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This study was conducted at the Microbiology Research Laboratory from September 1999 to February 2000. Generally, it aimed to investigate the effects of alcoholic beverages on the growth of different enteric organisms.

A total of ten samples of alcoholic beverages were used namely: Brandy, Cognac, Scotch, Vodka, Tequila, Champagne, White Wine, Gin, Rhum and Beer.

Only samples of alcoholic beverages with low alcohol content such as White Wine (9.5 percent) and Champagne (10 percent) inhibited the growth of the test organisms: *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Proteus vulgaris*, *Escherichia coli* and *Enterobacter aerogenes* in the agar well assay. The rest of the alcoholic beverages, however, showed inhibitory effect when they were used pure or at 10 percent concentration in nutrient broth.

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