

CYTOTOXIC ACTIVITY OF POLAR, SEMIPOLAR, AND NON POLAR FRACTION OF ETHANOL EXTRACT OF SALA PLANTS LEAVES (*Cynometra ramiflora* Linn.) AGAINST WiDr CELL

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Abstract—Ethanol extract of the leaves sala plant (*Cynometramiflora* Linn.) have cytotoxic activity against WiDr cells with IC₅₀ of 6.37 µg/mL. This study aims to determine the cytotoxic activity of polar, semipolar, and nonpolar fractions of ethanol extract of leaves sala plant (*Cynometramiflora* Linn.) against WiDr cells. Fractionation was performed on Vacuum Liquid Chromatography method with silica G 60 as stationary phase and n-hexane: ethylacetate(8:2; 7.5:2.5; 7:3,6:4 and 3:7) and ethanol as mobile phase. Qualitative screening of major compounds used TLC method with spray reagent. Cytotoxicity determination performed in vitro model cell lines with MTT reagent. The result showed that IC₅₀ of polar, semi polar and non polar fractions were 231.95 µg/mL and cannot determined. Doxorubicin was used as positive control and obtained IC₅₀ of 1.721 µg/mL.

Keywords—Cytotoxic; MTT assay; *Cynometra ramiflora*; WiDr cell; IC₅₀

I. INTRODUCTION

According to the world health organisation, cancer to cause of death fifth largest, in the world especially in developing countries [1]. Cancer is term, commonly used to mention cell growth very quick and uncontrolled to infiltrate and pressed the normal cells which influence the function of the body. Colon cancer has increased significantly within a decade in Indonesia and in the world [2]. In Indonesia, colon cancer is the fifth cancer in all cancer cases.

Recently, the types of cancer treatment are the dissection, radiation and chemotherapy which the effective and safety are still questioned. Therefore, many researchers who do research to get new drugs that are more selective and safer from natural medicine [3]. Indonesia is mega

biodiversity country that provide source of materials as natural medicine. Traditionally natural medicine from herbs, and vegetables have been used in the treatment of disease cancer [4].

One of the plants have the potential as an anticancer is sala plant or *Cynometramiflora* Linn. Previous studies stated that these plant have antimicrobial activity [5], antioxidant [6], antidiabetic drug [7], anticancer against some cells lines, such as human gastric, colon, and breast cancer cell lines [8]. Based on research of [9], the leaves of sala plant had anticancer activity on MCF-7 cell lines with IC₅₀ of 317 µg/mL and on the WiDr cell lines with IC₅₀ of 6.37 µg/mL [10].

The purpose of this research was to determine cytotoxic activity of polar, semi polar, and nonpolar fractions of Sala leaves.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Materials

1. *The device*: rotary evaporators, water bath, glassware, compressor, a microscope inverted (olympus cxx41, an incubator CO₂, elisa readers, tissue culture flask (nunclone, laminar water flow (labconco, conical tube, 96-well plate, hemocytometer, counter, and micropipet (soccorex).

2. *Matter*: the leaves at the end sala (*Cynometramiflora* Linn.), cells WiDr, ethanol 96 %, acetone, silica g 60 (merck, silica gel GF 254, plate TLC silica gel GF 254, ethanol pa, n-hexane, ethyl acetate, aquabidest, RPMI 1640, FBS 10 %, penicillin-streptomycin, PBS (phosphate a buffer saline), MTT 5 mg/ mL in PBS, SDS 10 %, DMSO 100%, trypsin-EDTA (trypsin 0.25%), anisaldehyde, FeCl₃, Citroboric acid, and Dragendorff.

B. Methods

1. A twenty-five grams of extract diluted in methanol and mixed with silica G60 (30-70 mesh). Sample placed at the top of column VLC and eluted by mobile phase (n-hexane: ethyl acetate (8:2; 7.5: 2.5; 7: 3; 6: 4; 3: 7 and ethanol, @ 200 mL). Fraction collected and evaluated by TLC method. Fractions collected and combined based on the separation profile.
2. Qualitative evaluation using TLC method with spray reagents. Elution system used was n-hexane: ethyl acetate (7:3) as mobile phase and silica gel GF254 with UV 254 nm and 366 nm.
3. Cytotoxic test
 - A) A ten milligrams of extract weighed and diluted with 100 μ L DMSO to obtain 100 μ g/mL. Sub stock made of a solution of stock and added culture media so obtained concentration 500, 250, 125, 62.5, 31.25, 15.625, and 7.8125 μ g/mL. All performed in LAF cabinet and sterile condition.
 - B) Cytotoxic test: Cance cell lines WiDr with density of 10,000 placed into micro plate 96 well, then incubated over night in CO₂ incubator. After that media culture which contain samples removed then added 110 μ L media culture that contain 5 mg/mL of MTT into each well. Micro plate then incubated for 4 hours at 37°C. Alive cell lines will react with MTT to form crystal formazan. After four hours, add the stopper, 100 μ L SDS solution to the well, then incubated in room temperature for a night. The solution obtained then measure by ELISA reader at λ 595 nm.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A. Fractionation

Fractionation aimed to simplify the profile compounds based on polarity the compounds. The result showed that clear profile to classified the fraction (fig 1).

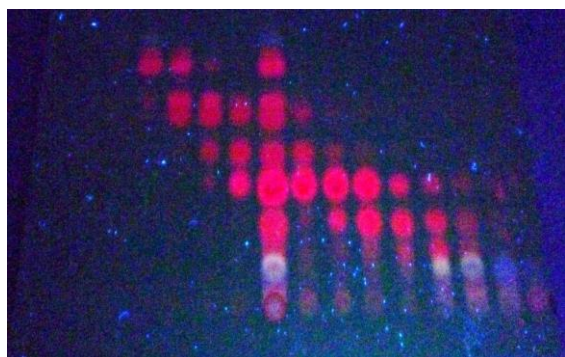


Figure 1. Chromatogram of fractionation (Silica gel GF254, n-hexane: ethyl acetate (7: 3) and observed in uv 366 nm) 13, 14, 15) fractions.

Qualitative evaluation of fractions stated that

polar fraction had flavonoids and polyphenol compounds (fig. 2).

C. WiDr Cells Cytotoxic

Cytotoxic test done to see if the polar, semipolar and nonpolar fractions have cytotoxic activity against the polar cell WiDr. The method used is the MTT assay, because it has some advantages such as the sensitivity and the high productivity, the ease in doing so, and speed in performing the method MTT [13]. Absorbtion MTT compounds by living cells and reduced tertazolium reductase system by succinate in the mitochondrial respiratory chain [4]. Mitochondrial enzymes can metabolize the salt tetrazolium tetrazolium ring so that the termination by the enzyme dehydrogenase is causing tetrazolium Crystal turned into the purple formazan which is not soluble in water [14] (figure 5, but soluble in HCl 10 in SDS [15].

Absorbance readings are performed using ELISA reader, because the crystals are soluble formazan SDS 10 in HCl. Absorbance obtained illustrate the number of cells that are still alive. The greater the absorbance obtained, the more cells that are alive and can reduce MTT formazan crystals become.

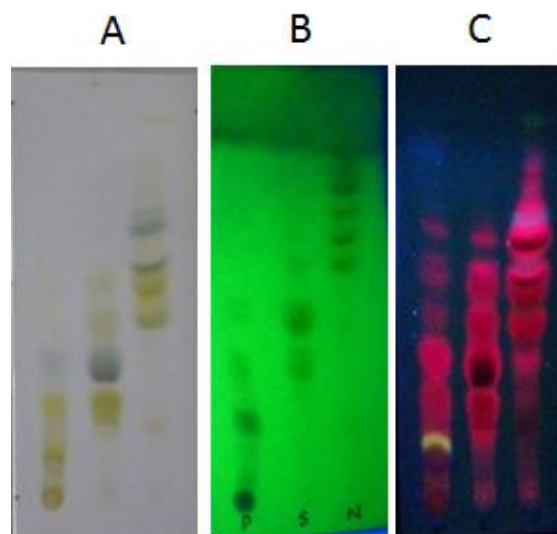


Figure 2. Profile Chromatogram Fractions-fraction before sprayed and observed in (a) the Beam Looked, (b) UV 254 nm, and (c) UV 365 nm with a Silica Plate Silent phase of GF 254 and N-Motion Phase n-Hexane: Ethyl acetate (7:3).

Based on the profile, the fraction grouped into 3 categories, namely polar (fraction number 4, 5 and 6), semi polar (8, 9, 10, and 11) and nonpolar (12,

Fractions' yield showed that polar fraction had highest percentage with 2.94 %, the lowest percentage was semi polar fraction with 2.20%.

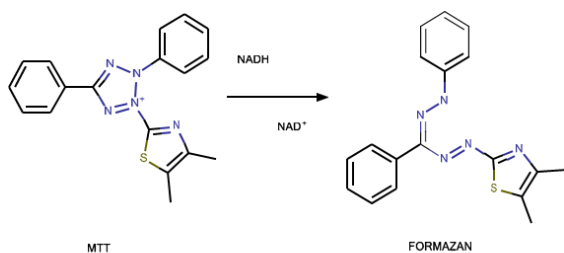


Figure 3: Formazan Reaction

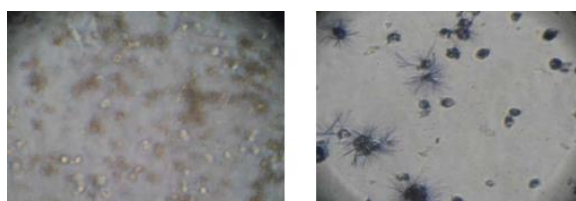


Figure 4. (A) a cell that has received the treatment (a: living cells, b cell: dead), (B) the formation of crystals of Formazan with MTT after treatment (c: crystals of Formazan)

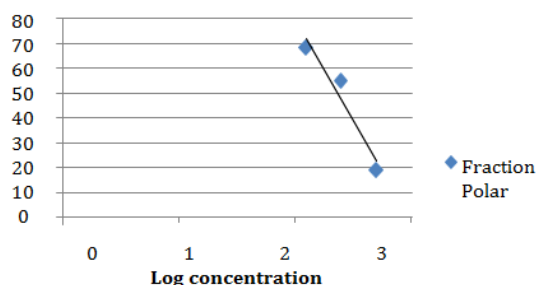


Figure 5. Relationship graph Log Concentration Vs living cells Fraction of ethanol extracts of Leaves of plants Polar Sala (*Cynometramiflora* Linn).

Based on the image above, it can be seen if the dead cells undergo changes in morphology and look dimmer (figure 4A. b.), whereas the cells that are still life looks light (image. 4A. a). Results of the ELISA readings in the polar fraction.

The test results of cytotoxic fraction polar only taken three point IE at concentrations of 500 µg/mL, 250 µg/mL, and 125 µg/mL because of 3 times the replication done this three-point which gives a profile of live cells are similar. A linear regression equation obtained i.e. $Y = -81.349x + 242.423$ with value R^2 of 0.932. IC50 values are obtained for the polar fraction of 231.953 µg/mL. The fraction of ethanol extracts of leaves of plants polar sala have cytotoxic activity in inhibiting cell growth WiDr. The presence of flavonoids content in the polar fraction allegedly capable of inhibiting cell growth WiDr. Flavonoid compounds able to obstruct the process of carcinogenic either in vitro or in vivo. The inhibition occurs at the initiation stage or progression through molecular mechanism of inactivation of carcinogenic compounds, among others, effect tumor cells, inhibition of angiogenesis and cell cycle, apoptosis and induction of antioxidant activity [16].

Other compounds detected in fractions-fraction of ethanol extracts of leaves of plants is chlorophyll sala. The existence of compounds

suspected chlorophyll may inhibit the growth of cells WiDr. Biological activities of chlorophyll that is associated with the prevention of growth of cancer cells. Include antioxidant and antimutagenic activities, involve trapping, metabolic modulation of apoptosis induction and xenobiotin [17].

Table 1. Result of Cytotoxicity Semipolar Fraction

| Cons. | Log Conc | % Life Cell | | Conc | Log. Conc. | %Life cell |
|--------|----------|-------------|---------|------|------------|------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| 500 | 2.69897 | 3.3308 | 41.9211 | 400 | 2.60206 | 11.5618 |
| 250 | 2.39794 | 73.8 | 80.3447 | 200 | 2.30103 | 74.2104 |
| 125 | 2.09691 | 74.1961 | 87.3891 | 100 | 2 | 108.6931 |
| 62.5 | 1.79588 | 68.9028 | 91.33 | 50 | 1.69897 | 98.0295 |
| 31.25 | 1.49485 | 78.2651 | 87.6354 | 25 | 1.39794 | 99.5943 |
| 15.625 | 1.19382 | 89.7879 | 94.9753 | 12.5 | 1.09691 | 97.2181 |
| 7.8125 | 0.89279 | 102.2469 | 95.5664 | 6.25 | 0.79588 | 116.8646 |

Table 2. Result of Cytotoxicity nonpolar Fraction

| Conc | Log Conc | % Life cell | | Conc | Log Conc | %Life cell |
|--------|----------|-------------|----------|------|----------|------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| 500 | 2.69897 | 32.5339 | 56.3546 | 400 | 2.60206 | 23.8481 |
| 250 | 2.39794 | 69.6950 | 64.7783 | 200 | 2.30103 | 49.3480 |
| 125 | 2.09691 | 83.9549 | 79.1625 | 100 | 2 | 67.1979 |
| 62.5 | 1.79588 | 94.2890 | 94.8768 | 50 | 1.69897 | 80.9910 |
| 31.25 | 1.49485 | 83.8825 | 91.33 | 25 | 1.39794 | 87.3659 |
| 15.625 | 1.19382 | 100.7346 | 99.5073 | 12.5 | 1.09691 | 97.8557 |
| 7.8125 | 0.89279 | 104.5515 | 104.0886 | 6.25 | 0.79588 | 111.5908 |

Therapeutic properties which belonged to the chlorophyll that is able to stimulate the immune system, colon cleanse, detox and the ability to prevent the occurrence of cancer and can be used in cancer therapy [18]. Based on research conducted by [19], the presence of chlorophyll in the extract of *Conyzatriloba* may inhibit the growth of cancer cells HeLa and H4IIE1, A549, HT29, and PC3 cell lines with IC₅₀ values of 0.07-0.87 µg. Other studies mention that the concentration of chlorophyll derivative 138 times lower than the MTX (methotrexate) can kill 50 MCF-7 cells which is derived from breast cancer cells [20].

Compared to other studies on leaf extract sala plants WiDr cells against the IC₅₀ value of 6.37 µg/mL [10], the IC₅₀ value for polar fraction with different extracts. Sala leaf extract has a high activity in inhibiting cell growth WiDr whereas polar fraction has a low activity in inhibiting cell growth WiDr. The difference between the activity of extracts and fractions occurred due to the effects of synergism compounds in the extract so that the possibility of therapeutic activity total extract greater than individual therapeutic activities [21].

The results of testing of semi polar and nonpolar fraction not obtained values of IC₅₀, however, for the fraction of semipolar with 15.625 µg/mL can inhibit cell growth of 7.618, while for non polar fraction with 250 µg/mL can inhibit cell growth of 32.763. The IC₅₀ values on both the fraction is not obtained because of the three times the replication has been done not obtained profile of live cells are similar. But only on the concentration of 15.625 µg/mL on a fraction of semipolar and 250 µg/mL in nonpolar fraction that gives a profile of live cells are similar.

Cytotoxic test using Doksorubisin as a positive control. Based on the results of the readings obtained by ELISA, calculation of living cells are listed in table 3.

Table 3. Data Log Concentration and % Life Cell Doksorubisin

| Conc | LogConc | %Life |
|--------|---------|---------|
| 100 | 2 | 9.8844 |
| 50 | 1.69897 | 13.4493 |
| 25 | 1.39794 | 16.9061 |
| 12.5 | 1.09691 | 22.8476 |
| 6.25 | 0.79588 | 29.8693 |
| 3.125 | 0.49485 | 40.5639 |
| 1.5625 | 0.19382 | 54.1032 |

Doxorubisin treatment data using only a 5 poin

concentration series, this is because the fifth point gives good value for R² or linear. Based on the dataliving cells are obtained by linear regression equation, i.e. $Y = -30.59E17 X + 57.21$ with R² of 0.970. From the equation obtained values of IC₅₀ of 1.721 µg/mL. Doxorubisin used as positive controls because these drugs have been shown to have good potential in inhibiting the growth of cancer cells. In addition, doxorubisin is used as a comparison to see the activity of cytotoxic WiDr cells against from each fraction [22].

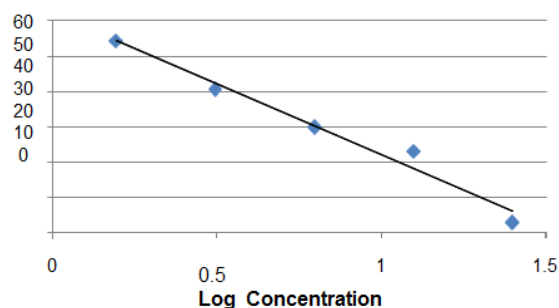


Figure 7. Relationship graph Log Concentration Vs living cells with the treatment Doksorubisin

IV. CONCLUSION

1. Extract the polar fraction of ethanol plant leaves sala plant (*Cynometra ramiflora* Linn.) cytotoxicity against cell WiDr, semipolar and nonpolar fraction have no cytotoxic activity against WiDr cells.
2. Polar fraction of IC₅₀ values 231.953 µg/mL, whereas for the fraction of semipolar and nonpolar IC₅₀ value is unavailable.
3. Compounds contained in the fraction of ethanol extracts of leaves of plants polar sala is a phenolic, flavonoids, and alkaloids, and at a fraction of semipolar and nonpolar compounds contain phenolic and alkaloids.

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