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# Implementation of FTIR-Based Fingerprinting, Antioxidant Compounds Profiling by UHPLC-O-Orbitrap HRMS, and Docking Study COVID-19 Inhibitor of Buas-Buas (Premna serratifolia) Leaf Extract from Pontianak Indonesia

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ABSTRACT. This research aims to profile the active antioxidant compounds from leaf extracts of Buasbuas (Premna serratifolia) growing in Pontianak of West Kalimantan (Indonesia) through a metabolomics approach and their activity as anti-COVID-19 candidates by molecular docking. In this study, P. serratifolia leaves were macerated and fractionated using solvents with different polarities. The extracts were then tested for antioxidant activity using the DPPH method, determined the total phenolic content (TPC), flavonoids (TFC), and steroids (TSC), and analyzed antioxidant the functional groups and compounds by Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) and Ultra High-Performance Chromatography UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS. The functional groups on antioxidant activity were determined by Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Partial Least Square (PLS) regression. Based on a metabolomics approach, the PCA and PLS analysis shows that hydroxyl was the most active antioxidant from P. serratifolia leaves. UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS analysis showed the presence of scopoletin, esculetin, 7-hydroxycoumarine, matairesinol, hymecromone, and hexylresorcinol in the water fraction of P. serratifolia leaves. Molecular docking with 4YE6, 10G5, and 3NRZ shows that matairesinol had the most potential as an antioxidant. Mataresinol and hexyresorcinol are phenolic compounds that have great potential as a COVID-19 inhibitor based on molecular docking with 5R81, 7CMD, and 6M2N.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed in December 2023 that there were more than 772 million cases of COVID-19 in the world, including nearly 6.98 million deaths (WHO, 2023). COVID-19 will accelerate the reaction of free radicals in the body, causing respiratory syndrome (Flora et al., 2021). The antioxidant compounds in the medical plant, including *Premna serratifolia* can decrease the reactive oxygen species (ROS). P. serratifolia leaves, locally known as Buas-buas leaves by native West Borneo, extracted with ethanol by maceration and reflux methods have proven as an antioxidant (Isnindar et al., 2016; Lubaina et al., 2016; Purwanti et al., 2018; Puspita et al., 2020, Selvam et al., 2012; Simamora et al., 2020; Timotius et al., 2018). Flavonoids and phenolics in ethanol extract are predicted as important secondary metabolites in antioxidant activity. Identified by Liquid Chromatography-Quadrupole-Time of Flight-Mass Spectrometry/Mass Spectrometry (LC-QTOF-MS/MS), ethanol extract contains phenolic compounds, phylethanois, and flavonoid derivatives such as isoacteoside, scroside E, campneoside I, nobilin D, forsythoside A dan B, diosmin, and lavandulifolioside (Simamora et al., 2020). Meanwhile, the major compounds conducted on ethanol extract as the most affected functional groups in antioxidant activity, which represented metabolites, have not been discovered.

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The determination of the functional groups that are most influential on antioxidants can be performed by a metabolomic approach using Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR). This technique has been applied to understand the functional groups of the extract on robusta and arabica coffee (Kurniawan *et al.*, 2017), *Syzygium polyanthum* (Rohaeti *et al.*, 2020), as well as *Curculigo orchioides* and *C. latifolia* (Umar *et al.*, 2021) which possibly decrease the free radical concentration. Furthermore, Analysis of Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Partial Least Square (PLS) regression on the FTIR spectra study will also possibly show the primally functional groups on *P. serratifolia* affected antioxidant activity.

The identification utilizing LC-QTOF-MS/MS generally successfully identifies only eight antioxidant compounds from *P. serratifolia*. The separation and identification of the number of bioactive compounds in *P. serratifolia* will be increased by the separation and identification utilizing Ultra High-Performance Chromatography (UHPLC) and Quadrupole coupled Orbitrap analyzer on High-Resolution Mass Spectroscopy (HRMS). The extensive profiling of antioxidant compounds can be performed by UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS, which identified 23 phenolics from *Cannabis sativa* (Izzo *et al.*, 2020) and 13 norlignan, triterpene, phenolics and their glycosides from *C. orchioides* and *C. latifolia* extracts (Umar *et al.*, 2021).

*P. serratifolia* leaf extract has demonstrated free radical scavenging; however, the binding modes of phenolic compounds and oxidative enzymes cannot be explained. The interaction on the most stable complex of phenolicenzyme can be predicted and analyzed by docking research (Mahomoodally *et al.*, 2019). The *in-silico* study using molecular docking has been successful in the identification of active compounds as antioxidants from the extract *Malva sylvestris* (Irfan *et al.*, 2021), *Zinnia elegans* (Samy *et al.*, 2022) and *Onosma bourgaei* dan *O. trachytricha* (Istifli, 2021).

Metabolomics studies have never been used to identify active compounds that can perform as antioxidants in *P. serratifolia* leaves, including profiling active antioxidant compounds using UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS. *Insilico* testing of antioxidant and anti-covid-19 activities has also never been carried out on the active compounds of *P. serratifolia* leaf extract, which has been successfully identified using molecular docking. Therefore, as the evolution of COVID-19 cases increases, studying active compounds contained in *P. serratifolia* leaf extract is necessary to find the antioxidants that can slow down oxidation caused by free radicals and their inhibitory candidates.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### **Plant Material, Extraction, and Fractionation**

The leaves of *P. serratifolia* were collected in August 2020 in the peat forest in Pontianak of West Kalimantan, and a botanist at BRIN confirmed the plant taxonomy. The leaves were dried for 7 days and mashed using a blender. The resulting leaves powder was macerated in ethanol for  $3 \times 24$  hours and fractioned by different polarity solvents such as hexane, ethyl acetate, and water (Hadiarti *et al.*, 2021).

#### Determination of Total Flavonoids, Phenolics, and Steroids

The total flavonoid content (TFC), total phenolic content (TPC), and total steroid content (TSC) were determined by the AlCl<sub>3</sub>, Folin-Ciocalteu, and Liebermann-Burchard methods utilizing quercetin, gallic acid, and cholesterin as standards. The UV-Vis spectrophotometer was used to measure the absorbance of standards (quercetin, gallic acid, and cholesterin) and samples (extract/fraction) at 725, 752, and 420 nm. Results of TFC, TPC, and TSC were expressed as grams standard equivalents per gram of sample (Hadiarti *et al.*, 2021).

### Antioxidant Test by DPPH Method

Antioxidant activity tests were carried out by combining the 1,1-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) method used in research (Castaldo *et al.*, 2020; Izzo *et al.*, 2020; Umar *et al.*, 2021). DPPH standard solution was prepared by dissolving 4 mg in 10 mL of ethanol and measuring the absorbance at a wavelength of 517 nm. Furthermore, 100  $\mu$ L of *P. serratifolia* extract solution was added to 0.5 mL of DPPH solution. The mixture was then incubated at 37 °C for 30 min, and the absorbance was measured at 517 nm with a UV-Vis spectrophotometer. The results were further analyzed to obtain the value of IC<sub>50</sub>.

### The Analysis of FTIR

The FTIR analysis using Shimadzu IRPrestige-21 (Tokyo, Japan) was conducted by homogenizing 2 mg of *P. serratifolia* extract/fraction with 180 mg of KBr. Subsequently, the formed mixture was compressed into pellets under a pressure of 8 tons for 15 minutes. Following this step, the pellets were analyzed three times for each extract using the Shimadzu IRPrestige-21 FTIR spectrometer (Tokyo, Japan) in the wavelength range of 4000 – 400 cm<sup>-1</sup> with a resolution of 4 cm<sup>-1</sup>, yielding spectra with a scan rate of 45 scans per minute (Hadiarti *et al.*, 2021).

### Identification of Antioxidant Compounds using UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS

The chromatographic separation of compounds from water extract of *P. serratifolia* leaves was performed on the UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS with an AccucoreTM Phenyl Hexyl separation column ( $100 \times 2.1 \text{ mm}$ ,  $2.6 \mu \text{m}$ ). Eluent A (formic acid in water) and eluent B (formic acid in acetonitrile) were used as mobile phase and flowed gradient starting from 5% B, increased to 95% in 25 min, stayed 95% B in 28 min, and decreased concentration B to 5% to 30 min. The mobile phase flow rate was set at 0.25 mL/min, and the injection volume was 5  $\mu$ L. The qualitative identification of bioactive compounds was detected by a High-Resolution Mass Spectrometer using Q Exactive and Orbitrap analyzer operating in Electron Spray Ionization (ESI<sup>+</sup> and ESI<sup>-</sup>) mode. The Compound Discover version 2.2 was processed to interpret UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS results (Castaldo *et al.*, 2021; Hadiarti *et al.*, 2023; Umar *et al.*, 2021).

#### **Molecular Docking Procedure**

The crystal structure oxidants (4EY6, 1OG5, and 3NRZ) and COVID-19 (5R81, 7CMD, and 6M2N) enzymes were downloaded from the RSCB Protein Data Bank. The 3-D structures of identified phenolic compounds from *P. serratifolia* were obtained from the PubChem website in SDF format and then converted into PDB format using Open Bable GUI v2.3 software. The Chimera (Version 1.14) was operated to prepare phenolic compounds and proteins before docking to predict the binding modes of antioxidants and phenolics utilizing AutoDock Tools v1.5.6. The size of the grid box in macromolecules was set at  $40 \times 40 \times 40$  Å and grid spacing of 0.375 Å. The molecular docking simulation was performed using Autodock 4.2, and the Lamarckian Genetic Algorithm was employed with 100 runs, 2.500.000 energy evaluations, and a population size of 150. The Biovia Discovery Studio Visualizer 2021 software was operated to visualize the hydrophilic and hydrophobic interaction between the phenolics and proteins (Barros *et al.*, 2018; Hadiarti *et al.*, 2023; Istifli, 2021).

### **Statistical Analysis**

The differences of TFC, TPC, TSC, IC<sub>50</sub>, and inhibition concentration data were evaluated by one-way ANOVA and Tukey assay with a level of significance at 0.05 using XLSAT 5.03 statistical software. The PCA and PLS analyses were performed to evaluate the influence of the functional groups on antioxidant activity. All statistical analysis steps were finished according to our previous research (Hadiarti *et al.*, 2021).

#### **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The powder of *P. serratifolia* leaves was macerated with ethanol and fractioned by using different polarities of solvents. The highest TFC and TPC resulted in water fraction, which means that most flavonoids and phenolics in *P. serratifolia* leaves are polar (Table 1). The antioxidant activity was expressed by the capability of extracts of *P. serratifolia* leaves to reduce 50% of free radical scavengers (IC<sub>50</sub>) in Table 1. The water fraction had the strongest antioxidant activity. Compared to the previously reported, the IC<sub>50</sub> value of water fraction in the present study was lower than (Simamora *et al.*, 2020) (66.83  $\pm$  1.14 µg/mL), and it is predicted because of the higher TPC (8.088 times).

Extract/ fraction	TFC (g QE/g extract)	TPC (g GAE/g extract)	TSC (g CE/g extract)	Antioxidant Activity (IC50, μg/mL extract)	Inhibition at concentration of 20 μg/mL (%)
Ethanol	$2.36\pm0.92^{\rm c}$	$10.82\pm0.62^{\rm b}$	$0.81 \pm 0.02^{\circ}$	$63.49\pm0.28^a$	$39.02\pm0.05^{\mathrm{a}}$
Hexane	$6.34\pm0.90^{\rm a}$	$5.99\pm0.12^{\circ}$	$1.70\pm0.15^{\rm a}$	nd	$19.89\pm0.73^{d}$
Ethyl acetate	$6.11\pm0.72^{b}$	$6.66\pm0.16^{\rm c}$	$1.49\pm0.26^{b}$	$59.14\pm0.05^{b}$	$21.19\pm0.04^{a}$
Water	$6.56\pm0.15^{\text{d}}$	$21.84\pm0.07^{\rm a}$	$0.89\pm0.12^{\rm c}$	$35.95 \pm 0.10^{\circ}$	$4.91\pm0.36^{c}$

Notations: Results were taken from triplicate tests represent the mean  $\pm$  SD. The a-d letters indicate the grouping of the significant differences for each sample using his Tukey assay. Notation of nd means not determined.

The effect of the functional groups in *P. serratifolia* leaves extract (listed in Table 2) on antioxidant activity was conducted and analyzed by multivariant data analysis through PCA and PLS.

Peak Code	Wavenumber	Functional	Vibration Mode
	( <b>cm</b> <sup>-1</sup> )	Groups	
А	3603.028	O–H	Stretching
В	2947.231	C–H	Stretching
С	2368.586	O=C=O, N–H	Stretching
D	2345.440	O=C=O	Stretching
Е	1681.927	C=O	Stretching
F	1527.622	C=C (aromatic)	Stretching
G	1473.615	O–H	Bending
Н	1419.608	CH (CH <sub>3</sub> )	Bending
Ι	1381.032	C–O	Bending
J	1265.303	C–O (OH, COOH)	Bending
K	1165.005	C–C	Bending
L	1110.998	C–O	Stretching (aliphatic of ether)
М	1080.137	C–O	Stretching (secondary alcohol)
Ν	933.547	C–H (alkene)	Bending (trans disubtituen)
0	871.825	C–H (aromatic)	Bending
Р	817.818	C–H (aromatic)	Bending (trisuntituen)
Q	786.957	C–Cl	Bending
R	671.228	C-X (halogen)	Halogen and aromatic disubtituen

Table 2. The functional groups of *P. Serratifolia* extract identified from FTIR spectra presented in Figure SI-1.

On the PCA score plot (Figure 1), an obvious separation among the different extracts and metabolites can be seen, with an appropriate total variance of 80% of Principal Component-1 (PC-1) and 15% of Principal Component-2 (PC-2). The PCA biplot of *P. serratifolia* leaves extract exhibited that the hexane fraction was separated from other fractions according to the polarity of solvent extraction. The ethanol, ethyl acetate, and water fractions are distributed in the close area on the score plot, which indicates the similarity of functional group contents but different intensities. The water and hexane fractions are clustered on the positive side of PC1, while the ethyl acetate and ethanol fractions are located on the negative side. Although the water and hexane fractions are both on the positive side of PC1, they are positioned on opposite sides of PC2. This indicates differences in the polarity of the fractions, with water being polar and hexane being non-polar.



Figure 1. PCA biplot for primary components (PC-1) and (PC-2) of P. serratifolia leaves extract.

The bioactivity was studied using a PLS biplot, which combines score and loading plots. The distance between the X and Y variables and the sample clusters reflects the degree of their contribution to each respective cluster's characteristics. The strength contribution of the hydroxyl to affect antioxidant activity compared to other functional groups was emphasized by the PLS plot in Figure 2. In line with the previous research, the free radical oxidative stress could be influenced by OH, C–H aromatic, C=O, C=C, and C–O groups on phenolic compounds (Rohaeti *et al.*, 2020; Umar *et al.*, 2021). The hydroxyl groups presenting the phenolic compounds showed the strongest correlation with the DPPH scavenging activity of *Neptunia oleracea* (Lee *et al.*, 2019), *Ziziphus mauritiana*, *Ziziphus spina-christi*, and *Ziziphus jujuba* (Sakna *et al.*, 2019), *Malva sylvestris* (Irfan *et al.*, 2021), *Asphodeline taurica* (Lazarova *et al.*, 2019), *Hypericum lanuginosum* (Mahomoodally *et al.*, 2019), *Salvia viridis* (Zengin *et al.*, 2019), and *Asphodelus albus* (Lazarova *et al.*, 2020). According to previous research findings, the hydroxyl groups in phenolic compounds from *P. serratifolia* leaf extract will likely play a significant role in antioxidant activity. This hypothesis can be validated by identifying compounds from the fraction with the highest antioxidant activity, followed by a molecular docking analysis of these identified compounds.



Figure 2. PLS plot as correlation of the functional groups and antioxidant extract of *P. serratifolia*.

The ESI<sup>+</sup> and ESI<sup>-</sup> mode from UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS was operated to identify bioactive compounds of *P. serratifolia* water extract. The UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS spectra demonstrated the presence of six phenolics (scopoletin, 7-hydroxycoumarine, matairesinol, hymecromone, esculetin, and hexylresorcinol), nine flavonoids (kaempferide, centaureidin, glycitei, chyrsin, casticin, 3,5,4'-trimethoxy-6,7-methylenedioxyflavone, tricin, syringetin, and pectolinaringenin), and two uncategorized compounds (NP-018660 and NP-021797). The spectra interpretations in Table 3 are focused on phenolic compounds because of their highest correlation with antioxidant activity measured by PCA analysis and PLS regression through metabolomic approach. Compared to previous antioxidant studies, there is no similarity in identified phenolics between ours and the research reported by Simamora *et al.*, 2020 and Timotius *et al.*, 2018. *P. serratifolia* sources can differently influence bioactive phenolics since it depends on the growing location (Karimi *et al.*, 2020; Wen *et al.*, 2020), such as Central Sulawesi and West Kalimantan.

Compound	PubChem	RT	Molecular	Adduct	Theory	Experiment	Accuracy
	ID	(min)	Formula	Ion	Mass $(m/z)$	Mass $(m/z)$	(ppm)
Scopoletin	5280460	7.92	$C_{10}H_8O_4$	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	192.04230	192.04286	3.13
Esculetin	5281416	8.89	$C_9H_6O_4$	$[M+H]^+$	178.02660	178.02561	-5.61
Hexylresorcinol	3610	11.84	$C_{12}H_{18}O_2$	$[M+H]^+$	194.13070	194.12979	-4.58
7-Hydroxycoumarine	5281426	12.07	C9H6O3	$[M+H]^+$	162.03040	162.03074	2.40
Matairesinol	119205	12.36	$C_{20}H_{22}O_{6}$	$[M+H]^+$	358.14160	358.14004	-4.46
Hymecromone	5280567	15.33	$C_{10}H_8O_3$	$[M+H]^+$	176.04730	176.04658	-4.34

 Table 3. Identified Phenolic Compounds in the P. serratifolia leaves extracts through UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS analysis.

All identified phenolic compounds in Figure 3 have shown to have the potential to decrease the concentration of free radical oxidative stress. Isolated scopoletin from the bark of *Fagraea ceilanica* (Ferdinal *et al.*, 2015) and the root of *Hypochaeris radicata* (Jamuna *et al.*, 2015) was demonstrated as the antioxidant compound. Reduction of oxidative stress was performed by esculetin, which is isolated from *Cortex fraxini* (Wang *et al.*, 2011) and identified from *Ipomoea batatas* (Shi *et al.*, 2022). 7-hydroxycoumarine from extract *Lonicera Quinquelocularis, Aegle marmelos,* and *Murraya koenigii* exhibited DPPH scavenging activity (Ali *et al.*, 2013; Ng *et al.*, 2018). Hexylresorcinol, identified in *Olea europaea* wood extract, demonstrated antioxidant activity. Detected hymecromone from *Aegialitis rotundifolia* ethanol leaves extract showed DPPH radical scavenging activity (Ghosh *et al.*, 2019). Mataresinol was isolated from the methanolic extract of Austrocedrus chilensis wood and evaluated as having antioxidant properties (Donoso-Fierro *et al.*, 2009).



Figure 3. Structure of phenolic compounds water extract *P. serratifolia* leaves from UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS analysis.

The exploration of protein-ligand interaction has been studied to better understand the reduction mechanism of enzyme performance by identifying phenolics based on the best energy. Interaction of three oxidant enzymes, i.e., recombinant human acetylcholinesterase (PDB: 4EY6), human cytochrome (PDB: 10G5), and bovine xanthine oxidase (PDB: 3NRZ) with six identified phenolics was accomplished by molecular docking. Based on the result in Table 4, matairesinol has binding energy and inhibitory constant lower than ascorbic acid as a control ligan. On the other hand, matairesinol has a significant antioxidant effect on *P. serratifolia*. According to the literature review, the interaction between 4EY6, 10G5, and 3NRZ with matairesinol is computed for the first time.

Compounds	Protein	ΔG <sub>binding</sub> (kcal/mol)	$K_i(\mu M)$	Hydrogen Bond
Galanthamine (native ligan)	4EY6	-8.39	0.7084	TYR337, SER203, GLU202
S-Walfarin (native ligan)	10G5	-7.85	1.76	ALA103, PHE100
Hypoxanthine (native ligan)	3NRZ	-5.39	112.80	GLU802, ARG880, THR1010
Ascorbic acid (control ligan)	4EY6	-3.83	157000	GLU202, GLY121, and GLY122
	10G5	-2.63	1191000	<b>PHE100, ALA103</b> , ASN217, and GLN214
	3NRZ	-5.30	129.71	<b>THR1010, ARG880</b> , GLU1261, ALA1079, and <b>GLU802</b>
Scopoletin	4EY6	-5.01	214.36	ARG296 and <b>TYR337</b>
	10G5	-4.57	449.81	GLN214 and <b>PHE100</b>
	3NRZ	-7.12	6.08	ALA1079, GLU1261, VAL1011, and <b>THR1010</b>
Esculetin	4EY6	-4.69	366.86	GLY120, TYR133, and GLU202
	10G5	-4.37	628.38	ASN474 and ALA103
	3NRZ	-7.00	7.37	ALA1079, GLU1261, VAL1011, and <b>THR1010</b>
7-Hydroxycoumarine	4EY6	-4.59	428.76	ALA127, TYR133, and GLU202
	10G5	-4.28	733.33	ALA103, LEU102, GLN214, and LEU208
	3NRZ	-6.28	24.90	GLU1261, VAL1011 and THR1010
Matairesinol	4EY6	-7.45	3.48	GLU202, GLY120, SER203, GLY12, and TYR124
	10G5	-6.43	19.42	GLY98, PHE100, ALA103, and ASN217
	3NRZ	-7.12	5.99	ASN768 and GLU802
Hymecromone	4EY6	-5.08	190.08	ALA127, TYR133, and GLU202
	10G5	-4.94	239.16	ALA103, LEU102, LEU208, and ASN217
	3NRZ	-6.21	27.89	ARG880 and <b>THR1010</b>
Hexylresorcinol	4EY6	-5.81	54.74	GLU202, GLY122, and SER203
	10G5	-4.86	274.24	<b>PHE100</b> and GLY98
	3NRZ	-6.73	11.63	GLU802 and SER1008

Table 4. Binding energy, inhibitory constant (K<sub>i</sub>), and hydrogen bond with free radical enzymes.

Notations: the terms in **bold** indicate hydrogen bonding interactions are the same as those of the native ligand.

Complex 4YE6-matairesinol was stabilized by two hydrogen bonds to GLU202 and SER203, as presented in Figure 4. Because these interactions had also occurred in galanthamine and hexylresorcinol with 4EY6 complex, as the second best of binding energy on identified phenolic and native ligan; those two residues are particularly essential being acetylcholinesterase enzyme. Unfavorable door-donor interaction indicates the repulsion of ALA204 with hydrogen atoms from 4EY6, which can reduce the stability of the 4YE6-matairesinol complex. GLU802 and THR1010 residues on hydrogen bonds play an important role in interaction with hypoxanthine enzymes. Phenolic compounds such as matairesinol and scopoletin, which have the best binding energy, interacted with these residues on 3NRZ through hydrogen bonds. Unfortunately, the principal hydrogen bond on 10G5 can not be determined in this research.



Interaction of scopoletin and 3NRZ



The prediction of antioxidant activity from *P. serratifolia* phenolic compounds that could be related to anti-COVID-19 was determined by molecular docking. In the current study, molecular research was accomplished for six phenolic compounds against 3 COVID-19 enzymes, including main protease (Mpro, PDB: 5R81), papain-like protease (PL pro, PDB: 7CMD), and 3CL protease (3CL pro, PDB; 6M2N). The lower binding energy than native and control ligan was performed by matariresinol and hexylresorcinol, so these phenolic compounds are potential COVID-19 inhibitors from *P. serratifolia* (Table 5). No paper has been reported in a *silico* study through molecular docking between 5R81, 7CMD, and 6M2N with matairesinol and hexylresorcinol.

Compounds	Protein	ΔG <sub>binding</sub> (kcal/mol)	$K_i \left( \mu M \right)$	Hydrogen Bond
1-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2~{H}- quinoline-7-sulfonamide (Native ligan)	5R81	-3.35	3529	GLU166
5-amino-2-methyl-N-[(1R)-1- naphthalen-1- ylethyl]benzamide (Native ligan)	7CMD	-8.15	1.05	GLN269, ASP164, and TRY268
5,6,7-trihydroxy-2-phenyl-4H- chromen-4-one (Native ligan)	6M2N	-6.00	39.84	GLU166 and LEU141
Asam askorbat (Control ligan)	5R81	-2.58	1284	GLU166, ARG188, THR190, GLN192, and VAL186
	7CMD	-4.56	452.74	SER245, ARG166, and ASP164
	6M2N	-4.16	898.00	GLU166, GLN189, ARG188, THR190, and GLN192
Scopoletin	5R81	-4.36	635.86	<b>GLU166,</b> GLN 192, dan THR190
	7CMD	-4.50	503.20	TYR273 and GLN269
	6M2N	-4.64	396.10	GLU166, GLN189, and GLY143
Esculetin	5R81	-3.90	1390	<b>GLU166</b> and PHE140
	7CMD	-4.16	897.71	ASP164 and TYR268
	6M2N	-4.84	284.08	GLU166 and SER144
7-Hydroxycoumarine	5R81	-4.29	711.76	GLU166 and THR190
	7CMD	-4.12	951.56	GLN269 and LEU163
	6M2N	-4.46	539.42	GLU166 and SER144
Matairesinol	5R81	-5.06	194.53	GLU166, CYS145, dan LEU141
	7CMD	-8.41	0.69	ARG166, <b>ASP164</b> , and <b>GLN269</b>
	6M2N	-6.95	7.99	GLU166, GLY143, CYS145, LEU141, and GLN1189
Hymecromone	5R81	-4.26	755.26	GLU166 and ARG188
	7CMD	-4.41	585.74	GLN269
	6M2N	-4.67	631.80	GLU166, CYS145, and GLY143
Hexylresorcinol	5R81	-5.10	181.48	GLU166 and THR190
	7CMD	-5.28	133.95	ASP164 and GLN269
	6M2N	-4.43	561.70	GLU166 and GLN189

Tabel 5. Binding energy, inhibitory constant (K<sub>i</sub>), and hydrogen bond with COVID-19 enzymes.

Notations: the bold term means hydrogen bonding interactions are the same as those of the native ligand.

As shown in Figure 5, one hydrogen bond stabilized the interaction between the GLU166 residue of the main protease enzyme and hexylresorcinol. The principal hydrogen bonds in papain-like protease are interactions on

ASP164 and GLN269 residues, which are demonstrated in a complex between 7CMD and native ligan and matairesinol. GLU166 and LEU141 on the 3CL protease enzyme have an important role, which is stabilizing the interaction between 6M2N and matairesinol.



Interaction of hexylresorcinol and 5R81



Interaction of matairesinol and 7CMD



### Interaction of *matairesinol* and 6M2N

Figure 5. The 3D and 2D diagrams present the interaction of phenolics as a potential antioxidants with 5R81, 7CMD, and 6M2N.

## CONCLUSIONS

The water fraction of *P. serratifolia* leaves exhibited as the strongest antioxidant activity in the present study. Using metabolomic approach through PCA and PLS analysis, the results show that the hydroxyl group is a

principal compound in lowering free radical oxidative. Water fraction, which contains scopoletin, esculetin, 7hydroxycoumarine, matairesinol, hymecromone, and hexylresorcinol, was identified by UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap HRMS. Based on a molecular docking study, matairesinol is the potential antioxidant, while the prospective anti-COVID-19 is hexylresorcinol and matairesinol. All complexes with the best binding energy between phenolic compounds with oxidant contained in P. serratifolia and COVID-19 proteins are reported for the first time in this study.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

supplementary accessible Figure SI-1 is available in information (SI) and at https://jurnal.uns.ac.id/alchemy/rt/suppFiles/92020/0.

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest in this article.

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