

## EFFECTS OF *ALPINIA GALANGA* POWDER ON *PHYTOPHTHORA CAPSICI* LEIONIAN IN VITRO

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### ABSTRAK

**Pengaruh *Alpinia galanga* terhadap *Phytophthora capsici* Leionian secara *in vitro*.** Penelitian telah dilakukan untuk mengetahui pengaruh tepung beberapa bagian dan konsentrasi *A. galanga* terhadap jari-jari koloni dan produksi zoospora *P. capsici*. Percobaan dilakukan secara faktorial (4x4) dalam rancangan acak lengkap dengan tiga ulangan. Faktor pertama adalah tepung bagian tanaman, yaitu rhizome, batang, daun, dan akar. Faktor kedua adalah konsentrasi ekstrak, yaitu 0,0%; 0,5%; 1%, dan 1,5%. Peubah yang diamati adalah diameter koloni dan kepadatan spora *P. capsici*. Hasil percobaan menunjukkan bahwa setiap konsentrasi serbuk akar paling efektif dalam menekan diameter koloni dibandingkan dengan serbuk bagian yang lain, kecuali pada konsentrasi 1,5%. Pada konsentrasi 1,5%, serbuk akar dan rhizome mempunyai efektivitas yang sama. Secara khusus, untuk serbuk rhizome dan akar semakin tinggi konsentrasi semakin efektif dalam menekan diameter koloni *P. capsici*. Hasil penelitian juga menunjukkan bahwa pada konsentrasi 0,5%, serbuk rhizome dan daun lebih efektif dalam menekan produksi zoospora dibandingkan dengan serbuk batang dan akar; rhizome dan daun mempunyai efektivitas yang sama. Pada konsentrasi 1 dan 1,5%, serbuk rhizome, daun, dan akar lebih efektif dalam menekan produksi zoospora dibandingkan dengan serbuk batang; rhizome, daun, dan akar mempunyai efektivitas yang sama. Secara khusus, pada rhizome dan akar, semakin tinggi konsentrasi semakin efektif dalam menekan produksi zoospora *P. capsici*.

Key words: *Alpinia galanga*, *Phytophthora capsici*, black pepper

### INTRODUCTION

*Phytophthora capsici* Leionian is destructive pathogen on many plants (Erwin & Ribeiro, 1996). The pathogen causes spot on leaves and root rot of black pepper. The most destructive symptom happened when the attack reach the foot. Black pepper is an important crop in Indonesia, especially in Lampung Province. Although black pepper is subject to many diseases, foot rot is the most insidious and the most important of these on world wide basis. The disease can be widespread in the field and cause significant yield loss.

Foot rot was first reported from Indonesia in 1885 and has become limiting factor to the succesfull cultivation of black pepper in several country. Losses of 40 to 50% caused by foot rot have been reported in some black pepper plantations (de Waard, 1980, 1986 in Erwin & Ribeiro, 1996). The pathogens damaged 80% of black pepper plantations throughout Indonesia (Asnawi & Hasanah, 1997). Before the second world war, Indonesia exported more than 80% of world demand. In the year 1970, black pepper production in

Indonesia only enough for 30% of world demand. And in the next years, black pepper production in Indonesia was low, only 526/ha on the average. The other black pepper producing countries like Brazil and Malaysia produce 3000 kg/ha on the average (Wahid & Suparman, 1986).

Traditionally, fungicides and resistance cultivars have been used to manage these diseases in the field. (Ristaino *et al.*, 1997). Erwin and Ribeiro (1996) recommend that the first step of foot rot control is planting on well-drained sites not previously grown to black pepper for at least for 1 year. After the disease is detected, removing the diseased vines and treating the soil around the diseased roots with a suitable fungicide like Bordeaux mixture, metalaxyl, and fosetyl-Al

In commercially grown cultivars of *P. nigrum*, a high degree of resistance is lacking, but different degrees of tolerance are detectable by stem lesion and root rot rating systems (Nambiar *et al.*, 1991 in Erwin & Ribeiro, 1996). This fact is supported by Asnawi and Hasanah (1997).

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In Indonesia, foot rot is still become a serious problem. The use of synthetic fungicides is not suitable for small farmers. The stop of famers' subsidi to buy fungicides has made an increase of fungicide price, so famers can not buy. Beside, the use of synthetic fungicides in the long run cause negative side effects. All synthetic fungicides leave residue in nature. An important group of fungicides as phenylamides (metalaxyl and related compounds) cause *Phytophthora* resistant to the fungicides. Fungi in the genus *Phytophthora* frequently develop virulent races that can overcome single gene resistance in plants (Umaerus *et al.*, 1983), and insensitivity to phenylamide fungicides such as metalaxyl has been reported (Milgroom & Fry, 1989 *cit.* Ristaino *et al.*, 1997)

It is important to look for other alternative control other than synthetic chemicals. Natural products like plant fungicides give promising solution. Ginting *et al.* (2000) reported that there were 9 plant powders those effectively decreased colony diameter of *P. capsici*. One of them is *A. galanga*. So, this research was conducted to evaluate in detail the effects of *A. galanga* on the growth and reproduction of *P. capsici* in vitro.

## METHODS

The factorial experiment (4x4) was conducted in the laboratory of Plant Protection Department, Lampung University from February to June 2001. The experiment consisted of two factors. The first factor (plant parts) were leaves, stems, roots, and rhizome powder. The second factor (powder concentrations)

were 0; 0.5; 1; and 1.5%. The treatments were arranged in randomized completely design with 3 replicates. The investigated variables were colony radius and zoospore density of *P. capsici*. The data were analysed with anova. The data homogeneity was tested with Bartlett test. The mean separation was tested with least significant different. All testings were conducted at 5% significant level.

Plant parts (leaves, stems, roots, and rhizome) were washed with tap water and cut to be smaller parts. The smaller parts were dried by room temperature and then ovened 50° C for 4 days. The dried smaller parts were grind to be powder with blender. The powder was kept at 5° C before used.

*P. capsici* was isolated from diseased leaf. Diseased leaf was cut to be smaller parts at the border of diseased tissue and healthy tissue. The smaller leaf parts were planted on PDA in a petri and incubated for 5 days. The tip of the coming colony was cut and transferred on PDA in an other petri and incubated for a week.

Plant powder was applied in PDA according to food poisoned method *P. capsici* was taken with small borer (1 cm diameter) and transferred to the treated media. The colony radius were measured 5 days after infestation, while zoospore densities were counted two weeks after infestation with haemocytometer.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

The results of the experiment showed that generally all types of *A. galanga* powder decreased colony radius of *P. capsici* (Table 1).

Table 1. The effects of *A. galanga* on colony radius (mm) of *P. capsici* five days after infestation

Concentration (%)	Types of Powder			
	Rhizome	Stems	Leaves	Roots
0.00	41.17 a D	41.50 a B	40.83 a A	41.33 a D
0.50	39.33 b C	41.00 c AB	41.83 c A	32.83 a C
1.00	30.00 b B	40.00 c A	41.00 c A	26.00 a B
1.50	21.00 a A	40.00 b A	40.83 b A	20.00 a A

Notes: numbers followed by the same letters are not significantly different according to LSD test ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ). Capital letters are read vertically, and small letters are read horizontally.

Table 2. The effect of *A. galanga* on sporangia number of *P. capsici* five days after infestation

Concentration (%)	Types of Powder			
	Rhizomes	Stems	Leaves	Roots
0.00	9.26 a C	9.41 a B	8.42 a B	10.13 a C
0.50	5.53 a B	8.76 b B	3.82 a A	7.65 b B
1.00	1.15 a A	7.87 b B	2.63 a A	3.02 a A
1.50	0.96 a A	5.50 b A	2.04 a A	1.71 a A

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Roots powder was the best to decrease colony radius of *P. capsici* compared to the others at every concentration, but 1.50%; at this concentration, the effectivity of roots powder and rhizome powder were the same and better than stems and leaves powder. The effectivity of rhizome powder was better than stems and leaves at every concentration tested. Table 1 also shows that on roots and rhizome powder, the higher the concentration the higher the capability of the powder to decrease colony radius. These results indicate that roots powder contain more active ingredients than the others; and rhizome powder contain more active ingredients than stems and leaves powder.

The results of the experiment also showed that generally all types of *A. galanga* powder decreased the number of sporangium (Table 2). Stems powder was the worst at concentration 1.00; and 1.50%); at concentration 0.50% stems powder and roots powder were not significantly different. At concentration 1.00 and 1.50%, the effectivity of roots, rhizome and leaves powder to decrease the number of sporangium were the same. The lowest capability of stem powder to decrease number of sporangia may due to lowest content of active ingredients. The higher the concentration of the powder was not followed by the higher the effectivity of the powder to decrease the number of sporangium. Roots, rhizome, and leaves powder decreased number of sporangia at low (0.50%) concentration, but stem powder only effective at high concentration (1.50%).

It seemed that the active ingredients which decreased colony radii and number of sporangia were

not the same. It is indicated by the fact that the substance which decreased colony radius operate effectively at low concentration in roots and rhizomes powder only, but the substance which decreased number of sporangia operate effectively at low concentration in roots, rhizome, and leaves powder.

## CONCLUSION

All types of *Alpinia galanga* powder decreased colony radii and sporangia number of *P. capsici*. The effectivity of roots powder to decrease colony radius was the best compared to the others and the higher the concentration the higher the effectivity of roots and rhizomes powder to decrease colony radius. Roots and rhizome powder effectively decreased colony radius at low concentration. Roots, rhizome, and leaves powder effectively decreased number sporangia at low (0.50%) concentration. Stems powder decreased effectively number of sporangia only at high (1.50%) concentration.

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