

## TOTAL PHENOL AND ANTIOXIDANT ACTIVITY OF BROWN SEAWEED EXTRACT (*Sargassum sp.*)

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### ABSTRACT

*Nirwana Beach is one of the tourist destinations in Padang West Sumatra, but almost every day littered by brown seaweed that washed up along the coast. Very unfortunate, the people around still consider this waste and do not know the usefulness and benefits. Brown seaweed has been widely studied. The content consist of alginate, fukosantin and secondary metabolites namely fucoidan. Fucoidan has been made into a supplement as antioxidant, anticoagulant and antithrombotic, antiviral, anticancer, antidiabetic, immunomodulating, antiinflammatory, antilipidemic and antifertilization. The purpose of the study was to determine the antioxidant activity of polyphenol extract from brown seaweed. The brown seaweed was extracted using aquades by heating and without heating, then the extract was evaporated with a rotary evaporator up to a volume of 50 ml extract and then analyzed the total phenol and its antioxidant activity test. The results showed extraction with heating had higher total phenol content than without heating. The total phenol of brown seaweed extract with heating is 669.33 mg galic acid/g, without heating 352.5 mg of gallic acid/g and on seaweed 538.5 mg gallic acid/g. The antioxidant activity of brown seaweed extract is very strong ie 4 ug/ml with heating and 16.6 ug/ml without heating.*

**KEYWORDS** : brown seaweed, antioxidant, and polyphenol.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Changes in the pattern of human life today has turned out to be one source of free radicals that play a role in the emergence of various diseases. Free radicals are molecules that are unstable and highly reactive because they contain no electrons paired in their outermost orbital so as to achievetability, radical freely react with the molecules around it to obtain an electro pair (Lim S J et al, 2014). Prevention of free radical damage to the human body can be done by producing antioxidants endogenously in the system body defense. Antioxidants are defined as substances that can delay or preventing the occurrence of free-radical autoresidation reactions in lipid oxidation (Kochhar and Rossell, 1990). Antioxidants are molecules that in low concentrations can inhibit or prevent the occurrence of substrate oxidation processes (Halliwell, 2002). However, endogenous levels of antioxidants are currently unable to fight off the disease-causing free radicals due to oxidative stress (Halliwell, 2002), requiring additional exogenous antioxidants from outside the body. While the oxidation process that occurs animal and human foods, and cosmetics can reduce its quality during the storage period. The use of antioxidants aims to prevent the occurrence of oxidation, so as not to cause poisoning or diseases caused by food and cosmetics (Guan et al., 2005; Gupta & Abu-Ghannam, 2011).

Based on the source of the intake, exogenous antioxidants consist of natural antioxidants and synthetic antioxidants, but the safety of consuming synthetic antioxidants is not currently possible, it is necessary to find natural

sources of antioxidants (Sunarni, 2005). One source of natural antioxidants is brown seaweed (Ye et al., 2009; Gamal, 2010). Sargassum is a type of brown seaweed from Indonesia that has potential as a natural antioxidant (Jhamandas et al., 2005) because it contains active substances such as fukoidan (Yunizal, 2003), and phenolic components (Lim et al., 2002). The type of phenolic component found in brown seaweed is phlorotannin which ranges from 0.74% to 5.06% (Samee et al., 2009). The antioxidant activity of brown seaweed can also be derived from the fukosantin pigment. The fukosantin pigment has the ability to neutralize hydroxyl radicals 13.5 times higher than  $\alpha$ -tocopherol as measured by chemiluminescence technique (Sachindra et al., 2007). Brown seaweed (*Sargassum sp*) is found in Nirwana Beach, Padang city. This study aims to determine the antioxidant activity of brown seaweed extract obtained from Nirwana Beach Padang.

## 2. METHODS

### 2.1 Places, Materials and Tools

This research was conducted in the laboratory of Agricultural Product Technology, Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Andalas University of Padang. The raw materials used in this research are : brown seaweed, aquadest, ethanol, methanol, HCl, gallic acid, Folin Ciocalteu, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, floroglusinol, FeCl<sub>3</sub>, DPPH, FeCl<sub>2</sub>, ferrozine, and EDTA reagents were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich. Equipment used include oven, Erlenmeyer, hot plate stirrer (Thermolyne Nouva Stir Plate), vortex (Barnstead Thermolyne Type 37600 Mixer), centrifuge (Thermoscientific Legend Micro 17), rotary evaporator (Heidolph Instrument Laborota 4000), freeze dryer (Labconco040825210 R ), micropipet, 96-well microplate (IWAKI), silica plate (TLC Silica Gel 60 F254 E-Merck), column chromatography and High Performance Liquid Chromatography (Shimadzu SPD-6A). Extraction of brown seaweed using water solvent, then evaporated using rotary and followed by total analysis of phenol and antioxidant activity of brown seaweed extract using DPPH method.

### 2.2 Extraction of Seaweed Chocolate

The brown seaweed extraction procedure was carried out using Lemhadri et al. (2007).

### 2.3 Total Phenol Analysis

The total phenol component of brown seaweed extract was tested using methods undertaken by Matanjun et al. (2008) with acid error as standard. The standard curve is prepared with an acid solution of a galuth made by concentration dilution series of 6.25, 12.5, 25, 50, 100, 200  $\mu$ g / mL. Rough polyphenol extract of 5 mg was dissolved in 1 mL of ethanol. Each concentration of standard solution and crude polyphenolic extract was taken 10  $\mu$ l and then fed into microplate 96-well. Next, into the microplate 96-well, 50  $\mu$ l of the Folin Ciocalteu reagent was then incubated for 5 min. Next, added 40  $\mu$ l Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> 7.5% and then incubated for 2 hours in a dark room with room temperature. The absorbance readings were performed at a wavelength of 750 nm. The standard curve is made by plotting concentration ( $\mu$ g / mL) versus absorbance (nm). The regression equation of the standard curve is  $y = ax + b$ ,  $R^2 = c$ , where x is the concentration and y is the absorbance. Antioxidant Activity Test

Antioxidant activity using free radical capture method can be done quickly, easily and simply. Method of DPPH (2,2-Diphrnyl-2-picrylhydrazyl) is used to determine the ability of antioxidants to capture free radicals. Antiradical activity was characterized by a change in the color of the solution from purple to clear yellow with a decrease in absorbance at a wavelength of 517 nm (Soares et al, 1997).

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 3 1. Extraction

Extraction aims to extract the active ingredient from the plant normally performed by using a solvent extraction process. Alginate and fukosantin which are thought to be the largest compositions of brown seaweed are polar molecules and consequently more soluble in polar solvents, but the extraction conditions are also a key factor in their solubility. The overall extraction conditions such as the solid-liquid ratio, incubation temperature, incubation time, solvent type and solvent concentration affect the stability and concentration of active compounds which can be from plant extracts. Methanol is the most commonly used solvent, but it is also considered to be more toxic and harmful to handle than other alcohols. Aquades, used as a solvent other than environmentally friendly, brown seaweed extract can be directly used on food products. In this research, there are two ways to produce brown seaweed extract :

1. Extraction using aquades solvent by maseration method at room temperature using 24-hour thermoshaker.
2. Extraction using aquades solvent by heating 20 minutes at 100°C.

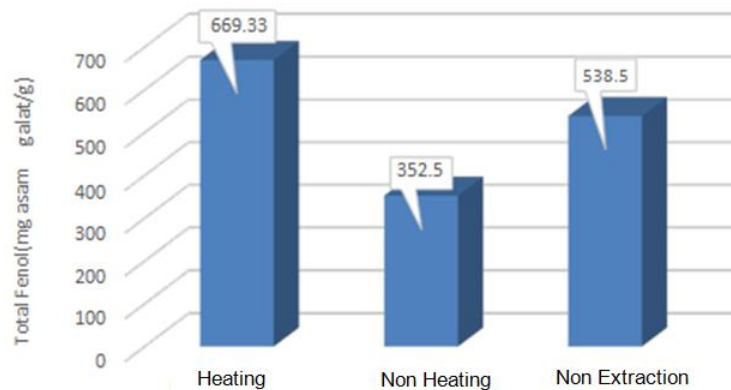
This treatment is based on the solubility of alginate and fukosantin compounds which are a group of polar compounds. Aquades are the safest polar compounds that can be used directly in food processing. The use of aquades is a polar solvent. From the results of experiments conducted there are some things that become obstacles in this treatment. Among other things the slow extraction process that occurs on the extraction at room temperature. This can be seen from the viscosity of the extract.

In the extraction process at the beginning time obtained extract that is not too thick so that the extraction process must be done in a long time. This may be due to the inability of the solvent aquades to enter into the sample pores at room temperature so it can not be too good to extract the alginate contained in the red dragon fruit skin sample. In addition, the dregs of the sample produced after the extraction process is obtained still feels its viscosity with the observation of the hand using the hand showed that the extraction process is less than perfect. While on extract using temperature 100oC for 20 minutes obtained higher viscosity. The extract has been filtered, then evaporated using rotary evaporator up to 50 ml extract volume. The rough extract of this brown seaweed analyzed the total content of phenol, antioxidant, and antimicrobial.

#### 3 2. Total Phenol

Brown seaweed (*Sargassum sp*) has been widely reported to contain secondary components that have certain functions such as phenol. Several studies have shown that the phenolic component of food has certain health

effects. The phenolic component has the ability to bind to free radicals and interact with proteins. Epidemiologically, phenolic compounds exhibit several important functions such as inhibition of pathogens, triglyceride antideposition, lowering the danger of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, cancer, stroke, anti-inflammatory, and anti-allergic (Ozcan et al., 2014).



**Figure 1. Total Phenol of Brown Seaweed Extract By Heating, Non Heating, and Non Extraction**

The total phenol content of brown grass extract was determined using the Folin-Ciocalteu reagent method. The Folin-Ciocalteu (F-C) reagent method is the easiest method to measure total phenol in foodstuffs. This method is an expansion of the Folin Denis reagent method used in the early 19th century. The F-C reagents used in the measurements are very stable if protected from reductant and even when dissolved remain stable if protected from light. The basic mechanism applied is the oxidation or reduction reaction in which the phenolic group is oxidized and the metal ions are reduced (Agbor et al 2014). The Folin-Ciocalteu reagent method is a widely used colorimetric method for measuring the total phenol in the material. This method utilizes the rapid oxidation reaction of phenol by using alkali.

Phenol compounds in seaweed extract with heating method is much higher when compared with non heating and also higher than without extraction. From Figure 1, it can be stated that to produce a high total phenol with a water solvent, it must extracted at a temperature of 100°C. By heating the active components especially the more phenols extracted than without heating. Figure 1 describes the total phenol content of brown seaweed extract by heating ie 669.33 mg galic acid/g, without heating 352.5 mg galic acid/g and in direct sea grass 538.5 mg of gallic acid/g. The results also show that phenol compounds in brown seaweed are widely extracted in polar solvents, aquades. This is in accordance with the opinion of Harborne (1987) that phenol compounds tend to dissolve in polar solvents. Suradikusumah (1989) also stated that phenol compounds tend to be more water soluble because they often combine with sugar and are usually present in cell cavities.

This phenol compound is thought to have an effect on the antioxidant content in brown seaweed because Bay et al. (2017) and Chen et al. (2017) states that there is a relationship between total phenol and

antioxidant activity where if in a material has a high concentration of phenol compounds, the antioxidant activity in the material is also high. Bay (2017) also states that phenol compounds may function as antioxidants because of their ability to negate free radicals and peroxide radicals, thereby effectively inhibiting lipid oxidation.

### 3.3. Antioxidant Activity

The antioxidant activity of the extract sample was quantitatively determined by DPPH (1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl), brown seaweed extract produced in the reduction or capture of DPPH radicals. This ability can be seen from the decrease in the intensity of the purple color of the DPPH solution added to the sample. Reducing the color intensity of DPPH solution can show that the reaction material test with a DPPH molecule radical to form a 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrilhidrazine yellow compound. The greater the concentration of the test material, the resulting yellow color will be stronger. Reduction of the intensity of purple color is the quantitative DPPH solution can be calculated from the decrease in absorbance of the solution. The greater the absorbance concentration of the test substance is smaller, which means that the activity of the test material in capturing more DPPH radicals. The absorbance was measured from the remaining absorbance DPPH which did not react with the test solution.

DPPH free radical capture activity of the sample extract can be expressed by the parameter IC<sub>50</sub> (Inhibitor concentration 50) is the concentration of test compound causing free radical capture by 50%. The value of IC<sub>50</sub> is determined from the linear regression equation between the concentration of the test material and the average percentage of free radical capture of each concentration.

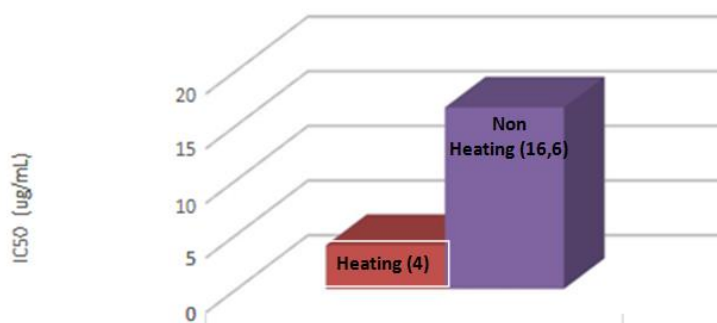


Figure 2. IC<sub>50</sub> Content of Brown Seaweed Extract

Specifically, the compound can be said to be a very powerful antioxidant if the IC<sub>50</sub> values are less than 50 ug / ml, strong for IC<sub>50</sub> worth 50-100 ug / ml and media for EC<sub>50</sub> valued at 151-200 ug / ml (Bay Y. et al 2017). The antioxidant activity of the extract sample, IC<sub>50</sub> value less than 50 µg / ml, this shows that the extract of brown seaweed has a very strong antioxidant activity. From Figure 6 it can be seen that the antioxidant activity of brown seaweed extract with stronger heating is 4 µg / ml compared with no heating ie 16.6 µg / ml ug / ml. The strength of antioxidants is proportional to the total content of phenol. The higher the total phenol, the stronger the antioxidant activity of the substance (Bay et



al. 2017 and Chen et al., 2017). This strong antioxidant activity expresses the concentration of active substances in high extracts although the solvent evaporation process has not all disappeared, because the extraction is done by using a water solvent so that the evaporation process is quite difficult to remove due to the high boiling point of water.

The very high antioxidant activity of the extracts indicates that the extract has a relatively high phenolic bond, as it is well known that the antioxidant activity ability is given by the presence of phenolic groups and the presence of the conjugate double bonds present in the active compound in the extract. The more phenolic groups will make the antioxidant ability stronger (Bay et al 2017). The phenolic group is thought to be due to the high content of fucoidan in brown seaweed extract, as described by Huang C-Y et al. (2016) fucoidan extracted from sargassum has very strong antioxidant activity of 3.7 mg / mL. Strong activity of antioxidant brown seaweed extract has the potential as a source of natural antioxidants to be consumed in the diet.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

The total content of phenol brown seaweed extract with heating is 669.33 mg galic acid/g, without heating 352.5 mg galic acid/g and on seaweed 538.5 mg of gallic acid/g. The antioxidant activity of chocolate seaweed extract is very strong ie 4 ug/ml with heating and 16.6 ug/ml without heating.

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