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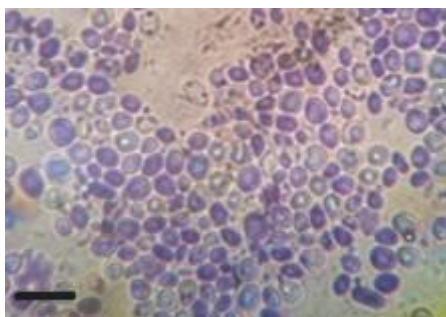
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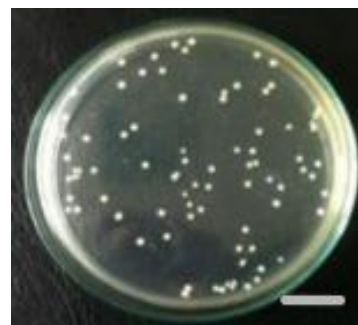
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In Silico Screening and Molecular Docking of Potential Bioactive Compounds of *Gynura divaricata* as Eczema Drug Candidates

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Abstract
*Eczema is a skin disease that is characterized by damage to the skin barrier layer so that it is prone to allergies, inflammation and irritation. There needs to be treatment to overcome these problems, one of which utilizes medicinal plants such as *Gynura divaricata*. *Gynura divaricata* has long been known as a traditional medicinal plant, especially in treating skin wounds. Potential screening is needed to find out the specific potential of bioactive compounds in it. Screening of bioactive compounds of *Gynura divaricata* to be used as eczema drug candidates was carried out with an in silico approach by utilizing open data in the database. The data were analysed for biological activity, ADME, skin absorption and molecular docking. The results showed that the bioactive compounds passed the analysis and could interact with the target protein, characterized by the formation of hydrophobic bonds and hydrogen bonds.*

Keywords: *Eczema, Gynura divaricata, In silico, Molecular docking.*

INTRODUCTION
 Eczema is a skin disease that makes the skin dry with a red or pink colour and becomes very easily irritated (Tsakok et al., 2019). Symptoms of eczema include itchy skin and a lighter colour in the area (Ramatlan, 2018). Eczema is common in body folds such as behind the knees, eyelids, and between the fingers (Lugović-Misić et al., 2023). This condition is aggravated by extreme temperatures. Extreme heat can cause sweating which irritates the dry spots. There are three types of eczema: atopic eczema, contact dermatitis and neurodermatitis. Atopic Eczema is the most common. Atopic eczema affects about 25% of children and has a lifetime prevalence of 15-50% in children and 2-10% in adults in developed countries. One of the factors that cause atopic eczema is the decreased production of Filaggrin protein. The protein plays a role in forming hard and flat corneocytes as the structure of the outermost protective layer of the skin (Tsakok et al., 2019). A decrease in the amount of Filaggrin damages the skin barrier, making the skin more susceptible to irritation and inflammation (Tsakok et al., 2019). Filaggrin regulation is influenced by inhibitors such as interleukin (IL)-25. These inhibitors block Filaggrin gene expression (Hvid et al., 2011). IL-25 also works synergistically with IL-4 and IL-13 to increase Herpes Simplex Virus HSV-1 replication in vitro (Hvid et al., 2011). Another protein that affects the impact of eczema is the histamine (H1) receptor which is involved in pathological processes such as allergy and inflammation. Histamine receptor antagonists are highly effective therapies to relieve symptoms of allergic reactions (Shimamura et al., 2012). Inhibition of IL-25 and TSLP function is needed to treat eczema. Inhibition of the function of these two proteins can be done by bioactive compounds with antieczema and anti-inflammatory potential. These bioactive compounds can be obtained from various organisms, one of which is the *Gynura divaricata* plant.
Gynura divaricata is a plant that has been used in traditional medicine in China and Indonesia (Aaron et al., 2016; Kantawong et al., 2021). The leaves of this plant are commonly used in treating wounds and diseases of the human skin. *Gynura divaricata* leaves are used to prevent inflammation and accelerate wound healing on the skin (Aaron et al., 2016). *Gynura divaricata* leaves contain more than 24 bioactive compounds that have potential as antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antifungal (Xu & Zhang, 2017). These compounds also have potential in treating skin diseases, such as Eczema.
 This potential can be tested theoretically with an in silico approach. The test uses a set of data stored in a database. The data can be analysed using a webserver and Bioinformatics software. Analyses that can be done with the in silico approach such as prediction of potential biological activity (PA), ADME (absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion), and affinity energy. The results of these analyses show the potential of bioactive compounds theoretically so that it can be a reference for further research.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials and tools
 This research was conducted from 13 March to 10 April 2024. The tool used is Lenovo Thinkpad brand laptop with Intel Core i5 vPro 7th Gen processor. The following is the procedure of this research.

Method

Ligand search
 The search for ligands was carried out by reviewing the literature on bioactive compounds of the *Gynura divaricata* plant. Data on these compounds were downloaded from the PubChem database (<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>). The data were analysed using the PASS Online webserver (<https://www.way2drug.com/PASSOnline/predict.php>) to determine the potential of each bioactive compound. Ten bioactive compounds with the highest Pa values with antieczema, and anti-inflammatory potential were selected for ADME (absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion) prediction. ADME prediction was done using Swiss ADME (<http://www.swissadme.ch/>) and Lipinski Rules of Five (<http://www.scbio-ndc.nlm.nih.gov/software/design/lipinski.jsp>).

Target protein search
 Target protein data obtained from the protein database (<https://www.rcsb.org/>) IL-25 protein (PDB ID: 7UWJ) and histamine receptor H1 (HRH1) (PDB ID: 3RZE) which have a role in the physiological mechanism of Eczema were selected as target proteins. Both target protein data were analysed using the STITCH webserver (<http://stitch.embl.de/>) to determine their interactions in the human body.

Ligand and protein preparation
 3D molecular structure data of ligands and target proteins were prepared using PyMol software. The ligand with SDF format was converted into PDB, while the 3D structure of the target protein was removed water molecules and structural ligands attached to its surface. The 3D structure data of the ligand was energy minimized and converted into PDBQT format using PyRx software version 0.8. Ligands and target proteins that have been prepared are then processed molecular docking using PyRx software version 0.8.

Molecular Docking Program
 This process uses PyRx software version 0.8 with the autodock vina programme contained in the application. Molecular docking is done by arranging the grid maximally on the entire surface of the target protein. The docking results were visualised using PyMol software and ProcrisPlus webserver (<http://procrisplus.com/>) to determine the bond formed between the ligand and the target protein.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
 The list of bioactive compounds of the *Gynura divaricata* plant was obtained from a literature review. There are at least 24 bioactive compounds found in the plant (Xu & Zhang, 2017). The bioactive compounds contained are alkaloid, flavonoid, irterpenoid, steroidal, nucleoside, ester, long chain aliphatic hydrocarbon, ceramide acid, and phenolic groups (Xu & Zhang, 2017). The data of 24 bioactive compounds were obtained from the PubChem database and then analysed for their potential using several bioinformatics webserver. 3-dimensional structure of *Gynura divaricata* bioactive compounds and target proteins.
 Each bioactive compound data was analysed for its potential using the PASS Online webserver. Ten compounds with antieczema and anti-inflammatory potential with the highest potential activity (Pa) value were selected for further analysis. The compounds that have the highest antieczema and anti-inflammatory potential are Alpha-Farnesene with a Pa value of 0.928 and Alpha-Cubebene with a Pa value of 0.888, respectively. The PASS Online webserver or prediction of activity spectra for substance functions to analyse the potential biological activity of all compounds based on their chemical structure. The value of Pa>0.3 indicates the potential of a compound against a target protein for biological activity (Dhea Kharisma et al., 2022). Based on this, Alpha-Farnesene and Alpha-Cubebene each have potential activity in the antieczema and anti-inflammatory processes.

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Figure 1. 3D structure of *Gynura divaricata* bioactive compounds and Eczema target proteins

Table 1. PASS Online analysis results of *Gynura divaricata* bioactive compounds

Number	Compounds	CID	PASS Online Pa Value	
			Antieczema	AntiInflammatory
1.	Alpha-Farnesene	5281516	0.928	0.669
2.	n-Hexadecanoic	985	0.920	0.647
3.	Beta-Caryophyllene	5281515	0.897	0.745
4.	Gamma-Elemene	6432312	0.888	0.754
5.	Naphthalene-2,3,4,4a,5,6-hexahydro-1,4a-dimethyl-7-(1-methylethyl)	520383	0.840	0.205
6.	Spathulenol	92231	0.826	0.521
7.	Alpha-Caryophyllene	5281520	0.819	0.741
8.	1-Decanol,2-hexyl	95337	0.790	0.543
9.	2-Undecanone	8163	0.737	0.602
10.	Alpha-Cubebene	442359	0.737	0.888

The bioactive compounds of *Gynura divaricata* were also analysed using the Lipinski Rules of Five webserver for similarity of properties as drug and SwissADME to determine the absorption of bioactive compounds on the skin surface. There are five criteria from Lipinski Rules of Five, including molecular weight, hydrogen bond donor, hydrogen bond acceptor, lipophilicity, and molar reactivity. In SwissADME, the results of Lipinski analysis are used to determine the potential skin absorption ability of a compound (Demir & Idrifi, 2022).
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Table 2. PASS Online analysis results of *Gynura divaricata* bioactive compounds

Number	Compound Name	Lipinski Rules of Five				SwissADME	
		Molecular Weight (g/mol)	HBD	HBA	LogP	Molar Refractivity (cm ³ /mol)	Skin permeation (cm/s)
1.	Alpha-Farnesene	204.35	0	0	5.20	70.99	-3.20
2.	Beta-Caryophyllene	204.35	0	0	4.73	66.74	-4.44
3.	Gamma-Elemene	204.35	0	0	4.89	68.83	-3.75
4.	n-Hexadecanoic	256.42	1	2	5.55	174.67	-2.77
5.	Naphthalene-2,3,4,4a,5,6-hexahydro-1,4a-dimethyl-7-(1-methyl-ethyl)	204.35	5	6	-0.05	77.15	-4.49
6.	Spathulenol	220.35	1	1	3.39	65.97	-5.44
7.	Alpha-Caryophyllene	204.35	0	0	5.04	68.90	-4.32
8.	1-Decanoic-2-hexyl	242.44	0	2	6.09	115.85	-2.81
9.	2-Undecanone	170.29	0	1	4.21	62.38	-4.43
10.	Alpha-Cubebene	204.35	0	0	4.27	64.51	-4.37

The Lipinski Rules of Five analysis measures five criteria of important and properties as drug candidates. It shows the high success or failure of drug similarity. Molecular weight analysis is intended to determine the ability of bioactive compounds to penetrate cell membranes. Molecular weight greater than 500 g/mol is unable to diffuse into the cell membrane (Lipinski, 2004). The ten bioactive compounds have a molecular weight of less than 500 g/mol so they are predicted to be able to diffuse into the cell membrane. HBA and HBD values are directly proportional to the energy required for absorption (Lipinski, 2004). Based on the analysis results, only the Naphthalene-2,3,4,4a,5,6-hexahydro-1,4a-dimethyl-7-(1-methyl-ethyl) compound has an HBD value of 5 which exceeds the criterion limit, which is an HBD value of less than 5. The LogP value or partition coefficient is the equilibrium of bioactive compounds in polar and nonpolar solvents related to the ability of these compounds to enter target cells. The results of the analysis show that there are four bioactive compounds with LogP values of more than 5, indicating that the four compounds require more energy to enter the target cells. Molar refractivity shows the polarizability of a compound or the ability to form instantaneous dipoles of a molecule. There is one bioactive compound that does not fulfill this criterion, namely n-Hexadecanoic with a molar refractivity value of more than 130. Based on the Lipinski Rules of Five results, at least one bioactive compound fulfills two criteria. Ten bioactive compounds fulfilled more than two Lipinski Rules of Five criteria so they passed the analysis.

Prediction of skin permeation or permeability coefficient (Kp) aims to determine the ability of bioactive compounds to pass through the mammalian skin epidermis. The LogKp value of a compound is an important consideration in drug development with a transdermal mode of action (Abdullah et al., 2021). Bioactive compounds with LogKp values > -2.5 can be considered to have relatively low skin absorption abilities (Demir & Isfil, 2022). The SwissADME analysis results showed that the n-Hexadecanoic and 1-Decanoic-2-hexyl compounds had the closest positive values. This indicates that these two compounds have the potential to penetrate the skin epidermis most easily. This ability can be applied in drugs that are applied to the skin surface.

The potential of the bioactive compounds from the leaves of *Gynura divaricata* was further analysed by molecular docking method to determine the interaction that occurs with the target protein of eczema disease. In this study, two target proteins were selected, namely interleukin-25 (IL-25) and human receptor histamine 1 (HRH1). Both proteins play a role in the mechanism of eczema physiology in the human body. The results of STITCH webserver analysis show that both target

The result of molecular docking shows the prediction of bond affinity energy required to tether the ligand to the target protein (Demir & Isfil, 2022). The results of the analysis on IL-25 showed that the ligand from goat's leaf, Naphthalene, had the lowest affinity energy value than the others and was lower than the natural ligand with CID: OLEC. In HRH1, Alpha-Cubebene became the ligand with the lowest affinity energy value and even lower than two natural ligands, CID: OLEC and DTV. The smaller affinity energy indicates that the ligand will bind more easily to the target protein. Based on this, Naphthalene is predicted to bind more easily than the natural ligand of IL-25 and Alpha-Cubebene is predicted to bind more easily than the two natural ligands of HRH1. The tethering of the ligand with the target protein forms an interaction between the two. The interaction is in the form of the formation of hydrogen bonds between the ligand and the amino acid residues of the target protein.

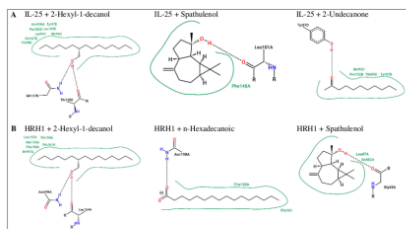


Figure 3. (A) Interaction between IL-25 and ligand; (B) Interaction between HRH1 and ligand. The dashed line is hydrogen bonding, and the green line is hydrophobicity

Visualisation results using ProteinPlus show that in each target protein there are three ligands that form specific chemistry. These bonds are hydrophobic and hydrogen. Hydrophobic bonds cause minimal interaction between water and nonpolar residues, while hydrogen bonds show the stability of ligands on protein (Primaanti et al., 2021). The more hydrophobic hydrogen bonds formed, the greater the stability and interaction between the ligand and the target protein (Primaanti et al., 2021). Based on the visualisation results, the bioactive compound 2-Hexyl-1-decanol bond has two hydrogen bonds on both target proteins while the other compound only forms one hydrogen bond.

CONCLUSION

Gynura divaricata has bioactive compounds that have potential as eczema drugs. Ten bioactive compounds from deity leaves in silico have potential as anti-eczema and anti-inflammatory, and pass the ADME test. These bioactive compounds are also predicted to be tethered and interact with IL-25 and HRH1 which are eczema target proteins. The interaction is in the form of the formation of hydrophobic bonds and hydrogen bonds.

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proteins play a role in the inflammatory process that is a symptom of eczema. IL-25 induces NF-kappa-B activation and stimulates the production of proinflammatory chemokine IL-8 (Hvid et al., 2011). Proinflammatory cytokines favour the Th2-type immune response which is a common response to allergic reactions (Pantaleo & Pantaleo, 2014). On the other hand, HRH1 in peripheral tissues mediates smooth muscle contraction, increased capillary permeability due to terminal vesicle contraction, and catecholamine release from the adrenal medulla, as well as mediating neurotransmission in the central nervous system (Shimamura et al., 2012). Increased capillary permeability affects the allergic skin response.

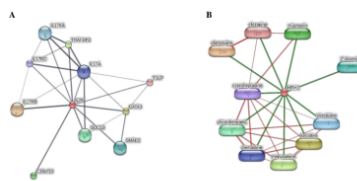


Figure 2. Results of target protein analysis using STITCH webserver. (A) IL-25; (B) HRH1

Inhibition of the function of these two target proteins is needed to inhibit the inflammatory and allergic processes that are part of eczema. One way to inhibit them is by tethering small bioactive compounds (ligands) to the surface or pockets of the two target proteins. The tethering can be simulated by molecular docking method (Demir & Isfil, 2022). The method tethers the ligand to different positions on the surface of the target protein. The following are the results of molecular docking analysis using Pyris software version 6.

Table 3. Molecular docking results of *Gynura divaricata* bioactive compounds

Compounds	Binding Affinity	
	IL-25	HRH1
2-Hexyl-1-decanol	-5.1	-4.4
2-Undecanone	-4.7	-4.7
Alpha-Caryophyllene	-6.4	-6.2
Gamma-Elemene	-6	-6.3
Naphthalene	-7	-6.7
Spathulenol	-6.3	-6.3
Alpha-Cubebene	-6.5	-7.1
Alpha-Farnesene	-4.6	-4.8
Beta-Caryophyllene	-6.1	-6.3
n-Hexadecanoic	-5.4	-5.3
Wild Ligand of IL-25		
2-acetamido-2-deoxy-beta-D-glucopyranose (CID : NAG)	-6.2*	
Wild Ligand of HRH1		
(2R)-3-(3-dihydroxypropyl)oxazolidin-9-one (CID : OLEC)		-4.6*
(2Z)-3-(4-((benzo[h]jovonepin-11(6H)-ylidene)-N,N-dimethylpropyl-1-amine) (CID : DTV)		-6.8*
(E)-3-(4-((benzo[h]jovonepin-11(6H)-ylidene)-N,N-dimethylpropyl-1-amine) (CID : SEH)		-7.2*

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