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ABSTRAK

Pencirian antidiabetik dan potensi antioksidan ekstrak polifenol dari *Padina australis*, rumput laut perang telah dikaji. Ekstrak metanol (80:20 MeOH:Air suling, v/v) dari *P. australis* dibahagikan kepada lima bahagian dengan pelarut berbeza dan fungsi menghalang enzim α -glucosidase dan enzim α -amilase, pengekstrakan aktiviti radikal terhadap 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH), kuasa antioksidasi pengurangan ferik (FRAP), aktiviti kelat ion ferus (FIC) dan sifat pemutihan beta karotena telah dinilai. Pemeriksaan pencegahan antiradikal dan antidiabetik adalah signifikan secara statistik kerana ekstrak yang berbeza dari *P. australis* menghalang enzim secara *in vitro* dan *in vivo*. Di antara lima pecahan yang tersebut, pecahan n-butanol menunjukkan aktiviti menghambat antiradikal dan antidiabetik yang lebih tinggi berbanding dengan lain. Ekstrak metanol tertumpu kepada analisis TLC dan HPLC untuk mengenal pasti molekul bioaktif yang terdapat di dalam campuran ekstrak. Analisis LC-MS mengenai pecahan kelima n-butanol menunjukkan kehadiran tiga sebatian Phlorotannin iaitu Phloroglucinol, Eckol, dan Phlorofucofuroeckol A. Teknik kromatografi digunakan untuk mengasingkan Phloroglucinol untuk kajian selanjutnya. Konstituen aktif telah diasingkan dan dibersihkan daripada pecahan aktif dan dikaji untuk kesan antidiabetik dalam tikus diabetic Streptozotocin. Antara pecahan yang diuji, pecahan n-butanol mempunyai aktiviti penghambatan α -glucosidase dan α -amilase yang signifikan dengan nilai IC_{50} 2.06 ± 0.14 dan 2.90 ± 0.08 mg/mL berbanding dengan Acarbose. Ketoksikan akut sebatian tulen yang dipencilkan pada dos 20 dan 40 mg/kg dalam tikus Swiss Albino mempunyai aktiviti antidiabetik yang ketara dengan peningkatan glukosa, lipid dan parameter antioksidan. Kajian toksikologi juga menunjukkan bahawa sebatian tulen Phloroglucinol tidak mempunyai kesan toksik dalam organ dalaman; berdasarkan parameter biokimia dan haematologi. Penemuan ini menunjukkan bahawa penggunaan diet *Padina australis* dan sebatian terpencil boleh digunakan sebagai ubat untuk rawatan kencing manis. Hasil kajian ini boleh membantu untuk membangunkan agen antihyperglysemik oral baru dalam pengurusan penyakit kencing manis (diabetes mellitus).

ABSTRACT

Diabetes is a metabolic disorder characterized by high levels of blood glucose. It is caused by the pancreatic insufficiency or by insulin resistance. Marine macroalgae extracts have been established to have strong antidiabetic and antioxidant properties. In the present study, the antidiabetic and antioxidant potential of polyphenolic extract from a brown seaweed *Padina australis* was evaluated. Methanolic (80:20 % of MeOH: Deionized Water v/v) extract of *P. australis* was partitioned with five different solvents. The carbolytic enzyme inhibiting functions, radical scavenging activity assay against 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH), ferric reducing antioxidant power (FRAP), ferrous ion chelating (FIC) activity, beta-carotene bleaching properties are evaluated. The antiradical and antidiabetic inhibition assays were statistically significant as the different extracts of *P. australis* inhibited the enzymes in vitro and in vivo. Among the five different fractions, n-butanol fraction showed significantly higher antiradical and antidiabetic inhibitory activity. The methanolic extract was subjected to TLC and HPLC analysis to identify the bioactive molecules present in the mixture of extract. Further LC-MS analysis of n-butanol 5th fraction revealed the presence of three Phlorotannin compounds namely Phloroglucinol, Eckol, and Phlorofucofuroeckol A. Sephadex LH-20, column chromatography technique, was employed to isolate Phloroglucinol compound for further study. Phloroglucinol isolated and purified from the active fraction was evaluated for antidiabetic effect in Streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats. Among the tested portions, n-butanol fraction had significant α -glucosidase and α -amylase inhibitory activity with IC_{50} value 2.06 ± 0.14 and 2.90 ± 0.08 mg/mL respectively, as compared to Acarbose. Acute toxicity of the isolated pure compound at 20 and 40 mg/kg doses in Swiss Albino mice was found to have potent antidiabetic activity by ameliorating glucose, lipids, and antioxidant parameters. The toxicology studies also showed that the pure compound Phloroglucinol did not have any toxic effects in the internal organs; biochemical and hematological parameters. These findings suggest that the dietary use of *Padina australis* and the isolated compound Phloroglucinol can be used as medicine for the treatment of diabetes. This work could help to develop new oral antihyperglycemic agent in the management of diabetes mellitus.

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°C	Degree Celsius
μg	microgram
μL	microliter
α	alpha
β	beta
γ	gamma
%	percentage

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ACC	Acetyl-CoA carboxylase
ACE	Angiotensin Converting Enzyme
AChE	Acetylcholine Esterase
AGE	Advanced Glycation Products
Akt	Protein Kinase B (PKB)
ALP	Alkaline Phosphatase
ALS	Alloxan Sensitive
ALT	Alanine Transaminase
ALX	Alloxan
AMPK	AMP-Activated Protein Kinase
ANOVA	Analysis of Variance
AOA	Antioxidant Activity
AP	Acid Phosphatase
AST	Aspartate Transaminase
AUC	Area Under Cover
BAM	Biologically Active Metabolite
BCB	Beta Carotene Bleaching
BChE	Butylcholine Esterase
BUN	Blood Urea Nitrogen
BuOH	Butanol
BW	Body Weight
CAT	Catalase
CPK	Creatinine Phosphatase
DHA	Docosahexaenoic Acid
DM	Diabetes Mellitus

DMSO	Dimethyl Sulfoxide
DNA	Deoxyribo Nucleic Acid
DNS	Dinitro Salicylic Acid
DPHC	Diphlorethohydroxycarmalol
DPPH	2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl
DR	Degradation Rate
EDTA	Ethylene Diamine Tetraacetic Acid
EPA	Eicosapentaenoic Acid
ERK 1/2	Extracellular Signal-Regulated Protein Kinases 1 & 2
ESR	Electron Spin Resonance Spectroscopy
EtOAc	Ethyl Acetate
FIC	Ferrous Ion Chelating
FRAP	Ferric- Reducing Antioxidant Power
G6Pase	Glucose - 6- Phosphatase
GAE	Gallic Acid Equivalent
GDIP	Glucose-Dependent Insulinotropic Polypeptide
GIP	Gastric Inhibitory Polypeptide
GK	Goto-Kakizaki
GLP-1	Glucagon-Like Polypeptide-1
GLUT	Glucose Transporter
GSH-px	Glutathione Peroxidase
GTG	Gold Thioglucose
Hb	Haemoglobin
HCT	Hematocrit
HDL	High Density Lipid
HGK	Hepatic Glucokinase

HPLC	High Performance Liquid Chromatography
HUVECs	Human Umbilical Vein Endothelial Cells
IRS	Insulin Receptor Substrate
kDa	kilo Dalton
KK	Kuo Kondo
KK/A _y	yellow KK obese
L.S.	Longitudinal Section
LC-MS	Liquid Chromatography Coupled Mass Spectrometry
LD	Lactate Dehydrogenase
LDL	Low Density Lipid
MALDI	Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization
MeOH	Methanol
MS	Mass Spectrometry
MVC	Mean Corpuscular Volume
NO	Nitrous Oxide
NZO	New Zealand Obese
OD	Optical Density
OLETF	Otuka Long Evans Tokushima Fatty
PBS	Phosphate Buffer Saline
PEPCK	Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxykinase
PI3K	Phosphatidylinositide 3-Kinases
PKA	cAMP-Dependent Protein Kinase
PLT	Platelets
p-NPG	p-nitrophenyl α -D- glucopyranoside
PPAR	Peroxisome Proliferator Activated Receptor
ppm	Part Per Million

PTP	Phosphotyrosine Phosphatase
RBC	Red Blood Cell
RIA	Radioimmuno Assay
RLAR	Rat Lens Aldolase Reductase
ROS	Reactive Oxygen Species
SD	Standard Deviation
SE	Standard Error
SGLT	Sodium Glucose Co-Transporters
SGOT	Serum Glutamic Oxaloacetic Transaminase
SGPT	Serum Glutamic Pyruvic Transaminase
SHR/N-cp	Spontaneously Hypertensive rat/NIH-corpulent;
SOD	Super Oxide Dismutase
STZ	Streptozotocin
T.S.	Transverse Section
TBARS	Thiobarbituric Acid Reactive Substances
TLC	Thin Layer Chromatography
TOF	Time of Flight
TPC	Total Phenolic Content
TSOD	Tsumara Suzuki Obese Diabetes
UPLC	Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatography
VLDL	Very Low Density Lipoprotein
VMH	Ventromedial Hypothalamus
WBC	White Blood Cell
WHO	World Health Organisation
ZDF	Zucker Diabetic Fatty

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." - Marie Curie

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