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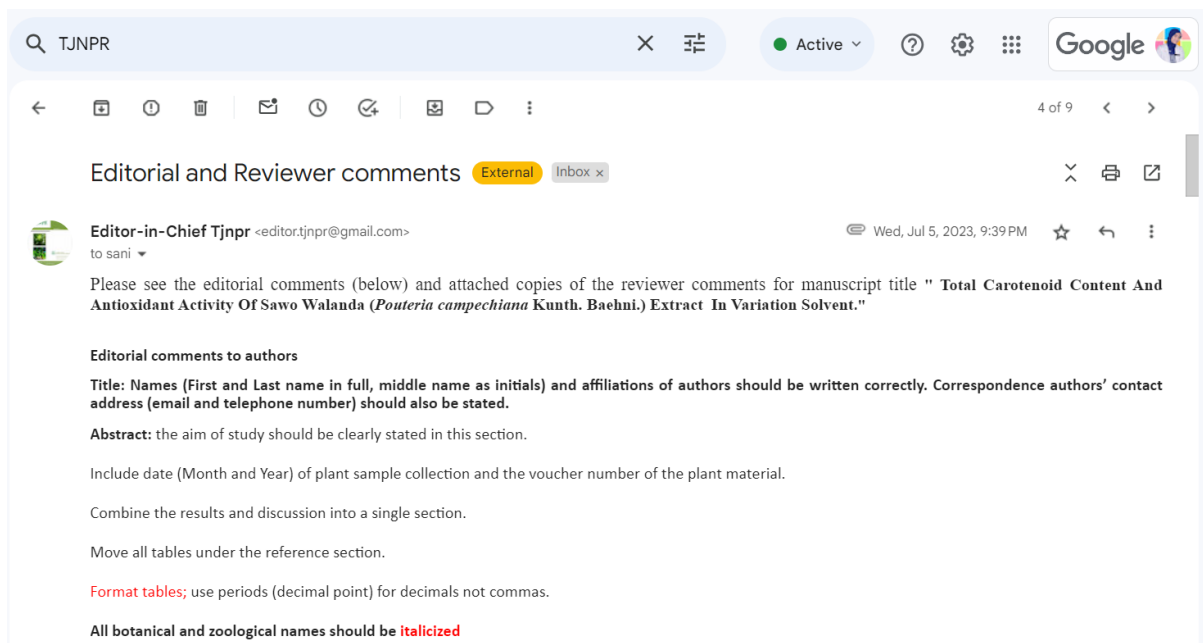


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## ABSTRACT

*Sawo* *Pouteria campechiana*, also known as sawo, walanda is rich in carotenoid. According to reports, carotenoid can act as antioxidants. Solvent selection is important in extracting the carotenoid. Indonesia, is known for its high abundance of carotenoids, which are recognized for their antioxidant properties. The objective of extraction of these constituents involves a crucial step of selecting an appropriate solvent, as indicated by several studies. Therefore, this study was aims to evaluate/assess the antioxidant activity and determined as well as determine the total carotenoid content of *P. campechiana* fruit and leaves/leaf extract in various solvents/solvents. The research methods included the study methodology involved extraction used/using the maceration method with *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate solvents/solvents. Antioxidant activity and determination of total carotenoid were carried out using UV-Visible spectrophotometry. DPPH ~~is~~ ~~was~~ used as a free radical and, while  $\beta$ -carotene ~~is~~ ~~used~~ ~~served~~ as the standard for total carotenoid content. The findings revealed/results showed that the *n*-hexane fruit (NF) extract had the highest total carotenoid concentration (70.028 gBEQ/400g/100 g extract) and the, while, *n*-hexane leaf (NL) extract had the lowest (39.540 gBEQ/400g/100 g extract). Antioxidant activity was expressed with IC<sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ g/ml). The result of antioxidant activity showed that the ethyl/Ethyl acetate leaf (EL) extract had exhibited better antioxidant activity with IC<sub>50</sub> (of 3.094  $\mu$ g/094  $\mu$ g/mL $\pm$ 0.82) than the *n*-hexane leaves compared to NL (9.270  $\mu$ g/270  $\mu$ g/mL $\pm$ 1.201), the ethyl acetate fruit extract (EF), (31.516  $\mu$ g/516  $\mu$ g/mL $\pm$ 1.786), and the *n*-hexane fruit extract NF, (45.382  $\mu$ g/382  $\mu$ g/mL $\pm$ 2.31-) extracts. Based on the statistical analysis results, the coefficient correlation of total carotenoid content with IC<sub>50</sub> DPPH ~~is~~ ~~was~~  $r = 0.855, p < 0.01$ . This means/indicated that an increase in total carotenoid content ~~is~~ ~~did~~ not always followed by an increase/lead to a proportional increment in the inhibition of DPPH. In our work, it can be concluded/These findings revealed that *n*-hexane solvent ~~is~~ ~~was~~ more suitable for extracting carotenoids from the fruit part, while ethyl acetate ~~is~~ ~~was~~ more suitable/appropriate for the leaves. Fruit/leaf. Furthermore, the fruit and leaf extract of *P. campechiana* ~~have~~ had potential antioxidant activity as natural ingredients in the food and pharmaceutical industries.

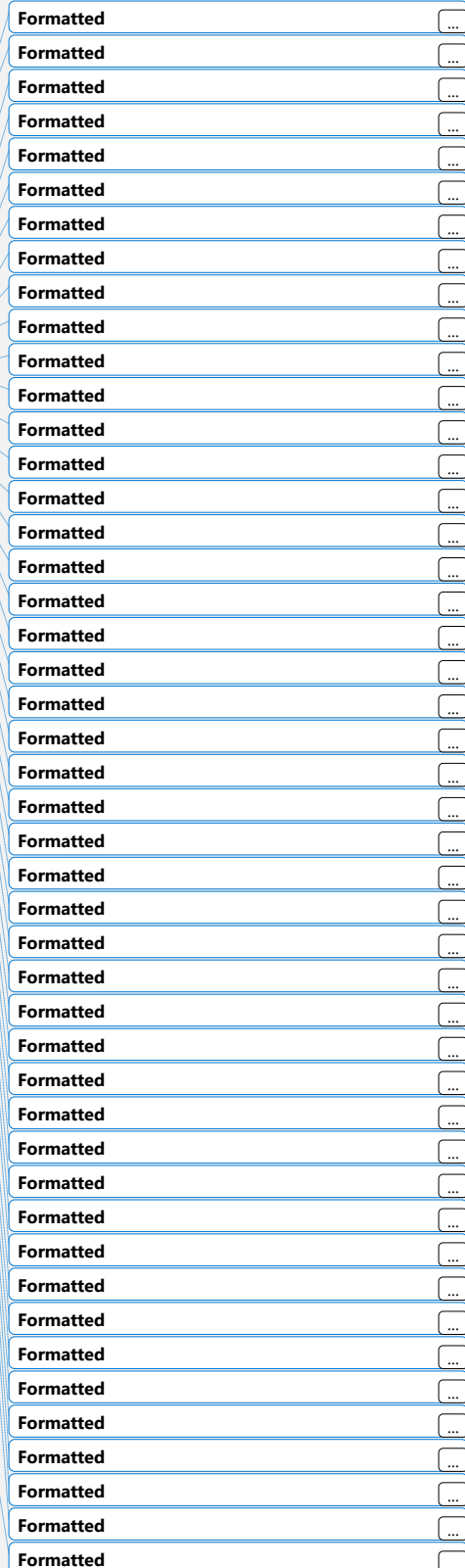
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## INTRODUCTION

The family Sapotaceae, which is extensively distributed globally/worldwide, includes the genus *Pouteria*. In traditional medicine, *Pouteria* species have been a rich history in traditional medicine, being used to treat for the treatment of various ailments such as back pain, ulcers, skin eruptions, and inflammation.<sup>1</sup> One of/Among the Sapotaceae family's medicinal plants is/within the Sapotaceae family, *Pouteria campechiana* which was known, commonly referred to as sawo walanda in Indonesia, has been reported to hold significant importance.

According to a previous study, the fruit of *P. campechiana* (Kunth-), ~~Baehni-~~) is a significant source of carotenoids<sup>2</sup> and is well known/has gained recognition for its anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and hepatoprotective properties.<sup>3,4</sup> *Pouteria campechiana* Furthermore, extracts obtained from its leaf and fruits extract contains phenolic group, flavonoid, and terpenoid group and fruit have been found to contain phenolics, flavonoids, and terpenoids, exhibiting significant antioxidant activity.<sup>5</sup>

Sources/Medicinal plants serve as a valuable source of raw materials with phenolic/containing phenolics, flavonoids, other polyphenols, and terpenoids include medicinal plants. A phytochemical molecule may. These compounds have been reported to be the reason for a plant's biological action/responsible for the various bioactivities exhibited by plants. The specific phytochemical component produced will depend/depends on the extraction technique and the solvent employed. Carotenoids belong are compounds belonging to the group of secondary metabolites called known as terpenoids. The following/Some of the common solvents



are employed to extract used for the extraction of carotenoids: include acetone, chloroform, hexane, methanol, methylene chloride, ethyl acetate, and diethyl ether.<sup>5</sup> The appropriateness of the chosen choice of solvent will depend is largely dependent on the kindstype and concentrations of carotenoids that are intended for extraction. So choosing the rightbeing extracted. Therefore, the selection of the appropriate solvent for the extraction process becomes is very important in carotenoid extraction.

In. Therefore, this study, the aims to assess the antioxidant activity as well as determine the total carotenoid content of *P. campechiana* fruit and leaf extract in n-hexane and ethyl acetate extract fruit and leaves *P. campechiana* was calculated, antioxidant activity were tested and the various solvents. The correlation of total carotenoid content with antioxidant activity were was analyzed use Pearson's using Pearson's method.

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## MATERIAL AND METHODS

### Material

The materials used in this study included DPPH (2,2-diphenyl-1 picrylhydrazyl) (Sigma-Aldrich), ascorbic acid (Sigma-Aldrich), beta carotencarotene (β-carotene) (Sigma-aldrich), Sawo walanda (*Pouteria campechiana* Kunth. Bachni-), methanol, ethyl acetate, n-hexane, and other reagent were of analytical grades and-grade reagents, which were obtained from Merck.

### Sample preparationPreparation

*PouteriaP. campechiana* fruit and leavesleaf were freshly collected from Bandung, West Java, Indonesia, in January 2019. The sample was determinedidentified in the Herbarium Jatinangor, The the Plant Taxonomy Laboratorium, Biology Department, UNPAD, with reference number 123/HB/01/2020. FruitSubsequently, the fruit and leaves areleaf were sorted, washed, dried at 40°C – 45°C, and grindedground into powder.

### Extraction

Three hundredA total of 300 grams of the powderpowdered fruit and leavesleaf was extracted byusing maceration. Each sample was extracted using n-hexane and ethyl acetate solvent, and the procedure was repeated in triplicate. EachFurthermore, each extract was concentrated byusing a rotary evaporator at 50°C and resultedto produce n-hexane extract-fruit (NF), ethyl acetate fruit (EF), n-hexane extract leavesleaf (NL), and ethyl acetate extract leavesleaf (EL-) extracts.

### Phytochemical analysisAnalysis

In order toTo assess the presence of secondary metabolites in *P. campechiana* fruit and leavesleaf extract, phytochemical screening was conductedcarried out to testdetermine the presence of alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, polyphenols, monoterpenes/sesquiterpenes, triterpenoids/steroid, quinones, and saponins.<sup>6</sup>

### Antioxidant activityActivity

Antioxidant activity test was carried out using the DPPH adopted frommethod proposed by Fidrianny, (2018-).<sup>7</sup> The standard for contrasting antioxidant chemicals was ascorbic acid. The, and the concentration of DPPH used was 50 µg/mL, which serveserved as the control. The percentage of free radical inhibition was measured by mixing the DPPH solution with the sample in a (1:1) ratio and after incubation during. After incubating the sample for 30 min subsequently measuring, the absorbance was measured at 517 nm. This, and this procedure was repeated in triplicate for each sample.

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#### Determination of IC<sub>50</sub> Extract to DPPH

A calibration curve connecting the various sample concentrations to the percentage of sample inhibition against DPPH was used to calculate the IC<sub>50</sub> value against DPPH. ~~The IC<sub>50</sub> was then determined using the calibration linear regression value. The IC<sub>50</sub> value was calculated using, with the x-value from the linear regression being used for calculations.~~

#### ~~Determination of Antioxidant Activity Index~~

The antioxidant group of a sample ~~is was~~ identified using the antioxidant activity index (AAI).<sup>8</sup> (Scherer) ~~The), which was calculated using the formula used to determine the AAI value is below:~~

$$AAI = \frac{\text{Final concentration of DPPH}}{\text{Final concentration IC}_{50}}$$

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#### ~~Determination of total carotenoid content~~ Total Carotenoid Content

Thaipong<sup>9</sup> and Fidrianny<sup>10</sup> ~~decided to measure~~ ~~proposed a measuring method to assess~~ the overall carotenoid content. The extracts were diluted in n-hexane, and their absorbance was measured at a wavelength of 470 nm. ~~The~~ ~~Furthermore, the~~ analysis was ~~conducted~~ ~~carried out~~ in triplicate for each extract. To establish a standard curve, beta carotene was employed as a standard at concentrations ranging from 10 to 40 µg/mL. ~~the~~ ~~The~~ total carotenoid content was determined ~~utilizing~~ ~~using~~ the linear regression equation of the calibration curve, and the results were expressed as beta carotene equivalent of 100 g extract (g BE/100 g extract).

#### Data Analysis

Analyses of each sample were carried out in ~~three copies. The~~ ~~triplicates, where the~~ averages and standard deviations of at least three separate experiments ~~are were~~ used to calculate all of the results. ~~The~~ ~~Subsequently,~~ Pearson's method was used to determine a correlation between the total carotenoid concentration and antioxidant activity.<sup>10</sup>

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### Extraction

Extraction was carried out ~~by using~~ maceration with different polarity solvents. The amount of metabolite content of each *P. campechiana* extract ~~can be seen is~~ ~~presented~~ in Table 1. The ~~findings show~~ ~~results showed~~ that ethyl acetate solvent ~~may could~~ extract a higher amount of metabolites from *P. campechiana* fruit and ~~leaves. Both~~ ~~leaf. Furthermore,~~ primary and secondary metabolites ~~may could~~ be among the extracted compounds.

### Phytochemical analysis

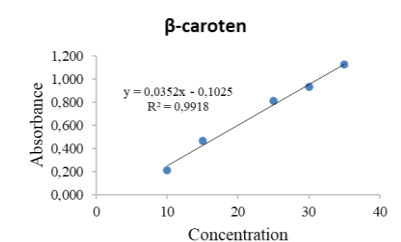
Table 2 ~~lists~~ ~~shows~~ the results of the phytochemical screening on the crude and each extract. Phenolic compounds, flavonoids, and saponin were absent in NF and NL, ~~while~~ Monoterpene/sesquiterpene was ~~absent~~ ~~not found~~ in EF and EL. Phenol and saponins ~~are were~~ semipolar to polar metabolites, ~~while but~~ monoterpene/sesquiterpene ~~tend~~ ~~tended~~ to be

nonpolar to semipolar. Several studies showed that *P. campechiana* is known to be rich in phenolic compounds, flavonoids, and terpenoids. *P. campechiana* The leaf is rich in flavonoid, stilbenoid, contained high levels of flavonoids stilbenoids and tannin<sup>11</sup>, whereas in tannins<sup>11</sup>, while the fruit was rich in terpenoids, including carotenoid<sup>12</sup> and phenolic acid<sup>13</sup>. According to Sangeetha<sup>14</sup> related to our work, which flavonoid, flavonoids and saponins saponins were also absent in the fruit extract. Acetone extract leaf *P. campechiana* presents alkaloid, flavonoid, saponin, steroid, tannin, contained alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, steroids, tannins, and terpenoid<sup>14</sup> terpenoids<sup>14</sup>.

### Carotenoid Total Content in Extract *P. campechiana*

Total carotenoid content was calculated based on the standard curve beta carotene with linear regression  $y = 0.0352x - 0.103$ ,  $R^2 = 0.992$  (Fig. 1). In measuring the total carotenoid content, beta-carotene is was frequently employed as a standard. The highest total carotenoid content was found in NF of  $(70,028 \pm 2,341)$  g BE/100 g extract and was found in NF, while the smallest was indicated exhibited by NL at  $(39,40 \pm 1,76)$  g BE/100 g extract, as shown in Fig. 2. The intensity of the carotenoids is was attributed to their conjugated double bonds, which result in led to a vibrant yellow-orange shade.<sup>15</sup> NF and EF gave stronger orange-yellow color than compared to NL and EL.

Carotenoids are referred to a class of compounds with both polar and nonpolar characteristics. The hydrocarbon carotenoids (, namely beta carotene and lycopene) are were examples of the nonpolar category. Meanwhile, polar carotenoids category. Polar carotenoids (, such as lutein, canthaxanthin, astaxanthin, and fucoxanthin) when the were oxygenated derivative derivatives of hydrocarbon carotenoids are, as shown in Figure Fig. 3.<sup>16</sup> Carotenoids are were typically extracted using organic solvents, such acetone, chloroform, hexane, methanol, and diethyl ether. The sample matrix and its components, moisture content, and the functional group (polarity), and the chain length of the existing carotenoids are all compounds were significant factors in during the extraction of carotenoids.<sup>16</sup> The most frequent methods used for extracting both polar and nonpolar carotenoids simultaneously include included acetone, ethanol, ethyl acetate, and n-hexane.<sup>17</sup> Hexane with hexane and acetone are being the common solvents most frequently for extracting carotenoids.<sup>17</sup>



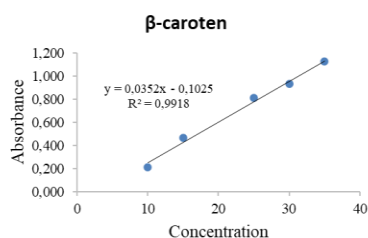


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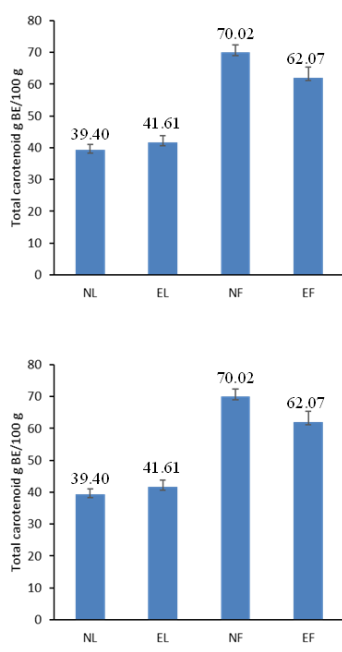
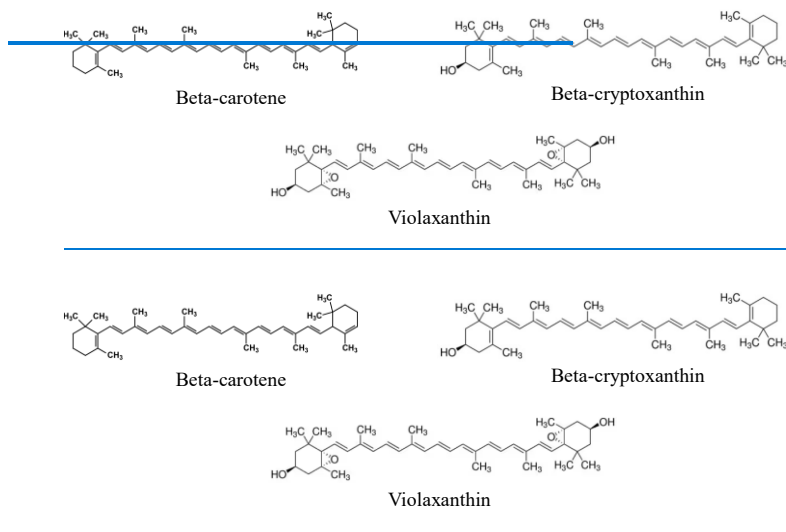


Fig. 2 Total carotenoid content *Pouteria* *campechiana* extract

*P. campechiana* conducted terpenoid in n-hexane and ethyl acetate fruit and leaf extracts contained terpenoids based on the phytochemical analysis. Category Carotenoids were a category of terpenoid terpenoids found in the samples. A previous study showed that contains carotenoids. *P. campechiana* exhibited contained beta-carotene, beta-cryptoxanthin, and violaxanthin, according to a prior study (Fig. 4.3)<sup>18</sup>, and Furthermore, the total carotenoid content in petroleum ether fruit *P. campechiana* showed was 278 µg/g extract.<sup>19</sup>



Fig\_3 The carotenoid in *P. campechiana*<sup>18</sup>

#### Antioxidant Activity and Correlation With Total Carotenoid Content

The antioxidant activity was expressed in terms of IC<sub>50</sub> and in Antioxidant Activity Index (AAI), as shown in Table 3. The IC<sub>50</sub> was the number of samples required to neutralize 50% of the free radical DPPH. The IC<sub>50</sub> value with, and the lowest value indicates indicated the strongest antioxidant activity. The IC<sub>50</sub> of DPPH scavenging capacities of NF, EF, NL, and EL were lower when compared to IC<sub>50</sub> of DPPH of ascorbic acid standard. Furthermore, LE had better antioxidant activity compared to NE, NF, and EF. The IC<sub>50</sub> DPPH of ascorbic acid was 1,98 µg/ml, the IC<sub>50</sub> DPPH values of NL, NL and EL ranged from 3.094 to 9.27 µg/mL, while NF, and EF ranged from 31,516 to 45,382 µg/mL.

According to some of the previous studies, the *Pouteria P. campechiana* has had antioxidant properties. In different extraction methods using Soxhlet with increasing polarity of the solvent, the antioxidant activity of n-hexane, ethyl acetate, and ethanol leaf extract of leaves of *P. campechiana* the plant had been reported employing different extraction methods using Soxhlet with increasing polarity of the solvent.<sup>20</sup> The 70% ethanol 70% extract of pulp, peel, and leaves/leaf of *P. campechiana* showed antioxidant activity also exhibited similar properties.<sup>21</sup> *P. campechiana* fruit extracts in methanol, acetone, ethanol, and water at various stages of ripeness (4, 8, 12, 16, and 24 weeks) were found to be effective antioxidants against DPPH.<sup>15</sup>

The carotenoid group can also contribute to the antioxidant activity exhibited by the test plant.<sup>22</sup> Comparing the carotenoid and phenolic groups, the phenolic group has had a higher potential for antioxidant properties this activity.<sup>23</sup> Beta carotene has had antioxidant properties because it contains contained conjugated double bonds. Through a chemical reaction between carotenoids and free radicals, the conjugated double-bond structure is was directly damaged. Carotenoids contain Furthermore, carotenoids contained long conjugated chains, which makes them very reactive leading to the high reactivity of these compounds.<sup>24</sup> The phenolic group can contribute also contributed to the antioxidant activity. Donating hydrogen atoms to DPPH,

phenolic groups, and flavonoids ~~may could~~ reduce the damage caused by free radicals.<sup>25</sup> ~~Both cinnamic~~ Cinnamic acid and benzoic acids significantly ~~increase~~ increased the antioxidant activity. Compared to benzoic acid, cinnamic acid ~~may have had~~ a greater impact on ~~antioxidant activity~~ these properties.<sup>26</sup> ~~The existence of a biological activity approach to the content of secondary metabolites, can be one reason that can explain the~~ difference in IC<sub>50</sub> values ~~in of~~ NF, EF, NL, and EL ~~was caused by the different biological activities of their secondary metabolites~~.

Fruit and ~~leaves/leaf~~ extract ~~Pouteria of P. campechiana~~ have the potential ~~as had~~ antioxidant activity ~~properties. The grouping antioxidant activity can potentials, which could~~ be expressed with AAI value.<sup>8</sup> Based on ~~the AAI value, in~~ Table 3, NF and EF ~~are were~~ included in the moderate group ~~antioxidant activity~~, while NL and EL ~~are included~~ were in the very strong ~~antioxidant activity group~~.

The percentage inhibition value of DPPH ~~is was~~ inversely correlated with the IC<sub>50</sub> value of DPPH. ~~The percentage inhibition value of DPPH increases with a decrease in the DPPH IC<sub>50</sub> value.~~ Based on statistics, the Pearson's correlation coefficient between the total carotenoid total content of *P. campechiana* fruit and ~~leaves/leaf~~ extract with IC<sub>50</sub> scavenging of DPPH gave a ~~value~~ positive and significant ~~value~~ ( $r = 0.855$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ). ~~It means, This indicated that~~ the total carotenoid content in ~~the~~ fruit and leaf extract ~~has not had no~~ correlation with inhibition against DPPH potent.

### Conclusion

~~The study result concluded~~ In conclusion, the results showed that ~~the n-hexane~~ NF extract ~~fruit of~~ *Pouteria campechiana* ~~was a had~~ higher carotenoid total content, followed by ~~ethyl acetate~~ EF, EL, and NL extracts. Furthermore, EL extract ~~fruit, ethyl acetate leaves, and n-hexane extract~~ leaves *Pouteria campechiana*. The ethyl acetate leaf extract ~~has had~~ better inhibition of DPPH. Based on statistics, total carotenoid content in ~~the~~ fruit and ~~leaves/leaf~~ extract ~~of~~ *Pouteria campechiana* ~~has not significantly contributed~~ had no significant contribution to the inhibition of DPPH.

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Table 1. Yield Extract *P. campechiana*

Extract	Yield of <del>extract</del> Extract (%)
NF	2.82
EF	5.16
NL	2.4

EL

5.74

Table 2. Phytochemical Screening of Crude Drug and Extract *P. campechiana*

Metabolite	Crude Drug		Extract			
	Fruit	Leaf	NF	EF	NL	EL
Alkaloid	+	+	+	+	+	+
Phenol	+	+	-	+	-	+
Tanin	+	+	-	-	-	+
Flavonoid	+	+	-	+	-	+
Quinone	+	+	-	-	-	-
Saponin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triterpenoid/steroid	+	+	+	+	+	+
Monoterpenoid/sesquiterpenoid	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 3. Antioxidant activity with IC<sub>50</sub> extract *P. campechiana* to DPPH

Sample	IC <sub>50</sub> µg/mL	Antioxidant Activity Index (AAI)
NF	45.382 ± 2.31	0.551 ± 0.102
EF	31.516 ± 1.786	0.793 ± 0.098
NL	9.270 ± 1.201	2.697 ± 0.312
EL	3.094 ± 0.82	8.080 ± 0.221
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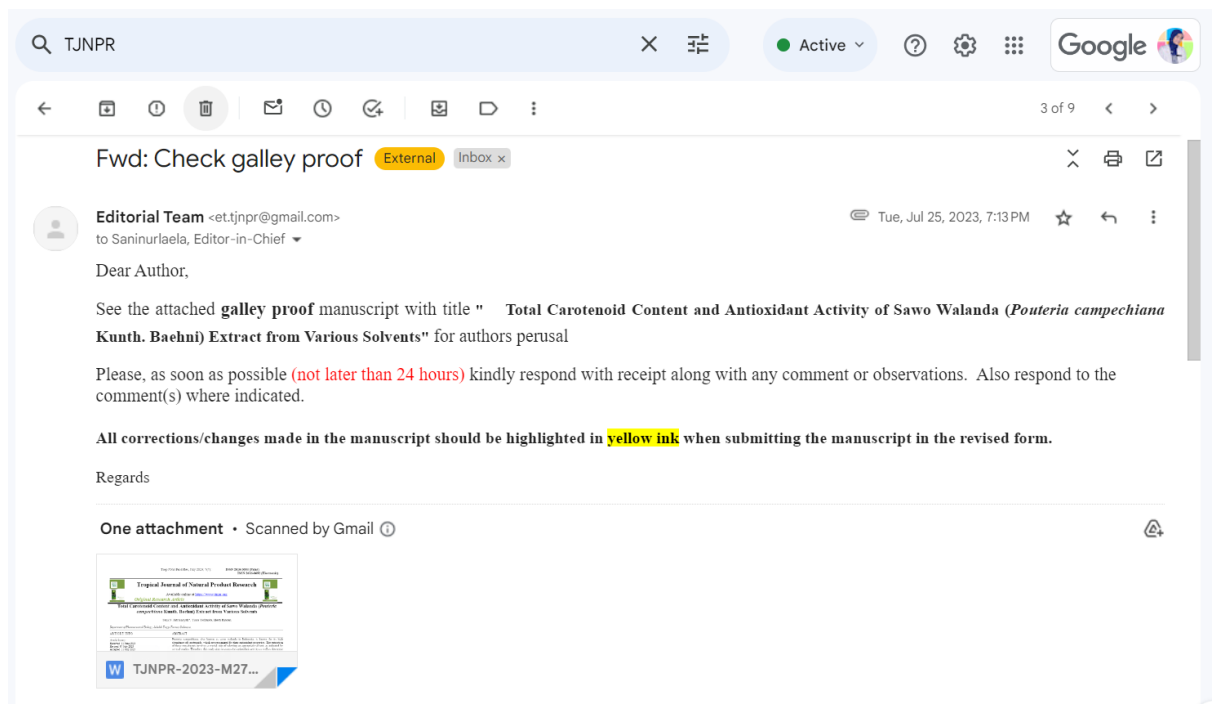
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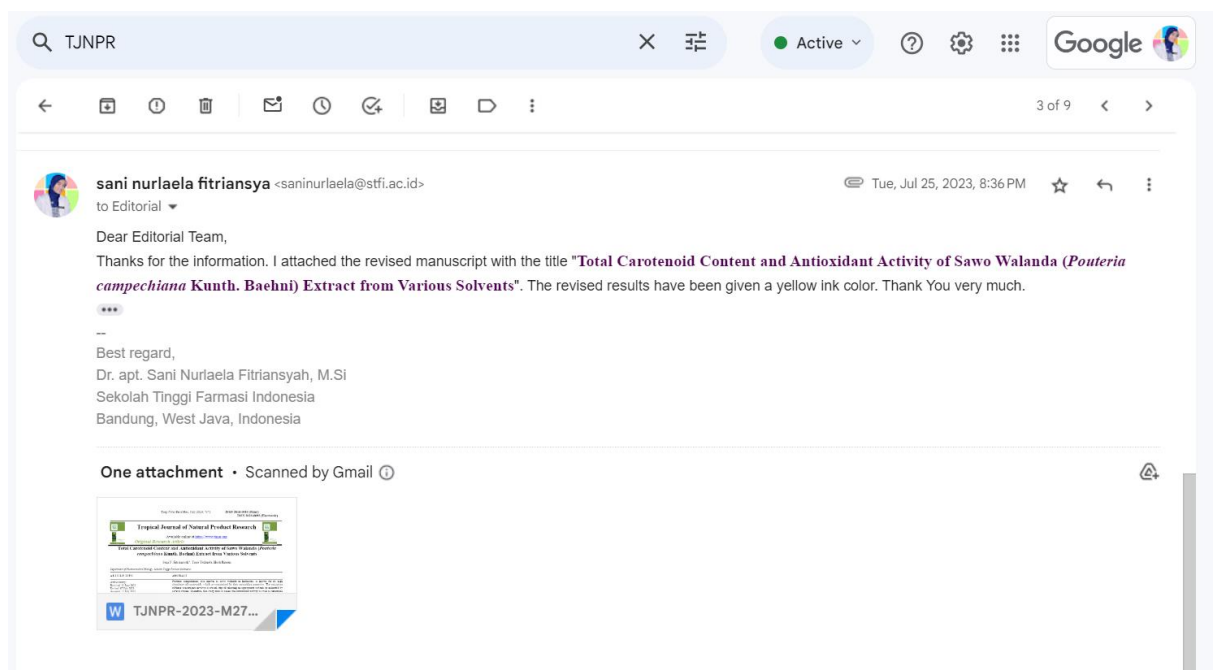
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## Total Carotenoid Content and Antioxidant Activity of Sawo Walanda (*Pouteria campechiana* Kunth. Baehni) Extract from Various Solvents

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*Pouteria campechiana*, also known as sawo walanda in Indonesia, is known for its high abundance of carotenoids, which are recognized for their antioxidant properties. The extraction of these constituents involves a crucial step of selecting an appropriate solvent, as indicated by several studies. Therefore, this study aims to assess the antioxidant activity as well as determine the total carotenoid content of *P. campechiana* fruit and leaf extract in various solvents. The study methodology involved extraction using the maceration method with n-hexane and ethyl acetate as solvents. Antioxidant activity and determination of total carotenoid were carried out using UV-Visible spectrophotometry. DPPH was used as a free radical, while  $\beta$ -carotene served as the standard for total carotenoid content. The results showed that n-hexane fruit (NF) extract had the highest total carotenoid concentration (70.028 gBEQ/100 g extract), while n-hexane leaf (NL) extract had the lowest (39.540 gBEQ/100 g extract). Ethyl acetate leaf (EL) extract exhibited better antioxidant activity with  $IC_{50}$  of  $3.094 \mu\text{g/mL} \pm 0.82$  compared to NL ( $9.270 \mu\text{g/mL} \pm 1.201$ ), ethyl acetate fruit (EF) ( $31.516 \mu\text{g/mL} \pm 1.786$ ), and NF ( $45.382 \mu\text{g/mL} \pm 2.31$ ) extracts. Based on the statistical analysis results, the coefficient correlation of total carotenoid content with  $IC_{50}$  DPPH was  $r = 0.855$ ,  $p < 0.01$ . This indicated that an increase in total carotenoid content did not always lead to a proportional increment in the inhibition of DPPH. These findings revealed that n-hexane solvent was more suitable for extracting carotenoids from the fruit part, while ethyl acetate was more appropriate for the leaf. Furthermore, the fruit and leaf extract of *P. campechiana* had potential antioxidant activity as natural ingredients in the food and pharmaceutical industries.

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## Introduction

The family Sapotaceae, which is distributed worldwide, includes the genus *Pouteria*. *Pouteria* species have a rich history in traditional medicine, being used for the treatment of various ailments such as back pain, ulcers, skin eruptions, and inflammation.<sup>1</sup> Among the medicinal plants within the Sapotaceae family, *Pouteria campechiana*, commonly referred to as sawo walanda in Indonesia, has been reported to hold significant importance.

According to a previous study, the fruit of *P. campechiana* (Kunth. Baehni) is a significant source of carotenoids<sup>2</sup> and has gained recognition for its anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and hepatoprotective properties.<sup>3,4</sup> Furthermore, extracts obtained from its leaf and fruit have been found to contain phenolics, flavonoids, and terpenoids, exhibiting significant antioxidant activity.<sup>5</sup>

Medicinal plants serve as a valuable source of raw materials containing phenolics, flavonoids, polyphenols, and terpenoids. These compounds have been reported to be responsible for the various bioactivities exhibited by plants. The specific phytochemical component produced depends on the extraction technique and the solvent employed. Carotenoids are compounds belonging to a group of secondary metabolites known as terpenoids.

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Some of the common solvents used for the extraction of carotenoids include acetone, chloroform, hexane, methanol, methylene chloride, ethyl acetate, and diethyl ether.<sup>5</sup> The choice of solvent is largely dependent on the type and concentrations of carotenoids being extracted. Therefore, the selection of the appropriate solvent is very important. Therefore, this study aims to assess the antioxidant activity as well as determine the total carotenoid content of *P. campechiana* fruit and leaf extract in various solvents. The correlation of total carotenoid content with antioxidant activity was analyzed using Pearson's method.

## Material and Methods

## Material

The materials used in this study included DPPH (2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl) (Sigma-Aldrich), ascorbic acid (Sigma-Aldrich), beta carotene ( $\beta$ -carotene) (Sigma-aldrich), Sawo walanda (*Pouteria campechiana* Kunth. Baehni), methanol, ethyl acetate, n-hexane, and other analytical grade reagents, which were obtained from Merck.

## Sample preparation

*P. campechiana* fruit and leaf were freshly collected from Bandung, West Java, Indonesia, in January 2019. The sample was identified in the Herbarium Jatinangor, the Plant Taxonomy Laboratory, Biology Department, UNPAD, with reference number 123/HB/01/2020. Subsequently, the fruit and leaf were sorted, washed, dried at 40°C – 45°C, and ground into powder.

## Extraction

A total of 300 grams of the powdered fruit and leaf was extracted using maceration. Each sample was extracted using n-hexane and ethyl acetate solvent, and the procedure was repeated in triplicate. Furthermore, each extract was concentrated using a rotary evaporator at 50°C to produce n-hexane fruit (NF), ethyl acetate fruit (EF), n-hexane leaf (NL), and ethyl acetate leaf (EL) extracts.

### Phytochemical analysis

To assess the presence of secondary metabolites in *P. campechiana* fruit and leaf extract, phytochemical screening was carried out to determine the presence of alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, polyphenols, monoterpenes/sesquiterpenes, triterpenoids/steroid, quinones, and saponins.<sup>6</sup>

### Antioxidant Activity

Antioxidant activity test was carried out using the DPPH method proposed by Fidrianny, (2018).<sup>7</sup> The standard for contrasting antioxidant chemicals was ascorbic acid, and the concentration of DPPH used was 50 µg/mL, which served as the control. The percentage of free radical inhibition was measured by mixing the DPPH solution with the sample in a (1:1) ratio. After incubating the sample for 30 min, the absorbance was measured at 517 nm, and this procedure was repeated in triplicate for each sample.

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = \frac{(\text{Blank abs} - \text{Sample abs})}{\text{Blank abs}} \times 100\%$$

### Determination of IC<sub>50</sub> Extract to DPPH

A calibration curve connecting the various sample concentrations to the percentage of sample inhibition against DPPH was used to calculate the IC<sub>50</sub> value against DPPH. The IC<sub>50</sub> was then determined using the calibration linear regression value, with the x-value being used for calculations.

### Determination of Antioxidant Activity Index

The antioxidant group of a sample was identified using the antioxidant activity index (AAI).<sup>8</sup> (Scherer), which was calculated using the formula below:

$$AAI = \frac{\text{Final concentration of DPPH}}{\text{Final concentration IC}_{50}}$$

### Determination of Total Carotenoid Content

Thaipong<sup>9</sup> and Fidrianny<sup>10</sup> proposed a measuring method to assess the overall carotenoid content. The extracts were diluted in n-hexane, and their absorbance was measured at a wavelength of 470 nm. Furthermore, the analysis was carried out in triplicate for each extract. To establish a standard curve, beta carotene was employed as a standard at concentrations ranging from 10 to 40 µg/mL. The total carotenoid content was determined using the linear regression equation of the calibration curve, and the results were expressed as beta carotene equivalent of 100 g extract (g BE/100 g extract).

### Data analysis

Analyses of each sample were carried out in triplicates, where the averages and standard deviations of at least three separate experiments were used to calculate all the results. Subsequently, Pearson's method was used to determine a correlation between the total carotenoid concentration and antioxidant activity.<sup>10</sup>

## Result and Discussion

### Extraction

Extraction was carried out using maceration with different polarity solvents. The amount of metabolite content of each *P. campechiana* extract is presented in Table 1. The results showed that ethyl acetate solvent could extract a higher amount of metabolites from *P. campechiana* fruit and leaf. Furthermore, primary and secondary metabolites could be among the extracted compounds.

### Phytochemical analysis

Table 2 shows the results of the phytochemical screening on the crude and each extract. Phenolic compounds, flavonoids, and saponin were absent in NF and NL, while Monoterpene/sesquiterpene was not found in EF and EL. Phenol and saponins were semipolar to polar metabolites, but monoterpenes/sesquiterpenes tended to be nonpolar to semipolar. Several studies showed that *P. campechiana* was rich in phenolic compounds, flavonoids, and terpenoids. The leaf contained high levels

of flavonoids stilbenoids and tannins<sup>11</sup>, while the fruit was rich in terpenoids, including carotenoid<sup>12</sup> and phenolic acid<sup>13</sup>. According to Sangeetha<sup>14</sup>, flavonoids and saponins were also absent in the fruit extract. Acetone extract leaf *P. campechiana* contained alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, steroids, tannins, and terpenoids.<sup>14</sup>

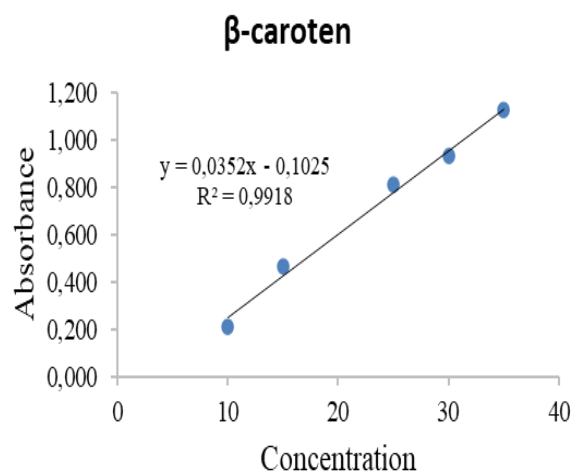
### Carotenoid Total Content in Extract *P. campechiana*

Total carotenoid content was calculated based on the standard curve beta carotene with linear regression  $y=0.0352x - 0.103$ ,  $R^2 = 0.992$  (Figure 1). In measuring the total carotenoid content, beta-carotene was frequently employed as a standard. The highest content of (70,028 ± 2,341) g BE/100 g extract was found in NF, while the smallest was exhibited by NL at (39,40 ± 1,76) g BE/100 g extract, as shown in (Figure 2). The intensity of the carotenoids was attributed to their conjugated double bonds, which led to a vibrant yellow-orange shade.<sup>15</sup> NF and EF gave stronger orange-yellow color compared to NL and EL. Carotenoids referred to a class of compounds with both polar and nonpolar characteristics. The hydrocarbon carotenoids, namely beta carotene and lycopene were examples of the nonpolar category. Meanwhile, polar carotenoids, such as lutein, canthaxanthin, astaxanthin, and fucoxanthin were oxygenated derivatives of hydrocarbon carotenoids, as shown in (Figure 3).<sup>16</sup> Carotenoids were typically extracted using organic solvents, such as acetone, chloroform, hexane, methanol, and diethyl ether. The sample matrix and its components, moisture content, the functional group (polarity), and the chain length of the existing compounds were significant factors during the extraction.<sup>16</sup> The most frequent methods used for extracting both polar and nonpolar carotenoids simultaneously included acetone, ethanol, ethyl acetate, and n-hexane,<sup>17</sup> with hexane and acetone being the common solvents.<sup>17</sup>

The results showed that *P. campechiana* n-hexane and ethyl acetate fruit and leaf extracts contained terpenoids based on the phytochemical analysis. Carotenoids were a category of terpenoids found in the samples. A previous study showed that *P. campechiana* contained beta-carotene, beta-cryptoxanthin, and violaxanthin (Fig. 3)<sup>18</sup>. Furthermore, the total carotenoid content in petroleum ether fruit *P. campechiana* was 278 µg/g extract.<sup>19</sup>

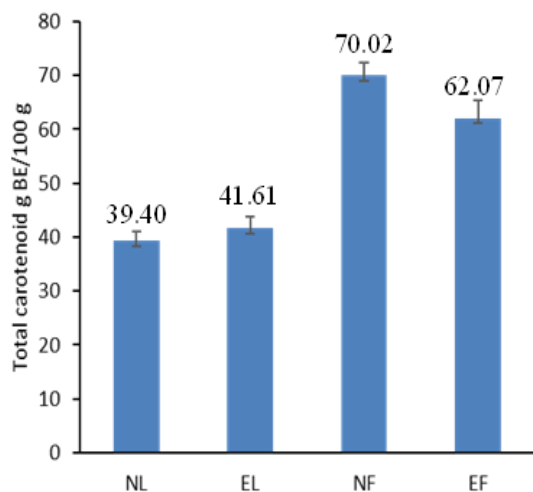
**Table 1:** Yield Extract *P. campechiana*

Extract	Yield of Extract (%)
NF	2.82
EF	5.16
NL	2.4
EL	5.74



**Figure 1:** Standard Curve β-carotene





**Figure 3:** The carotenoid in *P. campechiana*<sup>18</sup>

**Antioxidant Activity and Correlation With Total Carotenoid Content**  
The antioxidant activity was expressed in terms of IC<sub>50</sub> and Antioxidant Activity Index (AAI), as shown in Table 3. The IC<sub>50</sub> was the number of samples required to neutralize 50% of the free radical DPPH, and the lowest value indicated the strongest antioxidant activity. The IC<sub>50</sub> of DPPH scavenging capacities of NF, EF, NL, and EL were lower compared to DPPH of ascorbic acid standard. Furthermore, LE had better antioxidant activity compared to NE, NF, and EF. The IC<sub>50</sub> DPPH of ascorbic acid was 1.98 µg/ml, NL and EL ranged from 3.094 to 9.27 µg/mL, while NF and EF ranged from 31,516 to 45,382 µg/mL. According to previous studies, *P. campechiana* had antioxidant properties. The antioxidant activity of n-hexane, ethyl acetate, and ethanol leaf extract of the plant had been reported employing different extraction methods using Soxhlet with increasing polarity of the solvent.<sup>20</sup> The 70% ethanol extract of pulp, peel, and leaf of *P. campechiana* also exhibited similar properties.<sup>21</sup> *P. campechiana* fruit

extracts in methanol, acetone, ethanol, and water at various stages of ripeness (4, 8, 12, 16, and 24 weeks) were found to be effective antioxidants against DPPH.<sup>15</sup>

The carotenoid group could also contribute to the antioxidant activity exhibited by the test plant.<sup>22</sup> Comparing the carotenoid and phenolic groups, the phenolic group had a higher potential for this activity.<sup>23</sup> Beta carotene had antioxidant properties because it contained conjugated double bonds. Through a chemical reaction between carotenoids and free radicals, the conjugated double-bond structure was directly damaged. Furthermore, carotenoids contained long conjugated chains, leading to the high reactivity of these compounds.<sup>24</sup> The phenolic group also contributed to the antioxidant activity. Donating hydrogen atoms to DPPH, phenolic groups, and flavonoids could reduce the damage caused by free radicals.<sup>25</sup> Cinnamic acid and benzoic acids significantly increased the antioxidant activity. Compared to benzoic acid, cinnamic acid had a greater impact on these properties.<sup>26</sup> The difference in IC<sub>50</sub> values of NF, EF, NL, and EL was caused by the different biological activities of their secondary metabolites.

Fruit and leaf extract of *P. campechiana* had antioxidant activity potentials, which could be expressed with AAI value.<sup>8</sup> Based on the AAI value in Table 3, NF and EF were included in the moderate group, while NL and EL were in the very strong group.

The percentage inhibition value of DPPH was inversely correlated with the IC<sub>50</sub> value of DPPH. Based on statistics, the Pearson's correlation coefficient between the total carotenoid total content of *P. campechiana* fruit and leaf extract with IC<sub>50</sub> scavenging of DPPH gave a positive and significant value ( $r = 0.855$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ). This indicated that the total carotenoid content in the fruit and leaf extract had no correlation with inhibition against DPPH potent.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the results showed that NF extract of *Pouteria campechiana* had higher carotenoid total content, followed by EF, EL, and NL extracts. Furthermore, EL extract had better inhibition of DPPH. Based on statistics, total carotenoid content in the fruit and leaf extract of *Pouteria campechiana* had no significant contribution to the inhibition of DPPH.

**Table 2:** Phytochemical Screening of Crude Drug and Extract *P. campechiana*

Metabolite	Crude Drug		Extract			
	Fruit	Leaf	NF	EF	NL	EL
Alkaloid	+	+	+	+	+	+
Phenol	+	+	-	+	-	+
Tanin	+	+	-	-	-	+
Flavonoid	+	+	-	+	-	+
Quinone	+	+	-	-	-	-
Saponin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triterpenoid/steroid	+	+	+	+	+	+
Monoterpenoid/sesquiterpenoid	+	+	+	+	+	+

**Table 3:** Antioxidant activity with IC<sub>50</sub> extract *P. campechiana* to DPPH

Sample	IC <sub>50</sub> µg/mL	Antioxidant Activity Index (AAI)
NF	45.382 ± 2.31	0.551 ± 0.102
EF	31.516 ± 1.786	0.793 ± 0.098
NL	9.270 ± 1.201	2.697 ± 0.312
EL	3.094 ± 0.82	8.080 ± 0.221
As.acid	1.980 ± 0.230	12.626 ± 0.099

## Conflict of Interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

## Authors' Declaration

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