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Identification of Secondary Metabolites from Ethanol Extract of Ciplukan (*Physalis angulata*) Leaves and Toxicity Test on Post-Larvae of Tiger Shrimp (*Penaeus monodon*)

Identifikasi Senyawa Metabolit Sekunder Ekstrak Etanol Daun Ciplukan (*Physalis angulata*) dan Uji Toksisitas terhadap Sintasan Post Larva Udang Windu (*Penaeus monodon*)

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Abstract

*Physalis angulata* is a garden plant that has been widely used as a medicinal plant by the community. This plant contains secondary metabolites that can be used as medicine and nutrition enhancement. This study aims to identify the secondary metabolite compounds and their toxicity to the post-larva (PL) survival rate in tiger prawns. This study was conducted in several stages (1). *P. angulata* extraction using ethanol, (2) *P. angulata* GCMS test, (3) The identification of the secondary metabolites from *P. angulata* (4) LC50 test (Lethal Concentration 50) and (5) Data analysis. Based on the results of GCMS analysis, it was indicated that *P. angulata* contained the secondary metabolite compounds, including phenols, steroids, fatty acids, terpenoids, benzenes, and alkaloids. It is concluded that the compounds contained are presumed to be beneficial for prawn farming development in terms of disease prevention, growth acceleration, and egg quality improvement. Meanwhile, the toxicity test results by using tiger prawn larvae for 48 hours revealed that the safe concentration level used for prawn development by utilizing the cutleaf groundcherry extract was at 13.1 mg/l.

Abstrak


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1. Introduction

Prawn farming is one of the most essential aquaculture industries globally. Based on the FAO data (2017), prawn farming production resulted in 2.9 million tons globally in 2016, and approximately 75% of production emanated from Asia-Pacific. Prawn production in Indonesia reaches 390 tons. Prawn production in Indonesia does not increase significantly compared to the previous years. This situation can be influenced by slow growth, disease, and environmental factors. One of the prawn types produced in Indonesia is the tiger prawns (Penaeus monodon) which production has decreased because the farmers switch to white leg shrimp (Litopenaeus vannamei) farming.

The urge to breed tiger prawns has decreased due to various problems, such as disease, slow growth, and the low number of egg production from mature prawns with mature gonads (Nawang et al., 2015). Antibiotics are used to prevent bacterial diseases on tiger prawns in ponds. The use of antibiotics in aquaculture water leads to bacterial resistance against antibiotics. Furthermore, the accumulation of antibiotics in the prawn body causes the prawn to not sell well in the international market.

The growth of tiger prawns is followed by the moultng process. Moultng is a phenomenon that is found in many crustaceans and other invertebrates where old cuticles accumulate and produce new cuticles. Tiger prawn is a crustacean with a shell in which its growth is accompanied by moultng. The moultng stage is first determined by changes in physical criteria, followed by the deposition of collagen fibers, carbohydrates, lipids, and calcium salts in tissues throughout the moultng cycle (Waraporn et al., 2005). The moultng cycle includes moult, postmoult, intermoult and premoult (Kuballa and Elizur, 2007). In the development of the prawn cycle at a time when hormones are activated between the hormone Moulting Inhibiting Hormone (MIH) and Moulting Stimulating Hormone (MSH), both hormones are mediated by fatty acids such as sterols. Wen Xia Bo et al., (2003) report that tiger prawns have limited ability in elongation and desaturation of Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid (PUFA) to Highly Unsaturated Fatty Acid (HUFA). Tiger prawns can obtain fatty acids from diets containing fatty acids.

The attempts to increase the gonad maturity in tiger prawns include feeding them with high protein feed and ablation. The increased levels of protein in feed have been able to increase the development of ovaries in freshwater crayfish (Cherax quadricarinatus). The cost of the nutrient provision in feed containing high protein for tiger prawn reproduction is relatively expensive. Meanwhile, ablation can increase the spawning rate in tiger prawn broodstocks (Wuldandi et al., 2010). However, it hinders the prawn ability in regulating various physiological processes (Huberman, 2000). Ridwan et al., (2015) propose that the use of natural materials could increase the rate of ovarian development in whiteleg shrimps (Litopenaeus vannamei) through the use of lanosterol in rose myrtle. Lanosterol forms cholesterol in plants. Cholesterol is one of the chemicals that cannot be synthesized by crustaceans (Kanazawa et al., 1988). However, it is required for ovarian maturation of the prawn broodstocks. Wouters et al., (2001) states that cholesterol functions in the endocrine system, which is a precursor of steroid hormones, Gonadal maturation, and growth. Besides rose myrtle, plants with steroids are cutleaf groundcherry (Physalis angulata).

Cutleaf cherryground (P. angulata) is a garden plant used as medicinal plants for generations. The plant was used as a medicinal ingredient without identifying the chemical content contained in it. Thus, dose determination has not been effective. Sutjiatmo et al., (2011) mentioned that cutleaf cherryground leaves contain alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, perifenols, steroids and triterpenoids, monoterpenoids, and sesquiterpenoids. Rohyani et al., (2015) reports that cutleaf cherryground contains steroid compounds. The use of chemical compounds in natural ingredients is not only nutritious but also has side effects if the dose was incorrect.

The alkaloid, flavonoid, and steroid compounds were identified in P. angulata extract (Layyina, 2014). Alkaloid compounds can be utilized as an antibacterial Vibrio parahaemolyticus (Weliyadi et al., 2018). Awaludin and Ridwan (2016) reported that rose myrtle ethanol extract contained steroids that can increase the growth of tiger prawns. The bioactive content in cutleaf groundcherry leaves is necessary to be further researched because the content can be used as an alternative material in tiger prawn farming which hoped to prevent disease, accelerate growth and accelerate reproduction. Therefore, increasing tiger prawn production. Layyina (2014) states that P. angulata can be extracted with n-hexane with an LC50 value of 3 ppm proven through the Artemia salina test. Meanwhile, the toxicity value of P. angulata ethanol extract using post-larva remains unknown. Based on the description above, it is necessary to research the extraction to obtain basic information about bioactive compounds in cutleaf groundcherry and
safe concentrations for the application of cutleaf ground cherry leaf extract in tiger prawn post-larvae. The study aims to identify secondary metabolite compounds in *P. angulata* and test the lethal dose of cutleaf groundcherry leaf extract on tiger prawn post-larvae.

2. Materials and Method

2.1 Cutleaf groundcherry samples

The samples of cutleaf cherryground leaves (*P. angulata*) were collected from Universitas Borneo Tarakan. The post-larva (PL) of 20 tiger prawns were obtained from the hatchery in Tarakan. The cutleaf cherry ground leaf was extracted with 70% ethanol while the toxicity test used seawater.

2.2 Cutleaf groundcherry extraction

Cutleaf groundcherry leaves were extracted using the maceration method by immersing *katuk*-leave simplicia for three days (*Ridwan et al., 2015*) using 70% ethanol solvent to enable polar and nonpolar compounds bound. The comparison of *katuk*-leave simplicia and solvents is 1:3. Drying cutleaf groundcherry leaves which were mashed by a blender, and soaking them in 70% ethanol for 3-4 days. Furthermore, the extract was filtered using a paper filter, and then evaporated using a rotary evaporator to separate the ethanol extract from the solvent.

2.3 Chemical content test on cutleaf groundcherry leaf extract

Cutleaf groundcherry extract compounds were identified using GC-MS Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrophotometry with oven temperature (50–290°C), Interface 0 (290°C), control mode (split), pressure (20.8 psi), total flow (23.7 ml/min), split ratio (200:1), split flow (199 ml/min), gas (He), and detector (MSD).

2.4 Toxicity test for ethanol extract of cutleaf groundcherry leaves

Toxicity test, which employs the Brine Shrimp Lethality Test (BSLT) method, is an acute toxicity test for the toxic effects of a compound determined in a short period within 24 hours after administering the test dose (*Sukardiman et al., 2004*). The toxicity test of the *P. angulata* leaf ethanol extract used tiger prawn post-larvae. The toxicity test used Lethal Concentration 50 (LC₅₀). The ethanol extract of *P. angulata* leaves used five replications of the following concentrations of 100 ml/l, 250 mg/l, 500 mg/l, 750 mg/l, and 1,000 mg/l. Before the process, the ethanol extract of cutleaf groundcherry leaves was dissolved with distilled water. A total of 20 tiger prawn post-larva were put into a container to be added with *P. angulata* extract and incubated for 24 hours. After the incubation, the dead tiger prawn post-larvae was counted, and the lethal concentration (LC₅₀) value was determined.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Phytochemicals on cutleaf groundcherry leave extract

Plant cells consist of two types of metabolites, i.e., primary metabolites (carbohydrates, amino acids, fats, and vitamins) and secondary metabolites, such as alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenoids, steroids, and tannins with varying amounts and compositions. Secondary metabolites are the largest source of pharmaceutical ingredients, food additives, perfumes, and pesticides. At present, the potential of various plants as herbal ingredients to improve health have been identified, and one of them is *P. angulata*. *Physalis angulata* is a wild plant that has not been widely used, especially in the fisheries field. Therefore, the analysis of compounds in cutleaf groundcherry leave extract was carried out as the first step to identify compounds potential for fisheries production. The chromatogram test results on cutleaf groundcherry leaves extract using GC-MS are presented in Figure 1 as follows.

The secondary metabolites on cutleaf groundcherry leaves had been reported in previous studies. Permana (2013) reported that cutleaf groundcherry ethanol extract contains several compounds, including alkaloids, flavonoids, and saponins. Djajanegara (2010) also reported that cutleaf groundcherry leaves contain alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, and terpenoids.

The GC-MS analysis was conducted to find out the specific compound information contained in cutleaf groundcherry leaves ethanol extract. The selection of 70% ethanol as a solvent was a right step because ethanol is the best solvent for dissolving nutritious compounds found in plant cells (Djajanegara, 2008; Andianto et al., 2012). Several types of identified compounds are considered potential because they hold biological roles in supporting animal development and reproduction as presented in Table 1.

Sterol and steroid compounds were target compounds that were identified and believed to play...
Sterols, commonly known as steroid alcohol (Millero and Sohn, 1992; Killops and Killops, 1993), are potential compounds due to their stability and structural diversity (Parrish et al., 2000). Sterols hold vital roles for cellular functions and become the initial substrate for fat-soluble vitamins and steroid hormones. Steroids are organic compounds of non-hydrolyzed sterol fat which are the reaction products of terpene or squalene derivatives (Hanani et al., 2005). Lisdawati (2002) reported that steroids can increase plant hormonal activities.

Also, the detected compound’s potential for utilization were alkaloids and fatty acids. Alkaloid compounds had been widely used in the health field, such as pain relievers, antibiotics, nerve stimulants, and sedatives (Sumardjo, 2006). Types of alkaloids detected in cutleaf groundcherry leaf extracts were 1H-Indole, 3-methyl- (3-Methylindol). Those compounds specifically played a role in healing wounds or infections and acted as an antibacterial agent (Rupa et al., 2016).

Another type of compounds considered to hold an essential role in increasing fisheries production was fatty acid compounds. GC-MS result showed that fatty acids were dominant compounds found in extracts, reaching 50.99%. The crucial fatty acid compound found in extracts include Octadecadienoic acid. Octadecadienoic acid or linoleic acid, known as omega-6 fatty acid, is an essential fatty acid. The essential fatty acid is a kind of fatty acid that can’t be produced by animal species (including humans).

These compounds are required to build and repair cell membrane, enabling cells to obtain optimal nutrition as well as remove harmful waste products.

Octadecadienoic acid or linoleic acid is an essential fatty acid in mammalian nutrition and is used in the biosynthesis of prostaglandins and the cell membranes. The prostaglandins (PGs) are substances with chemical structures that resemble hormones. Its role is quite crucial because prostaglandins are required in the reproductive system and wound healing process. Unlike hormones, prostaglandins are produced by the body only in certain conditions. Bardin (1970) reported that low pH levels were found on infertile men during ejaculation. The physiological role of PGs, in the reproductive system, is to facilitate the migration of spermatozoa from the vagina into the uterine cavity. It was explained that PGs can medicate infertility in humans.

The use of cutleaf groundcherry extract is believed to apply to prawns because it has beneficial chemical compounds for both the growth and reproduction processes. Therefore, it is necessary to carry out a toxicity test to determine the safe dose to ensure that this material is safe to be used as an additional ingredient in the feed, especially for tiger prawn larva.
### Table 1. Phytochemicals of the ethanol extract on cutleaf groundcherry leaves

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<td>331578</td>
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<td>292924</td>
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### Table 2. Toxicity of cutleaf groundcherry extract to post tiger prawn larva as described in \( \text{LC}_5 \)

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<td>500</td>
<td>96.5</td>
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<td>13.1002 mg/l</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>750</td>
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<td>5</td>
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3.2 Toxicity of cutleaf groundcherry ethanol extract

Observation of the toxicity test of toxicity of cutleaf groundcherry ethanol extract on tiger prawn larva as a test animal with various concentrations (100 mg/l, 250 mg/l, 500 mg/l, 750 mg/l, and 1,000 mg/l) for 24 hours was described through LC\textsubscript{50} in Figure 2 as follows.

The regression equation for the LC\textsubscript{50} test results of cutleaf groundcherry extract on tiger prawn larva obtained the formula \( y = 0.1367x + 32.092 \), \( R^2 = 0.8878 \). Observation data on the results of the toxicity test (LC\textsubscript{50}) on the ethanol extract of cutleaf groundcherry towards tiger prawn larva are shown in Table 2. The results showed that the mortality rate was directly proportional to the concentration extract. The 100\% mortality rate was found at the concentrations of 750 mg/l and 1,000 mg/l, whereas less than 50\% mortality rate was found in the treatment concentration of 100 mg/l. The LC\textsubscript{50} calculation results found that a 50\% mortality rate of tiger prawn larva took place on the cutleaf groundcherry concentration of 131.0022 mg/l.

Meyer et al., (1982) concluded that raw plant extracts are toxic if the LC\textsubscript{50} value is more than 1,000 mg/ml, and non-toxic if the value is less than 1,000 mg/ml. Based on these results, the use of cutleaf groundcherry ethanol extract with high concentrations will cause death in prawns’ larva. This matter is estimated as the result of active compounds found in this plant. Lilybeth and Nuñez (2013) reported that when a higher concentration of plant extracts is used, the cytotoxic effect becomes stronger. This is due to the anti-tumor component contained in the plants. The lethal concentration of cutleaf groundcherry extract with ethanol solvent was 131.022 mg/l. The safe concentration of cutleaf groundcherry ethanol extract was 13.1002 mg/l.

4. Conclusion

Ethanol extract of \( P. \) angulata contains several compounds indicated to be beneficial in supporting the development and reproduction activities. Therefore, further research needs to be conducted for the growth and reproduction of tiger prawns. Also, \( P. \) angulata ethanol extract can be utilized due to its low toxicity.

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