



## Research Article

### ISOLATION OF $\alpha$ -GLUCOSIDASE INHIBITORY ACTIVE COMPOUNDS FROM ETHANOL EXTRACT OF KAYU TUAH (*ANTIDESMA CELEBICUM* MIQ.) LEAVES

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#### ABSTRACT

*Antidesma celebicum* Miq. belongs to Euphorbiaceae family has been used as antidiabetic traditional medicine. The aim of the research was to isolate the  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitory compound from ethanol extract of *Antidesma celebicum* leaves. The isolation have been done using column chromatography silica gel 60 and the structure was determined base on spectral data of IR, MS, NMR. The result showed that the isolation obtained gallic acid as  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitor with  $IC_{50}$  value of 0.057 mM.

**Keyword:** *Antidesma celebicum* Miq., leaves,  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase, antidiabetic

#### INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus is well recognized as a major health problem associated with increased morbidity and mortality and high health care costs. It is characterized by hyperglycemia and alteration in carbohydrate, protein, and lipid metabolism caused by defects in insulin production or action.<sup>1</sup> Postprandial hyperglycemia is a prominent and early defect in diabetes which can in turn lead to various secondary complications including risk factor for cardiovascular diseases.<sup>2,3</sup> Therefore one therapeutic approach for treating diabetes is to control the postprandial hyperglycemia by retarding the absorption of glucose.  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase is a key enzyme in carbohydrate digestion. It catalyzes the hydrolysis of 1,4- $\alpha$ -glucosidic bonds within carbohydrates with release of  $\alpha$ -glucose and promotes the increase of blood glucose levels after meal. Alpha-Glucosidase inhibitors antagonize the activity of  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase, there by delaying intestinal carbohydrate absorption and slowing the sharp rise in blood sugar levels that diabetic patients typically experience after meal.<sup>4</sup> For this reason,  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitors, such as acarbose and voglibose, are clinically used as oral anti hyperglycemic agents.<sup>5,6</sup> However, they often cause severe gastrointestinal side effects such as flatulence and diarrhea. Therefore, search for new  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitors from natural resources has become an attractive approach for the treatment of postprandial hyperglycemia. Plant materials and herbal extracts have been used in diabetes traditional medicine. Plants that contain polyphenolic compounds have been known interact with proteins and inhibit enzyme activities.<sup>7</sup> The previous research showed that plants from Euphorbiaceae family possess  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitory activity, including kayu tuah. Based on the previous study, the  $IC_{50}$  value of 80 % ethanol extract from kayu tuah leaves is 3.92  $\mu$ g/mL but it has not known the active compound that has the highest inhibitory activity of  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase.<sup>8</sup> Therefore, this reseach was performed to isolate the  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitory compound from ethanol extract of *Antidesma celebicum* leaves.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Leaves of kayu tuah were collected in January 2013 and identified by The Center for Plant Conservation from Bogor Botanical Garden with the authentic number is 2466/IPH.3.02/KS/VI/2013. The specimen was deposited by Herbarium of Pharmacognosy

Laboratorium Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Indonesia (24/A/HLF/UI).

#### Chemicals

n-hexane, ethyl acetate, methanol,  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase enzyme (Sigma Chemical Co.), p-nitrofenil- $\alpha$ -D-glucopiranoside (Sigma Chemical Co.), acarbose.

#### Extraction and Isolation

The simplisia powder (3.013 kg) was refluxed for 1 hour with 70 % ethanol for 3 times and then evaporated. Extract was dispersed in water with the ratio of 1:1, and then performed with a liquid chromatography used n-hexane, ethyl acetat, and methanol. A number of 20.0 g fraction with the highest  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitory activity was isolated by coloumn chromatography silica gel 60 with n-hexane, ethyl acetate and methanol as mobile phases. Then the highest  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitory activity fraction obtained some subfractions.

#### Inhibition Assay for $\alpha$ -Glucosidase activity

Inhibition of the  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase assay was performed on all fractions and isolate. Research procedure refers to method of Kim *et al.*<sup>9</sup> Samples (5 to 500  $\mu$ g/mL) as much as 30 ml was added with 36 ml phosphate buffer pH 6.8 and 17 ml p-nitrofenil- $\alpha$ -D-glucopiranoside, incubated for 5 minutes at 37°C. Into the sample solution was added 17 ml  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase enzyme (0.15 unit/mL), then incubated again for 15 minutes at 37°C. After incubation period was completed, added 267 mM sodium carbonate to stop the reaction. Solution absorbance was measured with a microplate reader at  $\lambda$  405 nm. In addition to test the extract performed as well as a positive control inhibition activity (acarbose). The  $IC_{50}$  were performed which the concentration of extract that inhibit 50 %  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase activity.

#### Structure Identification

The structure of isolate was determined base on spectral data of IR, MS, NMR.

## RESULTS

Assay for  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitory activity

Inhibitory activity of  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase was tested in 70 % ethanol extract of kayu tuah leaves. Table 1 show that the ethyl acetate fraction of kayu tuah leaves from the liquid chromatography has  $IC_{50}$  value 57.60  $\mu$ g/mL and subfraction (E) has  $IC_{50}$  value 68.30  $\mu$ g/mL. Table 2 shows that the isolate have the high inhibitory activity of  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase than acarbose with  $IC_{50}$  0.057mM.

## Isolation

Isolated from ethyl acetate fraction obtained 8 sub fractions and subfraction (E) has the highest  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitory activity with  $IC_{50}$  value 68.30  $\mu$ g/mL. Subfraction (E) then isolated again using a smaller column chromatography to obtain pure compounds. Purification results obtained isolate.

## Structure Identification

Isolate is soluble in methanol and with reagent  $FeCl_3$  3 % is dark blue. Data LC-MS showed that the isolate has a molecular weight  $[M^+] = 170$  with molecular formula  $C_7H_6O_5$ . Data spectra FTIR of isolate on the wavelength  $\nu = 3286.81\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $3497.06\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicates the presence of the O-H bond stretching vibration, the wavelength  $\nu = 1701.27\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicates the presence of the carboxylic group stretching vibration  $=COOH$ , and the wavelength  $\nu = 1541.18\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicates the presence of an aromatic ring  $-C=C-$ . Data  $^1H$ -NMR spectra (solvent  $CD_3OD$ , 500 MHz) obtained  $\delta$  7:05 (1H, s). Data  $^{13}C$ -NMR spectra ( $CD_3OD$ , 500 MHz) obtained  $\delta$  110.37; 122.71; 139.45, and 146.44 atom C in the aromatic ring,  $\delta$  170.95 indicates the presence of C=O carbonyl. Based on the literature it is known that isolate were obtained from the results of this study are similar to the structure of gallic acid (3, 4, 5 acid trihidroksibenzoat) Figure 2 Structure Gallic acid.

Table 1: Data of  $IC_{50}$  value from extract ethanol 80 % from kayu tuah leaves

No	Sample	$IC_{50}$ ( $\mu$ g/mL)
1	Acarbose	38,37
<b>Fraction from liquid chromatography of kayu tuah leaves</b>		
2	n-Hexane	126,18
3	Ethyl acetate	57,60
4	Methanol	61,91
<b>Subfraction from chromatography column of kayu tuah leaves</b>		
5	A (n-hexane:ethyl acetate)	141,51
6	B (n-hexane:ethyl acetate)	141,64
7	C (n-hexane:ethyl acetate)	94,00
8	D (n-hexane:ethyl acetate)	92,58
9	E (n-hexane:ethyl acetate)	68,30
10	F (n-hexane:ethyl acetate)	84,67
11	G (ethyl acetate:methanol)	99,62
12	H (ethyl acetate:methanol)	166,68

Table 2: Data of  $IC_{50}$  value from gallic acid

Sample	$IC_{50}$ (mM)
Acarbose	0,005
Gallic Acid	0,057

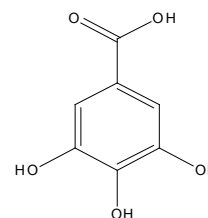
Figure 1: Kayu tuah (*Antidesma celebicum* Miq.)

Figure 2: Structure of gallic acid

## DISCUSSION

Ethyl acetate fraction of kayu tuah (*Antidesma celebicum* Miq.) leaves had the highest  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitory activity. The ethyl acetate fraction was conducted by chromatographic coloumn using various organic solvent and obtained 8 sub fractions (A-J). The subfraction E [n-hexane:ethyl acetate (20:80)] had the highest activity as antidiabetic. Subfraction (E) then isolated again using a

smaller column chromatography and the isolation obtained gallic acid as  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitor with  $IC_{50}$  value of 0.057 mM. In this study, gallic acid illustrate as potential antidiabetic treatment. Ellagic acid (gallic acid polymer) in meniran lewes (*Phyllanthus niruri* L; Euphorbiaceae) have hypoglycemic activity in experimental animals as well as diabetic patient. Ellagic acid in plants can inhibit enzyme aldose reductase. This enzyme works in the polyol pathway (formation of sorbitol and fructose than

glucose). In diabetic patients, the process conversion of glucose to fructose was disturbed. Since the action of the enzyme aldose reductase is inhibited by ellagic acid so that the increase in blood glucose can be lowered and the glucose metabolism toward equilibrium.<sup>10</sup>

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