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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to determine the antioxidant properties and phenolic content of different parts of 'Timun Betik' (*Cucumis sativus L.*) namely peel, flesh, midsection and seed. Extraction was carried out to yield methanolic extract from the respective fruit parts. Free radical scavenging assay, ferric thiocynate assay, thiobarbituric acid assay, *p*-anisidine assay and total phenolic content assay were employed. Seed of 'Timun Betik' was determined to exhibit the highest scavenging activity ($52.11\pm0.60\%$) compared to other fruit parts which strongly due to its high amount phenolic compounds (18.90 ± 2.22 mg GAE/g extract). Besides, peel of 'Timun Betik' showed an average of 3.02 ± 0.15 index of anisidine value. Thus, these results suggest that methanolic extracts of 'Timun Betik' seed and peel may serve as a potential source of natural antioxidant for food and other application.

ABSTRAK

Kajian ini dilakukan dengan objektif untuk menentukan sifat-sifat antioksidan dan kandungan sebatian fenolik bagi bahagian-bahagian yang berlainan buah 'Timun Betik' (*Cucumis sativus L.*) iaitu kulit, isi, bahagian tengah dan biji. Proses pengekstrakan telah dilakukan bagi menghasilkan ekstrak 'methanolic' untuk setiap bahagian berkenanan. Pengukuran 'free radical scavenging', 'ferric thiocynate', asid 'thiobarbituric', 'p-anisidine' dan kandungan sebatian fenolik telah dijalankan. Biji 'Timun Betik' telah menunjukkan aktiviti 'free radical scavenging' (52.11±0.66%) dan kandung sebatian fenolik (18.90±2.22mgGAE/g ekstrak) yang lebih tinggi berbanding dengan bahagian-bahagian lain pada buah. Selain itu, kulit 'Timun Betik' menunjukkan nilai 3.02±0.15 untuk indek anisidine. Oleh itu, keputusan kajian ini menunjukkan bahawa ekstrak 'menthanolic' biji dan kulit 'Timun Betik' mempunyai potensi sebagai sumber antioksidan semula jadi untuk kegunanan dalam makanan dan lain- lain produk yang bersesuaian.