

Formulation of Nanoparticles of Ethanol Extract of *Garcinia mangostana* L. Leaves as Antioxidant with Pectin as Cross-Linker and Chitosan Variation as Polymer

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Abstract: *G. mangostana* leaves contained xanthone substances, it could be used as antioxidants. Ethanolic extract of *G. mangostana* leaves were formulated into nanoparticles compound which were made available into nano size through ionic gelation method. *G. mangostana* leaves were extracted by using maceration method with 50% ethanol as solvent, then were continued with evaporation until thick extract were formed. The nanoparticle formulas were made by mixing *G. mangostana* extract in ethanol, a solution of chitosan in glacial acetic acid as a polymer, and pectin as a cross-linker solution. There were three formulas (1,2,3) used, with the difference in pectin concentration which were 0.005; 0.01; and 0.02. Characterization of the three formulas include transmittance values were used spectrophotometric method and particle sizes by using particle size analysis (PSA). The results of this research showed that the transmittance of formulations 1, 2 and 3 were 95.9%; 97.7% and 97.3%. The highest transmittance value was formula 3, then were analysed its particle size and zeta potential were 2280 nm and -20.6 mV.

Keywords: *G. mangostana* leaves, antioxidants, chitosan, pectin.

I. INTRODUCTION

The term “antioxidants” in Indonesia is now widely known and already familiar to public. The development of antioxidants by using natural antioxidants needs to be conducted. Natural antioxidants are relatively easy to get and safe. Antioxidants work by donating one of their electrons to the oxidant compounds so that the activity of those oxidant compounds can be hampered.^[1] Mangosteen (*G. mangostana*) is a tropical plant which are widely spread and found in Southeast Asia, including Indonesia. Mangosteen is one of fruits that is liked by many people since its flavor and contents are beneficial for body. One of the main compounds in mangosteen is xanthone derivatives and this compound is

known to have activities namely antifungal, antimicrobial, antioxidant, and cytotoxic.^[2] This xanthone compound is found in the genus *Garcinia*.^[3] Mangosteen peel extract has strong antioxidant activity,^[4] and mangosteen leaf extract has the potential as a natural antioxidant.^[5] The research on nanoparticles is currently developing rapidly because this research can be widely applied such as in environmental, electronic, optical, and biomedical fields.^[6] Nanoparticles are materials with particle size on the nanometer scale.^[2] The object of the nanoparticles is microscopic since it has very small size. Microscopic particles also have different quality and characteristic with macroscopic particles. The maximum mechanical characteristic occurs when the particle size is very small or nano-sized.^[7] The bigger particle size in micrometer scale up, the lesser mechanical characteristics will be, while particle size that is smaller than nanometer will result amorphous material. Many researches are conducted to find out the benefits of nanoparticles development. Nanoparticles used as drug delivery system show the result that particles or globul in nanometer scale have unique physical characteristics rather than the particles in bigger size particularly in improving the quality of drug compound delivery.^[8] The methods which can produce microparticles and chitosan nanoparticles from chitosan are emulsion cross-linking, precipitation, spray drying, emulsion-droplet coalescence method, ionic gelation, reverse micellar method, and polyelectrolyte complex.^[9] The method that is mostly used is ionic gelation since this method is simple. Besides, this method can be controlled easily. The principle of the ionic gelation method is the occurrence of ionic between positively charged amino groups in chitosan and polyanions which forms a three-dimensional intramolecular structure.^[10] Therefore, the researchers are interested to formulate mangosteen leaf extract in nanoparticle preparations by using ionic gelation method with the addition of pectin as cross-linker by varying the concentration of chitosan. It is expected that the benefits contained in mangosteen leaves can be more optimized considering that the particles in nano form have more advantages as drugs than macroparticles and microparticles.

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II. METHODS

A. Instruments

Analytical balance (Shimadzu BL 620S), Vial glass, micropipette with size 100-1000 micrometer, micropipette with size 10-100 micrometer, microtube, porcelain dish, pipette, pipette with volume 5 mL, maceration jars, a set of glassware (measuring cylinder, beaker glass, test tubes, volumetric flask, funnel, and stirrer glass), Spectrophotometer UV-Vis (Shimadzu UV-1800 series), PSA (Particle Size Analyzer), a set of Sentrifuge instrument, filter paper, napkin, tissue, spatula, magnetic stirrer, aluminum foil, and a set of TLC (Thin Layer Chromatography) instrument.

B. Materials

The material from plant used in this research is *G. mangostana* leaves. Meanwhile, the chemical materials used in this research are 96% ethanol (PT. Bratacho), aquades (PT.Bratacho), acetic acid (p.a) (Merck), Na-TPP (Natrium Tripolyphosphate) (PT. Bratacho), and cellulose plate (Merck).

C. Material Collection

G. mangostana plant used is determined in Environment Laboratory of Faculty of Biology Universitas Jenderal Soedirman Purwokerto. *G. mangostana* leaves were taken from Banyumas regency, Central Java. Sampling is conducted in the same region with the same height. Drying process of the materials that have been washed cleanly are applied on the tray covered by black cloth in order to make those materials not exposed to direct sunlight. Then, they are spread out in the sun to dry.^[11]

D. Extraction of *G. mangostana* Leaves

200 g of *G. mangostana* leaves powder was mixed with 50% ethanol solvent until it is submerged then left it for 24 hours. The filtrate obtained is then collected and the rest of filtration is submerged again with the new solvent. Ethanol extract of *G. mangostana* leaves was concentrated by using waterbath tool with temperature 70°C until thick extract was obtained.

E. Moisture content determination

The empty crucible dish with its cover is weighed then its is heated into the oven with temperature 105°C for 30 minutes. Next, it is cooled into the desiccator for 15 minutes and it is weighed until the constant weight is obtained.

It is weighed precisely to be ± 1 gr and it is put into the crucible that has been constanted. Crucible dish which contains extract is heated again with temperature 105°C for 1 hour. After being heated, it is cooled into the desiccator for 15 minutes then it is weighed. The drying process is continued in temperature 105°C until constant weight is obtained in which the difference of weighing done twice in a row is not more than 0.5 mg for each gr of substance used. Loss on drying of the extract can be calculated with the formula as follows:

$$\text{moisture content} = \frac{a-b}{a} \times 100\%$$

Explanation:

a = Initial weight of extract

b = Final weight of extract

F. Nanoparticle of Ethanol Extract of *G. mangostana* Leaves with Ionic Gelation Method

Chitosan is made with concentration 0.01% b/v that is dissolved into acetic acid 1% b/v. Pectin 0.05% - 0.2 % solution is made. Stock solution is produced by weighing 1 g *G. mangostana* extract dissolved into 100 mL ethanol 50%. 1 mL extract stock solution is added into pectin 0.05% - 0.2 % solution by dropping it and stirring it using magnetic stirrer. Then, the mixture of extract and pectin (concentration variation 0.05–0.2% b/v) is added into chitosan solution drop by drop in room temperature under the spin of magnetic stirrer with the speed 1500 rpm during 2 hours until nanoparticle suspension is formed. Nanoparticle formula of mangosteen leaf ethanol extract can be seen on the Table 1. The formulation of nanoparticle extract is conducted with comparisons between chitosan, pectin and extract respectively which are 5:1:1.

Table 1. Nanoparticle Formulation

Samples	F1	F2	F3
ethanol extract of <i>G. mangostana</i> levae (mg/ml)	10	10	10
Chitosan content (% b/v) in 5 ml acetic acid solution 1%	0.01	0.01	0.01
Pectin content (% b/v) in 1 ml water solution	0.05	0.1	0.2

Transmittance

Nanoparticle of *G. mangostana* leaves extract was good to have a clear visual sighting with a transmittance of more than 90% so that the formula could be said to form a nanoparticle.

Transmittance was conducted by observing the samples spectrophotometrically through reading the transmittance on 650 nm wavelength using aquades as the standard.

G. Free Radicals Scavenging Activity By Using DPPH (2,2-Diphenyl-1-Pikrilhidrazil) Method

Determination of the Maximum Wavelength of DPPH

Determination of maximum wavelength of DPPH 0.004 % solution for antioxidant activity test on nanoparticle formula of mangosteen leaf ethanol extract is conducted as follows: 5 ml DPPH 0.004 % solution, its absorbance is observed on the wavelength range 400-700 nm by using methanol blank.

Determination of Operating Time

Measurement is done by taking one of the concentration solutions from methanol extract, 4 ml concentration solution taken is added with 1 ml DPPH, its absorbance is read on the wavelength 515 nm from some minutes which are: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60. The result of operating time determination is where the absorbance has

reached constant value and there is no decline anymore.

Measurement of Free Radicals Scavenging Activity

The measurement is started by making the series of concentration for extract namely 18, 16, 15, and 10 µg/ml. Then, take 4 ml from each comparison and added with 1 ml DPPH 0.004% solution. After that, they are incubated in the closed tubes in order to make them protected from the light in room temperature during operating time. From the result of incubation, its absorbance is measured by using spectrophotometer UV-Vis on its optimal wavelength. The absorbance value obtained is then used to result the percentage of radicals interception and to get the regression equation:

$$Y = a + bx.$$

IC₅₀ value is calculated by using that regression equation formula. The lowest IC₅₀ value shows the highest antioxidant activity. Inhibition of nanoparticles toward DPPH can be calculated with the equation below:

$$\% \text{ inhibition} = \frac{(A \text{ control} - A \text{ sample})}{A \text{ control}} \times 100\%$$

Explanation:

% inhibition = percentage of antioxidant inhibition

A control = absorbance of DPPH

A sample = absorbance of testing solution

Then, the results obtained are put into regression equation with the concentration of sample or extract (µg/ml) as the basis (X axis) and the percentage (%) of antioxidant inhibition as the ordinate (Y axis). IC₅₀ value from the calculation when the percentage (%) of inhibition is 50% with $Y = Ax + b$ [7]

H. Analysis

Quantitative analytical technique applied in this research is PSA (Particle Size Analyzer). PSA instrument is used for finding out nanoparticle size resulted and Zeta Sizer Nano Series malvem for finding out potential Zeta value.

III. RESULTS

From the determination result, there is a certainty that the plant used in this research comes from Clusiaceae family with *Garcinia* genus and has *species* name which is *Garcinia mangostana* L. The powder of *G. mangostana* (580 g) were macerated by using maceration method with 50% ethanol solvent (5.8 L), then were re-macerated by using 3.6 L of the same solvent. Both filtrates were evaporated to obtain thick extract with weight 157.80 g (dark brown color, typical smell). Thick extract of *G. mangostana* leaves were showed in the fig.1.

Table 1. Yield Percentage of *G. mangostana* Leaves Extract

<i>G. mangostana</i> Leaves (g)	Powder (g)	Extract Weight (g)	Yield (%)
2500	580	157.80	27.20



Fig. 1. *G. mangostana* Leaves Thick Extract

Moisture content of extract were obtained by using gravimetric methods. Determination of moisture content were used to find out water content and solvent which still remains inside the extract. The thick extracts were dried in temperature 105°C until obtained constant weight in which the difference of weighing done twice in a row is not more than 0.005 g for each g of substance used. [12] Based on the test that has been conducted, the percentage of moisture content was 23.194%. This percentage showed that the extract includes thick extract since the percentage of water content and solvent in *G. mangostana* leaves extract reaches 5%-30%. [13]

The process of producing the formulation of nanoparticle preparations from ethanol extract of *G. mangostana* leaves applies ionic gelation method. The formula can be seen in Table 1. Ethanol extract of *G. mangostana* leaves were formed by using maceration method with concentration 50% of solvent ethanol, then evaporated to obtain thick extract. Based on Diniatik's research (2014), 1-2 mg/ml of 50% ethanol extract of *G. mangostana* leaves can give better preservative effect than soluble preservative material.

The selection of chitosan polymer and pectin as formulas in producing nanoparticle preparations from *G. mangostana* leaves extract is because both formulas have advantages that are related to each other. The use of chitosan in nanoparticle production is because chitosan is natural biopolymer which has special characteristics such as mucoadhesive, biocompatible, biodegradable, non toxic and low immunogenicity level. Besides, chitosan is biomaterial that is very promising as carrier in drug delivery system. In the form of nanoparticle, chitosan is considered as carrier that is very promising in increasing bioavailability and biomolecules since chitosan has better abilities in diffusion and penetration into mucus layer. The mechanism of nanoparticle formation based on electrostatic interaction between amine group from chitosan and negative group from polyanion forms intermolecule and/or 3-dimensional intramolecule network structures. Cross-linker used is pectin since it is non toxic and has multivalent. The formula made forms a suspension solution that has orange color (Fig. 2) and then it is characterized a transmittance measurement (%T), PSA (Particle Size Analyzer) in order to know the particle size that is formed, Potential Zeta, and TLC test for finding out the similarities of the components contained in *G. mangostana* leaves extract in nano size or in the form of nanoparticle preparations.



Fig. 2. Nanoparticle of ethanolic extract of *G. mangostana* leaves (a) F1 with 0.05 pectin (b) F2 with 0.1 pectin (c) F3 with 0.2 pectin.

From the three samples, the transmittance result in sample F1 has good clarity since it approaches 100%. According to [2], the clarity of water and the transmittance result which approaches aquades signify that the droplets formed are getting smaller so that they are estimated to have droplet size <1 μm. The result of the transmittance percentage (%) of nanoparticle formula of mangosteen leaves can be seen in the Table 2.

Table 2. Transmittance (%T) of Nanoparticle of ethanolic extract of *G. mangostana* leaves

Formula	Transmittance (%)	Average (%)
F1	96.523	95.958
	95.679	
	95.679	
F2	96.767	97.173
	98.067	
	96.686	
F3	97.266	97.350
	97.771	
	97.014	

Based on the transmittance, it is found that F3 was the highest. Observation of particle size by using PSA (Particle Size Analyzer) from F3 obtained particle size of 2280 nm. Thus it is still micron-sized. F3 has a zeta potential value of -20.6 mV which is still less than -25 mV so that it is still possible to form aggregates. Potential Zeta of F3 resulted nanoparticles which have less stable potential Zeta value since they are considered to have potential value which is lesser than -30 mV and more than +30 mV.^[15] From the results above, it is found that the higher pectin concentration (0.2%), the smaller diameter of particle size will be. Further, the smaller particle size of a preparation, the more stable that preparation in accordance with its function will be. The function of producing nanoparticle preparations is to stable the preparations themselves. Besides determining particle size, the measurement of potential Zeta value is also very important in producing nanoparticles. Potential Zeta value is related to the stability of nanoparticle suspension which shows nanoparticle electrostatic interaction among particles. Potential Zeta also reflects potential contents from particles that are influenced by the composition from particles and medium where nanoparticles are dispersed. Therefore, potential Zeta has important roles in the stability of a solution. Potential Zeta is also related to surface physical stability which prevents the occurrence of particle aggregation. Reducing potential Zeta will cause aggregation and sedimentation in line with the style of Van Der Waals in particle interaction.^{[16][17]} The high value of deflocculation happens if the value is between +60 mV to 100 mV and -60 mV to -100 mV which shows the levels of suspension deflocculation. Flocculation always occurs if potential Zeta value approaches 0, namely between +10 mV to -10 mV.^[18]

Chitosan is natural biopolymer caused by the existence of reactive amino group and hydroxyl functional group that can bind with unpaired atoms or free radicals. Three formulas of nanoparticle preparations of mangosteen leaves consist the same concentration of chitosan. Chitosan

is one of immobilization matrices that is mostly promising since it has ability to form membrane, good adhesive characteristic, non toxic, and have mechanical strength, high hydrophilicity, and stability improvement.^{[20][21]} Furthermore, nanoparticle of ethanolic extract of *G. mangostana* leaves possessed antioxidant activity because of its activity and encouraged with chitosan as one of materials to producing nanoparticle.

The measurement of absorbance of DPPH 0,004% solution on 400-800 nm wavelength, the result shows that the maximum wavelength of DPPH solution is 516 nm with absorbance value 0.4162. This indicates that the absorbance measurement on antioxidant activity test is conducted on the maximum λ namely 516 nm. Operating time is meant to get optimal time which is needed by the extract to give antioxidant effect to DPPH free radicals. The result of operating time determination is 15 minutes with absorbance value 0.338 in which in this absorbance, constant value has been reached and there is no decrease or increase anymore so that it is the optimal time needed by DPPH to react with the tested formula.

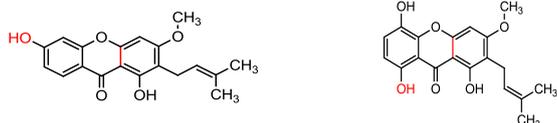
Table 3. IC₅₀ Value of Extract and Quercetin

	Inhibition concentration IC ₅₀ (μg/ml)		
	replication 1	replication 2	replication 3
Extract	0.85	0.80	0.79
Quercetin	0.13	0.13	0.13

Ethanolic extract of *G. mangostana* leaves possessed antioxidant activity five times less than quercetin (Table 3). It can be seen from IC₅₀ value in extract which has IC₅₀ value namely 0.81 μg/ml. IC₅₀ is concentration of sample solution that is required to obstruct 50 % DPPH free radicals. The higher percentage (%) of scavenging value, the lower IC₅₀ value will be. The higher IC₅₀ value, the lower antioxidant power will be meaning that the more concentration is needed by a sample to give 50% obstruction.^[19] Quercetin is used as comparison because it is a strong antioxidant which has free radical scavenging activity although the concentration is low. Specifically, a compound is considered as very strong antioxidant if its IC₅₀ value is less than 50 μg/ml, strong for IC₅₀ value between 50 to 100 μg/ml, medium for IC₅₀ value between 100 to 150 μg/ml, and weak for IC₅₀ value between 151 to 200 μg/ml.^[7]

Working mechanism of antioxidant is scavenging free radicals by giving one or more electrons to free radicals so that they become normal molecular form again. Secondary metabolite from *G. mangostana* leaves extract which can be found and is responsible to have ability as antioxidant is xanthone flavanoid. Xanthone flavanoid derivatives that can be isolated from leaf are 1,5,8-trihydroxy-3-methoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-enyl) xanthone and 1,6-dihydroxy-3-methoxy-2-(3-methyl-2-butenyl) xanthone.^[22]





1,6-Dihydroxy-2-(2-hydroxy-3-methylbut-3-enyl)-3,7-dimethoxy-8-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)-xanthone 1,5,8-Trihydroxy-3-methoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)-xanthone

Fig.4 Xanthone Structure Contained in *G. mangostana* leaves [22]

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the research that has been conducted, the conclusions that can be drawn are as follows:

Nanoparticles of ethanol extract of *G. mangostana* leaves in formulation F3 were better than F1 and F2 in which concentration of chitosan in glacial acetic acid is 0.01% and concentration of pectin is 0.2%, with transmittance 97.35, particle size 2280 nm and zeta potential -20,6 mV.

Antioxidant activity of ethanol extract from *G. mangostana* leaves with DPPH free radical scavenging method showed five time less than quercetin, but its IC_{50} value 0.81 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (very strong antioxidant because its IC_{50} value was less than 50 $\mu\text{g/ml}$). It can be conclude that formula 3 (F3) has strong antioxidant activity, respectively.

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