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In Vitro Test of Antibacterial Ethanol Extract, n-Hexane Fraction and Ethyl acetate Fraction of Sungkai Leaf (*Peronema cenescens*) Against *Salmonella typhi*

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ABSTRACT**Object:** This study aims to look at the class of compounds and the comparison of the antibacterial activity of ethanol extract, n-hexane fraction and ethyl acetate of Sungkai leaves against *Salmonella typhi*.**Methods:** Study included phytochemical screening and in vitro antibacterial testing of ethanol extract, n-hexane fraction and ethyl acetate of Sungkai leaves against *Salmonella typhi*.**Results:** obtained groups of chemical compounds alkaloids, flavonoids, glycosides, anthraquinones, tannins and triterpenoids/steroids on Sungkai leaf powder. Ethanol extract of Sungkai leaves obtained resistance at a concentration of 20% by 12.7 mm, and inhibition of the ethyl acetate fraction at a concentration of 20% of 14.8 mm.**Conclusion:** Ethyl acetate fraction of Sungkai leaves have antibacterial properties against *S. typhi* which is greater than ethanol extract and hexane fraction of leaf heal.**Keywords:** Antibacterial, Sungkai, *Peronemacenes*, *S. typhi*.**ARTICLE INFO:** Received 24 April 2020; Review Completed 04 June 2020; Accepted 09 June 2020; Available online 15 June. 2020**Cite this article as:**Sitepu N Br, In Vitro Test of Antibacterial Ethanol Extract, n-Hexane Fraction and Ethyl acetate Fraction of Sungkai Leaf (*Peronema cenescens*) Against *Salmonella typhi*, Asian Journal of Pharmaceutical Research and Development. 2020; 8(3):57-60. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.22270/ajprd.v8i3.757>***Address for Correspondence:**

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INTRODUCTION

According to WHO, typhoid fever is a global problem. The main etiologies in Indonesia are *Salmonella enterica* subspecies enteric serovartyphi (*S. typhi*) and *Salmonella enterica* subspecies enteric serovar paratyphi enterica. In the past two decades, there have been reports of multidrug-resistant (MDR) strains of *S. typhi*. This strain is resistant to chloramphenicol, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, and ampicillin. Besides strains are resistant to nalidixic acid, also showing a reduced effect of ciprofloxacin which is endemic in India¹. Indonesian people have known and used plants to treat various infectious diseases caused by microbes. This is due to public awareness of the side effects of synthetic drugs that are greater than traditional medicines as well as the government's efforts to find new drugs to prevent resistance to infectious diseases caused by microbes². Sungkai (*Peronemacenes*) is often referred to as teak sabrang, belonging to the Verbenaceae family. Some people in South Sumatra and Lampung use

sungkai leaves as antiplasmodial and fever medicine. In the treatment of the Lembak tribe, steeping sungkai leaves are used to reduce heat, malaria and maintain health³.

MATERIALS AND METHODS**Preparation of**

Simplicia of Sungkai leaves were obtained from the Langkat area of North Sumatra. Identification has been carried out at *Medanense Herbarium (MEDA)* University of Sumatra Utara, Medan.

Phytochemical Screening

Screening is carried out on a simplicia powder using a screening protocol for identification of secondary metabolites for plants including examination of alkaloids, flavonoids, glycosides, anthraquinone glycosides, saponins, tannins and triterpenes/steroids⁴⁻⁶⁻⁷.

Extraction and Fractionation of Sungkai

Simplicia powder of sungkai leaf in maceration using 96% ethanol solvent with 75 parts ethanol solvent for 5 days, filtered and squeezed. The pulp is added with ethanol finder liquid until 100 parts are obtained and poured. Macerate in a *rotary evaporator* at a temperature of $\pm 40^\circ\text{C}$.

Preparation of n-hexane and ethyl acetate fractions. As much as 40 g of ethanol extract were added 40 ml of ethanol and 100 ml of distilled water were homogenized then added 50 ml of n-hexane, shaken, allowed to stand until two layers were formed, the n-hexane fraction and the water fraction. The n-hexane fraction is collected and fractionation is carried out until the n-hexane layer is clear. The fraction of water was then added 50 ml of ethyl acetate, shaken, allowed to stand until two layers formed, the ethyl acetate fraction and the water fraction. The ethyl acetate fraction was collected and fractionation was carried out until the ethyl acetate layer was clear. The fraction of n-hexane and ethyl acetate in the *rotary evaporator*.⁵

In Vitro Antibacterial Test

Pipette 0.1 ml of suspension *Salmonella typhi* with a concentration of 10^6 CFU / ml, was put into a sterile petri dish. Then 20 ml of Nutrient Agar (NA) medium is

poured, then homogenized and allowed to stand until the media solidifies. After the solid media is then made a hole using a hole (*punch hole*) and then drops 0.1 ml of ethanol extract test solution with a concentration of 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%, then incubated at a temperature of $35 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ for 18- 24 hours. Furthermore, the diameter of the inhibition zone is measured using a calliper. Tests carried out three times. Tests were also performed on the n-hexane fraction, sungkai leaf ethyl acetate, chloramphenicol as a positive control, and DMSO as a negative control.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Phytochemical Screening for

Sungkai leaf simplicia powder added Molish reagents and concentrated sulfuric acid formed a purple ring at the liquid level indicating glycosides. The addition of Mg powder concentrated hydrochloric acid and amyl alcohol, then allowed to separate gives a yellow colour indicating the presence of flavonoid compounds. The addition of Lieberman-Bouchard reagents gives a purple-red colour indicating the presence of triterpenoids/steroids on sungkai leaves. The results of phytochemical screening for simplex powder are shown in **Table 1**. These results are per previous studies, in which the phytochemical examination of sungkai leaves did not identify the saponin metabolites in simplicia¹⁰.

Table 1: Phytochemical screening results of simpliciasungkai leaves powder

No.	Screening	Reagent	Simpliciasungkai leaves powder
1	Alkaloid	Mayer, Bouchardat dan Dragendorff.	+
2	Flavonoids	$\text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{HCl} + \text{Amyl Alcohol}$	+
3	Glycosides	Pb (II) acetate, Molish, Fehling A, Fehling B	+
4	Anthraquinone glycosides	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{Benzene} + \text{NaOH}$	+
5	Saponins	Foaming test	-
6	Tannins	FeCl_3 1%	+
7	Triterpenes / Steroids	Liebermann-Bouchard	+

Remarks: (+) positive: contains compounds, (-) negative :did not contains compounds

Table 2: Results of bacterial inhibitors zone of sungkai leaves against *S. typhi*

No.	Concentration (%)	Diameter inhibitors (mm)*				
		K+	K-	EESL	HFSL	EFSL
1	50	10,5	-	4,71	-	9,42
2	100	13,0	-	6,05	-	11,35
3	150	15,1	-	11,1	-	13,50
4	200	15,4	-	12,7	-	14,8

Remarks: (*) = Average three times measurement, (-) = negative of the zone inhibition, K- = Negative Control = DMSO, K+ = Positive control; Chloramphenicol

In Vitro Antibacterial

Test The results of in vitro antibacterial test from the ethanol extract of Sungkai leaves (EESL), n-hexane fraction of Sungkai leaves (HFSL) and ethyl acetate

fraction of Sungkai leaves (EFSL) showed different inhibitory diameter of bacteria *S. typhi*. HFSL did not show inhibitory diameter towards *S. typhi*. This is due to the compounds contained in the HFSL being unable to damage the cytoplasmic membrane of the bacterium so

that it does not affect the bacterial growth. The results of the measurement of the diameter of the resistance zone against *S. typhi* can be seen in **table 2**.

The ethyl acetate fraction of sungkai leaves gave a yield of 14.8 mm against bacteria *Salmonella typhi* with inhibition zone boundaries that were considered effective according to the Indonesian Pharmacopoeia ie inhibitory diameters between 14 mm to 16 mm, and when compared with positive control using chloramphenicol the ethyl acetate inhibition zone was almost approaching the amount of inhibition zone of chloramphenicol. The results of the measurement of effective inhibition area diameter in the ethyl acetate fraction of sungkai leaves (EFSL) were obtained at a concentration of 20%. The comparison diagram of the inhibition zones of each extract and fraction can be seen in **Figure 1**. In previous studies showing the results of sungkai leaf extract, ethyl acetate fraction, methanol fraction had a minimum inhibitory zone and a minimum inhibitory concentration against *S. aureus* respectively 1024 µg/ml and 512 µg/ml, whereas against *E. coli*, the extract and fraction had zones

inhibitors and a minimum concentration of 512 µg/ml¹¹. This is due to the presence of compounds that are attracted to semi-polar solvents, such as flavonoids and tannins. The group of phytochemical compounds that are commonly associated with combating microbial resistance and having antimicrobial activity in medicinal plants are flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, triterpenoids, essential oils, saponins, glycosides, and phenols⁸. At present, many pathogenic bacteria become resistant to various types of antibiotics that are commonly used and cause various diseases. Therefore, the search for new drugs is very important in the last decade and some plants have been used as medicine⁹. Polyphenolic compounds constitute the largest group in plants, one of which is tannins which have antibacterial activity. In general, the mechanism predicted is that the toxicity of the polyphenol compound can damage the bacterial cell membrane. The use of DMSO negative control aims to ensure that the inhibition zones that are formed are not the influence of DMSO solvents, but the kill zones that are formed purely from the active compounds contained in the ethanol extract and ethyl acetate fraction of Sungkai leaves.

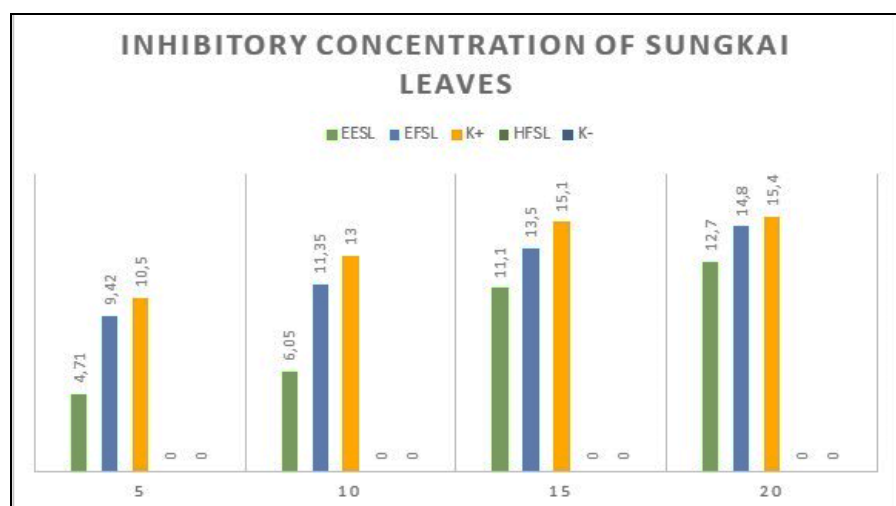


Figure 1: Comparison the zone of inhibition of sungkai leaves against *S. typhi*.

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