

# Bioactive Substances of Some Herbals and Their Effectiveness as Antioxidant, Antibacteria and Antifungi

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## ABSTRAK

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Penelitian dilakukan untuk mengetahui zat bioaktif dari beberapa tanaman lokal dan keefektifannya sebagai antioksidan, antibakteri dan antijamur untuk digunakan sebagai imbuhan pakan. Sebanyak 12 tanaman digunakan dalam penelitian ini. Pengujian dilakukan terhadap kandungan total fenol, tanin dan saponin dalam ekstrak tanaman. Ekstrak tanaman juga diuji aktifitas antioksidan dan kemampuan untuk menekan produksi gas mikroba dari usus ayam secara *in vitro*, kemampuan untuk menghambat pertumbuhan bakteri (*E. coli*, *S. enteritidis*) dan jamur (*A. niger*). Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa kandungan total fenol tanin tertinggi diperoleh pada ekstrak daun cengkeh, sementara kandungan saponin tertinggi diperoleh pada ekstrak daging buah *Sapindus rarak*. Aktifitas antioksidan tertinggi terdapat pada ekstrak daun meniran. Gas yang diproduksi oleh mikroba menurun seperti daya kerja antibiotik, dengan menambahkan pakan dengan daun meniran yang diekstraksi dengan hexan, biji kapok atau kulit buah manggis atau daun cengkeh yang diekstraksi dengan metanol. Efek inhibitor terhadap jamur diperoleh dari ekstrak daun cengkeh. Efek penghambat terbaik terhadap pertumbuhan *E. coli* (diukur dengan zona terang), ditemukan pada ekstrak metanol daging buah *S. rarak*. Penghambat yang paling efektif terhadap pertumbuhan *E. coli* dan salmonella adalah asap cair kulit kacang mete. Ekstrak daun cengkeh (antijamur), asap cair kulit kacang mete (antibakteri), daun meniran (antioksidan) mempunyai potensi untuk digunakan sebagai imbuhan pakan sebagai pengganti antibiotic-growth promoter.

**Kata Kunci:** Zat Bioaktif, Herbal, Antioksidan, Antibakteri, Antijamur

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A study was conducted to explore the bioactive substances of some local plants in order to find their effectiveness as antioxidant, antibacteria and antifungi to be used as feed additives. Twelve plants material were used in this study. The total phenol, tannin and saponin contents in the plant extract were assayed. The extracts were also assayed on their antioxidant activities and on their ability to depress *in vitro* gas production of microbes obtained from chicken's guts, their ability to inhibit growth of bacteria (*E. coli* and *Salmonella enteritidis*) and fungi (*A. niger*). The results showed that the highest total phenol and total tannin contents were found in clove leaf extract, while the highest saponin content was found in *Sapindus rarak* fruit pericarp. The highest antioxidant activity was found in the leaffruit extract. Gas produced by microorganisms was reduced to the level similar to antibiotic addition were found with addition of hexane- extract of leaffruit, kapok seed or methanol- extract of mangosteen fruit rind pulp or clove leaves. The best inhibitory effect on *E. coli* growth (measured by clearing zone) was found in methanol extract of *S. rarak* fruit. However, the most effective growth inhibitor for both *E. coli* and *Salmonella* was the liquid smoke of cashew nut shell. The best growth inhibitor for fungal growth was found in extract of clove leaves. Therefore, clove leaves extract (anti fungi), liquid smoke of cashew nut shell (antibacteria) and leaffruit (antioxidant) may have potential to produce feed additives to substitute antibiotic growth promoters.

**Key Words:** Bioactive Substances, Herbals, Antioxidant, Antibacteria, Antifungi

## INTRODUCTION

Feed additives are commonly used for animal production in aim to improve the productive performance, feed utilization efficiency and quality of animal products. One of the feed additives that widely used is antibiotic, known as antibiotic growth promoters (AGP). The AGP has been used since 1940's (Dibner &

Richards 2005) and legally recognized as feed additives in all over the world until 1970's when the Swann Reports 1969 showed the negative impact of the AGP usage such as the occurrence of microorganism resistant to antibiotics.

Since the Swann report, many countries banned or at least restricted the use of AGP. Indonesia also bans the use of AGP in animal feed as stated in the

legislation Act 18/2009 juncto Act 41/2014. Endorsement of the regulation without precaution may deteriorate the poultry productivity and feed efficiency drastically. Therefore, it is important to find non-antibiotic feed additives to substitute for the AGP. On the other hand, many reports and opinion conclude that the use of AGP promote the occurrence of antibiotic resistant microorganisms which is harmful for the human.

Some efforts have been done in search of materials to replace the AGP which are “friendly” for environments and human health. Among them are enzymes, acidifiers, probiotic, prebiotic, plant bioactives and the combination of those products. As a tropical country, Indonesia has abundant of plants as source of plant bioactives. Some plants or herbs have been used traditionally as “healthy drinks” and for medications for human in Indonesia and elsewhere.

Bioactive compounds in plants are defined as compounds produced by plants having pharmacological or toxicological effects in man and animals (Bernhoft 2010). The typical bioactive compounds in plants are produced as secondary metabolites. Plant bioactives have been reported to have functions as antibiotic, anti fungi, antioxidant and immuno modulator. Some researches have been conducted in order to proof the beneficial effect of plant bioactives to replace AGP such as Aloe vera (Purwadaria et al. 2001; Bintang et al. 2001; Sinurat et al. 2003; Sinurat et al. 2004; Sinurat 2013), Curcuma longa and Curcuma xanthorrhiza (Samarasinghe et al. 2003; Sinurat et al. 2009), and guava leaves (Hoque et al. 2007; Kidaha et al. 2013). Most of the researches studied the effectivity of the bioactives obtained from single ingredient and the results have not been applied in the livestock industry commercially due to some factors such: variability on the effectivity, high production cost or too expensive when compared to the commercial AGP and when the use of AGP is still allowed in the country.

Synthetic antioxidants such as ethoxyquin, BHA (butylated hydroxyanisole) and BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene) are also used as feed additives in order to improve the healthiness (immunity of the animals). The plant antioxidant can induce the phase 2 enzymes or cytoprotective proteins in the cell and act to neutralize toxic agents when they appear (Blomhoff 2010). Farahat et al. (2016) reported that natural antioxidant obtained from decaffeinated green tea extract are effectively to enhance the immune response and vaccination potency in broilers without adversely affected the growth performance of broilers. The addition of antioxidant in feed may help the animal to ‘fight’ pathogen microorganisms.

In order to find an alternative to AGP, this research was focused on the searching of plants that contain bioactives effective for inhibiting bacteria growth,

fungus growth and have high antioxidant activity. The combination of three bioactives obtained from plants are expected to form a feed additive that can replace or even better than antibiotic growth promoters.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Source of plant bioactives

Twelve (12) plants which have been known in literatures contain bioactives and have been used in society as traditional drinks or medications were used in this study, i.e.: Binahong (*Anredera cordifolia*) leaves, clove (*Syzygium aromaticum*) leaves, guava (*Psidium guajava*) leaves, Mangosteen (*Garcinia mangostana*) fruit shell, Mimba (*Azadirachta indica*) leaves, Mindi (*Melia azedarach L.*) leaves, salam (*Syzygium polyanthum*) leaves, cashew nut shell, Sirih (*Piper betle*) leaves, meniran (*Phyllanthus urinaria*), kapok seed oil and lerak (*Sapindus rarak*) fruits. The characteristics of the plant bioactives used in the experiment were:

1. Salam (*Syzygium polyanthum*) leaves with bioactive components such as antioxidant, antiinflammation, antiallergy (Kusuma et al. 2011).
2. Binahong (*Anredera cordifolia*) leaves contain flavonoids which have antibacterial activity (Astuti et al. 2011).
3. Mimba (*Azadirachta indica*) leaves contain bioactive that effective as antibacteria, particularly against *Vibrio cholerae* (Thakurta et al. 2007).
4. Lerak (*Sapindus rarak De Candolle*) fruits pericarp with high saponin contents and effectively inhibit growth of *Escherichia coli* (Astuti et al. 2009) and *Eimeria tenella* (Pasaribu et al. 2014).
5. Kapok (*Ceiba pentandra*) seed oil with high contents on cyclopropanoids which are effective to inhibit growth of *Bacillus subtilis* (Chekuboyina et al. 2012).
6. Guava (*Psidium guajava*) leaves contain tannin, triptene, flavonoid, and have been reported to be effective as antioxidant and antimicrobes (Biswas et al. 2013).
7. Clove (*Syzygium aromaticum*) leaves are rich in eugenol which are effective as anti-fungi such as *Fusarium oxysporum* and anti-bacteria such as *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Pandey & Singh 2011).
8. Sirih (*Piper betel*) leaves contain hydroxychavicol, eugenol, which are effective as antiulcer, anthelmintic, antioxidant (Chakraborty & Shah 2011).
9. Mindi (*Melia azedarach L.*) leaves contain terpenoid and azadirachtin (Meziane and Goumri, 2015) which are effective as antibacteria, antiviral, insecticide and as antioxidant (Khan et al. 2011).

10. Mangosteen (*Garcinia mangostana*) fruit pericarp is rich in xanthenes which are known as antioxidant, anti inflammation, antibacteria and antifungi (Palakawong et al. 2010). The ethanol extract have been reported effective to inhibit growth of pathogen bacteria that usually found in gastro intestinal tract such as *Salmonella typhi*, *Shigella dysenteriae*, *E. coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *V. cholerae*, *Pseudo-monas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* (Geetha et al. 2011).
11. Liquid smoke obtained from Cashew nut (*Anacardium occidentale*) shell contains anacardic acids (aphenolic lipids) which are effective as antifungal and anti-microbial (Parasa et al. 2011). The liquid smoke has a low pH and contains high phenolic compounds which may be effective to be used as an antimicrobial in feed (Saenab et al. 2016).
12. Gripeweed or leafyfruit (*Phyllanthus urinaria*) plants commonly called chamber bitter or leafyflower, is a herb species in the family Phyllanthaceae. The bioactives were reported as high antioxidant activities and effective as antibacteria (Kumaran & Karanukaran 2007; Eldeen et al. 2010).

#### Preparation of plant crude extract

Samples of plant materials were dried and ground prior to extract. The samples were extracted by methanol for polar fraction or by hexane for non-polar fraction. Each 5 g of the sample was soaked in 10 ml methanol solution. The soaking was performed with sonicator for 30 minutes. The solutions were then centrifuged for 15 minutes (2500 rpm) and the supernatant was collected as a polar fraction.

Similar procedures were performed to obtain the extraction of the non-polar fraction by using hexane instead of methanol.

#### Total phenol and tannin

Phenol levels in the samples were measured by Folin-Ciocalteu method. Analyses were performed twice, i.e. before and after addition of polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVPP). The methods have been described by Makkar (2013)

#### Analysis of antioxidant potential

The antioxidant content of plant extracts were determined following method as described by Shekar & Anju (2014) The procedure in brief was as follows: 0.5 g of dried samples were diluted with 10 mL methanol. The solution (1 mL) were made in some different concentrations and each was reacted with 2 mL 2,2 diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazil (DPPH) 0.2 mM. Then,

they were incubated at room temperatures for 30 minutes. The assay was performed in dark room and the absorbance of the solution was measured at 517 nm. Methanol was used as the blank (1 mL methanol added with 2 mL DPPH 0.2 mM). Concentration to inhibit 50% oxidation, ng/mL was calculated in each curve of extract concentration towards oxidative inhibitions.

$$\% \text{ DPPH inhibition} = \frac{A - B}{B} \times 100\%$$

A = Absorbance of control

B = Absorbance of sample

#### Effectiveness to inhibit microorganism growth

Two methods were performed in order to identify the effectiveness of the plant bioactives to inhibit the growth of microorganisms. The first method was the in vitro fermentation method or by measuring the total gas production. In this method, 0.1 g pepsin digested corn meal as substrate in the 15 ml glass test tube, was added with 0.5 ml plant extract and 10 mL artificial saliva buffer (McDougall buffer) which has been mixed with the chicken digesta as inoculum with ratio 4:1 to mimic gut's condition during fermentation.

The CO<sub>2</sub> gas was ran for 15-20 minutes into the digesta-buffer prior to addition of the samples. After mixed homogenously and flushed with the CO<sub>2</sub> gas, the tubes were tightly sealed and incubated at 37-40°C for 24 hours. Samples without plant extract were performed as negative control. The gas produced was measured every hour till 9 hours of fermentation and at the end of fermentation (24h). Total gas production was calculated as the sum of gas produced during 24 h of incubation. The amount difference between total gas production in the treated tubes and the control (without plant extract) were considered as the indicator on the effectiveness of the extract to inhibit microorganism growth. The higher the difference (or the less total gas production), the more effective the plant extract to inhibit the microorganism growth. Each treatment was replicated 4 (four) times.

The second method was by observing the growth of *E. coli* and *Salmonella enteritidis* in petri dish as described by Rollins & Joseph (2000). Assays were performed by placing paper on the agar media inoculated with *E. coli* or *S. enteritidis* sp. The diameter of *clear zone* was measured as an indicator of effectiveness of the plant extract to inhibit the bacteria growth.

#### Substrate preparation and source of microbes for inoculum

Substrate was prepared as follows: 10 g corn meal was mixed with 300 ml pepsin solution (0.2% in HCl

0.1 N). The mixture was incubated on water bath shaker at 40°C for 45 minutes followed by centrifugation at 3000 rpm for 10 minutes. Then, the precipitate was washed with distilled water, and again centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 5 minutes, dried and regarded as substrate for in vitro fermentation.

Source of microbes used for in vitro fermentation in this experiment was total microbes that present in the digesta of the chickens and were attacked by antibiotic growth promoters. The digesta were collected by squeezing the contents of the guts of chickens obtained from poultry slaughter house. The digesta were pooled and kept in the freezer and used as inoculum for in vitro fermentation.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Identification of bioactive substances of some native plants

Concentration of some bioactive compounds in some plants extract is shown in Table 1. Extract of clove leaves contain the highest total phenol (6.04 %) followed by the mangosteen fruit pericarp extract (4.76 %) as compared to other plant extracts. The kapok seed oil contained the lowest (not detected) total phenol. Similar to the total phenol content, the highest tannin levels was also found in clove leaf extract (3.34%) followed by mangosteen fruit pericarp extract (2.72%)

and the lowest (not detected) in kapok seed oil. The tannin level in both clove leaf and mangosteen extract were found more than 50% of the total phenol. The saponin level, however, showed different trend. The highest saponin level was detected in *S. rarak* fruit pericarp extract (59.71%) followed by liquid smoke of cashew nut shell (50.46%) and the lowest level was found in kapok seed oil (1.19 %). Total phenol, tannin and saponin are compounds that dissolved in polar solvents, therefore their content in kapok seed oil which dissolved in non polar solvent was very low compared to other plant extracts in this study.

Plant phenolic compounds and tannins are well known as potent antioxidant (Ghasemzadeh & Ghasemzadeh 2011) and can serve as protectants against bacterial pathogen (Sytar et al. 2012). Plant saponin was also reported to inhibit sporulation of *E. tenella* oocysts (Pasaribu et al. 2011). Therefore, it is expected that the highest the content of the total phenol, tannin and saponin in the plants the higher the potential benefit for the consumers (animals).

Analyses on antioxidant activities of the samples were conducted in comparison with vitamin C (as standard) and the concentrations of plant extracts that effectively inhibit 50% oxidation are shown in Table 2. The leaffruit (*Phyllanthus urinaria*) extract showed the least concentration (124 µg/mL) followed by clove leaves extract (147.9 µg/mL) and cashew nut liquid smoke (156.5 µg/mL). The antioxidant activity of

**Table 1.** Concentrations of total phenol, tannin and saponin in some plant extracts

Plants name	Parts	Method of Process	Total Phenol (% DM sample)	Tannin (%)	Saponin (%)
Binahong ( <i>A. cordifolia</i> )	Leaves	Extraction	0.48	0.16	4.94
Clove ( <i>S. aromaticum</i> )	Leaves	Extraction	6.04	3.34	13.50
Guava ( <i>P. guajava</i> )	Leaves	Extraction	3.34	2.30	5.70
Lerak ( <i>S. rarak</i> )	Fruit pericarp	Extraction	0.24	0.05	59.71
Mangosteen ( <i>G. mangostana</i> )	Fruit fruit pericarp	Extraction	4.76	2.72	15.23
Leaffruit ( <i>P. urinaria</i> )	Whole plant	Extraction	3.06	1.67	2.14
Cashew nut ( <i>A. occidentale</i> )	Shell	Liquid smoke	2.79*	1.42*	50.46*
Neem ( <i>A. indica</i> )	Leaves	Extraction	2.24	0.38	13.39
Mindi ( <i>M. azedarach</i> )	Leaves	Extraction	0.94	0.34	16.29
Kapok ( <i>C. pentandra</i> )	Seed oil	Screw pressed	ND	ND	1.19
Salam ( <i>S. polyanthum</i> )	Leaves	Extraction	1.45	0.36	13.50
Sirih or betel plant ( <i>P. betle</i> )	Leaves	Extraction	3.18	2.30	6.88

\* Percentage in 100 ml liquid smoke

**Table 2.** Antioxidant activity of some plant extracts

Plants name	Parts	Concentration to inhibit 50% oxidation, ng/mL
Binahong ( <i>A. cordifolia</i> )*	Leaves	ND
Clove ( <i>S. aromaticum</i> )	Leaves	274.67
Guava ( <i>P. guajava</i> )	Leaves	625.95
Lerak ( <i>S. rarak</i> )	Fruit pericarp	6995.66
Mangosteen ( <i>G. mangostana</i> )	Fruit pericarp	338.42
Leaffruit ( <i>P. urinaria</i> )	Whole plant	292.08
Cashew nut ( <i>A. occidentale</i> )	Shell	359.58
Neem ( <i>A. indica</i> )	Leaves	555.66
Mindi ( <i>M. azedarach</i> )	Leaves	NA
Kapok ( <i>C. pentandra</i> )	Seed oil	NA
Salam ( <i>S. polyanthum</i> )	Leaves	759.72
Sirih or betel plant ( <i>P. betel</i> )	Leaves	532.52

\*The antioxidant activities of some plants were also correlated with antibiofilm activity (Gracia et al. 2017);  
 ND = not detected or no antioxidant activity; NA = not analysed

Binahong (*A. cordifolia*) leave extract, Mindi (*M. azedarach*) and Kapok (*C. pentandra*) seed oil could not be obtained since the green colour of binahong and mindi extract disturbed the color measurement during the analysis, while oil fraction of Kapok seed oil could not mix with the DPPH solution in the analysis. The least the concentration required to inhibit oxidation means the more effective the substances as antioxidant. Therefore, the leaffruit (*P. urinaria*) extract and clove extract showed the best potential antioxidant activity.

Plant phenols are antioxidants by virtue of the hydrogen-donating properties of the phenolic hydroxyl groups (Blomhoff 2010). However, the results showed that the total phenol was not directly related to the antioxidant activity. As shown in Table 1, the highest total phenol was found in clove leaves extract (6.04 %), while the highest antioxidant activity was found in leaffruit extract (Table 2). Although, in general, samples with high antioxidant activities (leaffruit, clove leaves, and mangosteen fruit rind pulp) always contain high total phenols. The phenols have many structural component such as phenolic acids, flavonoids, stilbenes and lignans. The effectivity of each compound as antioxidant may be not the same and the level of each compound may different in different plants.

The effectiveness of the plant extracts to inhibit growth of microorganisms (in-vitro) was determined by volume of gas produced by microorganisms obtained from gastro intestinal tract of chickens during 24 h. As shown in Table 3 the addition of antibiotic (50 ppm zinc bacitracin) or the plant extracts significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) affected the amount of gas produced during the

incubation. The gas production was significantly reduced by addition of the antibiotic (50 ppm zinc bacitracin) to 65% as compared to the control without antibiotic. Reduction of gas production to the level similar to antibiotic were found with addition of hexane extract of leaffruit (72% of control), kapok seed oil (69% of control), and methanol extract of mangosteen fruit pericarp (61.0% of control), clove leaves (63% of control), *S. polyanthum* leaves (72% of control), guava leaves (74% of control) and *M. azadirach* leaves (77% of control). If the reduction of total gas production can be used as indicator of the effectiveness to inhibit pathogen microorganisms, it could be concluded that these plant extracts are the best candidates to replace antibiotic. However, gas production in this method is the result of all microorganisms (obtained from chicken intestinal) including pathogens and non-pathogens. On the other hand, the purpose of this research was to explore the effectiveness of plant bioactives to inhibit growth of pathogen microorganisms which may be used as alternatives to AGP. Perhaps, gas production may only be used as a preliminary tool to indicate that the plant extract contains substances as anti-microorganism. The conventional method (diffusion test) by measuring the size of clear zone around the samples place on an agar plate may still the best method to measure the effectiveness of a substance as an antibiotic.

Results of diffusion method to test the effectiveness of the plant extracts to inhibit growth of *E. coli* and *S. enteritidis* is presented in Table 4. Negative control did not have a clear zone diameter (0 mm), but addition of antibiotic (pyripen 5.5 mg/10ml) produced

**Table 3.** In-vitro gas production of digested corn by microbes (obtained from chickens gastrointestinal tract) for 24 h as affected by plant extract addition

Plants' name	Hexane fraction (50 mg/ml extract)		Methanol fraction (50 mg/ml extract)	
	Total gas production, mL/ 24 h*	Relative to Control	Total gas production, mL/ 24 h*	Relative to Control
Binahong ( <i>A. cordifolia</i> )	24.63 <sup>a</sup>	0.95	20.35 <sup>abc</sup>	0.88
Clove ( <i>S. aromaticum</i> )	24.98 <sup>a</sup>	0.97	14.60 <sup>d</sup>	0.63
Guava ( <i>P. guajava</i> )	22.83 <sup>ab</sup>	0.88	17.08 <sup>bcd</sup>	0.74
Lerak ( <i>S. rarak</i> )	26.05 <sup>a</sup>	1.01	22.38 <sup>ab</sup>	0.97
Mangosteen ( <i>G.mangostana</i> )	22.67 <sup>ab</sup>	0.88	14.20 <sup>d</sup>	0.61
Leaffruit ( <i>P. urinaria</i> )	18.7 <sup>bc</sup>	0.72	ND	
Cashew nut ( <i>A. occidetale</i> ) shell	23.1 <sup>ab</sup>	0.89	17.5 <sup>bcd</sup>	0.75
Neem ( <i>A. indica</i> )	24.05 <sup>a</sup>	0.93	18.57 <sup>abcd</sup>	0.80
Mindi ( <i>M. azedarach</i> )	24.83 <sup>a</sup>	0.96	17.70 <sup>bcd</sup>	0.77
Kapok ( <i>C. pentandra</i> )	17.84 <sup>bc</sup>	0.69	20.60 <sup>abc</sup>	0.89
Salam ( <i>S. polyanthum</i> )	21.83 <sup>abc</sup>	0.84	16.73 <sup>cd</sup>	0.72
Sirih or betel plant ( <i>P. betle</i> )	23.63 <sup>a</sup>	0.91	18.75 <sup>acd</sup>	0.81
Control (C)	25.88 <sup>a</sup>	1.00	23.13 <sup>a</sup>	1.00
C + Zinc Bacitracin	16.68 <sup>c</sup>	0.65	16.68 <sup>c</sup>	0.65

\* Different letters in superscripts showed significant different ( $p < 0.05$ ); ND = Not determined; Control was not added with plant extracts.

significantly clear zone diameter. Not all the extracts produced clear zone (or ability to inhibit growth of *E. coli* or *S. enteritidis*). Almost all the methanol extract showed inhibition of *E. coli* with different clear zone diameters except extracts of betel plant (*P. betel*) leaves, leaffruit (*P. urinaria*), Salam (*S. polyanthum*) and Neem (*A. indica*) leaves. However, only the hexane extract of kapok seed and *S. rarak* showed positive effect to inhibit *E. coli*. The most effective to inhibit *E. coli*, other than antibiotic was the methanol extract of *S. rarak* fruit (2.05 mm) followed by methanol extract of clove leaves (1.98 mm), methanol extract of cashew nut shell (1.90 mm) and liquid smoke of cashew nut shell (1.2 mm). The hexane extract showed only kapok seed oil and *S. rarak* fruit pericarp were slightly effective to inhibit *E. coli* growth, but hexane extract of mangosteen fruit pericarp, kapok seed, *S. rarak* fruit pericarp, guava leaves, *A. cordifolia* leaves, leaffruit, neem slightly inhibited the growth of *S. enteritidis*. In terms of effectiveness, methanol extracts which contain phenolic compounds and other polar bioactive compounds were more effective than hexane extracts to inhibit the growth of *E. coli*, while hexane extract which contain nonpolar bioactive compounds were more effective than methanol extracts to inhibit the growth of *S. enteritidis*. Both bacteria are Gram-negative and always found in digestive tracts, however, every species

including their strains have been recognised differently sensitivity or resistency to antibacteria especially for those not included in broadspectrum. Some of *E. coli* strains and most *S. enteritidis* are pathogens. The bacteria used in this experiment was isolated from chicken digestive tract and pathogen, therefore the antibacteria activity detected in the plant extracts may prove the idea to replace the AGP with the plant extracts.

Inclusion of zinc bacitracin in the diet alter the microbiota composition in the ileum of broilers (Gong et al. 2008). Similar result was also reported by Engberg et al. (2000) which showed that addition of salinomycin or zinc bacitracin reduced the population of *Clostridium perfringens* and *Lactobacillus salivarius* in the intestinal of broilers.

Addition of anti-fungi (ketoconazole) showed effectively inhibit the growth of *A. niger* with the clear zone diameter 1.13 – 2.63 cm. Almost all plant extracts tested were not effective to inhibit growth of fungi (*A. niger* BPT) as shown in Table 5. However, extract of Clove (*S. aromaticum*) leaves and liquid smoke of Cashew nut (*A. occidetale*) shell were effective to inhibit the growth of the fungi. The clove leave meal extract showed the highest anti fungi activities with diameter of clear zone 1.24 cm and the liquid smoke of cashew nut shell with diameter of clear zone 1.18 cm.

**Table 4.** Diameter (mm) of clear area on the culture of *E. coli* and *S. enteritidis* as affected by supplementation of plants extract

Source of extracts	Methanol extract		Hexane extract	
	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. enteritidis</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. enteritidis</i>
Negative control	0 <sup>f</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	0	0
Positive control*	3.16 <sup>a</sup>	3.05 <sup>a</sup>	2.28	2.9
Mangosteen ( <i>G. mangostana</i> )	1.77 <sup>abc</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	-	1.1
Betel plant ( <i>Piper betel</i> )	0 <sup>f</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	-	-
Clove ( <i>S. aromaticum</i> )	1.98 <sup>ab</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	-	-
Kapok ( <i>C. pentandra</i> )	1.63 <sup>bcd</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	1.13	1.05
Lerak ( <i>S. rarak</i> )	2.05 <sup>ab</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	1.1	1.1
Guava ( <i>P. guajava</i> )	1.23 <sup>e</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	-	1.1
Mindi ( <i>M. azedarach</i> )	1.20 <sup>e</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	-	-
Cashew nut ( <i>A. occidentale</i> ) Shell hexane extract	1.90 <sup>ab</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	-	-
Binahong ( <i>A. cordifolia</i> )	1.40 <sup>e</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	-	1.1
Leaffruit ( <i>P. urinaria</i> )	0 <sup>f</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	-	1.12
Salam ( <i>S. polyanthum</i> )	0 <sup>f</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	-	-
Neem ( <i>A. indica</i> )	0 <sup>f</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	-	1.1
Liquid smoke of Cashew nut ( <i>A. occidentale</i> ) shell	1.2 <sup>ed</sup>	1.15 <sup>b</sup>	1.2 <sup>ed</sup>	1.15 <sup>b</sup>
Significance (P)	<0.001	<0.001		

\* antibiotic (pyripen 5.5 µg/10ml) was added

**Table 5.** Diameter (cm) of clear area on the culture of fungi (*A. niger* BPT) as affected by supplementation of plants extract

Source of extract	Diameter of clear zone (cm)	
	Control + Ketoconazole	<i>A. niger</i> BPT
Leaffruit ( <i>P. urinaria</i> ) plants	1.13	0.00
Clove ( <i>S. aromaticum</i> ) leaves	2.63	1.24
Neem ( <i>A. indica</i> ) leaves	1.40	0.00
Lerak ( <i>S. rarak</i> ) fruit	1.27	0.00
Liquid smoke of Cashew nut ( <i>A. occidentale</i> ) shell	1.23	1.18
Binahong ( <i>A. cordifolia</i> ) leaves	1.20	0.00
Mindi ( <i>M. azedarach</i> ) leaves	1.23	0.00
Kapok ( <i>C. pentandra</i> ) seed oil	1.13	0.00
Betel plant ( <i>P. betel</i> ) leaves	1.13	0.00
Salam ( <i>S. polyanthum</i> ) leaves	1.13	0.00
Mangosteen ( <i>G. mangostana</i> )	1.17	0.00
Guava ( <i>P. guajava</i> )	1.33	0.00

The bioactive compounds in cloves leaf extract or oil are well known as eugenol (Yitbarek 2015). The eugenol has been used for medication purposes in human. Joseph & Sujatha (2011) reported that the clove crude extract and the clove oil were effective to inhibit of some fungi such as *Paecilomyces*, *A. flavus*, *A. niger*, *Penicillium* sp., *Rhizopus* sp. and *Rhizomucor* sp. Liquid smoke of cashew nut shell has low pH and contain many simple phenols (Saenab et al. 2016) that have the ability to depress the growth of bacteria and fungi.

## CONCLUSION

Bioactive components such as total phenol, tannin and saponin of plant extract could not be used as an indicator of their effectiveness as antioxidant, antibacterial or antifungi, neither the ability to reduce the in vitro total gas production of microbes obtained from chicken's gut. The conventional method carried out to measure antioxidant activity, growth inhibition (of *E. coli* and *S. enteritidis*), and growth inhibition of fungi (*A. niger*) concluded that leaffruit extract, the liquid smoke of cashew nut shell and the clove leaves extract performed the highest potential as antioxidant, antibiotic and anti-fungi, respectively. Further study is required to prove if they could be used to substitute antibiotic growth promoters in feed.

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