Antioxidant Capacity Profile of Dewandaru Leaf (Extract Eugenia uniflora L.): Part of Usadha Bali

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ABSTRACT

The aim: Bali has around 50,000 usadha palm oil which is a source of untreated herbal medicine. One of the plants that has the potential as an antioxidant and is traditionally used by the community is Dewandaru (Eugenia uniflora L.) plant. Dewandaru containing tannins, flavonoids, and anthocyanins. Dewandaru plants have antibacterial activity, antiox 2 ants, antidotes to free radicals Method: making extract with six different solvents, among them methanol, ethyl acetate, n-butanol, chloroform, and n-hexane. The measurements were taken of the reduction of free radical activity by observing the absorbance at the maximum wavelength with a UV-Vis spectrophotometer alternately on the six samples Results: Secondary metabolites contained in Dewandaru leaves, namely flavonoids, tannins, an 10 juinones. The value obtained is IC50 methanol extract 5,857 ppm; n-butanol extract 8,893 ppm; ethyl acetate extract 15,203 ppm; n-hexane extract 162.7315 ppm; and chloroform extract 75,873 ppm. Methanol extract, n-butanol, and ethyl acetate have very strong antioxidant activity because <50 ppm; n-hexane extract has weak antioxidant activity (ranging from 150-200 ppm); and chloroform extract has strong antioxidant activity (ranging from 50-100 ppm). Major conclusions: dewandaru leaves has the potential as a natural antioxidant in the treatment section of Usadha Bali.

Keyword: Antioxidant activities, DPPH, Dewandaru leaves (Eugenia uniflora L), IC 50.

INTRODUCTION

Various sources of free radicals can be found in our daily life, such as vechicle and factory smoke, radiation, food, and the result of body's oxidation process. Free radicals are atoms or groups which have one or more unpaired electrons. Antioxidant is a compound which can obstruct the oxidation reaction by binding free radicals and molecule which are very reactive, therefore cell damage can be obstructed. This compound has lightweight of molecule but it can inactivate the development of oxidation reaction by preventing the radical forming.

Usadha Balinese traditional healing scienc has not been scientifically developed either for the purpose of healing or for local drink. Moreover, it has not been developed globally yet. Bali has about 50.000 lontar usadha, the literature of herbal healing, which is not well developed. If it was developed properly, it could improve people health and economical issues because its cost is relatively low and it does not have chemical impacts (Sutomo et al.,2019).

Health problem can be reviewed from health economic science. One of medical plants which is used as medicine by Balinese traditional healer is *Dewandaru*. The use of traditional medical plants has not been developed scientifically. Therefore, no body knows how its contents can heal people (Akrishnan, 2018). Its use is just based on people belief, experience and testimonies from the healed patients (Rasna et al., 2017).

Nowdays many people seek for alternative medication by using traditional medicine such as herbal medicine because its process is more natural, original, and relatively safe without any side effects like the synthetized medicines (Ekor, 2014). Traditional medicine is a medicine which made of plants, animals, minerals of the mix of them (Yuan et al,2016). A plant can have healing effect because it has phytochemical contents or secondary metabolites (Mulyani et al., 2016).

One of plants which potentially functions as antioxidant and has been traditionally used by the society is *Dewandaru* (*Eugenia uniflora* L.). It contains tannin, vitamin C, essential compound like sineol, citronella, sesquiterpen, flavonoid, and anthocyanin. *Dewandaru* has antibacterial, antioxidant, free radical antidote, hydrolysis and enzyme oxidation resistor, and anti inflammation (Santoso, 2018).

The use of synthetic antioxidant nowdays gets a serious attention because it is harmful and carcinogenic (Mbah et al.,2019). Therefore, currently a research is conducted regarding to antioxidant development which made of natural resources which can be easily found, cheap and safe to be consumed by people (Atta et al.,2017). However, scientific research toward phytochemical content and antioxidant activity of *Dewandaru* leaves extract has never been done. Although there are a lot of *Dewandaru* leaves available in Bali which is one of medical plants as mentioned in *Usadha* Bali.

From the explanation above, the researcher is interested in conducting research toward *Dewandaru* leaves extract which grow in Bali province. First of all, the researcher will do phytochemical screening of *Dewandaru* leaves extract to find out secondary metabolites which contained in dewandaru leaves extract. Then conducting antioxidant activity test as scientific proof to discover the property of that plant.

METHODS

Research Plan: this research is a laboratoric descriptive research using DPPH method to examine antioxidant activitity of *Dewandaru* leaves extract by using solvents such as

methanol, n-butanol, ethyl acetate, n-hexane, dan chloroform.

Materials: sample that used in this research is *Dewandaru* leaves which taken from all over Bali which has been determinated at LIPI. Chemical materials which used in this reseach such as ethyl acetate (Merck), n-butanol (Merck), methanol (Merck), standard DPPH (2,2-difenil-1-pikrilhidrazil) (Merck), ethanol 96% (Merck), HCl 2N (Merck), dragendorff reagent (Merck), mayer reagent (Merck), Pb acetate 10% (Merck), aquadest (Merck), FeCl 5% or FeCl 10% (Merck), chloroform (Merck), anhydrous acetic acid

(Merck), dense sulfuric acid (Merck), and NaOH 1N (Merck).

Method

Dewandaru Leaves Extraction

Dewandaru leaves are picked from Bali areas (Abiansemal, Jl. Cargo Tanan No. 20 Denpasar, and Renon), they are then dried in oven with temperature 40°C. After that, they are blended into powder. 200 gram simplisia of Dewandaru leaves powder is weighed. Then it is macerated by using solvent (n-buthanol, methanol, ethyl ecetate, chloroform, and n-hexane) as much as 600 ml in a glass jar and stirred constantly for one hour. And then it is covered by aluminium foil and plastic wrap and hushed for three days (it must be stirred everyday for 30 minutes). After three days, the extract is filtered manually and dried in

oven with temperature 40°C.

Phytochemical Screening

Phytochemical screening of Dewandaru leaves extract includes examination of compound groups such as: Alkaloid, Flavonoid, Saponin, Tannin, Steroid/Triterpenoid and Quinone.

a. Alkaloid

2 ml test solution is veporized on porcelain cup until obtaining the residue. The residue

is then dissolved with 5 ml HCl 2N. After it is cold, then it is filtered. The obtained solution then divided into 3 test tubes. The first test tube functions as blank. The second

test tube is added with 3 drops of dragendorff reagent and the third test tube is added with 3 drops of mayer reagent (through the tube wall). The formation of orange

sediment in the second tube and yellow sediment in the third tube show the existence of

Alkaloid (Susanti dkk, 2014).

b. Flavonoid

1 ml test solution is added with 1 ml Pb acetate 10% (lead acetate), it positively contains flavonoid if there was yellow sediment (Natalia, 2016).

c. Saponin

50 ml test solution is added with 5 ml aquadest, then it is shaken for 10 seconds. If foam is formed (1-10 cm height) in less than 10 minutes and it does not vanish when 1 drop of HCl 2N is added, it shows the existence of Saponin (Susanti dkk., 2014).

d. Tannin

2 ml test solution is added with several drops of FeCl₃ 5% or FeCl₃ 10%. The formation of dark green or blue solution shows the existence of tannin (Natalia, 2016).

e. Steroid/Triterpenoid

2 ml test solution is veporized in a vaporizer cup. The residue is dissolved with 3 ml chloroform, then moved into the test tube. After that, it is added by 3 ml anhidrat acetate acid and 2 ml dense sulfuric acid through the tube wall. The formation of brown or violet ring on the solution border shows the existence of triterpenoid, while if greenness blue ring appeared it shows the existence of steroid (Susanti dkk., 2014).

f. Quinone

5 ml test solution is added with several drops of NaOH 1 N, the formation of red solution shows the existence of quinone compound (Natalia, 2016).

Antioxidant Activity Test

Antioxidant activity test toward *Dewandaru* leaves extract is conducted by using ethyl acetate and n-buthanol solvent as seen in the following steps:

a. The Making of Master Raw Solution

Dewandaru leaves extract with ethyl acetate solvent is macerated with n-butanol to create master raw solution in concentration 100 ppm as much as 50 ml. 5 mg dry extract is dissolved by methanol inside the volumetric flask 50 ml until meet the border mark. Then it is shaken until homogenious.

b. The Making of Standard Working Solution

Dewandaru leaves extract with ethyl acetate and n-buthanol 100 ppm diluted into concentration 20 ppm. 4 ml of master raw solution 100 ppm is dissolved by methanol

inside volumetric flask 10 ml until meet the border mark. Then it is shaken until homogenious.

c. The Making of Test Sample Solution

From standard working solution 20 ppm ethyl acetate and n-buthanol extract of *Dewandaru* leaves are made into concentration 2; 4; 6; 8; 10 and 12 ppm by taking 1; 2; 3; 4; 5 and 6 ml. Each of them is put inside volumetric flask 10 ml. Then it is added by methanol until meet the border mark. After that, it is shaken until homogenious.

Solution 20 ppm is taken 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 ml. Then each of them is put inside volumetric flask 20 ml and added by methanol until meet the border mark. That solution is shaken until it creates test solution with concentration 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 ppm.

25 ml of 100 ppm solution is dissolved with methanol inside volumetric flask 50 ml until meet the border mark. Then it is shaken until homogenous and becomes 50 ppm solution. 50 ppm solution of n-hexane and chloroform extract then taken 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, dan 7 ml. After that, each of them is put into volumetric flask 10 ml and added by methanol until meet the border mark. That solution is shaken, so it becomes test solution with concentration 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 ppm.

d. The Making of Master Raw Solution DPPH with Concentration 100 ppm

Scaling 5 mg of DPPH powder then put it into volumetric flask 50 ml. It is added by methanol ad 50 ml and shaken until homogenous.

e. The Making of Standard Working Solution DPPH with Concentration 40 ppm

20 ml standard solution DPPH concentration 100 ppm is taken and put into volumetric flask 50 ml and added by methanol until meet the border mark. It is shaken until homogenous.

f. The Determination of Maximum Wavelength of DPPH 40 ppm Solution

4 ml standard solution DPPH 40 ppm is taken and put into cuvette, then its absorption spectrum is observed in wavelength 400-800 nm with spectrophotometer UV-Vis. 4 ml methanol is used for blank solution. The maximum wavelength can be determined from the absorption curve.

g. The Measurement of DPPH Absorbance

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h. The Measurement of DPPH Free Radicals Damping Activity with Spectrophotometer UV-Vis

The measurement of free radical activity is done by taking 2 ml liquid DPPH 40 ppm. It is put into test tube and added by 2 ml test solution from each concentration, shaken until homogenous and then hushed for 30 minutes. After that, observing the absorption in the maximum wavelength by using spectrophotometry UV-Vis in turn toward six concentrations for each test sample. Absorbtion of each extract is noted.

i. Determination of IC50 Value and the Making of Calibration Curve

From the absorbance result of each tested concentration, damping percentage value is obtained by using the following formula:

From the damping percentage on each concentration, then the regression curve is made, so the equation is y = bx + a and the result will be IC_{50} by the calculation in linear regression where the extract concentration (ppm) as basis (the x-axis) and subtuance percentage as ordinate (the y-axis). The value of IC_{50} is found from the calculation of damping percentage of 50%.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Result of Simplisia and Maceration Production

Dried *Dewandaru* leaves is refined by using blender. Simplisia powder of *Dewandaru* leaves is then macerated by using ethyl acetate and n-butanol solvent. After the maserat is obtained, then it is concentrated which produces dried *Dewandaru* leaves extract with ethyl acetate solvent 2.5742 gram and dried *Dewandaru* leaves extract with n-butanol solvent 1.3558 gram.

Phytochemicals Screening Result

Phytochemicals screening is done to find out secondary metabolite content of *Dewandaru* leaves extract. Screening result of secondary metabolite which positively contained in *Dewandaru* leaves in methanol, n-butanol, dan ethyl acetate extract are: flavonoids, tannin, and quinone. Whereas its n-hexane and chloroform extract only positively contain flavonoid.

Based on phytochemicals screening result of the extract mentioned on table 1, it shows that methanol, n-butanol, and ethyl acetate of *Dewandaru* leaves extract (*Eugenia uniflora* L.) positively contain flavonoids, tannin, and quinone compound. While in alkaloid testing, saponin, steroid and terpenoid shows a negative result. Screening result of n-hexane and chloroform only positively contain flavonoid. It is due to no color change or sediment when it is added by reagents in the testing process. Flavonoids, phenolic, and tannin are fenol compounds which have bunch –OH which tied in aromatic ring carbon. Flavonoid ability is very potential for antioxidant because of its molecule structure and hydroxyl bunch position (Agati et al.,2012).

The result of the research shows that *Dewandaru* leaves positively contain flavonoids since there is yellow sediment on the sample which is reacted with Pb acetate condensation 10%. It is because the flavonoids have benzene ring which has hydroxyl bunch (Natalia, 2016).

Tannin testing is done by adding FeCl₃ which reacts with one of hydroxyl rings which exist in tannin (Natalia, 2016). From this research, *Dewandaru* leaves positively contain tannin which can be seen from the formation of dark green solution. Quinone testing is done by adding several drops of NaOH 1 N into the test solution. The result shows it positively contains quinone compound by the formation of red solution. This research shows that *Dewandaru* leaves extract contain quinone compound because of the formation of brownish red solution.

The Result of Antioxidant Activity Test

Antioxidant activity test in *Dewandaru* leaves extract with methanol solvent is done in concentration 1 ppm, 2 ppm, 3 ppm, 4 ppm, 5 ppm, dan 6 ppm. Ethyl acetate extract and n-butanol is done in concentration 2 ppm, 4 ppm, 6 ppm, 8 ppm, 10 ppm, dan 12 ppm. N-hexane dan chloroform extract is done in concentration 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, dan 35 ppm which added by DPPH standard solution 40 ppm. The absorption is then measured by spectrophotometer UV-Vis. The measurement result of test sample absorption is presented in the following table:

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Table 1. Screening Result of Dewandaru Leaves Extract

Test	Reactor	Observation Result				
		methano	n-	ethyl	n-	chloroform
		1	butanol	acetate	hexane	
Alkaloids	Dragendorff	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
	Mayer	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Flavonoids	Pb acetate 10%	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Saponin	Aquadest + HCl 2N	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Tannin	FeCl ₃ 5% or FeCl ₃ 10%	(+)	(+)	(+)	(-)	(-)
Steroid/Trit erpenoid	Anhydrant Acetate Acid + Concentrated Sulfuric Acid	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Quinone	Solution NaOH 1 N	(+)	(+)	(+)	(-)	(-)

Table 2. The Absorbance of Dewandaru Leaves Extract Concentration with Some Solvent

No	Solution					
		Absor	bance			
		Methanol	n-Butanol	Ethyl	n-Hexane	Chloroform
		Solven	Solven	Acetate	Solvent	Solvent
				Solvent		
1	Control	0.387	0.426	0.375	0.378	0.274
	5					
2	1 ppm	0.344	-	-	-	-
2	2 ppm	0.322	0.391	0.357	-	-
4 5	3 ppm	0.289	-	-	-	-
5	4 ppm	0.254	0.372	-	-	-
6	5 ppm	0.220	-	-	-	0.268
7	6 ppm	-	0.354	0.337	-	-
8	8 ppm	-	0.331	0.326	-	-
9	10 ppm	-	0.311	0.313	-	0.259
10	12 ppm	-	0.274	0.298	-	-
11	15 ppm	-	-	-	0.38	0.26
12	20 ppm	-	-	-	0.37	0.23

No	Solution					
		Absor	Absorbance			
		Methanol Solven	n-Butanol Solven	Ethyl Acetate Solvent	n-Hexane Solvent	Chloroform Solvent
13	25 ppm	-	-	-	0.36	-
14	35 ppm	-	-	-	0.34	-

Based on the table above it can be discovered that the absorbance of each compound is decreased. The bigger the concentration of test sample solution, the smaller the absorbance of DPPH 40 ppm. It means DPPH as the free radicals has been able to be reduced by the antioxidant which exists in test sample solution which marked by the decrease of the absorbance.

The Calculation of Damping Percentage

Based on the absorbance which obtained from the six concentration sample, then damping percentage is calculated by using the following formula:

$$\%$$
damping = $\frac{DPPH \text{ absorbance}}{DPPH \text{ absorbance}} x 100\%$

Table 3. Damping Percentage of Dewandaru Leaves Extract with Some Solvent

No	Solution	Damping Percentage (%)				
		Methanol Solven	n-Butanol Solven	Ethyl Acetate Solvent	n-Hexane Solvent	Chloroform Solvent
1	1 ppm	11.11	-	-	-	-
2	2 ppm	16.79	8.22	4.8	-	
3	3 ppm	25.32	-	-	-	-

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No	Solution	Damping Percentage (%)				
	4	Methanol Solven	n-Butanol Solven	Ethyl Acetate Solvent	n-Hexane Solvent	Chloroform Solvent
4	4 ppm	34.36	12.68	-	-	-
5 6	5 ppm	43.15	-	-	-	2.18
6	6 ppm	-	16.90	10.13	-	-
7	8 ppm	-	22.30	13.06	-	-
8	10 ppm	-	26.99	16.53	-	5.47
9	12 ppm	-	35.68	20.53	-	-
10	15 ppm	-	-	-	0.26	6.56
11	20 ppm	-	-	-	2.38	14.59
12	25 ppm	-	-	-	5.29	-
13	35 ppm	-	-	-	11.37	-

Based on the table above, it can be seen that damping percentage of each concentration increases. The bigger the concentration of the test sample solution, the higher the damping percentage. It means that the more the antioxidant in the test sample solution, the more the free radicals damping. It is marked by the increasing of free radicals damping percentage.

The Calculation of *IC*₅₀ Value

The calculation of IC_{50} value is done by making relationship curve between concentration of the test sample and damping percentage so that the linear regression equation is y = bx + a, where x is ppm concentration and y is IC_{50} percentage (Okoh et al., 2014). The result can be seen in Figure 3 and 4.

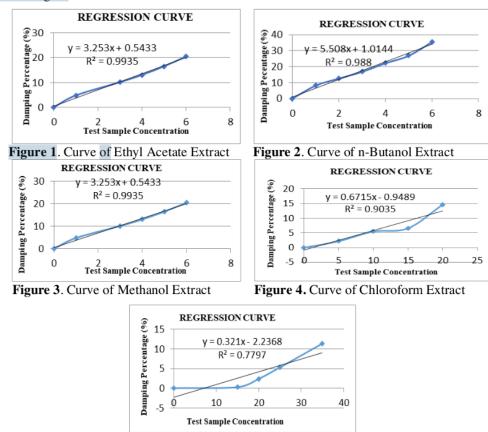


Figure 5. Curve of n-Hexane Extract

Based on Figure 1, relationship curve between the concentration of test solution and damping percentage, the regression equation is y = 3,253x + 0,5433, $R^2 = 0,9935$. From that equation, then the calculation of IC_{50} value is done by replacing the value of y = 50.

Based on Figure 2, relationship curve between the concentration of test solution and damping percentage, the regression equation is y = 5,508x + 1,0144, $R^2 = 0,988$. Based on Figure 3, relationship curve between the concentration of test solution and damping percentage, the regression equation is y = 3.253x + 0.5433, $R^2 = 0.9935$. Based on Figure 4, relationship curve between the concentration of test solution and damping percentage, the

regression equation is y = 0.6725x - 0.9489, $R^2 = 0.9035$. Based on Figure 5, relationship curve between the concentration of test solution and damping percentage, the regression equation is y = 0.321x - 2.2368, $R^2 = 0.7797$.

This research shows that Dewandaru leaves extract has antioxidant activity which marked by the existence of flavonoid secondary metabolite content which function to muffle free radicals. The value of IC_{50} Dewandaru leaves methanol extract = 5.857 ppm, the value of IC_{50} Dewandaru leaves n-butanol extract = 8.893 ppm, the value of IC_{50} Dewandaru leaves ethyl acetate extract = 15.203 ppm, the value of IC_{50} Dewandaru leaves n-hexane extract = 162.7315 ppm, and the value of IC_{50} Dewandaru leaves chloroform extract = 75.873 ppm. Therefore, Dewandaru leaves extract is potentially used as part of Usadha Bali treatment as natural antioxidant which can be used by society.

Table 4. Antioxidant properties based on *IC50* value

IC50Value	Antioxidant properties
50 ppm <	Very Strong
50 ppm – 100 ppm	Strong
100 ppm – 150 ppm	Medium
150 ppm – 200 ppm	Weak

The result of the reasearch shows that methanol extract, n-butanol and ethyl acetate of Dewandaru leaves are classified into a very strong category of antioxidant compound because the value of IC_{50} is less than 50 ppm. Meanwhile chloroform extract is classified into a strong category of antioxidant compound and n-hexan extract is classified into a medium category of antioxidant compound.

CONCLUSION

Based on the research result, it can be concluded that:

Based on the result of phytochemical screening test of *Dewandaru* leaves with methanol solvent, ethyl acetate, and n-butanol, it is found that *Dewandaru* leaves positively contain flavonoids, tannin and quinone compound. While n-hexane and chloroform extract positively contain flavonoids only.

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- 2. Dewandaru leaves have antioxidant activity.
- 3. Based on antioxidant activity test of *Dewandaru* leaves, it shows that the use of n-butanol solvent produces *IC50* value = 8.893 ppm, ethyl acetate solvent produces *IC50* value = 15.203 ppm, *Dewandaru* leaves methanol extract produces *IC50* value = 5.857 ppm, *Dewandaru* leaves chloroform extract produces *IC50* value = 75.873 ppm, *IC50* value of Dewandaru leaves' ethyl acetate extract is 15.203 ppm. Based on the table of *Dewandaru* leaves' antioxidant properties, methanol, n-butanol and athyl acetate extract are classified into a very strong category of antioxidant compound because its *IC50* value is less than 50 ppm, while the chloroform extract classified into a strong category of antioxidant compound and n-hexan extract classified into a medium category of antioxidant compound.

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