

## The Effects of Ketapang (*Terminalia catappa*) Bark Crude Extract on Inhibition of *Aeromonas hydrophila* Growth and Blood Cells of the Infected Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)

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### ABSTRACT

*The objectives of the research were to investigate the effect of ketapang (Terminalia catappa) bark crude extract (KBCE) on Aeromonas hydrophila growth and blood cells of the A. hydrophila-infected carp (Cyprinus carpio). The Research was conducted by using completely randomized design. There were four (750, 850, 950, and 1,050 ppm) and three treatments (730, 750, and 770 ppm) were used for in vitro and in vivo experiments respectively. Data were analyzed by analysis of variation and LSD. The dose to investigate MIC of KBCE were 750, 850, 950 and 1,050 ppm. The MIC of KBCE was 750 ppm. On in vivo investigation, number of erythrocytes were 224.67x10<sup>6</sup>, 332.67x10<sup>6</sup>, and 417.00x10<sup>6</sup> cells/mm for 730, 750 and 770 ppm KBCE, respectively. For leukocytes, the amount were 735.89x10<sup>6</sup>, 684.78x10<sup>6</sup>, and 652.67x10<sup>6</sup> cell/mm for 730, 750 and 770 ppm KBCE, respectively. In addition, the water quality were as follows 24.0 – 25.9 °C of temperature, 7.0 – 7.7 of pH, and 3.9 – 4.8 mg/L of DO. In conclusion, we revealed that KBCE able to act as antibacterial against A. hydrophila. Furthermore, it also induced the total erythrocyte in infected fish without giving a notable effect on water quality.*

*Keywords: Ketapang bark; Aeromonas hydrophila; carp; erythrocytes; leukocytes*

### INTRODUCTION

Indonesia is a country which has vast potential of fisheries natural resources. It has been proven by the fisheries commodity exported to USA market which increased up to 25.19% during 2014-2015 (MMAF, 2015).

The fisheries potential in Indonesia is obtained from wild fisheries and fish farming. However, the result of wild fisheries is getting lower. Thus, the products of fish

farming are expected to support the fisheries export in the future. The types of fish farming in Indonesia can be divided into mariculture, pond culture, freshwater pond culture, and rice-fish field culture (Gusrina, 2008).

The main problem faced by the fish farmer is fish diseases. Fish disease in pond is the result of mismatch interaction between fish, environmental condition and disease organisms (Snieszko 1973). This

mismatch interaction can cause the fish becomes stressful. That condition will decrease fish defense mechanism which makes it easy to be infected with disease. The infection of certain disease caused by bacteria is the main problem in fish farming process (Bondad et al., 2005).

*A. hydrophila* is potential pathogenic bacteria for fish. This pathogen can attack the fish under these following conditions; imbalanced nutrition contained in the fish fodder, high level of organic contained in the water environment, high level of water quality parameter fluctuation, secondary infection caused by parasite and genetic factor (low immunity of fish can be infected by bacteria) (Cipriano, 2001).

An attempt that has been done to cure the fish disease is the use of antibiotics which later on causing pathogenic bacteria resistance and antibiotic residues (Shak et al., 2011). Therefore, there is a need for alternative development of antibacterial substance made from medicinal plants, as known as phytochemical. Indonesian local plants have been known to produce antibacterial substances (Prihanto et al., 2012; Purwani et al., 2015). In this study we investigated the effect of Ketapang (*Terminalia catappa*) bark extract on the growth of *A. hydrophila*, and on blood cells of the infected carp.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Common Carp (*C. carpio*) was obtained from Puntan Batu East Java, fish with the size of 7-11 cm, Ketapang (*T. catappa*) was collected from Location near University. *A. hydrophila* was obtained from Fish Quarantine and Inspection Agency

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### **Preparation of Ketapang Bark Crude Extract (KBCE)**

Ketapang bark crude extract used the modification method from Sumino et al. (2013), it was done by adding 96% ethanol to grinded Ketapang bark with ratio of 5:1. This maceration process was done for three days on dark place. Filtered extract was evaporated by using rotary evaporator under temperature of 45° C.

### **Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC)**

The MIC were investigated following the method of Akinyemi et al., (2006) with slight modification. The MIC were determined by diluting the KBCE with various concentrations (750, 850, 950, and 1,050 ppm). Specifically 0.1ml of standardized inoculums of  $10 \times 10^9$  cfu/ml was added to each tube. The tubes were incubated at 30 °C for 24 hours. MIC was determined as the lowest concentration of the extracts permitting no visible growth (no turbidity). The inhibition zone was also investigated in all doses of KBCE. Different doses of 100 µl of KBCE extracts were loaded in each wells. After 24 hour at 30 °C, the clear zone was measured.

### **Bacterial Infection on Fish**

Each aquarium was filled with 10 fish. Infection of *A. hydrophila* bacteria to the carp (*C. carpio*) was done by soaking the fish in aquarium equipped with aeration and 20 l water. Thus, the used dilution formula was described on equation 1. Infection process was performed for 24

**Tabel 1.** Absorbance values of each dose based on MIC Test by Spectrophotometer

No.	Doses	Absorbance	Remarks
1	750 ppm	0.160	clear
2	800 ppm	0.530	clear
3	850 ppm	0.198	clear
4	900 ppm	0.095	clear
5	950 ppm	0.200	clear
6	1000 ppm	0.595	clear
7	1050 ppm	0.123	clear
8	Control (-)	0.358	Not clear
9	Control (+)	0.151	clear

Notes: *A. hydrophila* as Control (-); *A. hydrophila* was grown on the medium of 100% KBCE as Control (+)

hours. Then, the fish was removed to the fresh water and cured with KBCE for six minutes soaking. Each dose was 730, 750, and 770 ppm.

#### Haematology Analysis

Hematological parameters Red blood cell (erythrocyte) and White blood cell (leukocyte) was counted with hemocytometer technique according to Mones (2008) with modification. Approximately 1 mL of blood was collected from carp caudal peduncle containing 0.5 mg ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid (EDTA), for preventing coagulation. The detail analysis were explained elsewhere (Mones, 2008).

#### Data Analysis

Data were analyzed by Analysis of variance (ANOVA). If there were significances between each treatment, Post hoc of Least Significance Different (LSD) is used to see differences for each treatment. Results were considered to be significant when  $p < 0.05$ .

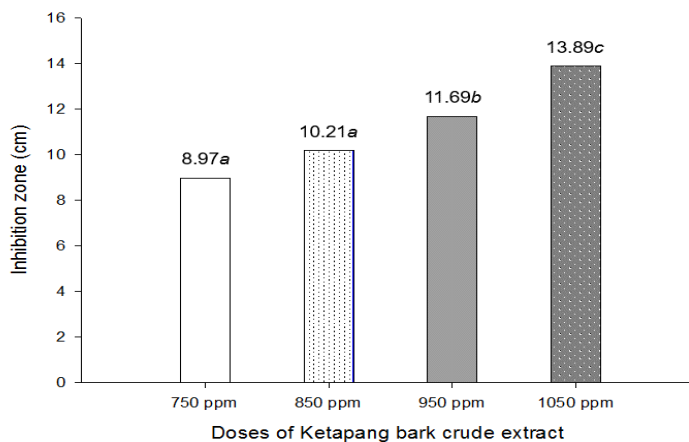
## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC)

MIC test was performed by using several doses of ketapang bark crude extract (KBCE). It was aimed to know the lowest dose of KBCE to inhibit the growth of *A. hydrophila*. The result was described in the Table 1.

Based on the spectrophotometer result in dose of 750 ppm, the absorbance value was 0.160. That value was close to value of the positive control (0.151). The result of MIC test was observed by clear color change for the first time which showed that the positive control was closed to 750 ppm. It indicated that the dose of 750 ppm could inhibit the growth of *A. hydrophila*.

Ketapang is plant with rich phytochemical compounds. Ketapang is known to have medicinal compound such as flavonoid, tannin, triterpenoid/steroid, resin and saponin which categorized as antibacterial compound (Riskitavani and Kristanti, 2013). In accordance to the statement from Harborne (1998) and Thompson et al., (2006), based on



**Fig. 1:** The Relation between doses of Ketapang bark crude extract and the diameter of inhibition zone of *A. hydrophila*. Data are represented as mean ( $n = 12$ ). Different letters indicate significant differences ( $P < 0.01$ ) among four treatments determined by one-way ANOVA and continued by LSD 5%.

phytochemical test, bark positively contained phenolic, tannin, flavonoid, alkaloid, terpene and steroid.

Based on the observation, the average diameter of the smallest inhibition zone in KBCE at 750 ppm was 8.97 mm, meanwhile the average diameter of the biggest inhibition zone was at 1,050 ppm for 13.89 mm. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) test showed significant difference between treatments ( $p < 0.01$ ).

Based on Fig. 1, it could be seen that the use of KBCE could inhibit the growth of *A. hydrophila*; the average diameter of inhibition zone ranged between 8.97 and 13.89 mm which indicated that KBCE had strong antibacterial activity. Related to Ismaini (2007), he classifies the inhibition zone of antibacterial activity into low activity ( $< 5$  mm), medium activity (5 – 10 mm), strong activity (11 – 20 mm), and very strong activity ( $> 20$  mm), KBCE can be classified as medium (750 ppm) and strong activities (850, 950 and 1050 ppm).

Strong inhibition potency of KBCE on the growth of *A. hydrophila* caused by ketapang bark (T.

catappa) contained active materials such as saponins, triterpenes, tannins, alkaloids, glycosides, and flavonoids. The roles of those chemical compounds were antibacterial (saponin), hemostatic and astringency (tannin), analgesic (alkaloids), anti-inflammatory (iridoid glycosides compound), and antioxidants and anti-inflammatory (flavonoids) (Masuda et al., 1999).

Phenol compound and its derivatives (flavonoids) were some of the antibacterial that worked by interfering the function of the cytoplasmic membrane. At low concentrations, it could damage the cytoplasmic membrane which later on could cause the leak of important metabolites that inactivated bacterial enzyme system. Meanwhile, at high concentrations it could damage the cytoplasmic membrane and precipitated the cell protein (Volk and Wheeler, 1984).

Low inhibitory zone indicated that there has been dose of materials resistance towards *A. hydrophila*. Therefore, that dose has not been able to damage or kill the cells of the bacteria. According to Pelczar and

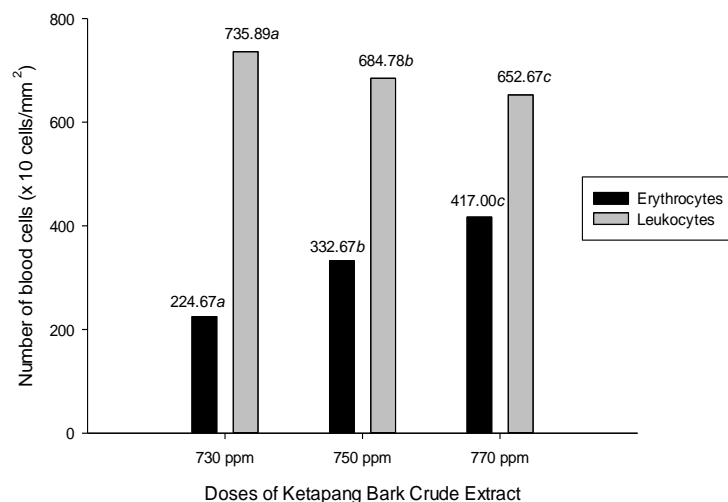
Chan (1986), the resistance that occurs in an organism towards the concentration of a substance is a natural mechanism to defend a life. Based on the length of inhibition time which was less than 24 hours, the inhibiting mechanism was categorized as bacteriostatic inhibition.

### Erythrocyte and Leucocytes Cells

Observation on blood cells of carp (*C. carpio*) was conducted on the number of erythrocyte and leukocyte. The examined object was observed by using a binocular microscope with a magnification of 400x. Result showed that number of erythrocytes were  $224.67 \times 10$ ,  $332.67 \times 10$ , and  $417.00 \times 10$  cells/mm<sup>2</sup> for 730, 750 and 770 ppm KBCE, respectively. In case of leukocytes were  $735.89 \times 10$ ,  $684.78 \times 10$ , and  $652.67 \times 10$  cell/mm<sup>2</sup> for 730, 750 and 770 ppm KBCE respectively (Figure 3). According to Monera and Simon (2008), erythrocytes are abundant blood cells in vertebrates. The main function of

erythrocytes was for gas exchange (breathing). Structurally, according to Takashi and Hibiya (1995) red blood cells (erythrocytes) in fish have a core, generally it is round and oval depending on the type of fish. Some species had an oval-shaped red blood cells with a diameter of 11-14  $\mu\text{m}$  and had a core with cells volume ratio and the core was 3.5 to 4.0  $\mu\text{m}$ . The number of red blood cells in species were also different. Based on ANOVA test, erythrocytes showed highly significant differences between treatments.

Fig. 2 showed that the total average of erythrocytes and the use of dose was directly proportional; the higher the dose of the extract given, the more erythrocyte in Carp. This indicated that the active ingredient in KBCE was able to effectively inhibit or kill the *A. hydrophila* which infected the carps. Then, it decreased the bacteria so the inflammation process could be immediately stopped. The impact of the inflammation stopped was indicated by the increasing



**Fig. 2.** The Relationship between doses of Ketapang bark crude extract and number of blood cells on Erythrocytes and Leucocytes. Data are represented as mean ( $n = 9$ ). Different letters indicate significant differences ( $P < 0.01$ ) among three treatments determined by one-way ANOVA and continued by LSD 5%.

number of erythrocytes and then leukocytes decrease. This statement was in line with Volk and Wheeler (1984), phenolic compounds and their derivatives has anti-bacterial characteristic which kill bacterial cells.

According to Kapoor and Khanna (2004), there are two types of white blood cells found in the fish, eosinophils and granulocytes; each of them was one type of neutrophil, granulocyte, lymphocyte, monocyte, and thrombocyte. Leukocytes were the important component in the immune system of fish. The leukocytes production would be directed towards the infected areas as the form of fish defense mechanism. Based on ANOVA test, leukocyte cells indicated significant differences among treatments ( $p < 0.01$ ). The relationship between the different doses and the total erythrocytes could be seen in Fig. 2.

The Figure 3 showed that the total average of leukocytes and the dose was inversely proportional; it indicated that the higher dose of KBCE reduced the number of leukocytes in Carp. It could be explained as a mechanism of inflammation decrease as a form of the cessation of infection caused by bacteria or *A. hydrophila* due to inhibition of bacteria by giving KBCE that contained anti-bacterial active compounds. In line with the statement from Suhermanto et al., (2011), the rise in the number of leukocytes is an indicator of an infection which can cause inflammation, reversely the decline was due to the expiration of the infection process.

In other cases, Maftuch et al., (2012) and Maftuch et al., (2013) stated that the decrease in blood cells on the shrimp (which is the same function as leukocytes in fish) is

because the physiological condition of shrimp which is no longer able to produce haemocytes. In this condition, the shrimp was already in a state of chronic infection as a result of the infection. Meanwhile, in this study the fish was not in the state of chronic infection, it was proven with the continuous increase of erythrocyte cell production as shown with dose and time increase. It could be concluded that the reduction in leukocyte cell was due to inflammation decrease in the body of the carp, as the effect of the cessation of the infection due to death of infecting bacteria by giving of KBCE. This evidence would be explored more in histopathological explanations after the use of the extract.

Water quality parameters during the research was on the level of quality standards that temperature, pH and DO ranged from 24.0 to 25.9°C, from 7.0 to 7.7 and from 3.9 to 4.8 mg/L respectively (Bhatnagar and Devi, 2013)

## CONCLUSION

It can be concluded KBCE had bacteriostatic effect on *A. hydrophila*. Ketapang bark crude extract with 770 ppm dose was possible to cure post infection of *A. hydrophila* because it could increase the total of erythrocytes together with the decrease of leucocytes (inflammatory cells) in carp (*C. carpio*).

## RECOMENDATION

For further research, the histopathology test of carp (*C. carpio*) is expected to be conducted in order to know the histopathology level of recovery after cure.

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