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Keywords: Anti-diabetic, antioxidant, East Kalimantan, free radical scavenging, a-glucosidase

INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a chronic disease characterized by prolonged hyperglycemia (Liu et al. 2009). In the year 2000, there were 171 million people with DM, and the number was increasing year to year (Wild et al. 2004). DM is a metabolic disorder caused by several factors such as a reduction of insulin secretion in the pancreas and opposed to insulin action in different tissues in the body, causing a decrease in sugar absorption (Hwang et al. 2011). Postprandial hyperglycemia (PPHG) is the main factor causing diabetes mellitus (DM) and its complication with multiple factors mechanisms (Labonté et al. 2006). Oxidative stress is responsible for the pathogenesis process of diabetes and its complications. Therefore, the search for an antidiabetic agent which also able to overcome oxidative stress would be potential to treat diabetes. At present, the treatment of diabetic patients focuses on controlling PPHG by using analogs targets such as α -glucosidase and α -amylase (Bischoff 1994). Acarbose, miglitol, and voglibose are famous synthetic inhibitors of a-glucosidase that most used for controlling PPHG (Bischoff 1994; Johnston et al. 1998). However, these inhibitors cause side effects such as flatulence, vomiting, and diarrhea, so consumption used these inhibitors should be limited (Hanefeld 1998; Chakrabarti and Rajagopalan 2002). Several studies on natural products for evaluating free radical scavenger activity and inhibitor α -glucosidase with low side effects have been carried out (Benalla et al. 2010). On the other hand, previous research by Vadivel et al. (2012) reported that natural products with free radical scavenging activities have the potential to reduce the effects of oxidative damage and prevent diabetes complications. Therefore, searching the natural product with the potential to prevent oxidative stress and overcome various diabetic disorders and their complications is more beneficial.

Many medicinal plants have been used to treat diabetes in traditional healthcare systems. On the other hand, a study on potential plants as antidiabetes and antioxidant from East Kalimantan are still very limited. Information about the use of plants from generation to generation for religious purpose and herbal medicine from the East Kalimantan local community (Dayak community) is very important (Joshi et al. 2004). Therefore, in this study, we evaluated ten selected plants from East Kalimantan to determine their activity as free radical scavengers and the inhibitor of α -glucosidase. It was done to provide the scientific background of the use of plants as herbal medicine. To the best of our knowledge, this study will be the first report on the α -glucosidase activity as well as free radical scavenging activity of selected plants from East Kalimantan.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant collection and identification

Selected plant species used in this study were collected from forest sites of West Kutai District, East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia during the dry season (August 2017). The plant collections, local names, botanical family, part used, voucher specimens number for this study are listed in Table 1. After plant identification, plant voucher specimens were deposited in the Laboratory of Forest Products Chemistry, Faculty of Forestry, Mulawarman University, Samarinda, Indonesia.

Chemical reagents

The chemical used were DMSO (dimethyl sulfoxide) purchased from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany), rat intestinal acetone powder (Sigma Aldrich), and ABTS (2,2'-azinobis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulphonic acid) purchased from Sigma Chemical Co (St. Louis, MO, USA) and DPPH (1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl), ascorbic acid, sulphanilic acid, naphthyl ethylenediamine dihydrochloride, sodium nitroprusside and potassium perchlorate were of analytical grade.

Plant extraction

Twig, stems and branch of selected plants were washed with distilled water and dried at room temperature, cut in small pieces and ground into powder. The dried powder from each plant species was weighed to approximately 100 g and extracted by maceration method at room temperature using 400 mL methanol thrice with mild shaking. The filtrate was filtered through filter paper (Whatman Grade 42). The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum in a rotary evaporator (R100, BUCHI) to obtain concentrated methanol extracts. The methanol extracts were stored at- 20° C for further use.

Antidiabetic activity

 α -glucosidase inhibitory activity

α-glucosidase inhibitory activity of the methanol extracts was assayed according to the procedure described previously by Shobana et al. (2009) with slight modifications. Briefly, rat intestinal α -glucosidase powder (Sigma Aldrich) was dissolved in buffer saline as crude enzyme solution, sources of maltase and sucrase. Extracts were individually dissolved in dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) with various concentrations (0.0025-0.3125 mg/mL), 10 µL of the extract from each concentration was added with phosphate buffer (pH 6.9, 0.1 M, 30 µL). The reaction was initiated by adding 20 µL of a substrate solution (10 mM maltose or 100 mM sucrose, followed by adding crude enzyme solution (20 μ L) and glucose kit (80 μ L) respectively. The reaction mixture was incubated at 37°C for 10 min (maltose) and 40 min (sucrose), respectively. The amount of glucose released from reaction mixtures was quantified using a microplate reader (TECAN 50) in 96 microwell plate at 503 nm. Quercetin was used as a positive control from natural products. The percentage of inhibition (%) was calculated as follows:

% Inhibition = (Abs control-Abs sample)/ Abs control x 100.

The concentration of extract which inhibited 50% α -glucosidase activity under reaction conditions was defined as IC₅₀ value.

Antioxidant activity

DPPH radical inhibitory activity

DPPH radical scavenging activity of selected plant extracts was measured according to the method by Ramadhan and Phuwapraisirisan (2017). Twenty μ L of an extract with serial concentrations (0.04-1 mg/mL) was added to 80 μ L of 0.01 M DPPH in methanol. The mixture was homogenized and stored in the dark for 20 min. After incubation, the absorbance of the mixture was measured using a microplate reader (TECAN 50) in 96 microwell plate at 517 nm. Ascorbic acid was used as a positive control. The percentage of free radical scavenging activity was calculated using the equations as follows:

% scavenging activity = (Abs control-Abs sample)/ Abs control x 100

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Plant species	Local names	Botanical family	Part used	
Garcinia riedeliana	Kayu duling	Clusiaceae	Stem	
Shorea laevis	Abanyit	Dipterocarpaceae	Stem	
Tristaniopsis whiteana	Pelawan	Myrtaceae	Stem	
Endiandra ochracea	Palan bayi	Lauraceae	Stem	
Bridelia tomentosa	Serapak lungun	Phyllanthaceae	Branch	
Shorea ovalis	Awang buaq	Dipterocarpaceae	Stem	
Gmelina arborea	Jati Putih	Lamiaceae	Stem	
Macaranga gigantea	Serkong	Euphorbiaceae	Stem	
Licania splendens	Kacang	Chrysobalanaceae	Stem	
Pternandra azurea	Mutun	Melastomataceae	Twig	

The lower the absorbance indicates, the higher the free radical scavenging activity. The IC_{50} represent the concentrations of extract required to inhibit 50% of free radical DPPH. According to Miryanti et al. (2011) states that antioxidant activity is considered extremely high if the value of IC_{50} is less than 0.05 mg/mL, high if the value of IC_{50} is between 0.05-0.1 mg/mL, moderate if the value is between 0.150.15 mg/mL and low if the value is between 0.151-0.2 mg/mL.

ABTS radical inhibitory activity

This assay was measured using 2, 2'-azino-bis (3ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid) (ABTS) method as described by Floegel et al. (2011). The working solution of ABTS was prepared by a combined equal volume of 7 mM ABTS solution and 2 mM potassium persulfate solution followed by incubation process for 24 hours at room temperature in dark condition. Free radical ABTS scavenging activity was assessed by mixing 20 μ L extract (0.04-1 mg/mL) with 100 μ L of ABTS working solution. The mixture was incubated at room temperature for 60 min. After incubation, absorbance was determined using as a microplate reader (TECAN 50) in 96 microwell plate at 750 nm. The scavenging activity was calculated using a similar formula as follows :

% scavenging activity = (Abs control-Abs sample)/ Abs control x 100.

Nitric oxide radical inhibitory activity

Nitric oxide was generated from sodium nitroprusside in aqueous solution at physiological pH, which interacts with oxygen to produce nitric ions, which was determined using the Griess reactions (Boora et al. 2014). Twenty μ L of various concentrations of extracts were added with 30 μ L of 5 mM sodium nitroprusside. After incubation for 1 h at room temperature, 100 μ L Griess reagent was added in the mixture followed by second incubation for 10 min. Vitamin C was used as a standard.

Pink chromophore was measured spectrophotometrically at 540 nm. Scavenging activity of Nitric oxide (%) was calculated using the following formula as in DPPH inhibitory activity as follows:

% scavenging activity = (Abs control-Abs sample)/ Abs control x 100.

Data analysis

All data are given as the mean±SD of three measurements and analyzed by nonlinear regression analysis. Quantitative data obtained were analyzed descriptively. All measurement was done in triplicate.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Antidiabetic activity of selected plant extracts from East Kalimantan

This study was conducted to determine the antidiabetic potential of extracts of selected plants from East Kalimantan using the α -glucosidase method, measured using the TECAN 50 Infinite microplate reader. The α glucosidase test was carried out for initial screening to ensure that the extract of the selected plants has α glucosidase inhibitory activity. Enzymes of α -glucosidase in the brush of small intestinal cells have a crucial role in the digestion of carbohydrates in human metabolism, including maltase and sucrase. One method to treat diabetes mellitus is by inhibiting carbohydrate digestive enzyme activities such as α -glucosidase to reduce blood glucose levels (Bharatham et al. 2008; Akhter et al. 2013). The principle this assay is to retard the absorption of glucose by inhibiting of carbohydrate-hydrolyzing enzymes at the terminal of non-reducing 1-4 linked (Chiba 1997; Bhandari et al. 2008).

Table 1. The IC₅₀ values of the α -glucosidase inhibitory effect of selected plants

	IC ₅₀ (mg/mL) Substrates						
Samples							
	Maltose	Sucrose					
Garcinia riedeliana	0.09 ± 0.02	0.23 ± 0.01					
Shorea laevis	0.12 ± 0.02	53.83±0.59					
Tristaniopsis whiteana	1.96 ± 0.77	NI ^b					
Endiandra ochracea	0.44 ± 0.19	NI					
Bridelia tomentosa	0.16 ± 0.01	4.09 ± 1.80					
Shorea ovalis	1.31 ± 0.52	NI					
Gmelina arborea	0.22 ± 0.04	78.30 ± 1.60					
Macaranga gigantea	0.26 ± 0.02	NI					
Licania splendens	0.21 ± 0.01	114.05±13.37					
Pternandra azurea	0.15 ± 0.03	4.60 ± 0.02					
Quercetin ^a	0.083 ± 0.01	0.034 ± 0.01					

Note: ^a Positive control; ^b No inhibition, inhibitory activity was less than 30% at 0.3125 mg/mL (final concentration); Each value represents the mean \pm S.D (n=3)

 Table 2. Antioxidant activity of selected plants against free radicals DPPH, ABTS, and Nitric Oxide

Samuelaa	$IC_{50}(mg/mL)$							
Samples	DPPH	ABTS	Nitric Oxide					
Garcinia riedeliana	0.04 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.01					
Shorea laevis	0.58 ± 0.03	0.37 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.08					
Tristaniopsis whiteana	0.09 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.03					
Endiandra ochracea	0.36 ± 0.01	0.10 ± 0.02	57.83 ± 5.32					
Bridelia tomentosa	0.15 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.05					
Shorea ovalis	0.26 ± 0.01	0.32 ± 0.19	0.21 ± 0.09					
Gmelina arborea	0.69 ± 0.05	0.72 ± 0.15	NI ^b					
Macaranga gigantea	0.25 ± 0.02	0.07 ± 0.04	4.82 ± 0.21					
Licania splendens	0.05 ± 0.02	0.07 ± 0.03	0.58 ± 0.25					
Pternandra azurea	0.10 ± 0.04	0.67 ± 0.09	0.32 ± 0.03					
Ascorbic acid ^a	0.03 ± 0.06	0.12 ± 0.09	0.04 ± 0.01					

Note: ^a Positive control; ^b No inhibition, inhibitory effects less than 30% at 1 mg/mL; Each value represents the mean \pm S.D (n=3)



Figure 1. α -Glucosidase inhibitory activity of ten selected plant extracts with maltose (A) and sucrose (B) as substrates

Results of α -glucosidase (maltose and sucrose as substrates) inhibitory activity of ten selected plant extracts presented in Table 1. Extract of *Garcinia riedeliana* with maltose as a substrate has the strongest α -glucosidase inhibitory activity among the ten extracts with the IC₅₀ value of 0.09 \pm 0.02 mg/mL that is comparable to IC₅₀ value of Quercetin (as positive control) (0.083 \pm 0.01

mg/mL). Garcinia riedeliana extract have α -glucosidase inhibitory activity with maltose as a substrate 18.8 %, 24.4%, 37.2% and 72.2 % at final concentrations of 0.0025; 0.0125; 0.0625 and 0.3125 mg/mL respectively. According to Kalita et al. (2018) and Rasouli et al. (2017), genus *Garcinia* contains several polyphenolic compounds such as benzophenones, xanthones, coumarins, and flavonoids that

might be responsible for the inhibition of α -glucosidase by several available hydrogen bonds (H-bond) donor and acceptor and the presence of OH groups. Figure 1a showed the percentage of α -glucosidase inhibitory activity of extracts in different concentrations against with maltose as substrate. Fig. 1 showed that Shorea laevis; Bridelia tomentosa: Gmelina arborea: Macaranga gigantea: Licania splendens and Pternandra azurea extracts had better anti-diabetic activity, exhibited more than 50% inhibition with maltose as substrate at the same concentrations. According to Li et al. (2009), quercetin is used as a positive control because it is a natural product that is stronger in controlling blood glucose levels than synthetic inhibitors. Table 1 showed IC₅₀ values as inhibitory activity of alpha-glucosidase from selected plant extracts in maltose in the following order: : Tristaniopsis whiteana (1.96 \pm 0.77 mg/mL) > Shorea ovalis (1.31 \pm 0.52 mg/mL > Endiandra ochracea (0.44 ± 0.19 mg/mL) > Macaranga gigantea (0.26 ± 0.02 mg/mL) > Gmelina arborea (0.22 \pm 0.04 mg/mL) > Licania splendens (0.21 \pm $0.01 \text{ mg/mL}) > Bridelia \text{ tomentosa} (0.16 \pm 0.01 \text{ mg/mL}) >$ Pternandra azurea $(0.15 \pm 0.03 \text{ mg/mL}) > Shorea laevis$ $(0.12 \pm 0.02 \text{ mg/mL})$. The lower the IC₅₀ values, the better the anti-diabetic of plant extracts.

The result of α -glucosidase inhibitory activity with sucrose as substrate showed that extract G. riedeliana has higher inhibition at various concentrations (0.0025-0.3125 mg/mL) than other extracts (Fig. 1b). As shown in Figure 1b, Extract T. whiteana, E.ochracea, S. ovalis, and M. gigantea have inhibition of the α -glucosidase activity of less than 30%, therefore considered as inactive in inhibiting α -glucosidase. The stem bark extract of G. riedeliana showed the best α -glucosidase inhibitory activity in maltose and sucrose substrates (Table 1), it indicated that G. riedeliana extract has the best antidiabetic activities among the extracts of selected plants in this study. However, extracts of S. laevis; B. tomentosa; G. arborea; M. gigantea; L. splendens and P. azurea extracts had α glucosidase inhibitory activity in maltose as substrate. Based on literature studies, antidiabetes inhibitory activity of Garcinia lateriflora leaves against yeast a-glucosidase were reported by Mahayasih et al. (2017) in various fractions such *n*-hexane (IC₅₀ 92.33 µg/mL), ethyl acetate $(IC_{50} 34.79 \ \mu g/mL)$ and methanol $(IC_{50} 31.27 \ \mu g/mL)$, respectively. Phytochemical components of genus Garcinia sp. consists of secondary phenolic metabolites including xanthones, biflavonoids, flavonoids, chalcones and phloroglucinols (Thepthong et al. 2017). Kissinger et al. (2016) reported that Shorea belangeran bark extract growth in Kerangas forest had antidiabetic inhibitory activity againt α -glucosidase with an IC₅₀ value of 0.816 ppm, which phytochemical of this species contains oligostilbenoid (Tukiran et al. 2005). Furthermore, Gunawan-Puteri and Kawabata (2010) reported that new phenolic groups such as macatannins A (IC₅₀ 0.80 mM) and macatannins B (IC₅₀ 0.55 mM) from leaf of Macaranga tanarius showed antidiabetic inhibitory activity against rat intestinal α -glucosidase. However, our finding results were consisted with those of the above-mentioned study about antidiabetic assay but quite differ with source of α -glucosidase and part of plants used in assay examined. Therefore, as far as we know, there have been no reports of antidiabetic screening by α -glucosidase inhibitory activity (on the substrate of maltose and sucrose) of selected plants from East Kalimantan mentioned above. Further study to isolate secondary compounds responsible for antidiabetic activity from active extracts is in progress.

Antioxidant activity

The free radical scavenging activity of the selected plant extracts was determined by DPPH, ABTS, and Nitric Oxide assays. The results were presented in Table 2. G. riedeliana; L. splendens and T. whiteana extracts had the IC₅₀ value of 0.04 \pm 0.01; 0.05 \pm 0.02 and 0.09 \pm 0.01 mg/mL, respectively which were classified as very strong antiradical scavenging activity against DPPH. According to Miryanti et al. (2011) IC_{50} values < 0.05 mg/mL for antioxidant was very strong. These IC50 values were similar with an IC₅₀ value of a positive control ascorbic acid (0.03 \pm 0.06 mg/mL). The IC₅₀ value indicates the concentration of extract requires to inhibit 50% DPPH free radicals into a stable molecule that indicated by changing the color of DPPH from purple to yellow (Li et al. 2012). The lower the IC₅₀ value, the higher the antioxidant activities. Several studies of antioxidant activity from several species of plants in this study have been reported. Attanayake et al. 2019 reported that stem bark methanol extract of G. arborea from Sri Lanka had antioxidant activity (IC₅₀ value of $36.89 \pm 1.23 \ \mu g/mL$). Anjum et al. (2013) reported that B. tomentosa extract had free radical activity with an IC_{50} value of $7.55 \pm 0.27 \ \mu g/mL$. The result of this study differs from Anjum et al. (2013) alleged due to according Salim et al. (2016) differences in the place of growth of a species affect the precursors of biosynthesis of secondary metabolites that might be effective to their bioactivity.

Mazlan et al. (2013) and Tajuddin and Zain (2010) reported that *M*, *gigantea* and *S. ovalis* has weak inhibitory activity against free radical DPPH. However, our finding results demonstrated that *G.riedeliana* and *L. splendens* are categorized as very strong antioxidant. Based on IC₅₀ value the extracts of *T. whiteana* and *P. azurea* are categorized as strong antioxidant activity, and *B. tomentosa* is categorized as moderate antioxidant activity. Moreover, *S.ovalis* and *M. gigantea* are categorized as weak antioxidant activity based on category IC₅₀ values of Miryanti et al. (2011). Meanwhile, according to Molyneux (2004) states that IC₅₀ value of 0.2-1 mg/mL was declared less active but still has potential as an antioxidant, so that *E. ochracea, S. laevis*, *G.arborea* are categorized less active.

The antioxidant activity of plant extract from East Kalimantan also determined by ABTS free radicals. ABTS (2,2'-azino-bis-3-ethylbenzthiazoline-6-sulfonic acid) is one of the free radicals commonly used to assess antioxidant activity, with the principle of electron transfer and involves the reduction of a colored oxidant. ABTS assay is established on the generation of a blue/green ABTS^{•+} that can be reduced by antioxidant; it generated by reacting ABTS salt with potassium persulfate (K₂S₂O₈) (Floegel et al. 2011; Rodriguez-Amanya 2010). Table 2 showed that the IC₅₀ of ABTS scavenging activity from ten

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selected plant extracts in increasing order: G.riedeliana = T. whiteana < M. gigantea = L. splendens < E. ochracea <B. tomentosa < S. ovalis < S. laevis < P. azurea < G. arborea. Based on the results, G.riedeliana, T. whiteana, M. gigantea, L. splendens, and E. ochracea are categorized strong antioxidant activity with IC₅₀ values ranging from 0.05-0.10 mg/mL, while *B.tomentosa* revealed moderate antioxidant activity. Furthermore, S. laevis, S. ovalis, G. arborea, and P. azurea are categorized weak antioxidant activity based on antioxidant activity category of Miryanti et al. (2011). The lower the IC_{50} value of plant extracts against ABTS radical indicates the higher the antioxidant activities. According to Sanseera et al. (2014) reported that methanol extract from B. retusa stems has antioxidant activity against ABTS free radical with IC₅₀ value of 0.56 mg/mL, these results differ with present study, which might be due to different present of secondary metabolites that responsible for antioxidant activity. Subramanian et al. (2013) reported the antioxidant activity of methanol extract of Shorea roxburghii stem bark detected by ABTS method has strong antioxidant activity with IC₅₀ value of 0.056 mg/mL, these results have a linear affect of the presence of bioactive phenolic compounds. Other studies, Verma et al. (2009) reported that methanol extract of Macaranga *peltata* stem bark has antioxidant activity with IC₅₀ value of 9.77 ppm. However, the recent study demonstrated that some selected plants from East Kalimantan flora have potential as source natural antioxidant. Based on our knowledge, this is the first report free radical scavenging activity against ABTS of selected species collected from East Kalimantan flora. Moreover, to continuously verify the antioxidant activity of selected plants, we determined antioxidant activity against nitric oxide free radicals.

Nitric oxide is engendered from amino acid L-arginine by vascular endothelial cells; it plays an important role in the inflammatory processes. Nitric oxide is categorized as free radicals because of its unpaired electron; it has an adverse effect when react with superoxide radicals to form highly reactive peroxynitrite anion (ONOO⁻) (Nagmoti et al. 2012; Sunil et al. 2013). The results in Table 2 showed that G. riedeliana, S. laevis, and T. whiteana have the same inhibitory activity as positive control ascorbic acid against nitric oxide. Extracts of B.tomentosa, P. azurea, S. ovalis, and L. splendens showed moderate inhibitory activity, while M. gigantea, E.ochracea, and G. arborea extracts have lower inhibitory activity compared to ascorbic acid and do not have antioxidant activity based on its IC₅₀ value (4.82 and 57.83 mg/mL; no inhibition). The extracts of selected plants inhibited nitrite formation by competing with oxygen, which leads to a reduction in nitric oxide production (Razali et al. 2008). Based on the results of antioxidant activities of ten selected plants from East Kalimantan has clearly recognized that some extract plants has a good potential of antioxidant activity achieved by free radical scavenging against DPPH, ABTS and nitric oxide. Of test extract plants, G. riedeliana and T. whiteana showed strikingly strong antioxidant activity in all bioassay examined, while L. splendens showed strong antioxidant activity in both free radicals against DPPH and ABTS.

Furthermore, extracts of *B.tomentosa* was also categorized moderate antioxidant activity in all bioassay examined.

In summary, to the best our knowledge, this is the first report showed that selected plants from East Kalimantan have anti-diabetic activity based on α -glucosidase inhibitory activity in maltose and sucrose as substrates and antioxidant activities as free radicals scavenger against DPPH, ABTS, and nitric oxide. This study provides scientific evidence of the use of plants in the traditional healthcare system. Furthermore, extracts with good activity as an α -glucosidase inhibitor and antioxidant neede to be studied further to isolate secondary metabolites that may be responsible for antidiabetes and its complications caused by free radicals.

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