

## Comparative Antibacterial Activity of ethanol Extract, Chloroform Fraction and n-Hexane fraction from *Tekelan's* (*Chromolaenaodorata*L.), *Kenikir's*(*Cosmos caudatus*Kunth) and *Kemangi's* (*Ocimumbacilicum*L.)Leave.

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### Abstract

**Objectives:**Bacteria is one of the infectious causes. Antibacterial agents are the treatment for this infectious. The biggest source for antibacterial agent is plant. Some of plant that can be used for treat infectious was *Tekelan*(*C. odorata*L.), *Kenikir*(*C. caudatus*Kunth) and *Kemangi*(*O. bacilicum*L.).*Tekelan*, *Kenikir*and *Kemangi*are commonly consuming as vegetable in Indonesia. They also traditionally were used for treat diarrhea and wound, gastritis and appetite enhancer. Objective of this study were determined best antibacterial activity and Minimum Inhibitor Concentration (MIC) of ethanol extract, chloroform fraction and n-hexane fraction from *C. odorata*, *C. caudatus*and *O. bacilicum*leaves against *Staphylococcus aureus*and *Escherichia coli*.

**Methods:**Leaves of *C. odorata*, *C. caudatus*and *O. bacilicum*were extracted by maceration method using ethanol 96%. The ethanol extract continuously fractions by n- hexane and chloroform. The extracts and fraction were phytochemical screening and continued conducting antimicrobial test against *S. aureus*and *E. coli*, through disc diffusion method.

**Results:**Result showed ethanol extract has better activity against *S. aureus* than *E. coli* compare than chloroform fraction and n-hexane fraction. MIC of *Tekelan's* and *Kenikir's*leaves against *S. aureus* were 12.5 mg/ml (ethanol extract), 50 mg/ml (chloroform fraction) and 300 mg/ml (n-hexane fraction). While for *E. coli* 25 mg/ml (ethanol extract), 100 mg/ml (chloroform fraction), 400mg/ml(n-hexane fraction). MIC of *Kemangi's* leave against *S. aureus* and *E. coli* were 12.5 mg/ml (ethanol extract), 50 mg/ml (chloroform fraction) and none on n-hexane fraction. Base on zone inhibition of concentration 500 mg/ml of ethanol extract, chloroform fraction, it showed *Kemangi*leaves have better antibacterial activity compare to *Tekelan* and *Kenikir* leaves (> 20 mm). But n-hexane fraction of *Tekelan*and *Kenikir* still have antibacterial activity against *S. aureus* and *E. coli*.

**Conclusions:**Ethanol extract of *Tekelan's*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi's*leaves has greater antibacterial activity compare than chloroform and n-hexane fraction with MIC under 50 mg/ml against *S. aureus* and *E. coli* for all the plant. *Kemangi's* ethanol extract and chloroform fraction were the most growth inhibitor activity among other plant. It due to the presence of alkaloid, flavonoid, terpenoid, tannin and saponin compound in extracts and fraction.

**Keywords:** *C. odorata*; *C. caudatus*; *O. sanctum*; extract; fraction; antibacterial

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### I. Introduction

Infectious diseases are still a global health problem, especially in developing countries such as Indonesia. Infectious diseases in Indonesia are still difficult to overcome, even though many efforts have been made. One of infection causes is microorganism. *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli* are one of pathogen microorganism. *E. coli* is a Gram-negative bacterium which is a natural flora of mammals's intestine. *E. coli* which is pathogenic can cause diarrhea.<sup>2</sup> *S. aureus* is Gram-positive bacterium that can cause cellulitis and furunculosis lesions on injured skin.<sup>3</sup>

Infections caused by bacteria are generally treated or prevented by using antibacterial. Each bacterial has a different mechanism and different sensitivity to bacteria. Excessive or irrational use of antibiotics can lead to bacterial resistance to antibacterial<sup>4</sup>. This causes the need for the discovery of new antibacterial compounds to overcome microbial resistance.

The largest source of antibacterial compounds is plants. Some of the plants that have potential as antibacterials are *Tekelan's* (*Chromolaena odorata* L.), *Kenikir* (*Cosmos caudatus* Kunth) and *Kemangi's* (*Ocimum basilicum* L.) plants. *Tekelan* is originally came from South America, in Indonesia *tekelan* plants first report in 1934 from Lubuk Pakam's Herbarium (North Sumatra).<sup>5</sup> Citizen of Padang Lawas Utara-North Sumatera (Indonesia) were traditionally used this plant as antidiarrhea, wound healing (stop bleeding), antipyretic and to treat coughing. Fresh juice of *tekelan's* leaves have been reported has activity to stop bleeding and decoction of their leaves and stem has antibacterial activity against *Propionibacterium acnes*.<sup>6</sup>

*Kenikir* (*Cosmos caudatus* Kunth) or also called as yellow ray flower is commonly used as vegetable in Indonesia or Malaysia. *Kenikir* has sweet taste and give a cold feel after consume it. It has pharmacology activity as appetite enhancer, anti-arrhythmia and insect repellent. It happen because the present of flavonoids, polyphenol and volatile oil<sup>7</sup>. *Kenikir's* leaves extract also been reported to inhibit the growth of *Bacillus cereus* as it commonly contaminated rice, milk, vegetables and fish.<sup>8</sup>

*Kemangi* (*Ocimum basilicum* L.) also known as basil is member of Lamiaceae. It is originally from Asia tropical country, one of them is Indonesia. *Kemangi* was commonly eaten raw as *ulam* in Indonesia. This plant has many benefits as a drug, pesticide, vegetables, source of volatile oil, vegetables and refreshing drink. *Kemangi's* leaves contained flavonoid, phenol, saponin and volatile oil<sup>9</sup>.

Alkaloid, flavonoid, tannin, terpenoid, steroid and volatile oil were present in leaves extract of *Tekelan*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi*. Flavonoid is one of phenolic compound and has antimicrobial activity. One mechanism tannin as antimicrobial is act as iron deprivation, hydrogen bonding or non-specific interaction with essential protein such as enzyme.<sup>10</sup> Isoquinoline alkaloid has been proven cause cell lysis and morphological changes of *S. aureus*<sup>11</sup>. Volatile oil could inhibit membrane cell growth of bacteria<sup>12</sup>. All phytochemicals have different polarity characteristic, so their amount in the extract also depend on the solvent that were used for extraction. Flavonoids can be polar because of sugar attached to their structure; this form tends to be made flavonoids more soluble in water. In contrast, aglycones that less polar such as isoflavones, flavanones and methoxylated flavones and flavonols tend to be more soluble in solvents such as ether and chloroform<sup>13</sup>. Based on that, the purpose of this present study was to determine better antibacterial activity of ethanol extract, chloroform fraction and n-hexane fraction from *Tekelan*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi's* leaves against *S. aureus* and *E. coli* with disc diffusion method.

## II. Material and Method

### Plant material

*Tekelan's*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi's* leaves were collected from Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia. Determination of this samples were done in Herbarium Medanense, Universitas Sumatera Utara, Medan, Indonesia.

### Extraction and Fractionation

Dried leaves of *Tekelan*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi* (1000 g) was extracted with ethanol 96% by maceration method in room temperature. The extracts were filtered and concentrated with rotary evaporator at temperature 50°C. Fractionation was carried out using the LLF (Liquid-Liquid Fractionation) method with n-hexane, chloroform and ethanol as solvent continuously with polarity difference. Fractionation was carried out as follows: The ethanol extract was dissolved in ethanol and water with a ratio of 1:1 as much as 200 ml. Then put it into a separating flask, add 200 ml of n-hexane, shake it slowly, after letting it stand there will be a separation between n-hexane and methanol-water fractions. The n-hexane fraction was separated, then repeated several times until the solution was clear. Fractionation was continued using chloroform with the same process as n-hexane. Liquid n-hexane fraction and liquid chloroform fraction were evaporated using a vacuum rotate, so that a viscous fraction is obtained. Viscous fraction evaporated with water bath to obtain fractions dry. The ethanol extract and two fractions obtained were tested for activity its antibacterial<sup>14</sup>.

### Phytochemical screening

The ethanol extract, chloroform fraction and n-hexane fraction of *Tekelan*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi* leaves were phytochemicals screening by the Indonesian Pharmacopoeia IV procedure which included examination of alkaloids, flavonoids, phenol, steroids/triterpenoid, saponins, and tannins compounds.<sup>15</sup>

**Alkaloid Test:** 4 mg samples; 0.1 mL 2N HCl; and 1.0 mL of distilled water were mixed in a test tube, heated, filtered, and divided into 2 parts. Bouchardat's reagent and Mayer's reagent were added to each part so that reddish brown and white colors were formed.

**Phenol test:** 4 mg of samples was dissolved in water, 1 mL of 5% FeCl<sub>3</sub> was added to form a dark blue to black color.

**Flavonoid test:** 4 mg samples and 3 mL ethanol were mixed in a tube, plus 0.1 mg magnesium and 10 drops of concentrated HCl to form a pink color.

**Tannin Test:** 4 mg of samples was dissolved in 1 ml of distilled water and heated in a water bath, filtered and the filtrate was added with 3 drops of FeCl<sub>3</sub> to form a green color.

**Saponin test:** 4 mg samples and 10 mL hot water were mixed in a tube, shaken for 10 seconds, then added 10 drops of 2 N HCl to form foam.

**Steroid/Terpenoid test:** 4 mg samples and 3 mL dichloromethane were heated in a water bath, then 6 drops of CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> were added to form a blue-green color.

#### Antibacterial activity

Antibacterial activity of *Tekelan*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi* were studied against *S. aureus* and *E. coli*. The bacteria's strains were purchased from Universitas Sumatera Utara, Medan-Indonesia. A single colony from the stocks were transferred into Muller Hinton Agar (MHA) for bacteria and incubated at 37°C for 24h. After incubation time, it was transferred into saline solution (NaCl 0.9%) and centrifuged. The stocks solution density was prepared same as 0.5 Mc Farland (10<sup>8</sup> CFU/ml).

The microbe inoculums were prepared by 0.1 ml of stock solution were diluted with 9.9 ml of saline solution to obtain 10<sup>6</sup> CFU/ml of microbe.

#### Agar disc diffusion method

The extract and fraction were dissolved in DMSO until obtained concentration 500 mg/ml, 400 mg/ml, 300 mg/ml, 200 mg/ml, 100 mg/ml, 50 mg/ml, 25 mg/ml, and 12.5 mg/ml. This test was carried out by the paper disc diffusion method. MHA was poured into a petri dish as much as 20 ml at a temperature of 45-50°C, then 0.1 ml of *S. aureus* and *E. coli* inoculum were transferred into the media, stirred until homogeneous and waited until the media solidify. Disc paper has been immersed in the test solution at various concentrations were placed on the surface of solid media, and incubated at 37°C for 24 hours. Chloramphenicol were used as positive control, while DMSO was used as negative control. The diameter of the inhibition area around the disc papers were measured using a caliper. All experiment was carried out in triplicate and mean value was determined. The Minimum Inhibitor Concentration (MIC) also observed based on the lowest concentration that showed inhibition zone.

### III. Result

#### Phytochemical screening

It showed that *Tekelan*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi* ethanol extract contained phenol, flavonoid, saponin and tannin (Table 1). Otherwise, the presence of alkaloid on ethanol extract of *Tekelan* and *Kemangi*. Steroid/triterpenoid obtained on ethanol extract of *Tekelan* and *Kenikir*. Chloroform fraction of *Tekelan* and *Kemangi* contained alkaloid, phenol, flavonoid, saponin, and tannin; steroid/triterpenoid didn't presence. While in chloroform fraction of *Kenikir* only presence flavonoid and saponin. Based on phytochemical screening on n-hexane fraction, it showed flavonoid and saponin in *Kenikir*; and steroid/triterpenoid on *Tekelan* and *Kemangi*.

Table 1. Phytochemical detected in leaves extract

No	Phytochemical	Ethanol extract			Chloroform fraction			n-hexane fraction		
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1	Alkaloid	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
2	Phenol	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
3	Flavonoid	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--
4	Saponin	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
5	Tannin	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
6	Steroid/Triterpenoid	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+

Description: + = Positive; - = Negative; A = Tekelan; B = Kenikir; C = Kemangi

#### Antimicrobial activity

Antibacterial activity was carried out by paper disc diffusion method. It showed presence of zone inhibition that indicated antibacterial activity of ethanol extract, chloroform fraction and n-hexane fraction.

The ethanol extract of *Tekelan* and *Kenikir* showed the greatest MIC on 12.5 mg/ml and 25 mg/ml compare to chloroform fraction (50 mg/ml and 100 mg/ml) and n-hexane fraction (300 mg/ml and 400 mg/ml) against *S. aureus* and *E. coli* (Table 2. and Table 3.). *Kemangi*'s ethanol extract also showed better MIC on 12.5 mg/ml than chloroform fraction (50 mg/ml) against both bacteria. *Kemangi*'s n-hexane fraction didn't have any antibacterial activity (Table 4). Based on table 2 and table 3, it showed ethanol extract, chloroform fraction and

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n-hexane fraction of *Tekelan* and *Kenikir* more sensitive against *S. aureus* than *E. coli*. Meanwhile for *Kemangi*'s ethanol extract and chloroform fraction showed same sensitivity against both bacteria (Table 4.).

Based on antibacterial activity of ethanol extract and chloroform extract from *Tekelan*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi* on concentration 500 mg/ml, it showed that *Kemangi* have highest growth inhibitory against *S. aureus* and *E. coli* around 24.08 and 28.08 mm. While n-hexane fraction of *Tekelan* and *Kenikir* showed relatively same growth inhibitor against two bacteria (Table 5. And Figure 1.).

Table 2. Zone inhibition of *Tekelan* leaves

Levels (mg/mL)	Zones of inhibition (mm)					
	Ethanol extract		Chloroform fraction		n-hexane fraction	
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>
500	19.00 ± 0.25	18.08 ± 0.18	14.45 ± 0.02	13.83 ± 0.11	11.34 ± 0.12	9.56 ± 0.21
400	16.58 ± 0.18	15.83 ± 0.15	13.23 ± 0.01	11.08 ± 0.22	9.17 ± 0.20	8.31 ± 0.32
300	14.16 ± 0.22	14.00 ± 0.25	11.57 ± 0.02	10.95 ± 0.10	8.39 ± 0.12	-
200	13.25 ± 0.23	13.25 ± 0.25	10.05 ± 0.01	9.70 ± 0.32	-	-
100	11.66 ± 0.22	11.25 ± 0.10	9.45 ± 0.02	8.57 ± 0.21	-	-
50	10.25 ± 0.20	10.25 ± 0.13	8.33 ± 0.02	-	-	-
25	8.91 ± 0.14	7.13 ± 0.38	-	-	-	-
12.5	7.58 ± 0.18	-	-	-	-	-
Control (+)	10.14 ± 0.01	15.10 ± 0.43	10.27 ± 0.45	15.21 ± 0.13	10.28 ± 0.07	15.13 ± 0.28
Control (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3. Zone inhibition of *Kenikir* leaves

Levels (mg/mL)	Zones of inhibition (mm)					
	Ethanol extract		Chloroform fraction		n-hexane fraction	
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>
500	17.50 ± 0.15	18.43 ± 0.05	13.65 ± 0.32	12.03 ± 0.41	12.43 ± 0.21	10.26 ± 0.61
400	16.28 ± 0.18	17.08 ± 0.57	12.32 ± 0.11	10.08 ± 1.20	9.47 ± 0.09	9.53 ± 0.81
300	15.16 ± 0.21	16.71 ± 0.43	10.17 ± 0.21	9.6 ± 1.00	7.32 ± 0.54	-
200	13.45 ± 0.27	14.55 ± 0.23	9.32 ± 0.51	8.52 ± 2.13	-	-
100	10.34 ± 0.02	12.74 ± 0.19	7.51 ± 0.12	6.39 ± 1.41	-	-
50	9.04 ± 0.29	10.34 ± 0.05	6.29 ± 0.92	-	-	-
25	7.41 ± 0.54	5.62 ± 0.36	-	-	-	-
12.5	6.52 ± 0.36	-	-	-	-	-
Control (+)	10.25 ± 0.91	15.13 ± 0.47	10.32 ± 0.54	15.35 ± 0.03	10.15 ± 0.39	15.63 ± 0.20
Control (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 4. Zone inhibition of *Kemangi* leaves

Levels (mg/mL)	Zones of inhibition (mm)					
	Ethanol extract		Chloroform fraction		n-hexane fraction	
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>
500	24.08 ± 0.25	28.08 ± 0.58	23.45 ± 0.72	24.55 ± 0.72	-	-
400	22.58 ± 0.08	24.13 ± 0.15	20.33 ± 0.61	22.13 ± 0.32	-	-
300	19.18 ± 0.52	21.30 ± 0.75	17.57 ± 0.52	19.07 ± 0.51	-	-
200	16.34 ± 0.27	18.24 ± 0.71	15.05 ± 0.31	17.19 ± 0.93	-	-
100	14.24 ± 0.12	15.42 ± 0.10	13.42 ± 0.02	14.48 ± 0.12	-	-
50	10.15 ± 0.53	12.06 ± 0.17	10.30 ± 0.32	11.47 ± 0.09	-	-
25	9.10 ± 0.62	8.70 ± 0.80	-	-	-	-
12.5	7.24 ± 0.82	6.14 ± 0.22	-	-	-	-
Control (+)	10.15 ± 0.39	15.25 ± 0.17	10.48 ± 0.69	15.55 ± 0.13	10.05 ± 0.63	15.57 ± 0.26
Control (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 5. Inhibition zone of extract (500 mg/ml)

Sample	Zones of inhibition (mm)					
	<i>S. aureus</i>			<i>E. coli</i>		
	<i>Tekelan</i>	<i>Kenikir</i>	<i>Kemangi</i>	<i>Tekelan</i>	<i>Kenikir</i>	<i>Kemangi</i>
Ethanol	19.00 ± 0.25	17.50 ± 0.15	24.08 ± 0.25	18.08 ± 0.18	18.43 ± 0.05	28.08 ± 0.58
Chloroform	14.45 ± 0.02	13.65 ± 0.32	23.45 ± 0.72	13.83 ± 0.11	12.03 ± 0.41	24.55 ± 0.72
n-Heksan	11.34 ± 0.12	12.43 ± 0.21	0	9.56 ± 0.21	10.26 ± 0.61	0

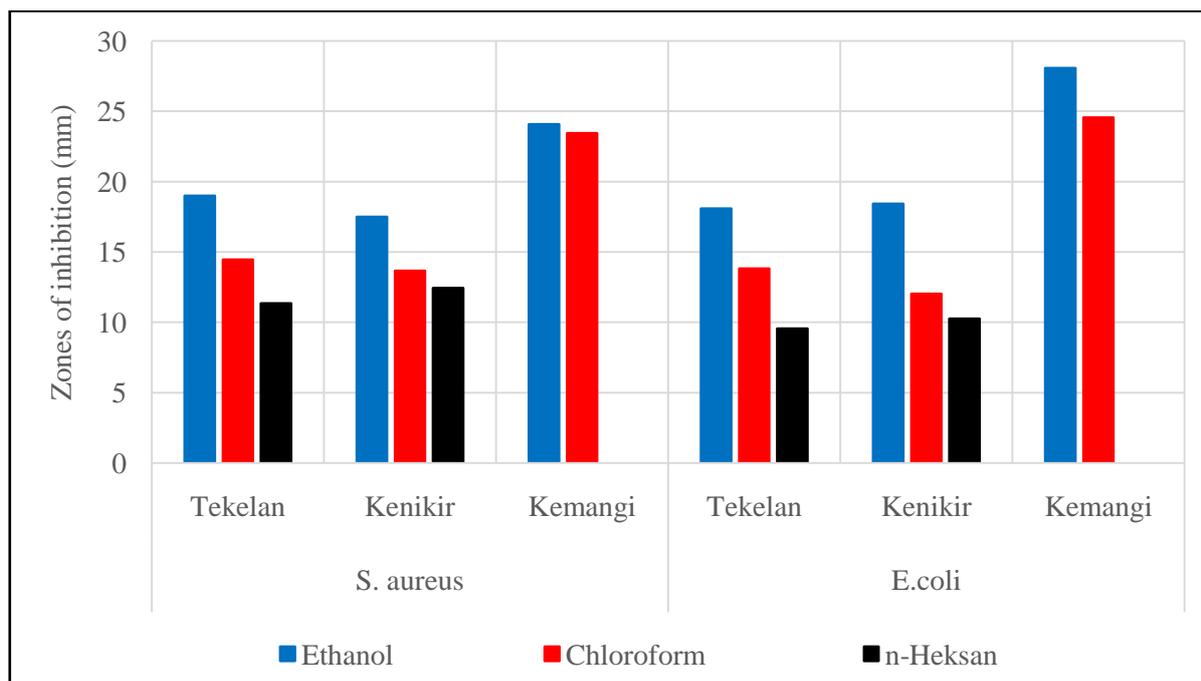


Figure 4. Inhibition zone of extract (500 mg/ml)

#### IV. Discussion

*Tekelan*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi* leaves ethanol extract, chloroform and n-hexane has potential antibacterial against *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Escherichia coli*. The ethanol extract from *Tekelean*, *Kenikir* and *Kemangi* leaves has better antibacterial activity was related to the results of phytochemical screening which indicated the presence most of phytochemical namely alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins and triterpenoids. Alkaloids have antibacterial activity by inhibiting DNA synthesis through topoisomerase inhibition.<sup>16</sup> The indolequinoline alkaloids (cryptolepine) cause cell lysis and change the morphology of *S. aureus*.<sup>11</sup> Flavonoids function as antimicrobials by inhibiting nucleic acid synthesis, cytoplasmic membrane function and energy metabolism.<sup>17</sup> Saponins are active substances that can increase membrane permeability so that cell hemolysis occurs when saponins interact with bacterial cells, the bacteria will break or lysis.<sup>18</sup> Tannins have chelating properties that have the activity of shrinking cell walls or cell membranes so that they interfere with the permeability of the cell itself. Impaired permeability can cause cell growth to be inhibited or even die.<sup>19</sup> The mechanism of terpenoids as antibacterial is by bonding with porins (transmembrane proteins) on the outside of the bacterial cell wall, so that strong polymer bonds are formed which result in protein damage.<sup>20</sup>

Based on the MIC results shown in Table 2 and Table 3, Ethanol extract, chloroform fraction and n-hexane fraction of *Tekelan* and *Kenikir* were more sensitive on *S. aureus* than *E. coli*. This is due to structure of microbe are different. *S. aureus* is Gram-positive bacteria which are they don't have the outer membrane and periplasmic space while in Gram-negative such as *E. coli* have both of them.<sup>21</sup> Outer membrane of Gram-negative bacterial are known has a function as a barrier to the penetration of many antibiotic molecules. On the other hand, the periplasmic space also contains enzymes that can break down foreign molecules from outside cell.<sup>22</sup>

*Kemangi*'s ethanol extract and chloroform fraction have best growth inhibitory activity compare other plant. It happen because *Kemangi* extract has rich flavor compound and volatile oil which have antibacterial activity<sup>23</sup>. Volatile oil could inhibit membrane cell growth of bacteria<sup>12</sup>. Volatile oil of *Kemangi* consist of linaool, epi- $\alpha$ -cardinol,  $\alpha$ -bergamotene,  $\gamma$ -cadinene, monoterpene and sesquiterpene hydrocarbon. Linaool has antibacterial activity against *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Pasteurella multocida*.<sup>24</sup>

#### V. Conclusion

Ethanol extract of *Tekelan*'s (*C. odorata* L.), *Kenikir* (*C. caudatus* Kunth) and *Kemangi* (*O. bacilicum* L.) leaves has better antibacterial activity against *S. aureus* and *E. coli* than chloroform fraction and n-hexane fraction from same plant. *Tekelan* and *Kenikir* extract and fraction were more sensitive against *S. aureus* than *E. coli*. *Kemangi*'s ethanol extract and chloroform fraction showed better antibacterial against *S. aureus* and *E. coli* than *Tekelan* and *Kenikir*.

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