

Antibiotic Sensitivity Test Gentamicin in Bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* with Incubation Temperature 33°C and 35°C

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Abstract: *Staphylococcus aureus* is one of the bacteria that causes infection but is very resistant to various antibiotics. Many factors affect the results of this antibiotic sensitivity test, one of which is the temperature factor. According to CLSI (2014) the incubation temperature for the sensitivity test used was $35 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$, whereas according to WHO (2004) the temperature used for this test was 35°C temperature, temperatures higher than 35°C of the culture seemed sensitive, whereas at temperatures lower than 35°C resistant colonies will grow inside the inhibition zone. This type of research is analytic observation. The research sample used was a pure strain of *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923. The study sample was taken after fulfilling the inclusion and exclusion criteria. *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria that have been inoculated were planted on the Mueller Hinton Agar media and antibiotics were added by the Kirby-Bauer method, then incubated at 33°C and 35°C respectively. The inhibition zone yield is measured in mm. The measurement data then tested the hypothesis by the Wilcoxon test with a 0.05 consecutive confidence level. The results showed the mean zone of inhibition at 33°C gentamicin 21.67 mm while at 35°C gentamicin 21.67 mm. These data were analyzed and showed no difference in the zone of inhibition of *Staphylococcus aureus* at 33°C and 35°C incubation temperatures. Based on the results of the study it can be concluded that the difference in incubation temperature of 33°C and 35°C can be done in the examination of the Susceptibility Test because there is no difference between the results of the zone of inhibition of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria with variations in incubation temperature.

1 INTRODUCTION

The bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* is a bacterial pathogen that can cause infections and disorders of the skin include impetigo and folliculitis (Radji, 2010). The spread of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria in the world is known as *Methycillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). MRSA is an infection of the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus* which is very resistant to various antibiotics that causes new problems in the world of health. The last overall report of the prevalence of *Staphylococcus* and MRSA in Indonesia in 2006 reached 23.5% (Ramadhani, 2014). Bacterial sensitivity test is a method to determine the level of bacterial susceptibility to antibacterial substances and to find out the pure, antibacterial activity. The principle of this method is inhibition of the growth of microorganisms, which is a zone of obstacles will be seen as a clear area around discs containing

antibacterial substances (antibiotics). The Diameter of the bacterial growth barrier zone indicates bacterial sensitivity to antibacterial substances. Furthermore, the wider diameter of the zone of obstacles formed by the bacteria is increasingly sensitive (Waluyo, 2008).

The sensitivity test result, as reported to the Clinisi, is the classification of these microorganisms into one of two or more sensitivity categories. The simplest system consists of only two categories that are sensitive and resistant. This classification has many advantages for statistical and epidemiological purposes, too rigid to be used by Clinilians. Therefore, often used classification of three categories. The Kirby-Bauer method and its modifications are often used to determine the sensitivity of the bacteria using three categories of sensitivity, clinicians and laboratory workers must understand the exact definition and clinical significance of those categories (WHO, 2003). Many factors affect the results of this antibiotic sensitivity

test, including environmental factors. Environmental factors that affect growth include abiotic and biotic factors. Abiotic factors include temperature, osmotic pressure, drying, and ions from electricity. Biotic factors are among the factors found in the bacteria itself (Gultom, 2015). Temperature is the most important factor in influencing the rate of bacterial growth. Sometimes temperature is not much noticed in growth and of bacterial identification. Laying bacterial isolation at room temperature when incubators are being used for the safety of other bacteria often done. Temperature analytic procedures should be observed to diagnosis in the breeding of bacteria is acceptable. Influence incubation temperature may result in an error analytic procedure to fault inhibition zone results (Safety, 2015).

The optimum growth temperature for *Staphylococcus aureus* is 35-37°C. This sensitivity test was incubated at 35°C for optimal growth. If the temperature is lowered, the time needed for effective growth will lengthen and produce a wider zone. At temperatures of 35°C or lower, colonies can grow inside the inhibition zone. The incubation time is 16-18 hours (for rapid diagnosis), but you should use a conventional 24 hour time for optimum results (Vandepitte *et al.*, 2010). The bacterial temperature metabolism *Staphylococcus aureus* is when the temperature rises, the metabolic rate in the form of macromolecules such as proteins, nucleic acids, in *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria will suffer damage permanent (Abrar *et al.*, 2013). When lowered, the metabolic rate descending (Brooks *et al.*, 2005). According to Madigan *et al.* (2012) the bacterial growth temperature can be divided into psychophilic bacteria (15°C-20°C), mesophilic bacteria (20°C-40°C) and thermophilic bacteria (50°C-60°C). *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria whose growth is optimal in temperatures of 35-37°C are included in mesophilic bacteria (Vandepitte *et al.*, 2010). According to WHO on Basic Laboratory the incubation temperature used for the optimal sensitivity test is 35°C with a time of 16-18 hours or 24 hours^(WHO, 2003). CLSI on *Performance Standards for Antimicrobial Susceptibility* suggests using a temperature of 35 ± 2°C (CLSI, 2014). Previous research stated that temperatures of 37°C and 40°C were effective for the growth of *Staphylococcus aureus* toxins and enterotoxins (Vandenbosch *et al.*, 1973). Other studies on the isolation and characterization of *Staphylococcus aureus* of Milk of Ettawa Crossbred Goat, were inoculated on the Mueller Hinton media in temperature 37 °C to obtain intermediate results (Purnomo, 2006). Antibiotic sensitivity test according to CLSI uses a temperature

of 35 ± 2°C (33°C and 37°C). According to WHO on *Basic Laboratory* the temperature used is 35°C, at temperatures higher than 35°C the culture appears sensitive, whereas at temperatures lower than 35°C the resistant colony will grow inside the inhibition zone (WHO, 2003).

2 MATERIAL AND METHODS

The study was conducted at the Microbiology Laboratory at Grandmed Lubuk Pakam Hospital. This Research uses the Wilcoxon Test statistical analysis. In this research the tools and materials used include: Ose, Autoclave, Bunsen, sterile cotton swab, test tube, ruler/ calipers, Nutrient Agar, Mueller Hinton Agar, Antibiotic Gentamicin, NaCl 0.9% sterile, Incubator, Media MRVP, Media Lactose, Media Maltose, H₂O₂ 3%, Coagulase Test, DHO, MacFarland 0,5, Gentian Violet, Lugol/Iodine, Alcohol 96%, and Safranin.

The first step in this research is sterilize the tools and materials. The tools used must be sterile. The tool is sterilized using a *Dry Heat Oven* (DHO) at a temperature of 160°C for 2 hours. Then, the materials used for testing and bacterial growth after being made in accordance with the specified composition are then sterilized using an autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes. The next step is to do sterility and quality test of the media. Steps to do the media sterility test is put the media Mueller Hinton Agar, Nutrient Agar, Lactose, Maltose to the incubator at 35°C for 18-24 hours. Then proceed with testing the quality of the media is create *Staphylococcus aureus* bacterial suspension with Mac Farland turbidity level 0.5, the do 10.000 dilution suspensions. Then obtained 10² dilutions or equivalent to the number of colonies from 100-200. The media to be tested is 10% of the amount of media. After obtaining the media to be tested then take 100 µL suspension that has been diluted then inoculated in the media using the spread plate method. Incubate for 18-24 hours at 35°C. The next steps is making the suspension bacteria, take 1 ose of bacterial suspension. Scratch the Nutrient Agar media evenly with the Streak method. Incubate for 18-24 hours at 35°C.

2.1 Bacteria Standard Test

Catalase Test. Procedure catalase test (Figure 1) is Apply one drop of H₂O₂ 3% on a object glass, then transfer the *Staphylococcus aureus* bacterial colony with a loop to the H₂O₂ solution, then mix. Catalase positive reaction: evident by immediate effervescence (air bubble formation), and then catalase negative

reaction: no bubble formation (no catalase enzyme to hydrolyze the hydrogen peroxide). The catalase test is primarily used to distinguish among gram positive cocci: members of the genus *Staphylococcus* are catalase positive, and members of genera *Streptococcus* and *Enterococcus* are catalase negative (Tankeshwar, 2013).

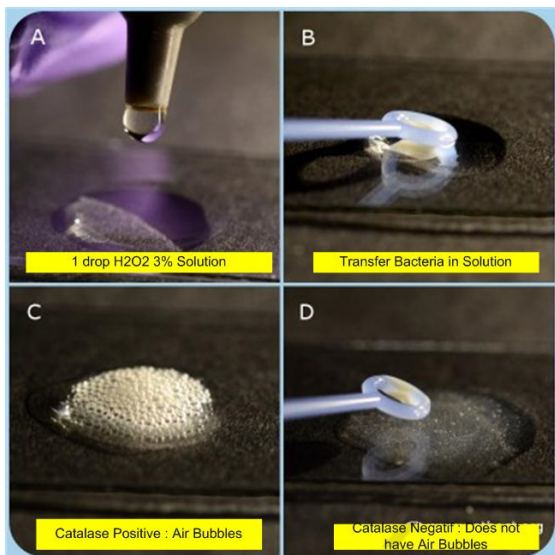


Figure 1: Catalase Test (Vetbatch, 2017)

Microscopic Test. Make bacterial suspension from bacterial colonies that grow on agar nutrient media. Make preparations slide of bacteria, then do gram staining. The steps of gram staining (Figure 2) : (a) fixation of the slide, (b) apply a crystal violet stain for 1 minute, (c) wash slide in a gentle and indirect stream of tap water for 2 seconds, (d) flood slide with the iodine wait 1 minute, (e) wash slide in a gentle and indirect stream of tap water for 2 second, (f) flood slide with decolorizing agent (alcohol decolorizer) wait 10-15 second or add drop by drop to slide until decolorizing agent running from the slide runs clear, (g) flood slide with a counterstain with safranin, wait 30 second to 1 minute, (h) wash slide in a gentle and indirect stream of tap water until no color appears in the effluent and then blot dry with absorbent paper, (i) observe the result of the staining procedure under oil immersion using a microscope (Tankeshwar, 2015). The result of gram staining is gram negative bacteria will stain pink/red and gram positive bacteria will stain blue/purple.

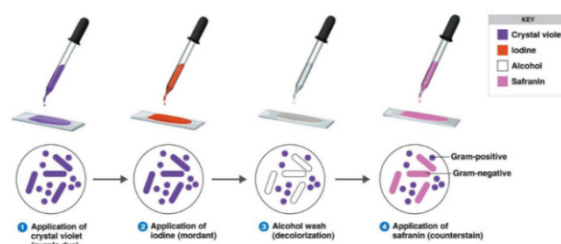


Figure 2: Gram Staining (Prajapati et al., 2018)

The next step of bacteria standard test is biochemical characterization. Potential isolate were characterized by different biochemical methods like lactose and maltose test, MR (Methyl red) and VP (Voges Proskauer) test, and Coagulase test. Sugar Test (Lactose and Maltose) : Take 1 ose of bacterial suspension and put it in a sugar medium (lactose and maltose). Mix evenly. Incubate at 35°C for 18-24 hours. Methyl Red (MR) Test : Take 1 ose bacterial suspension, insert into MR media, mix evenly, incubate at 35°C for 18-24 hours. After incubating to find out the reaction, add the Methyl red reagent. Positive results are indicated by a change in color from yellow to red. Voges Proskauer Test (VP) : Take 1 ose bacterial suspension, insert into the VP media, mix evenly, incubate at 35°C for 18-24 hours. After incubating to find out the reaction, add the KOH and α -Naphthol reagents. Positive results are indicated by a change in color from yellow to red. Coagulase Test : This test is used to determine the presence of free coagulase by means of 200 μ L plasma aseptically inserted into a sterile test tube. Take 3-5 bacterial colonies of *Staphylococcus aureus*, put them in the test tube, mix carefully. Incubate at 35°C for 18-24 hours.

The next step is procedure of antibiotic sensitivity test. The first Making the Inoculum (Suspension) : Take 3-5 ose *Staphylococcus aureus* bacterial colonies of the same size in the media using an ose (loop) that has been incanded above Bunsen. Then insert the colony into a test tube that contains sterile 0.9% NaCl solution, then homogeneous. Compare this with turbidity suspension of *Staphylococcus aureus* with 0.5 Mac-Farland comparison solution. NB: Turbidity Bacterial suspension should be equivalent to Mac-Farland 0.5. And then, step of Antibiotic Sensitivity Test (Susceptibility Test) : Inoculation using the Kirby-bauer method and place the antibiotic in the middle of the media surface. Incubate the media at 33°C and 35°C for 18-24 hours. And then, record and measure each zone formed around the antibiotic (disc paper). The resulting inhibition is measured in mm (millimeters), show procedure in Figure 3.

3 RESULT

Identification of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria can be microscopic and biochemical test of bacteria. On microscopic examination found Gram (+) cocci (+). These bacteria are round like a ball or spherical, clustered and purple. The results obtained are the same as the results of microscopic examination by Holt *et al* (1994) which states that the *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria are gram-positive coccus bacteria that are spherical in shape like a ball. These bacteria are purple because the first absorbing dye is gentian violet. The result of microscopic test show in Figure 4 below.

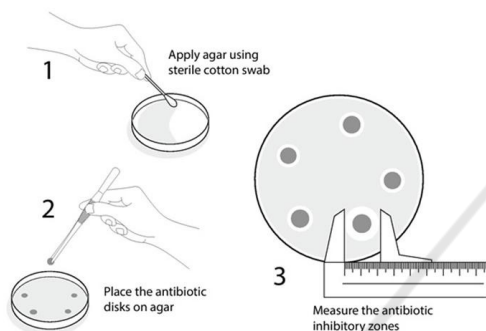


Figure 3: Step Antibiotic Test (ACS, 2020)

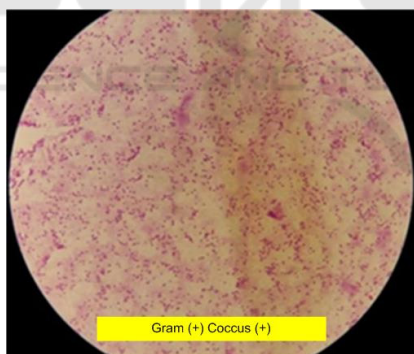


Figure 4: Microscopic Test

Biochemical tests used to test further identification of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria. This test is carried out on confectionery media namely lactose and maltose, Methyl Red (MR), Voges Proskauer (VP), Catalase Test and Coagulase Test. The results can be seen in Table 1 and Figure 5. The result of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacterial biochemistry test carried out in confectionery media, namely lactose and maltose, showed positive results with a marked change in green to yellow, indicating that the bacteria were able to ferment lactose and maltose. Patty research states that the test of lactose

and maltose sugars of the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus* get positive results that are marked by a yellow discoloration, this shows that the bacteria tested are able to ferment the type of sugars tested (Patty *et al.*, 2016).

In the Methyl Red and Voges Proskauer tests, positive results were obtained with a change from the deep red yellow which indicates the presence of acetoin in the solution produced by bacteria. Dewi's research states that the positive results of the Methyl Red and Voges Proskauer tests are characterized by a change in color from yellow to red indicating the presence of glucose fermentation in *Staphylococcus aureus* from the formation of acetilmethylcarbinol (acetoin) (Dewi, 2013). Catalase test is a test to distinguish between groups of *Staphylococcus aureus* or *Streptococcus* bacteria. The results obtained in the catalase test are positive which is marked by the presence of air bubbles (O₂). Toelle's research states that the *Staphylococcus aureus* bacterial catalase test with positive results because these bacteria produce enzymes capable of hydrolyzing hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) into water (H₂O) and air bubbles (O₂) (Toelle & Viktor, 2014). On the examination of the coagulase test positive results were indicated by the presence of lumpy white jelly. Purnomo's research states that *Staphylococcus aureus* can agglutinate blood, because it has a coagulase reacting factor, the role of coagulase produced by germs is used as a determinant of *Staphylococcus aureus* species that make white clots like jelly that show positive results (Purnomo, 2006).

Table 1: Test Results for Identification of *Staphylococcus aureus* Bacteria

Identification Test	Results
Lactose Test	(+) Positive yellow
Maltose Test	(+) Positive yellow
Methyl Red Test	(+) Positive red color
Voges Proskauer	(+) Positive red color ring
Catalase Test	(+) Positive air bubbles

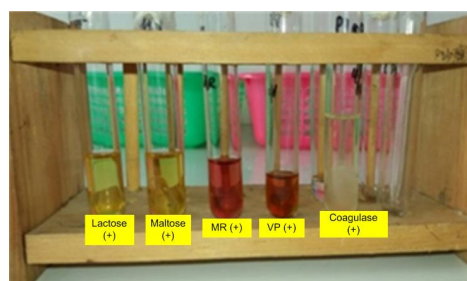


Figure 5: Biochemical Test

Sterility test in this study was carried out on Nutrient Agar Media and Muller Hinton Agar Media. This test is performed by non-cultivation of *Staphylococcus aureus*. The media standard will be tested by means incubated at 37°C for 24 hours. The purpose of the media sterility test is to determine whether there is growth of bacteria and fungi of other microorganisms that can affect the results of research. The results of sterility media test can be seen in Table 2 and Figure 6.

Table 2: Media Sterility Test

Media	Test result	Sterile / Not steril
Nutrient Agar	Does not grow	Sterile
Mueller Hinton Agar	Does not grow	Sterile

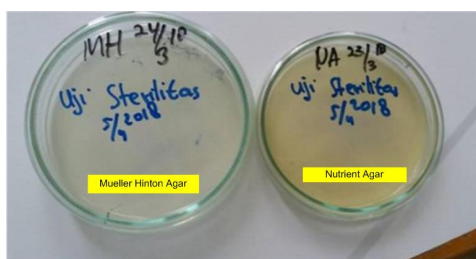


Figure 6: Nutrient Agar Media and Mueller Hinton Agar Media for media sterility test result

Media quality test performed to determine the growth of bacteria on a medium which will be used, whether the media can be overgrown with fertile bacteria or not. This test is performed on Nutrient Agar and Mueller Hinton Agar. The results can be seen in Table 3, Figure 7 and Figure 8.

Table 3: Media Fertility Test

Media	Test result (Colonies)	Good/ Not Good
Nutrient Agar	Grow	Good
Mueller Hinton Agar	Grow	Good



Figure 7: The results of the agar nutrient media quality test

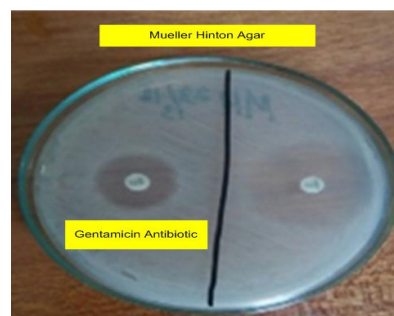


Figure 8: The results of the agar Mueller hinton media quality test (Mueller Hinton Agar with Gentamicin Antibiotic Media is shown in the image on the left

3.1 Results of Gentamicin Antibiotic Sensitivity Test (Susceptibility Test)

Susceptibility test or antibiotic sensitivity test is used to determine the inhibitory zone produced from an antibiotic. Inhibition zone was used as the diagnosis result if the antibiotics are sensitive or resistant to these bacteria. The results of the *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria inhibition zone on Gentamicin antibiotics with an incubation temperature of 33°C (Figure 9) and 35°C (Figure 10) for 24 hours are presented in Table 4.

Table 4: Results of inhibition zones of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria on Gentamicin antibiotics with an incubation temperature of 33°C and 35°C.

No	Gentamicin Antibiotic Zone (mm)		Information
	Temperature of 33°C	Temperature of 35°C	
1	21	22	Sensitive
2	22	22	Sensitive
3	21	21	Sensitive
4	21	22	Sensitive
5	22	22	Sensitive
6	21	21	Sensitive
7	22	22	Sensitive
8	22	22	Sensitive
9	23	21	Sensitive
Average	21.67	21.67	Sensitive

Description :
Sensitive ≥ 15mm; Resistance <12mm

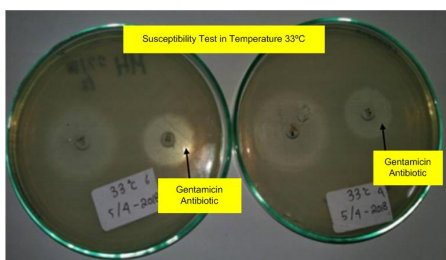


Figure 9: The result of inhibition zone of antibiotic gentamicin at a temperature 33°C

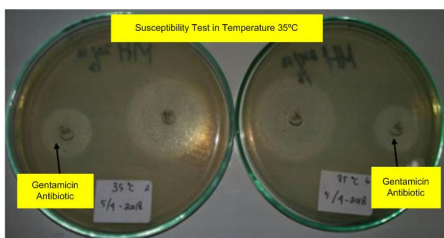


Figure 10: The result of inhibition zone of antibiotic gentamicin at a temperature 35°C

3.2 Data Analysis

The results of the examination of the zone of gentamicin antibiotic inhibition of bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* that have been collected, then processed and then presented in tabular form and analyzed the data through several stages, namely normality test and hypothesis testing.

3.2.1 Normality Test

In this study the normality test was carried out using the Kolomogorov-Smirnov test because the number of samples used was less than 50 with a significance level of 95% ($\alpha=0.05$). The following are normality test results presented in Table 5 below:

Table 5: Normality Test Results

	Kolomogorov-Smirnov		
	Statistic	Df	Sig
Temp33	,272	9	,054
Temp35	,414	9	,000

Based on Table 5 the p value (sig) obtained for the temperature of 33°C gentamicin antibiotic is 0.054, for temperature 35°C gentamicin antibiotic is 0,000. From the values above there is 1 data that is normally distributed at 33°C, while at 35°C the data is not normally distributed. Because there is one data that is not normally distributed, it is followed by a non-parametric statistical test.

3.2.2 Hypothesis Testing

The Wilcoxon Test is a test used to test differences in sample pairs in 2 groups (Dahlan, 2014). The results of data analysis are obtained as shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Wilcoxon Test Results

	Temp 33 - Temp 35
Z	,000
Asymp. Sig.	1,000

From the analysis of the data obtained, it can be seen that the significant value in the Table above is 0,000. Based on the specified conditions if it is significantly greater than the alpha value of 0.05 then H_0 is accepted, whereas if it is significantly smaller than the alpha value of 0.05, H_0 is rejected. So it can be seen that the asymp.sig value obtained is 1,000 is greater than the alpha value of 0.05 then H_0 is accepted. Thus, it can be concluded that "There is no difference in the inhibition zone in the Gentamicin Antibiotic Sensitivity Test for *Staphylococcus a aureus* Bacteria for Incubation Temperature Variations of 33°C and 35°C".

4 DISCUSSION

In this study, a number of preliminary tests were carried out including sterility tests, quality tests, and bacterial standard tests. Sterility tests are carried out with the aim of ensuring that the media used are not contaminated with bacteria or other microorganisms. Fertility test or media quality test is a test used to see that the media used is good for bacterial growth. Bacterial standard tests are also used to identify or confirm tests that the bacteria used are *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria.

Identification of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria can be done with microscopic tests and bacterial biochemical tests. On microscopic examination, gram (+) coccus (+) was obtained. These bacteria are round like a ball or spherical, clustered and purple. The results obtained are the same as the results of microscopic examination by which states that the *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria are gram-positive positive coccus bacteria that are spherical in shape like a ball. This bacterium is purple because it absorbs the first dye, gentian violet (Holt *et al.*, 1994). *Staphylococcus aureus* bacterial biochemistry test carried out on confectionery media, namely lactose and maltose, showed positive results with a marked change in green to yellow, indicating that the bacteria

were able to ferment lactose and maltose. In the *Methyl Red* and *Voges Proskauer* tests positive results were obtained with a change in color from yellow to red mangosteen which showed the presence of acetoin in the solution produced by bacteria. Catalase test is a test to distinguish between *Staphylococcus* and *Streptococcus* bacteria groups, in this test positive results are indicated by marked bubbles when dripped with H₂O₂. In the examination of the coagulase test obtained positive results in the presence of lumpy white jelly. The results obtained are the same as the results of Dewi's research (Dewi, 2013).

In this study the results of gentamicin antibiotic inhibition zones, each incubated at 33°C and 35°C, showed no difference because the temperature range used in the growth temperature range of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria was either used or commonly called mesophilic temperature. According to the research of James H. Jorgensen *et al* the optimum growth of *Staphylococcus aureus* at 35°C for 16-24 hours with vancomycin, daptomycin, and linezolid antibiotics (James *et al.*, 2009). According to the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (2014) sensitivity test or antimicrobial susceptibility test using temperatures of 35 ± 2°C (33°C, 35°C and 37°C). Meanwhile, according to WHO on *Basic Laboratory*, it is recommended that the temperature sufficiency test be used for 35 ° C for 24 hours, because at the most optimal temperature it can reduce the risk of contamination of other bacteria that will grow (WHO, 2003).

Analysis of the data used in this study is Wilcoxon. Based on Wilcoxon test results, it is known that there is no difference in the zone of inhibition of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria on gentamicin antibiotics with incubation temperatures of 33°C and 35°C. The results obtained are seen from the value of sig. 1,000 is greater than the alpha value (1,000 > 0.05).

5 CONCLUSION

Based on the results and discussion carried out it can be concluded as follows;

- a. The average zone of inhibition of the antibiotic test for gentamicin in *Staphylococcus aureus* with an incubation temperature of 33°C was 21.67 mm
- b. The average zone of inhibition of the antibiotic test for gentamicin in *Staphylococcus aureus* with an incubation temperature of 35°C was 21.67 mm
- c. From the results of gentamicin antibiotic inhibition zones that have been carried out statistical tests, it

can be concluded that there is no difference in the zone of inhibition in the antibiotic sensitivity test of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria to the incubation temperature variations of 33°C and 35°C.

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