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Antibacterial Activity of Leaves Extract of Bukkol (*Ziziphus mauritania* Lam) against *E.coli* and *S.aureus*

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Abstract

Bukkol (*Ziziphus mauritania* Lam) has potential as bioactive compounds. The present research aims to investigate the phytochemical screening and antibacterial activity of the crude ethanolic extract of *Ziziphus mauritania* Lam against *E. coli* and *S.aureus*. The concentration of ethanolic extract of *Ziziphus mauritania* Lam leaves were 1%, 10%, 20%, 30%, and 40%. The method analyzed by the paper disc method (agar plate). The result of phytochemical screening shown that extract of *Ziziphus mauritania* Lam leaves has the detectable amount of secondary metabolites like flavonoids, tannins, saponins, and steroids. The result of ethanolic extract of *Ziziphus mauritania* Lam leaves against *S.aureus* with the concentration of 1%, 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% indicating antibacterial activity which are 0 mm; $0,92 \pm 0,056$ mm; $1,22 \pm 0,021$ mm; $1,36 \pm 0,017$ mm and $1,68 \pm 0,03$ mm. While extract of *Ziziphus mauritania* Lam leaves has no antibacterial activity against *E.coli* growth.

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1. Introduction

The potency of medicinal plants in Indonesia is very abundant, especially on Madura Island [1]. The medicinal plants have great importance for human beings. The medicinal plants have chemical constituents called secondary metabolites [2]. Bukkol (*Ziziphus mauritiana*) is one of a medicinal plant from genus *Ziziphus* belongs to Rhamnaceae family [3, 4]. Furthermore, *Z.mauritiana* could found in the environment around. Distribution of this genus in the tropical and subtropical regions of the world [3, 4]. *Z.mauritiana* is used to various nutrition and traditional medicine for human ailments [4–6]. The fruit contains relatively high vitamin C. It contains 20-30% sugar, more protein from 2.5% and

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12.8% carbohydrates [7]. The leaves, on generally used for treat diarrhea, stop nausea, vomiting, asthma, fever and anti dermatitis [3–5,8]. Besides, some research shows that metabolites secondary on *Z. mauritania* leaves contain flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, and phenolic compounds [2–5,8,9].

It shows that *Z. mauritiana* has potency as antibacterial. Antibiotics are systematic from organic ingredients for inhibitor destroy bacteria certain [10]. However, conditions that in low levels [10]. The biggest problem in the drug industry that is resistance bacteria against *Z. mauritiana* [2]. Content metabolites secondary, one of them, tannin has activity biological as an antibiotic [1]. Then, ethanol on *Z. Mauritiana* Leaves also effective for answer bacteria good gram-positive or negative [9].

Therefore, the need for information more goes on related womb metabolite secondary on *Z. mauritiana* can be used as antibacterial [11]. On this research, *Z. mauritiana* was taken from wild plants (not plant cultivation) located on the island.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Plant material

Leaves of Bukkol (*Ziziphus Mauritania*) (wild type) collected from the surroundings of Gili Timur district, Kamal, Bangkalan, Madura. The specimen has deposited at Department of Natural Science Education. Samples were crushed and put into a glass container and saved until the extraction procedure performed in the laboratory.

2.2. Chemicals

Ethanol 96%, aquadest, chloroform, acetone pa, sulfuric acid, MHA media, NaCl, sterile stick cotton, Whatman filter paper, *E. coli*, *S. aureus* and reagents for phytochemical tests.

2.3. Preparation of extracts

Leaves of samples were adequately dried and smoothed into a grainy powder. Each of 50 g grinded powders was soaked into 500 ethanol 96%, separated for three days. After three days of dissolving, then the mixture was filtered. Then, filtrates were evaporated using rotary evaporator.

2.4. Bacterial suspension

E.coli and *S.aureus* colonies (24 hours) were taken with oasis wire and then suspended into sterile aquadest by applying bacterial colonies to the test tube wall and then stirred with distilled water to form turbidity or density.

2.5. Antibacterial activity

The antibacterial activity used Kirby Bauer method (using a disc). The media used 19 g of Mueller-Hinton Agar (MHA) was dissolved in 0.5 L distilled water, and then sterilized in an autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes. Each petri dish was filled with 15-20 mL of MHA media and left for a while until it solidified. In solid media 0.1 mL, the bacterial suspension was distributed which was adjusted to the standard using spreader rods. The first media MHA was divided into 7 parts, each of which was placed in a disc containing ethanol extract of plant leaves *Z. mauritiana* with a concentration of control positive (tetracycline), control negative (DMSO), ethanolic extract of *Z. mauritiana* with 1%, 10%, 20%, 30% and 40%. Then incubated at 37 ° C for 24 hours and observed bacterial growth at each concentration. The length of the inhibitory zone formed is measured by a ruler in millimeters.

3. Result and Discussion

3.1. Preliminary phytochemical screening

Phytochemical screening results of ethanolic extract of *Z. mauritiana* leaves showed that the extracts of *Z. mauritiana* contained secondary metabolites (Table 1). Phytochemical screening is used to identify secondary metabolites like alkaloids, phenolic compounds, flavonoids, steroids, etc. [12].

TABLE 1: Phytochemical constituents of ethanolic extract of *Z. mauritiana*.

Chemicals Constituents	Ethanol extract
Alkaloids	-
Saponins	+
Flavonoids	+
Tannins	+
Terpenoids	-
Steroids	+

In this research, the results of preliminary phytochemical screening for the ethanolic extract of *Z. mauritiana* leaves confirmed the presence of secondary metabolites like tannins, steroids, saponins, and flavonoids (Table 1). The result of this research was also supported by previous research as shown in Ref [9], leaves of *Z. mauritiana* contain phenolic compounds, saponins, and tannins; Parmar P. et al. showed that leaves of *Z. mauritiana* possess saponins, phenolic compounds, lignins, tannins, and glycosides [13]; Abdallah E.M et al. showed that extract of *Z. mauritiana* leaves possess terpenoids, saponins [4], alkaloids, tannins, and phenolic compounds. Phytochemical screening of *Z. mauritiana* leaves extract rich in various bioactive constituents like flavonoids, saponins, resins, tannins, coumarins, cardiac glycosides, phenols, phytosterols, quinones and terpenoids [2].

Based from Table 1, the result of phytochemical screening were not found alkaloids and terpenoids compound. This is supported by Afnidar as shown in Ref [14] that each plant has an almost limited ability to synthesize secondary metabolite. The secondary metabolite have an ability to against microorganisms and insects; the secondary metabolites are molecules have specific properties (not all organisms contain similar compounds), have various structures, each compound has a different function [14].

3.2. Antibacterial activity

Z. mauritiana leaves extract in Islam are recommended according to the Sunnah, (extract in water) is used for a person who embraces Islam to bathe with *Z. mauritiana* extract [15]. Bioactivity of the plant caused by these plant contains secondary metabolite compounds [15]. As explained in previous studies about the phytochemistry content of *Z. mauritiana* extract which acts as traditional medicine, among others extracts from water obtained tannins and saponins, while extracts from alcohol obtained flavonoids, glycosides, alkaloids, and phenols which act as antibacterial [9]; flavonoids, alkaloids, glycoside, steroids, phenols, tannins, saponins, sterols and terpenoids which act as antioxidants and antibacterial; tannins, terpenoids, and flavonoids as antimicrobials [16]. This shows that there is a belief in *Z. mauritiana* can provide an antibacterial effect. The result of the antibacterial activity of the ethanolic extract from *Z. mauritiana* leaves who taken from the wild plant that grows in Gili Timur, Bangkalan, East Java-Indonesia are shown in Table 2.

Based on Table 2 and Fig.1(b), the inhibition zone on *E. coli* growth at one-week observation showed that at concentrations of 1%, 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% with three repetitions showed no antibacterial activity against *E. coli* growth. This can be seen by

TABLE 2: Antibacterial activity of the ethanolic extract of *Z. mauritiana* Leaves.

No.	Extract Concentration (%)	Diameter of Inhibition Zone (mm)	
		<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>
1	1	0	0
2	10	0,92±0,056	0
3	20	1,22±0,021	0
4	30	1,36±0,017	0
5	40	1,68±0,03	0
6	Control (+)	3,73±0,522	2,92±0,313
7	Control (-)	0	0

the formation of an inhibitory zone around the disc. No inhibition zone formation due to the resulting ethanol extract of *Z. mauritiana* leaves was a crude extract [14]. This is reinforced by the research of [17] which showed that low concentrations of *Z. mauritiana* extract have not been able to damage the cell wall of *E. coli* bacteria. This does not mean that the sample is not active, but is likely to be influenced by the concentration of the test sample used. Positive control of tetracycline solution shows the inhibition zone formed around the disc with an average inhibition zone diameter of 2.92 ± 0.313 mm. Negative control of DMSO solution shows that there is no antibacterial activity characterized by no formation of inhibitory zones around the disc.

While based Table 2 and Fig.1 (a) the inhibitory test results of ethanol extract of *Z. mauritiana* leaves on growth of *S. aureus* for 1 week were obtained at concentrations of 1%, 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% with three repetitions indicating antibacterial activity which are $0,92 \pm 0,056$ mm; $1,22 \pm 0,021$ mm; $1,36 \pm 0,017$ mm and $1,68 \pm 0,03$ mm. The difference in antibacterial activity at each concentration depends on the concentration, chemical structure and species of the bacteria [18]. The presence of antibacterial activity is indicated by the inhibition zone around the disc. This antibacterial activity is caused by the presence of secondary metabolites in *Z. mauritiana* leaves such as tannins, steroids, saponins, and flavonoids (Table 1).

Crude extracts of plants often used as traditional medicine have been investigated for antibacterial activity; several previous studies have supported this, including; Fiori et al. was found that tannins tested exhibited various antibacterial and anti-yeast activities [19]; Akiyama et al. (2001) tannin have shown potency as antibacterial [20]; Sung Si Heung (2012) the tannin extract of distilled water from chestnut hull have shown maximum antibacterial activity against *S. flexneri*, followed by *B. coagulans* [21]; Tannins are polyphenolic compounds used as chemical defenses against herbivory and pathogens [22] (Gedir et al., 2005). There are having antimicrobial activity [23]. "Wafa Nouioua

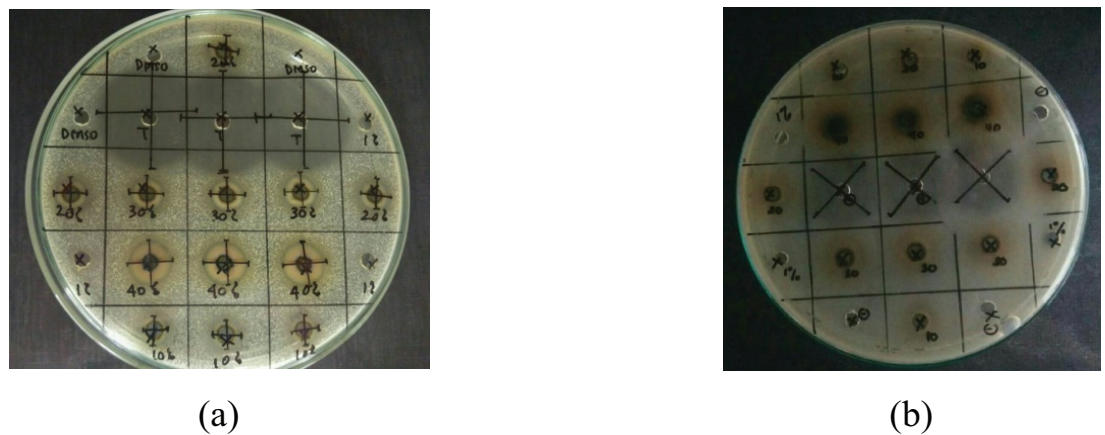


Figure 1: Inhibition zone of extract *Z. mauritiana* leaves: (a). *S. aureus* and (b) *E. coli*.

[24]” showed that tannins and flavonoids extracted from *Phlomisbovei De Noé*, present potential as antimicrobial and antioxidant activities [24]. Flavonoids in some plants are known to have antibacterial properties [25]. “Manik et al. [26]” said that the total flavonoid content affect the magnitude of antibacterial activity. “Cushnie et al. [27] identified the structures of flavonoids possessing antiviral antifungal and antibacterial activity.

Related studies of antibacterial activity show that crude extracts containing triterpenes, flavonoids, and steroids have significant activity against various strains of *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Streptococcus faecalis* [28]. The chemical structural properties of the steroid-antibiotic agents which seem to be the key needed to antibacterial activity. It has also been suggested that membrane selectivity is primarily derived from the ionic recognition of negatively charged bacterial membranes. Also, several studies suggest that functional groups of steroid derivative are involved in the bacterial activity [29].

The mechanism of saponins as an antibacterial is to reduce surface tension resulting in increased permeability or damage of cells and resulting intracellular compounds will exit [30]. According to Ref [31], this compound diffuses through the outer membrane and cell walls, then binds to the cytoplasmic membrane and reduces the stability. This causes the cytoplasm to leak out of the cell which results in cell death [32]. Saponins work as antimicrobials because saponin compounds can perform inhibitory mechanisms by forming complex compounds with cell membranes through hydrogen bonds, to destroy the permeability properties of bacterial cell walls and cause bacterial cell death [33].

According to Ref [34], the inhibitory zone shows the sensitivity of bacteria to antibacterial activity. This is supported by [35] that the ability of antibacterial substances to inhibit bacterial growth can be determined by measuring the inhibitory zones formed around the disc. However, at a concentration of 1% does not show antibacterial activity against

E.coli growth. Positive control of tetracycline solution shows the inhibition zone formed around the disc with an average inhibition zone diameter of 3.73 ± 0.522 mm. Negative control of DMSO solution shows that there is no antibacterial activity characterized by no formation of inhibitory zones around the disc.

4. Conclusions

The crude ethanolic extract of *Z. mauritiana* leaves has phytochemical constituents including tannins, saponins, steroids, and flavonoids. The ethanolic extract of *Z.mauritiana* leaves against *S.aureus* with optimal concentration in 40% that indicating antibacterial activity which is $1,68 \pm 0,03$ mm. While extract of *Z.mauritania* leaves has no antibacterial activity against *E.coli* growth.

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