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# In-silico ANALYSIS OF VERNONIOSIDE D AND VERNONIOSIDE E FROM Vernonia amygdalina Delile. LEAVES AS INHIBITOR OF EPIDERMAL GROWTH FACTOR RECEPTOR (EGFR) AND MAMMALIAN TARGET OF RAPAMYCIN (mTOR)

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## ABSTRACT

*Vernonia amygdalina* Delile. Leaves contain cardiac glycosides, which are potential cardiotonic and anticancer. This study evaluated the activity of vernonioside D, and E inhibits the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR). The study of the mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) confirmed the activity of these glycosides. In silico docking using Autodock Vina PyRx 9.5 program and visualized by Ligplot 2.1. EGFR and mTOR structures were used as test receptors, binding pocket with the Protein Data Bank (PDB) code 1M17 and 3L16. To generate two and three dimensions of vernonioside D and E using the Marvin Sketch program. Both compounds and reference drugs (thienopyridine-2-il) aminopyridine and erlotinib) inhibited EGFR and mTOR with docking score -10.4; -8.6; -6.9 and -6.3; -6.6; -9.2 respectively. Vernonioside D and E are more potent in inhibit EGFR compare to the reference drug.

Keywords: Vernonioside D, Vernonioside E, In-silico, EGFR, mTOR

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# **INTRODUCTION**

Cancer can affect anyone, but this type of breast cancer only occurs in women.<sup>1</sup> The data states that breast cancer is ranked fifth as the type of cancer that causes the largest death cases in the world (522,000 deaths). In women, this type of cancer is a frightening threat (324,000 deaths, 14.3% of the total cases). Meanwhile, in strong and developed countries, breast cancer is second only to lung cancer-causing death (198,000 deaths, 15.4%).<sup>2</sup> The process of cellular survival of cancer cells is regulated by a variety of mechanisms, including EGFR and mTOR. EGFR is part of the HER transmembrane receptor. The inappropriate activity of the EGFR will have an impact on the formation of cancer cells.<sup>3,4</sup> Inhibition of EGFR, mTOR also has the same role in the process of cancer cell development, especially cell proliferation and growth. mTOR is in the PI3K / Akt / mTOR signaling pathway which is known play a role in the regulation of apoptosis, metastasis, and resistance of cancer cells to radiotherapy. In the last decade, the combination of PI3K/Akt/mTOR inhibitor with other therapy develop significant progress to overcome less effective treatment.<sup>6-7</sup>

The search for active compounds from plants to treat cancer continues. Active compounds such as cardiac glycosides are reported to inhibit cancer cell activity. Cardiac glycosides are steroid compounds with unsaturated  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  lactone rings. Cardiac glycosides are known as compounds that can affect cardiac activity through their influence on Na+ and K+ pumps.<sup>8-10</sup> Vernonia amygdalina has many pharmacological



effects including antimalarial, antidiabetic, anti-cancer, hepatoprotection, nephroprotection, analgesic, antibacterial, antioxidant and also has an inotropic effect on the heart. *Vernonia amygdalina* has contained various secondary metabolites including sesquiterpene lactone (vernolide, vernodalol, vernoamygdalin, vernolepin), Flavonoid (luteolin, luteolin 7-O-beta-glucoronoside dan luteolin 7-O-glucoside), and also contained cardiac glycosides (vernonioside D and E).<sup>11-13</sup> Based on this explanation, the vernonioside D and E activity testing will be carried out against the EGFR and mTOR receptors using the *in silico method*.

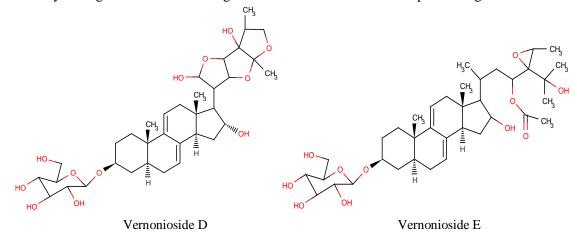


Fig.-1: Chemical Structure of Vernonioside D and Vernonioside E

## EXPERIMENTAL

Aspire Vivobook operated by Windows 7 Home Basic, Intel® CoreTM i5 (3.4 GHz), 64-bit, hard disc drive 320 GB and RAM 4 GB DDR3 L were used to run the molecular docking process. In silico docking using Autodock Vina PyRx 9.5 program and visualized by Ligplot 2.1. The model of three dimensions of enzyme structure used in this research was epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) and mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) binding pocket with the Protein Data Bank (PDB) code 1M17 and 3L16., which were obtained through from <u>http://www.rscb.org/pdb</u>. The Marvin sketch program generates the three-dimension conformation models of vernonioside D and E.<sup>14-15</sup>

# *In-silico* Analysis

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Overexpression from EGFR and mTOR has long been found in the development of cancer cells, including breast cancer.<sup>16</sup> EGFR is part of the tyrosine kinase receptor. EGFR has an important role in physiological terms. EGFR development in epithelial tissue development, homeostasis and tumor cell development.<sup>17</sup> mTOR is an attractive protein used as a target for therapy in cancer. mTOR has distinctive functions such as convergence points for many growth stimuli and through downstream controlling cellular processes that contribute to cancer cell initiatives.<sup>18</sup>

Therefore, opposing EGFR and mTOR is very effective in finding therapies that inhibit the development of cancer cells. In this experiment the testing of the activity of natural compounds in silico against EGFR and mTOR. In silico docking between cardiac glycosides from *Vernonia amygdalina* Delile. Leaves (vernonioside D and E) into the 1M17 and 3L16 binding pocket result in the docking score in Tables-1 and 2.

Table-1: Docking Score between Vernonioside D and E in the Pocket of mTOR (3L16)

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No	Compound	Binding Affinity (Kcal/mol)			
1	Thienopyrimidin-2-yl-aminopyrimidines	-9.2			
2	Vernonioside E	-6.6			
3	Vernonioside D	-6.3			

Table-1 showed docking score as a description mTOR inhibitory effect of Vernonioside D and E as natural compounds and Thienopyrimidin-2-yl-aminopyrimidines as comparison compound. Vernonioside D and E

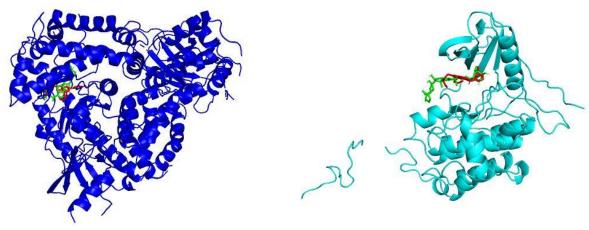
have an affinity binding value of -6.6 Kcal/mol and -6.3 Kcal/mol, while Thienopyrimidin-2-yl-aminopyrimidines was -9.2 Kcal/mol. The result showed Thienopyrimidin-2-yl-aminopyrimidines has a better activity in mTOR inhibited. However, Vernonioside D and E also can inhibit mTOR.

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No.		Compound	Binding Affinity (Kcal/mol)	
	1	Erlotinib	-6.9	
	2	Vernonioside E	-8.6	
	3	Vernonioside D	-10.4	

Table-2: Docking Score between Vernonioside D and E in the Pocket of EGFR (IM17)

EGFR Inhibitory activity of Vernonioside D and E was carried out by *In-silico* test. The result in Table-2 showed Vernoniosed D and E have an activity to inhibited EGFR with a docking score value of -10.4 Kcal/mol and -8.6 Kcal/mol. Erlotinib used as a comparison compound has an activity of -6.9 Kcal/mol docking score. Based on the result, Vernonioside D has a better activity to inhibited EGFR than Vernonioside E and Erlotinib. The lowest energy produced from the bond between the ligand and protein shows better inhibitory activity.<sup>19</sup>

The activity of the test material (ligands) binds to a receptor is influenced by many factors, one of which is the chemical bond formed between the test material (ligands) and amino acids at the receptor.<sup>14</sup> The binding of amino acid residues to ligands was showed in Table-3.



(a)

(b)

Fig.-2: Three Dimentional Binding Form of (a) mTOR (control (red); Vernonioside E (green); (b) EGFR (control (red); Vernonioside D (green)

Table-3: Interaction of Vernonioside D and E to Amino Residues of EGFR and mTOR				
Ligands	Amino Acids Involved			
	Hydrogen-Binding Interaction	Hydrophobic Interaction		
Thienopyrimidin-2-	Ile879, Leu838, Ile831, Ile881, Ala805,	Asp841		
yl-aminopyrimidines	Met804, Lys890, Trp812, Tyr867	_		
Vernonioside E	Lys802, Thr886, Val882, Trp812, Ala885,	Asn951, Asp964, Lys833		
	Met804, Met953, Ile963, Ser806, Asp950,			
	Lys807, Lys808, Ile963, Ile831, Thr887			
Erlotinib	Glu783, Met742, Lys721, Leu764, Thr766,	Asp831, Met769		
	Thr830, Leu694, Phe699			
Vernonioside D	His781, Phe771, Glu780, Tyr777, Leu820,	Lys721, Ala719, Thr776,		
	Gly772, Ile720, Leu764, Asp831, Met742,	Glu738, Thr830		
	Val702, Cys773, Asp776, Leu694			

Table-3 showed hydrogen-bonding interaction and hydrophobic interaction of ligands and amino acids. Based on the result showed that ligands bond to different amino acids. Thienopyrimidin-2-yl-aminopyrimidines have a hydrogen bond interaction with Ile879, Leu838, Ile831, Ile881, Ala805, Met804, Lys890, Trp 812, Tyr867 and hydrophobic interaction with Asp841. Vernonioside E and Vernonioside D

have a hydrogen bond interaction and hydrophobic interaction with their respective amino acids Lys802, Thr886, Val882, Trp812, Ala885, Met804, Met953, Ile963, Ser806, Asp950, Lys807, Lys808, Ile963, Ile831, Thr887 and Asn951, Asp964, Lys833 for Vernonioside E and His781, Phe771, Glu780, Tyr777, Leu820, Gly772, Ile720, Leu764, Asp831, Met742, Val702, Cys773, Asp776, Leu694 and Lys721, Ala719, Thr776, Glu738, Thr830 for Vernonioside D. Hydrogen bond and hydrophobic interaction occurred on Erlotinib as Glu783, Met742, Lys721, Leu764, Thr766, Thr830, Leu694, Phe699 and Asp831, Met769. The results of visualization of Vernoniosides D and Vernoniosides E to EGFR and mTOR using Ligplot 2.1 can see in Fig.-2 Differences in affinity between test compounds to receptors may occur due to differences in bonding between each test compound with amino acids and the type of bond that occurs.<sup>20</sup>

#### CONCLUSION

The results reveal that Vernonioside E and D are effective as anticancer through downregulation of EGFR and mTOR proteins.

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## ABSTRACT

*Caesalpinia bonducella*, known as 'tombili' belongs to the family of *Fabaceae*. Tombili has been empirically used as traditional medicine. In a previous study, phytochemical screening showed that tombili seed contained alkaloid, flavonoid, terpenoid, and tannin compounds. This research aimed to isolate an antioxidant compound from tombili seed extract. Fractionated using *n*-hexane, ethyl acetate, and methanol as a solvent. All fractions were tested for their antioxidant potential. The ethyl acetate fraction gave a better antioxidant potential (IC<sub>50</sub> 86.153±4.22 ppm) than it has purified. Characterization of an isolated compound using various spectroscopies data, including UV, FTIR, 1D-NMR, 2D-NMR, and LCMS/MS. The structure of the isolated compound was suggested as 7- ( $\beta$ -D-Glucopyranosyloxy) 5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one (homoplantaginin). The IC<sub>50</sub> value of the isolated compound was 40.53 ±3.13 ppm, indicating the isolated compound has potent antioxidant activity.

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# **INTRODUCTION**

*Caesalpinia bonducella* known as tombili belongs to the family of *Fabaceae*.<sup>1,2</sup> Tombili can be found in Gorontalo province, Indonesia.<sup>3</sup> In Indonesia, *C. bonducella* is known as tombili and areuy.<sup>4,5</sup> Previous studies showed that seed extract of tombili contained alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenoids, and tannin compounds.<sup>6-9</sup> The seed kernel of tombili has traditionally been used by the community as a medicinal plant to treat cough, malaria, and anthelmintic diseases. The seed extract of tombili extract has a pharmacological activity that can decrease fasting glucose levels. In addition, tombili seed extract has an activity to reduce glucose levels.<sup>10</sup> Tombili seed methanol extract was also reported to have antihyperglycemic and hypolipidemic activity in induced diabetic rats.<sup>11-12</sup> The flavonoid compounds have the potential as natural antioxidants. In this study, isolated compounds using the chromatography method. Antioxidant content analysis from an isolated compound of tombili seed was evaluated.<sup>13</sup>Antioxidant activity *in vitro* method was used DPPH scavenging. Based on the previous study, this research aimed to isolate flavonoid glycoside compound from tombili seed extract as a natural antioxidant.<sup>13</sup>

# **EXPERIMENTAL**

The materials used in this research are tombili seeds, collected from Bobohu villages, Gorontalo province, Indonesia. Tombili was identified at the Laboratory of Biology Department (plant taxonomy), Universitas Negeri Gorontalo, and Indonesia. The seed powder of tombili (1.0 kg) was macerated in methanol for 2 x 24 h. The methanol extract (210 g) was partitioned to obtain *n*-hexane, ethyl acetate, and methanol fractions. The total solvent used was 2.5 L, respectively. The fractions were obtained from *n*-hexane (29.5

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#### Antioxidant Activity Test

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# % Inhibition = $\frac{absorbance\ control - absorbance\ sample}{absorbance\ control} x\ 100\%$

The antioxidant activity data were analyzed using probit analysis to obtain the  $IC_{50}$ . The experiment was performed in triplicate.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### Antioxidant, Isolation, and Determination of Isolated Compound

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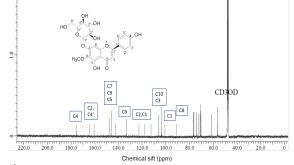


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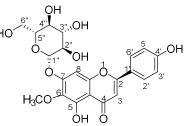
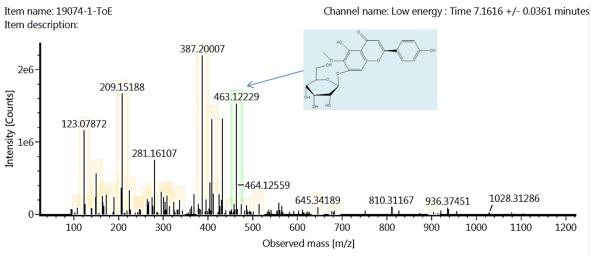
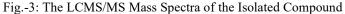


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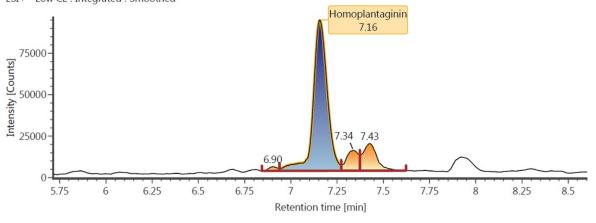


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20	0.397	0.411	33.94	32.84
40	0.258	0.244	57.07	60.13
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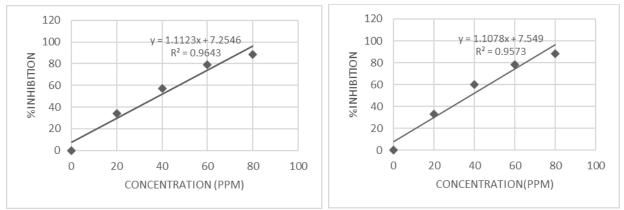


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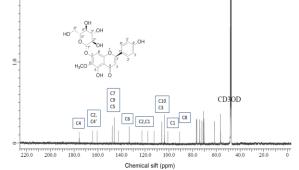


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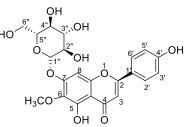


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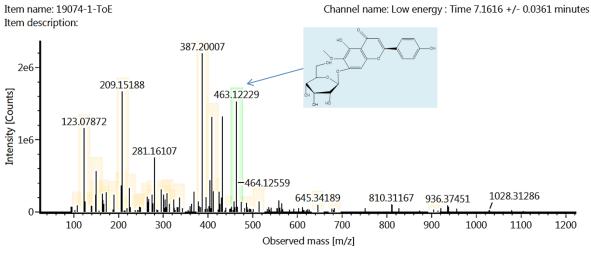


Fig.-3: The LCMS/MS Mass Spectra of the Isolated Compound

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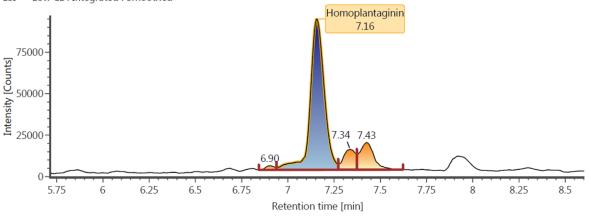


Fig.-4: The Retention Time (Min) of the Isolated Compound

#### Antioxidant Activity of 7- (β-D-Glucopyranosyloxy) 5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one (homoplantaginin)

Antioxidant activity of isolated compound using DPPH method shown in Table-3. The concentration and inhibition percentage curve was constructed, and the linear regression equation obtained from the curve was used to calculate the IC<sub>50</sub>. The IC<sub>50</sub> value of the isolated compound was  $40.53 \pm 3.13$  ppm. This result indicated that the isolated compound has potent antioxidant activity.

Table-5. Absorbance and minoriton referringe of the isolated Compound				
Concentration	Absorbance replicated		% Inhibition replicated	
(ppm)	1	2	1	n 2
0	0.601	0.612	0	0
20	0.397	0.411	33.94	32.84
40	0.258	0.244	57.07	60.13

Table-3: Absorbance and Inhibition Percentage of the Isolated Compound

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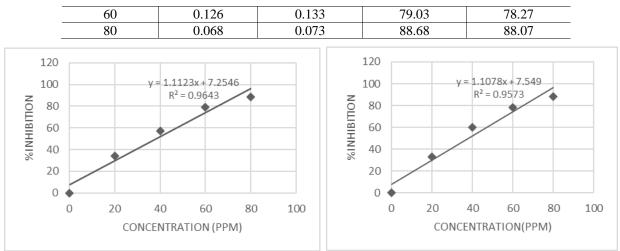


Fig.-5: Linear Regression of an Antioxidant of the Isolated Compound

# CONCLUSION

The isolated compound was suggested as 7- ( $\beta$ -D-Glucopyranosyloxy) 5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one (homoplantaginin). The IC<sub>50</sub> value of the isolated compound was 40.53 ±3.13 ppm, indicating that the isolated compound has potent antioxidant activity.

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