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## Isolation and physiological adaptation for biologically active marine actinomycetes as anti-tumor producers

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Production of antitumor agents from alternative natural marine microbial resources may decrease or avoid the bad side effects of the used anti-tumor chemotherapeutic agents and may increase the specificity of the antitumor agents to be safer for human application. So, this study aimed to search for new alternative antitumor agent producers using two recommended bioassays (Red Potato Disc Bioassay and Sulforhodamine B Bioassay). The obtained results indicated the isolation of three new marine actinomycetes strains from the western harbor of Alexandria, they identified using the 16S rRNA gene sequence as *Streptomyces* sp. strain AMS11, *Nocardiosis halotolerans* strain AMS10b and *Nocardiosis halotolerans* strain AMS10a. The bio-toxicity test was carried out using the biomarker *Artemia salina*, they showed a moderate toxicity level ( $LC_{50} < 1000$  ppm). The antitumor activities of their supernatants against the colon cancer cell line (HCT116) and the liver cancer cell line (HEPG2) showed promising results in comparison to the recommended chemotherapeutic drug 5-flourouracil used for the treatment of both liver and colon cancer cells. The optimization for antitumor activity was performed using the Plackett-Burman experimental design.

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