

## Antifungal activity of N-phenylbenzohydroxamic acid against *Mucor* sp.

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Some N-phenylbenzohydroxamic acid derivatives were prepared and their antifungal activities were explored. The compound was characterized with <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and IR spectra. There are many hydroxamic acids prevailing in living organisms. Hydroxamic acids generally have low toxicities and have a wide spectrum of activities in all types of biological system. The anti fungal activities of the derivatives were studied preliminarily against the growth of *Mucor* sp. by disc method. Different concentrations of acid were tested against the fungi and the growth was observed for 4 days. Nphenylbenzohydroxamic acid was markedly inhibitory to growth of *Mucor* sp. quantitatively at 10.5 ppm. Activity was apparently not mediated through a release of free hydroxyl-amine and it was directly controlling the growth of the above fungi. This was evidenced by the loss of normal pattern of growth and colour change in the mycelia.

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