The antibacterial activity of the crude aqueous extracts of 23 medicinal herbs together with three antibiotics have been evaluated against seven species of bacteria using the disc susceptibility assay. The present results showed that only 6 of these herbs displayed significant antibacterial activity (inhibition zanes - mm) against Pseu\_domonas aeruginosa at concentration  $I 0 \mu g!ml$  when compared with that of the antibiotics used in this study; amoxicillin; ampicillin and cephalexin (inhibition zones 6-10 mm). On the other hand, no antibacterial activity against E. coli, S. typhimurium,

S. aureus, S. epidermidis, P. mirabilis and E. faecalis was obtained. The significance of these results is discussed.