

Potential Cytotoxic on Breast Cancer Cells Line and Antioxidant of Water Extract of *Catharanthus roseus* [L] G.Don., *Dendrothoe petandra* L., *Curcuma mangga* Val., *Piper betle* L.

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Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women today. The madagascar prewinkle (*Catharanthus roseus* [L] G.Don), mango parasite (*Dendrothoe petandra* L.), white saffron (*Curcuma mangga* Val), betel leaves (*Piper betle* L.) have been reported to exhibit antioxidant, antimutagen and cytotoxic that suggested the chemopreventive potential against various cancer including breast cancer. This research was conducted to investigate cytotoxic activity on breast cancer cell line T47D, antioxidant activity of *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *C. mangga* and *P. betle* water extracts. The cytotoxic potency was determined with MTS (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-sulfophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium) assay. The antioxidant activities were determined by using *in vitro* assay of 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) scavenging activity. *C. roseus* water extract was able to inhibit T47D cell proliferation with IC₅₀ 4%, *D. petandra* with IC₅₀ 1%, *C. mangga* with IC₅₀ 14% and *P. betle* with IC₅₀ 3%. The highest DPPH scavenging activity of *C. roseus* was 71.87%, *D. petandra* was 75.11%, *C. mangga* was 38.45% and *P. betle* water extract was 83%. We suggest that *D. petandra*, *P. betle* and *C. roseus* water extract have a potential cytotoxic and antioxidant activities compared with *C. mangga* water extract.

Keywords : cytotoxic, antioxidant, *Catharanthus roseus*, *Dendrothoe petandra*, *Curcuma mangga*, *Piper betle*, water extract, breast cancer, T47D

Introduction

The three most commonly diagnosed types of cancer among women in 2010 were cancers of the breast, lung, and colorectum, accounting for 52% of cancer cases in this group. Breast cancer alone accounted for 28% (207,090) of all new cancer cases among women (Kaghani *et al.*, 2011). Breast cancer (BC) is one of the most important causes of morbidity and mortality representing the first tumor in the female sex in terms of incidence and the third in terms of mortality in the western world (Andreetta *et al.*, 2010).

The chemotherapeutic drugs including etoposide, camptothecin, vincristine, cis-platinum, cyclophosphamide, paclitaxel (Taxol), 5- fluorouracil and doxorubicin have been observed to induce apoptosis in cancer cells (Kaufman *et al.*, 2000; Johnstone *et al.*, 2002; Abdolmohammadi *et al.*, 2008). Lipid peroxidation is a free radical mediated phenomenon in biological tissues where poly unsaturated fatty acids are generally abundant and is used parameters for assessing the involvement of free radicals in cell damage (Sinha *et al.*, 2009), as evidenced by the formation of thiobarbituric acid reactive substances (TBARS), lipid hydroperoxides (LOOH) and conjugated dienes (CD) as well as the status of the antioxidants

superoxide dismutase (SOD), catalase (CAT), reduced glutathione (GSH), glutathione peroxidase (GPx) and glutathione-S-transferase (GST) in breast cancer tissues was enhanced compared to control (Kumaraguruparan *et al.*, 2002). Antioxidant CAT, SOD also act as anti-carcinogens and inhibitors at initiation and promotion/transformation stage in carcinogenesis. Mutation caused by potassium superoxide in mammalian cells is blocked by SOD. Plasma DNA strand scission caused by xanthine/xanthine oxidase is prevented by SOD and CAT enzymes (Sinha *et al.*, 2009). The leaves extract of *P. betle* is reported to exhibit biological capabilities of detoxication, antioxidation and antimutagenic activities that suggested the chemopreventive potential of the extract against various ailments including liver fibrosis (Shun *et al.*, 2007; Fatahilah *et al.*, 2010). Ethanolic extract of *P. betle* leaves is promising source as natural antioxidant and antiproliferative in breast cancer T47D cell line (Widowati *et al.*, 2011).

Herbal medicines are usually very easily accepted by women, as many as 80% of women with breast cancer use some form of complementary or alternative medicine, the most common using herbs, lessen the side effects of treatment, improve quality of life, provide a greater sense of control, and reduce stress (Roberts, 2010; Kaghani *et al.*, 2011). *C. roseus* was used as a remedy in cancer related diseases. Aerial part of the plant contains about 90 different alkaloids. Crude extract of *C. roseus* using 50 and 100% methanol had significant anticancer activity against different cell types in vitro at <15 µg/mL (Ueda *et al.*, 2002). *D. petandra* is traditionally used as cancer medicine. Its flavonoids content can inhibit growth of *Artemia salina* Leach as anticancer activity assay *in vivo* (Sukardiman *et al.*, 1999). White saffron rhizome is a spice commonly used in traditional medicine. Compounds from *C. mangga* showed high cytotoxic activity against a panel of human tumor cell lines, such as human leukemia (HL-60), breast cancer (MCF-7) and liver cancer (HepG2) (Abas *et al.*, 2005). Water extract of *C. mangga* exhibit antioxidant activity (Pujimulyani *et al.*, 2004).

Materials and Methods

Plants materials

Materials were aerials and roots of *C. roseus* [L] G.Don., small branches of *D. petandra* L. and rhizomes of *C. mangga* Val., leaves of *P. betle* were collected from plantation located in Bogor, West Java, Indonesia (May, 2009). The plants were identified by staff of herbarium, department of biology, school of life sciences and technology, Bandung institute of technology, Bandung, west Java, Indonesia. The aerials and roots, leaves and branches, leaves and rhizomes were collected, chopped finely and kept under drier tunnel (40-45°C).

Preparation of extract

Ten gram of dried and chopped materials were boiled with 100 ml distilled water (aquadest) with 75-90°C until the remained water was 50 ml, and filtrated. The water extracts were stored at 4 °C. The water extracts of *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* and *C. mangga* were dissolved in 10% dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO-Merck) and subsequently diluted to appropriate working concentrations with Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM-Sigma Aldrich) culture for proliferation inhibitor proliferative (Tan *et al.*, 2005).

Cell culture

The human breast cancer T47D cell line was obtained from the Indonesian institute of sciences, research centre for chemistry, division of natural products, food and pharmaceuticals, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia. The cells were grown and maintained in DMEM supplemented with 10% (v/v) foetal bovine serum (FBS-Sigma Aldrich), 100

units/ml penicillin (Sigma Aldrich) and 100 µg/ml streptomycin (Sigma Aldrich), and incubated at 37⁰ C in a humidified atmosphere and 5% CO₂ (Mooney *et al.*, 2002; Tan *et al.*, 2005).

DPPH scavenging activity assay

The DPPH assay was carried out as described by Unlu *et al* (2003). Pipette 50 µl of ethanol extracts of *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle*, *C. mangga*. To obtain the IC₅₀ value, a range of various final concentrations was used e.g. 100, 50, 25, 12.5; 6.25, 3.125, 1.563, 0.781, 0.391 and 0.195 µg/ml introduced at the microplate and then were added 200 µL of 0.077 mmol/l DPPH (Sigma Aldrich) in methanol and the reaction mixture was shaken vigorously and kept in the dark for 30 min at room temperature, furthermore DPPH scavenging activity was determined by microplate reader at 517 nm.

The radical scavenging activity of each sample was expressed by the ratio of lowering of the absorption of DPPH (%), relative to the absorption (100%) of DPPH solution in the absence of test sample (negative control).

$$\text{scavenging \%} = \frac{A_c - A_s}{A_c} \times 100$$

As: absorbance of samples, Ac: negative control absorbance (without sample)

IC₅₀ determination

The IC₅₀ (median inhibition concentration) is the concentration of toxic extract that reduces the biological activity by 50 %. The IC₅₀ value for cytotoxicity was obtained from the MTS assay and calculated using linear regression analysis in Microsoft Excel software. Optical density (OD) at 515 nm of cells number without treatment was established as standard curve function. Read OD of sample was converted to number of cells using standard curve equation, linear graphic of % living cells in function of extract concentrations was traced. The IC₅₀ value was the concentration of toxic extracts reduced the biological activity by 50 %.

Results

Cytotoxic activity of *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* and *C. mangga* extracts

Figure 1. shows the cell viability of T47D cells treated by *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* and *C. mangga* extracts, the *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* extracts exhibited a decrease in viability in a concentration dependent-manner. Higher concentration extracts will increase the cytotoxicity. The IC₅₀ of *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* and *C. mangga* extracts in T47D cells respectively were 1% ; 4%; 3% and 14% concentrations.

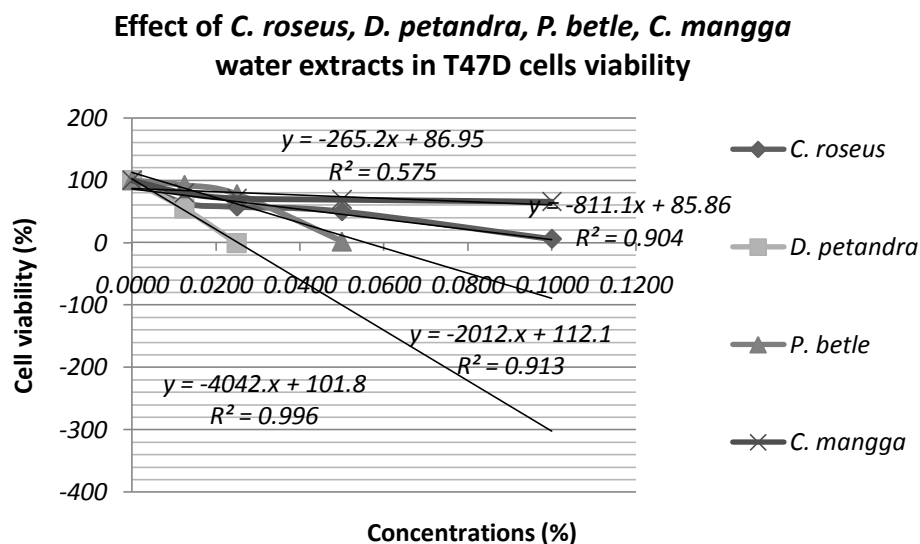


Figure 1. *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* and *C. mangga* water extracts in T47D cells viability

Antioxidant activity of *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* and *C. mangga* extracts

The DPPH free radical scavenging activity of *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* and *C. mangga* water extracts of various concentration were measured to examine the antioxidant activity. The IC_{50} is the concentration of antioxidants activity to scavenge DPPH free radical 50 %. Figure 2. shows the DPPH scavenging activity of *C. mangga* extract showed the lowest activity compared to *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* water extract. The highest of *P. betle*, *C. roseus*, *D. petandra* and *C. mangga* water extracts towards DPPH scavenging activity can be seen at Table 1.

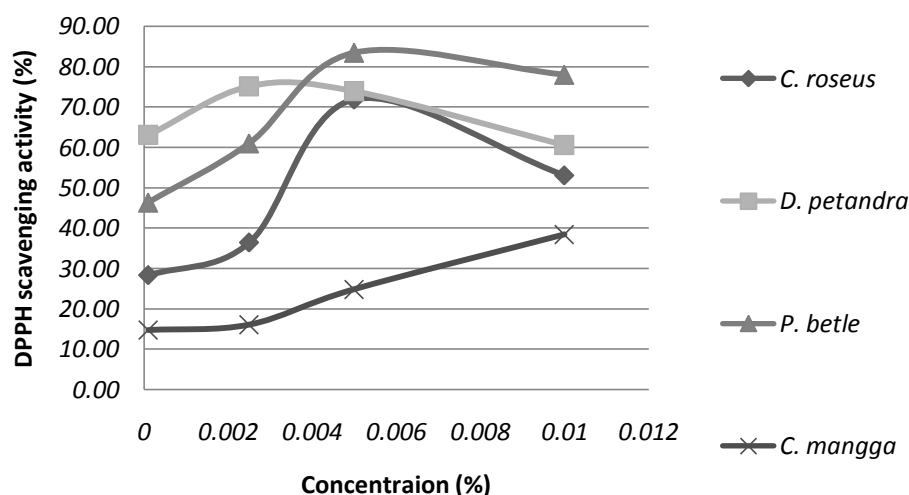


Figure 2. The DPPH scavenging activity of *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* and *C. mangga* water extracts

Table 1. The highest DPPH scavenging activity

Samples	The highest DPPH scavenging activity (%)	Concentration (%)
<i>C. roseus</i>	71.87	0.5% (0.005)
<i>D. petandra</i>	75.11	0.25% (0.0025)
<i>P. betle</i>	83.46	0.5% (0.005)
<i>C. mangga</i>	38.46	1% (0.01)

Discussion

Base on the data (Figure 1.) showed that *C. roseus*, *D. petandra* and *P. betle* water extracts had cytotoxic activity with IC_{50} 4%, 1% and 3%. This results were validated with previous study by Widowati *et al.* (2010a) and Widowati *et al.* (2011) that *C. roseus* ethanolic extract has cytotoxic activity, can induce apoptosis in T47D cell line. This results are consistent with previous studies the *C. roseus* extract is able to induce DNA fragmentation by gel electrophoresis. In each case, DNA fragmentation was characterised by oligonucleosomal size fragments of about 180-200 base pairs (bp), a well-known feature indicative of programmed cell death (Compton 1992; Ahmad *et al.*, 2010). Crude extract of *C. roseus* using 50 and 100% methanol had significant anticancer activity against different cell types *in vitro* at $<15\mu\text{g/mL}$ (Ueda *et al.*, 2002). Crude decoction (200 mg and 1 g herb/mL water) showed moderate *in vitro* antiangiogenesis effects (Ghosh and Gupta, 1980; Chattopadhyay *et al.*, 1991, 1992). *D. petandra* water extract showed cytotoxic activity. This results are validated with previous research that *D. petandra* is traditionally used as cancer medicine. Its flavonoids content can inhibit growth of *Artemia salina* Leach as anticancer activity assay *in vivo* (Sukardiman *et al.*, 1999), but this results was not validated with previous study that water and ethanolic extracts of *D. petandra* leaves has not cytotoxic activity in melanoma cancer B16 cell line (Artanti *et al.*, 2006), ethanolic extract of *D. petandra* has no cytotoxic activity in breast cancer T47D cell line with IC_{50} 728.05 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ (Widowati *et al.*, 2011). *P. betle* water extract showed cytotoxic activity. This results were validated with previous study by Widowati *et al.* (2011) that *P. betle* ethanolic extract has cytotoxic activity with IC_{50} 55.2 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. This results are consistent with previous studies that *P. betle* aqueous extract has antiproliferative activity towards nasopharyngeal epidermoid carcinoma cells (Fatahilah *et al.*, 2010). Cytotoxic effect of *P. betle* aqueous extract on KB cells, exhibit strength antiproliferative activity towards KB cells with IC_{50} 29,5 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and do not show any cytotoxic activity even at 100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ on HeLa cells. Biologically active in the *P. betle* extract is identified as chlorogenic acid and kills myeloid and lymphoid cancer cells but normal cells are unaffected (IICB Report, 2004). The chlorogenic acid is shown to induce program cell death in human cancer cells transplanted in experimental nude mice and at the same time, shows no effect on the growth of non-cancerous cells. Those previous studies showed that *P. betle* extract has great potential to be developed as a target-specific, therapeutic drug for blood cancer (Fatahilah *et al.*, 2010). *P. betle* aqueous leaves extracts have found to exhibit stronger antiproliferative activity towards human nasopharyngeal epidermoid carcinoma (KB) cells compared to their essential oils (Manosroi *et al.*, 2006; Fatahilah *et al.*, 2010). *C. mangga* water extract exhibited no anticancer activity in T47D cell line, with IC_{50} resulted 14%, this result was validated with previous research that ethanolic extract of *C. mangga* has no anticancer activity in T47D cell line with IC_{50} 404.76 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ (Widowati *et al.*, 2011).

Base on data Table 1. and Figure 2. showed that *C. roseus* water extract had antioxidant activity to scavenge DPPH free radical at level concentration 0.5% resulted 71.87%. This results were not validated with previous studies that ethanolic extract of

C. roseus has no antioxidant activity (Widowati *et al.*, 2010a; Widowati *et al.*, 2011). *D. petandra* water extract had antioxidant activity to scavenge DPPH free radical at level concentration 0.25% resulted 75.11%. This results were validated with previous research that *D. petandra* ethanolic extract exhibit highest antioxidant activity is comparable with ascorbic acid and quercetin (Widowati *et al.*, 2011). The crude decoction of *D. petandra* has high antioxidant activity (Maria, 1996), Water and ethanol extract of *D. petandra* exhibit DPPH free radical scavenging activity with $IC_{50} < 50 \mu\text{g/ml}$ (Fajriah *et al.*, 2006). Quercetin is one of the compound in *D. petandra* has high antioxidant activity (Dewiyanus, 1996; Gordon, 2001). *P. betle* water extract had antioxidant activity to scavenge DPPH free radical at level concentration 0.5% resulted 83.46%. This results were validated with previous research that *P. betle* ethanolic extract exhibit high antioxidant activity with $IC_{50} 3.48 \mu\text{g/ml}$ (Risidian *et al.*, 2010) and IC_{50} of ethanolic extract of *P. betle* is $5.49 \mu\text{g/ml}$ (Widowati *et al.*, 2011). *P. betle* ethanolic extract is higher DPPH scavenging activity than *C. roseus* and *C. mangga* extract. Therefore, we assume that DPPH free radical scavenging activity is related to the presence of bioactive compounds such as phenolic compounds in extract. Our previous work showed that phenolic contents using kaempferol as standard, *P. betle* ethanolic extract contains high polyphenol $548.667 \mu\text{g KE/mg}$ (Widowati *et al.*, 2010b), using *Epigallo Catehin Gallate* (EGCG) as standard, *P. betle* ethanolic extract contains high polyphenol $269.97 \mu\text{g EGCG/mg}$ (Risidian *et al.*, 2010). Polyphenol-rich extracts are potent DPPH scavengers offering overall protection against various stresses. *P. betle* extract shows activity similar to quercetin and protects LDL from oxidation in a dose dependent manner at concentrations higher than $10 \mu\text{g/ml}$ (Kumar *et al.*, 2010). Polyphenols are one of the major plant compounds with antioxidant activity. The $-\text{OH}$ groups in phenolic compounds are thought have a significant role in antioxidant activity (Arumugam *et al.*, 2006). The antioxidant activity of phenolic compounds is reported to be mainly due to their redox properties (Rahman *et al.*, 2008). Aqueous extract of *P. betle* leaves is also shown to be a scavenger of H_2O_2 , superoxide radical and hydroxyl ($\cdot\text{OH}$) radical (Kumar *et al.*, 2010). *C. mangga* water extract had no antioxidant activity to scavenge DPPH free radical at level concentration 1% resulted 38.46%, this research is very contradictory with previous research by Ruangsang *et al.* (2009) which *C. mangga* rhizomes have antioxidant, anticancer and anti-inflammatory activities. Water extract of white saffron (*C. mangga*) exhibit antioxidant activity using β -carotene bleaching and DPPH scavenging method. Higher concentration of white saffron extract will increase the antioxidant activity, it may be due the curcuminoid content (Pujimulyani *et al.*, 2004). Curcuminoid is one of the compounds in *Curcuma* exhibit antioxidant activity as free radical scavenger (Majeed *et al.*, 1995; Pujimulyani *et al.*, 2004). The antioxidative activity of curcuminoid compounds (curcumin, demethoxy curcumin and bisdemethoxy curcumin) is 20, 9 and 8 times higher compared with α -tocopherol using modified active oxygen method (Toda *et al.*, 1985; Pujimulyani *et al.*, 2004).

Conclusions

Water extracts of *C. roseus*, *D. petandra*, *P. betle* have cytotoxic activity in breast cancer T47 D cell line and have antioxidant activity to scavenge DPPH free radical activity. Water extract of *C. mangga* has no cytotoxic activity and antioxidant activity.

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