

ANTIBACTERIAL TRITERPENOIDS FROM THE BARKS AND LEAVES OF  
*Lansium domesticum* Corr cv. Kokossan (MELIACEAE)

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ABSTRACT

Three triterpenoid compounds, 8,14-secogammacera-7,14-dien-3,21-dione (**1**), 8,14-secogammacera-7-en-14-hydroxy-3,21-dione (**2**) and 9,19-cyclolanost-24-en-3-one, 21,23 epoxy-21,22-dihydroxy (21R, 22S, 23S) (**3**) has been isolated from the barks and leaves of *L. domesticum* cv *kokossan* (Meliaceae). The chemical structures of compounds **1-3** were identified with spectroscopic data, including UV, IR, NMR and MS, and their spectra were compared with previously reported spectra data. Compound **1, 2** were evaluated for their antibacterial effects against *Escherichia coli* and *Bacillus cereus*. Compound **3** was evaluated for their antibacterial effects against *Escherichia coli* and *Enterococcus faecalis*. Compound **1** showed the inhibition zone values of 7.5 dan 8.0 mm at 500 and 1000 ppm against *Escherichia coli*, whereas for *Bacillus cereus* it was inactive. Compound **2** showed the inhibition zone values of 8.0 dan 10.0 mm at concentrations of 500 and 1000 ppm against *Escherichia coli*, whereas for *Bacillus cereus* it was inactive. Compound **3** showed the inhibition zone values of 3.67 mm, 3.17 mm, 2.32 mm at concentrations of 10000, 5000 and 1000 ppm respectively against *Escherichia coli*, whereas for *Enterococcus faecalis* it was inactive.

Keywords: *Lansium domesticum*, antibacterial, *Escherichia coli*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Bacillus cereus*

ABSTRAK

Tiga senyawa triterpenoid, 8,14-sekogamasera-7,14-dien-3,21-dion (**1**), 8,14-sekogamasera-7-en-14-hidroksi-3,21-dion (**2**) dan 9,19-siklolanost-24-en-3-on, 21,23 epoksi-21,22-dihidroksi (21R, 22S, 23S) (**3**) telah diisolasi dari kulit batang dan daun *L. domesticum* cv *kokossan* (Meliaceae). Struktur kimia senyawa **1-3** telah ditentukan melalui data spektroskopi UV, IR, NMR dan MS serta perbandingan dengan data spektroskopi laporan sebelumnya. Senyawa **1, 2** dievaluasi sifat antibakterinya terhadap *Escherichia coli* dan *Bacillus cereus*. Senyawa **3** dievaluasi sifat antibakterinya terhadap *Escherichia coli* dan *Enterococcus faecalis*. Senyawa **1** menunjukkan nilai zona hambat sebesar 7,5 dan 8,0 mm pada konsentrasi berturut-turut 500 dan 1000 ppm terhadap *Escherichia coli* dan tidak aktif terhadap *Bacillus cereus*. Senyawa **2** menunjukkan nilai zona hambat sebesar 8,0 dan 10,0 mm pada konsentrasi berturut-turut 500 dan 1000 ppm terhadap *Escherichia coli* dan tidak aktif terhadap *Bacillus cereus*. Senyawa **3** menunjukkan nilai zona hambat 3,67 mm, 3,17 mm, 2,32 mm pada konsentrasi berturut-turut 10000, 5000 dan 1000 ppm terhadap *E. coli*, tidak aktif terhadap *E. faecalis*.

Kata kunci: *Lansium domesticum*, antibakteri, *Escherichia coli*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Bacillus cereus*.

INTRODUCTION

*Lansium domesticum* Corr (Meliaceae) is a popular fruit in southern Asia. Kokossan is one of three cultivars of *L. domesticum* which are widely grown throughout Indonesia. *Lansium* has long been used in traditional medicine as a cure for diarrhea. Preliminary research on the study of the use of seed duku, *L. domesticum*, as diarrhea drug *in vitro* has been carried out by Loekitowati *et al.* (2000).

The results showed the ethanol extract, fraction of *n*-hexane, dichloro-methane, and ethyl acetate are active against bacteria that cause diarrhea *in vitro* namely *E. coli*, *Salmonella typhi* and *Shigella flexneri*. Five onoceranoid triterpenes from fruit peels of *L. domesticum*; 3 $\beta$ -hydroxyonocera-8(26),14-dien-21-dione;  $\alpha,\gamma$ -onocera-dienedione; lansiolic acid; lansionic acid and lansiocide C showed moderate activities against *Candida albicans* and *Aspergillus niger*, and low activities

against *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* (Ragasa *et al.*, 2006). Lansioside D isolated from the fruit peel of *L. domesticum* has remarkable activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus subtilis*, and moderate activity against *Escherichia coli* (Marfori *et al.*, 2015).

The barks of *L. domesticum* cv duku was reported to contain onocerane triterpenoid, lansionic acid, onoceratriene, lansiolic acid, lansiolic acid A, 21 $\alpha$ -hidroxyonocera-8(26),14-diene-3-one, dan  $\alpha$ -onoceradiendione. These compounds showed antifeedant activity against *Sitophilus oryzae* (Tanaka *et al.*, 2002). Previous phytochemical studies on the bark of *L. domesticum* cv kokossan have revealed the presence of 8,14-secogammacera-7,14-diene-3,21-dione; 8,14-seco-gammacera-7-ene-14-hidroxy-3,21-dione and 8,14-secogammacera-7,14(27)-diene-3,21-dione (Mayanti *et al.*, 2011). Cycloartane triterpenoids, 3-oxo-24-cycloarten-21-oic acid and 9, 19-cyclolanost-24-en-3-one, 21,23 epoxy-21,22-dihidroxy (21R, 22S, 23S) were reported as components of the leaves of *L. domesticum* cv duku and cv kokossan (Mayanti *et al.*, 2015). In this paper, the antibacterial activity of compounds **1-3** which will be discussed.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Equipments

Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 341 polarimeter. The UV spectra were obtained on a UV Ultraspec 3000 Pro spectrophotometer. The IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 1760X FT-IR in KBr. The mass spectra were recorded with a Mariner Biospectro. -Finnigan instrument. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were obtained with a JEOL JNM A-500 spectrometer using TMS as internal standard. TLC plates were precoated with silica gel GF254 (Merck, 0.25 mm) and detection was achieved by spraying with 10% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in ethanol, followed by heating.

### Plant Materials

The bark of *L. domesticum* cv kokossan were collected in Cililin District, Bandung, West Java Province, Indonesia, in March 2006. The plant was identified by the Laboratory of Plant Taxonomy, Department of Biology, Padjadjaran University, Indonesia. A

voucher specimen (No.10184) was deposited at the herbarium of the Padjadjaran University. Samples of the leaves *L. domesticum* cv kokossan were collected in July 2013 from Tasikmalaya, West Java Province, Indonesia. The plant was identified by the staff at Department of Biology, Padjadjaran University. A voucher specimen (No. 10188) was deposited at the herbarium of the Padjadjaran University.

### Plant extraction

The dried bark of *L. domesticum* cv kokossan (3 kg) was extracted with 15 L methanol at room temperature for 3 days. The methanol extract (250 g) was partitioned with *n*-hexane (3 L) and ethyl acetate (3 L) to give an *n*-hexane soluble fraction (70 g) and an ethyl acetate soluble fraction (40 g). The ethyl acetate fraction was subjected to vacuum column chromatography on silica gel 60 by using a step gradient of *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate. The fraction eluted with *n*-hexane:ethyl acetate (80:20) was further separated by column chromatography on silica gel using *n*-hexane:ethyl acetate (95:5) to yield an active fraction (1.5 g). The active fraction was further chromatographed on silica gel using *n*-hexane/acetone (90:10) to give **1** (10 mg) and **2** (50 mg).

The dried leaves (2.0 kg) were extracted with methanol (5 L) at room temperature for 3 days. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the viscous concentrate of MeOH extract (49.7 g) was first suspended in H<sub>2</sub>O and then partitioned with *n*-hexane and EtOAc, successively. 16.7 g of the crude ethyl acetate was subjected to column chromatography over silica gel using a gradient of *n*-hexane, EtOAc, and MeOH (10:0-0:10) to give 22 fractions (A1-A22). Fraction A6 (1.9 g) [*n*-hexane:EtOAc/6:4] was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, eluted with the mixtures of *n*-hexane/CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10:0-8:2) as eluting solvents to give 17 fractions (B01-B15). The Fraction of B06 to B07 were combined and to give **3** (30.0 mg) after crystallized using acetone solvent.

### Antibacterial Activity

The compounds **1** and **2** were tested against gram positive and gram negative species, *Escherichia coli* and *Bacillus cereus*.

Antibacterial activity test was performed *in vitro* using paper discs with a diameter of 6 mm. Chloroform is used as a control.

### Preparation of agar medium

A total of 7.2 g of nutrient broth (2 g sodium chloride 0.85%; 1.2 g of beef extract and peptone 4 g) was suspended in 400 mL of distilled water. 12 g of agar was then added and heated until dissolved. Then it was sterilized in an autoclave for 15 minutes at 121 °C. Provision bacterial test was done on an agar medium (an inclined surface) and incubated at 37 °C for 18-24 hours.

### Determination of antibacterial activity

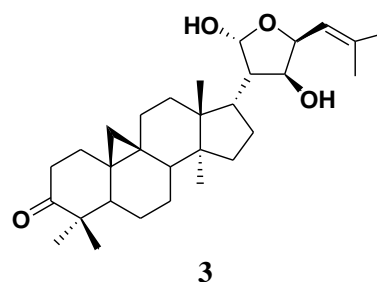
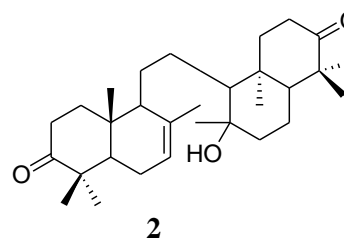
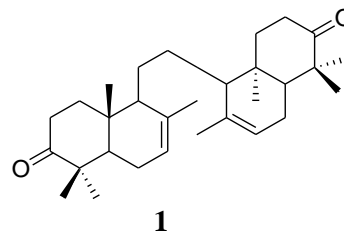
Samples were dissolved in chloroform, and a paper disk was dipped into the solution and sterilized using ultraviolet light for 24 hours. Paper discs containing the sample was placed on the surface of the agar and incubated for 18-24 hours at 37 °C. After passing the incubation period, the diameter of inhibition zone formed in the form of clear zone, measured as a parameter to determine the antibacterial activity.

The compound **3** was tested against gram positive and gram negative species, *Escherichia Coli* ATCC25922 and *Enterococcus faecalis* ATCC 29212 respectively. 0.5 mL each of the culture (McFarland) was pipetted into 5 mL (1:10) of saline solution. 0.5 mL of the mixtures were spreaded onto Mueller Hinton agar plates (Difco Laboratories, Detroit, mL, USA). The plates were incubated overnight at 37°C in an incubator. The plates were observed for microbials growth. Isolates with concentrations of 10.000, 5.000, and 1000 µg/mL were added to a 2 mm diameter area of the paper dishes. The plates were incubated for 24 h at 37°C. The inhibition zone was observed and the diameter was measured. Each experiment consisted of two replicates and was repeated twice.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Isolation and purification of compounds **1-3** have been reported previously (Mayanti *et al.*, 2011; 2015). The analysis of spectroscopic data indicate that compound **1** was 8,14-seco-gammacera-7,14-dien-3,21-dione, compound **2** is 8,14-secogammacera-7-

en-14-hydroxy-3,21-dione (Mayanti *et al.*, 2011) and compound **3** was determined as 9, 19-cyclolanost-24-en-3-one, 21,23 epoxy-21,22-dihydroxy (21*R*, 22*S*, 23*S*) (Mayanti *et al.*, 2015).



Antibacterial effect of the methanol extracts, *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate extracts of *L. domesticum* barks were investigated against *E. coli* and *B. cereus* (Table 1).

The antibacterial activities of the extracts increased linearly with increase in concentration of extracts (%). The ethyl acetate extract shows the greatest inhibition zone against *E. coli* at concentration of 1.0%. Separation and purification of the ethyl acetate fraction kokosan bark produced compounds **1** and **2**. Antibacterial activities of **1** and **2** were evaluated against *E. coli* and *B. cereus* (Table 2).

All of the extract were evaluated for their antibacterials activities toward *E. coli* as a negative-gram and *E. faecalis* as a positive-gram. EtOAc extract showed lowest activity that can be seen on the zone inhibition, whereas *n*-hexane and H<sub>2</sub>O extracts were in active. The ethyl acetate fraction of kokosan leaves were subjected to silica gel column chromatography to give compound **3** (9, 19-

cyclolanost-24-en-3-one, 21,23 epoxy-21,22-dihydroxy (21*R*, 22*S*, 23*S*). Compound **3** was evaluated for antibacterial activities against the *E. coli* as a gram-negative and *E. faecalis* as a gram-positive. After incubated for 24 h at 37°C, compound **3** showed the inhibition zone values of 3.67 mm, 3.17 mm, 2.32 mm for *E. coli*, whereas for *E. faecalis* it was inactive. Activity of compound **3** was influenced by hydroxyl group, whereas aliphatic ring substituents of 9, 19-cyclolanost-24-en-3-one, 21,23 epoxy-21,22-dihydroxy (21*R*, 22*S*, 23*S*) slightly decreased the antibacterial activity (Veldhuizen *et al.*, 2006).

### CONCLUSION

Compound **1** and **2** had low activities against *Escherichia coli* and were inactive against *Bacillus cereus*. Compound **3** had low activity against *Escherichia coli* and was inactive against *Enterococcus faecalis*.

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Tabel 1. Antibacterial Activity of methanol extracts, *n*-hexane extracts and ethyl acetate extracts of *L. domesticum* barks against *E. coli* and *B. cereus*.

Extracts	Concentration (ppm)	Antibacterial activity	
		Zone of inhibition in mm	
		<i>E. coli</i>	<i>B.cereus</i>
Methanol	1000	10.0	8.0
	5000	13.5	9.5
	10000	.*	10.5
<i>n</i> -hexane	1000	.*	.*
	5000	.*	.*
	10000	.*	.*
Ethyl acetate	1000	9.0	11.0
	5000	10.5	10.5
	10000	14.5	12.5

\*no inhibition zone

Tabel 2. Antibacterial activity of compound 1 and 2 of *L. domesticum* barks against *E.coli* and *B. cereus*

Extracts	Concentration (ppm)	Antibacterial activity Zone of inhibition in mm	
		<i>E. coli</i>	<i>B.cereus</i>
1	500	7.5	-*
	000	8.0	-*
2	500	8.0	-*
Vancomycin		17.5	13.0
chloramphenicol		18.5	17.0
sulphonamide		9.0	15.0

\*no inhibition zone