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# Potential of Essential Oils in Filling Gaps and Removing Traps for Sustainable Poultry Production

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## **Key term:**

- Essential oils are promising alternatives to antibiotics in the poultry industry
- They are Aromatic, volatile and oily liquids

#### Introduction:

- Essential oils (EO) elicit antimicrobial, anti-oxidative, anti-inflammatory and coccidiostatic properties
- They can impact growth performance, nutrient bioavailability, gut health and gastrointestinal tract responses
- They are required in small amounts

#### Materials and method

Ocimum gratissimum (lyn) essential oil was extracted from the fresh leafs by hydro – steam distillation method

#### In - vitro antibacterial activity

- The essential oil was standardized to 80 %, 40 % and 20 %
- ❖ Disc diffusion method was used to determine the zone of inhibition (ZOI — mm) of *O. gratissimum* essential oil against 3 bacteria;
- 1. Salmonella enteritidis
- 2. Salmonella typhimurium
- 3. Clostridium perfringens

## Conclusion:

- The essential oil elicited antibiotic effect against Salmonella enteritidis, Salmonella typhymurium and Clostridia perfringens
- Ocimum gratissimum (lyn) essential oil has potential in filling gaps and removing raps as suitable alternative to antibiotics use in sustainable poultry production

# Results

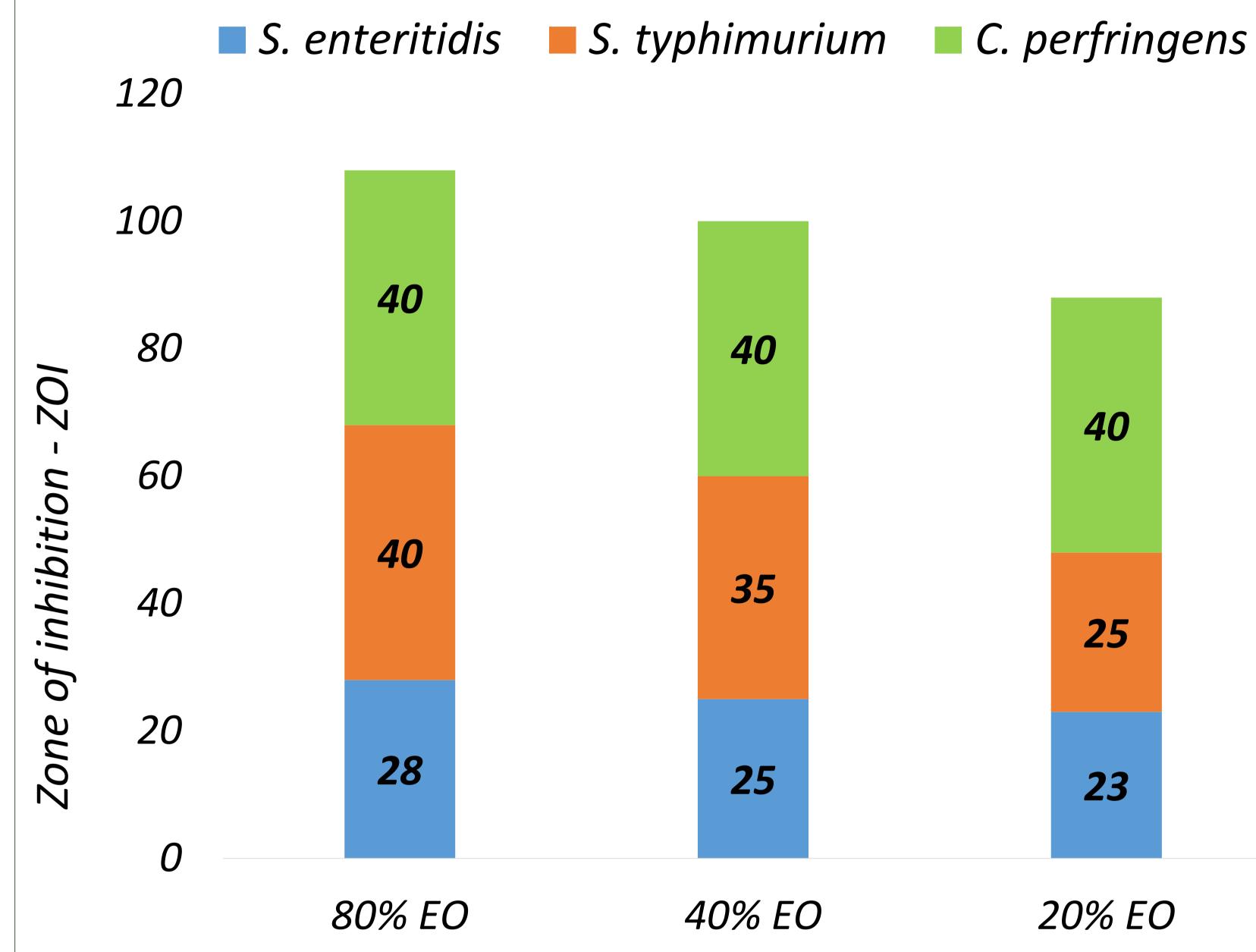
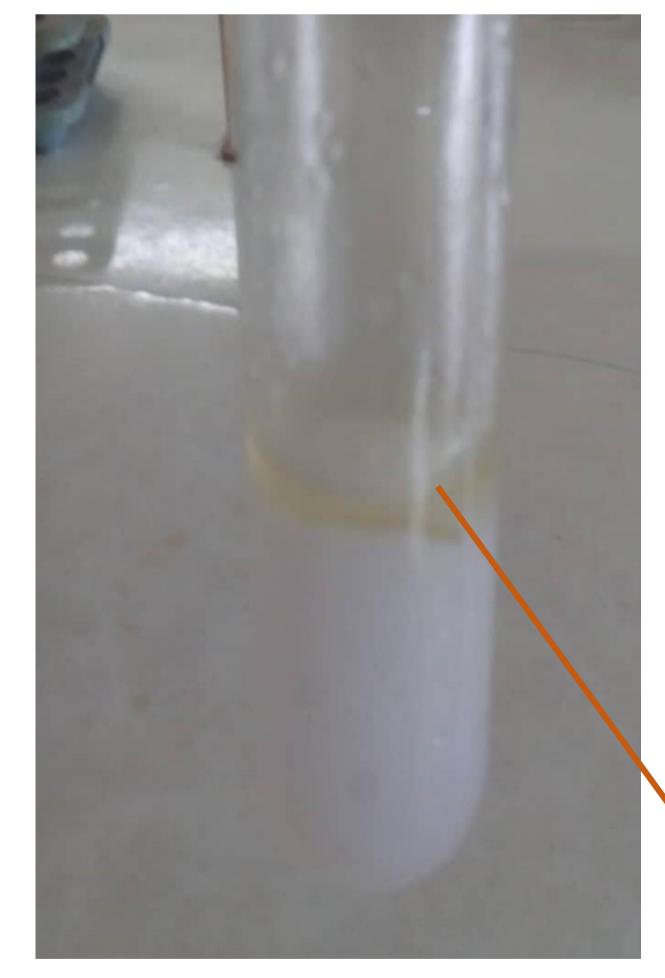
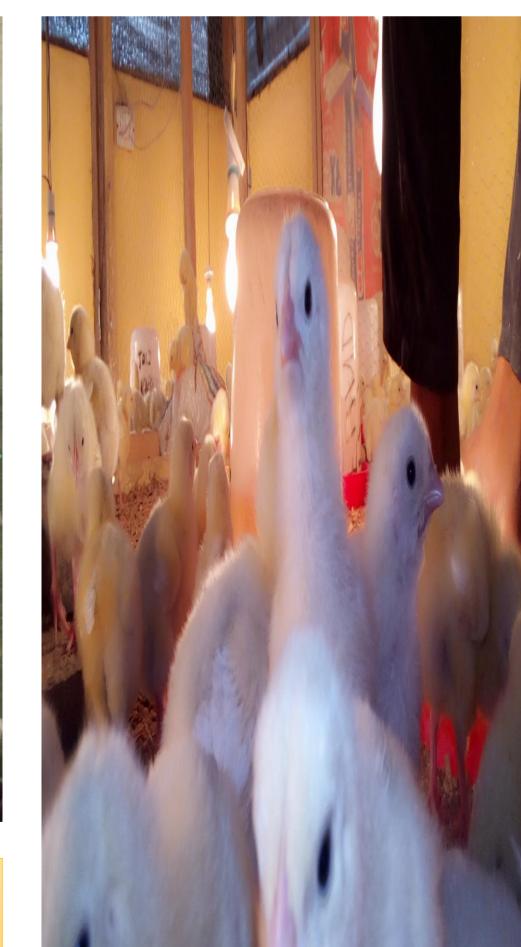


Fig 1: Antibacterial activity of O. gratissimum







**Essential oil** 

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