varying susceptibility to antibiotics used,
 ciprofloxacin inhibited clinical the isolates more than other antibiotics while chloramphenicol
 had least inhibition against clinical isolate. Comparative susceptibility patterns of clinical and

309 typed (ATCC 14028) isolates of Salmonella typhi to G. hirsutum extract using agar well diffusion showed that the anti- Salmonella activity of the crude extract is concentration 310 dependent and compare favourably with antibiotic (ciprofloxacin) using agar well diffusion 311 and broth dilution method. This Aantimicrobial action may be due to the synergistic action of 312 different chemical constituents, some of which probably are last upon extraction with solvent 313 (Shahina et al., 2007; Ogoti et al., 2015; Marcelin et al., 2016). The higher activity by the 314 extract may be an indication that the phytoconstituents in the plant leaves are more in 315 limejuice solvent than the organic solvent extracts in the previous report (Marjorie, 1999; 316 Omojasola and Awe, 2004). Presence of little traces of lime juice used for extraction could 317 also be responsible for high antimicrobial efficacy. It has been reported that different phyto-318 constituents have different degrees of solubility in different types of solvents depending on 319 320 their polarity. In a traditional setting, water is the solvent largely used to prepare these concoctions (Ologun et al., 2019) but lime is being used occasionally. 321

The MIC of extract against both isolates is 100 mg/ml while the MBC is 150 mg/ml, the higher value of MBC than MIC indicates that the extract could have bacteriostatic effect at lower concentration and bactericidal at higher concentration. The finding of Cheesbrough (2014), stated that the level at which crude extracts inhibit test organisms is used to investigate the efficacy of chemotherapeutic agents under standard conditions.

This corroborates the finding of Omojasola and Awe (2004), which stated that the leaves extract of *Anacardium occidentale* and *Gossypium hirsutum* show antimicrobial activity against *Salmonella typhi*. The result of the antibacterial screening *in vitro* of *G. hirsutum* extracted with lime juice in this study justifiedes the traditional use of this plant as medicinal plant for the treatment of gastroenteritis and other bacterial infections (Njau *et al.*, 2014; Srinivasa and Narayanappa, 2015). FTIR spectra showed that there were eleven (11) different peaks generated which represents the following functional groups; 1,2,4-trisubstituted of what?, sulfoxide (need supportive evidence) vinyl ether, phenol, carboxylic acid, conjugated alkene, α , β-unsaturated ester, allene, allene, allene and alcohol at different wavelength (cm⁻¹). The presence of sulfoxide, phenol, carboxylic acid and alcohol could be responsible for the high anti*Salmonella* efficacy of the plant extract *in vivo* and *in vitro*. (why not the other chemicals?)

339 Conclusion

340 The study provides the basis for use of lime juice as solvent to extract the leaf of this plant in

341 <u>the development of drugs for management of typhoid fever.</u> Put this sentence as a last 342 sentence of this paragraph. This study revealed that the extract of *G. hirsutum* proved more 343 effective than ciprofloxacin when used *in vitro* and the efficacy is concentration dependent 344 using agar well and broth dilution method. This justifies the acclaimed method of using lime

345 juice for the extraction of bioactive components in medicinal plants traditionally.

346 Summarise the results obtained and modify this paragraph.

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