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## Thymus vulgaris Extract Effect on Blood TNF-a and IL-10 Level and Bacterial Colonies in Escherichia coli Infected Mice Urinary Bladder

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**Abstract** : The Thymus vulgaris extracts effective as anti-inflammatory, are immunomodulatory, antioxidant, antibacterial and antifungal. E. coli is a major pathogen involved in nosocomial infections and one of multi-drug resistance organisms. UTI is the most common extraintestinal E. coli infections and is caused by uropathogenic E. coli (UPEC). This study aimed to prove the Thymus vulgaris ethanol extract effect in increasing IL-10 and decreasing TNF- $\alpha$  and bacterial colonies in the urinary bladder. All *Thymus vulgaris* parts, which bought from Gharian-Libya, were dried, then macerated 3 times, and its ethanol was evaporated. Final extraction results were stored in the freezer. This study use 20 female mice divided into 5 groups; (1) positive control (infected with E. coli); (2) negative control (without infection); and treatment groups T1, T2, T3 (infected mice administrated with ethanol extract of Thymus vulgaris (ETV) 250, 500, 750 mg/kg B.wt). The bacterial colonies in urinary bladder were analyzed; the blood levels of TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-10 were analyzed by ELISA method. There was no visible E. coli colonies infection in urinary bladder in all treated groups. ETV increased the IL-10 and decrease TNF- $\alpha$  level in blood. Keywords: Thymus vulgaris, TNF-a, IL-10, Escherichia coli, in vivo..

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