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ABSTRACT

Red sessile joyweed (*Alternanthera sessilis*) is believed to have high antioxidant properties which made it being used for medicinal properties in all over the world. This study was carried out to determine the effect of different drying temperature (50, 60, 70 and 80°C) on its antioxidant properties. The extract of the plant that has been dried at temperature gave the least effect on its antioxidant properties which was applied into coconut milk to see its ability in inhibit the oxidation process. The antioxidant activity was determined using ferric thiocyanate (FTC) and thiobarbituric acid (TBA) method while the radical scavenging activity was measured by 1, 1-diphenyl-2-picrylydrazyl (DPPH) method. The extract which had been dried at 80°C shows significantly stronger antioxidant and scavenging activity but not significantly difference (P < 0.05) with the fresh sample and BHT (2, 6-di-tert-butyl-p-hydroxytoluene). The extracts also show a good inhibition of lipid oxidation after being applied in coconut milk.

ABSTRAK

Keremek merah (*Alternanthera sessilis*) dipercayai mempunyai sifat antioksidan yang tinggi dan digunakan untuk cirri-ciri perubatan di seluruh dunia. Kajian ini telah dijalankan untuk menentukan kesan suhu pengeringan yang berbeza (50, 60, 70 and 80°C) ke atas cirri-ciri antioksidannya. Ekstrak tumbuhan yang telah kering pada suhu memberikan kesan paling rendah terhadap ciri-ciri antioksidannya akan digunakan ke dalam santan untuk melihat kemampuannya dalam menghalang proses pengoksidaan. Aktiviti antioksidan adalah ditentukan menggunakan kaedah ferric thiocyanate (FTC) dan kaedah asid thiobarbituric (TBA) manakala aktiviti radical cara memerangkap diukur oleh kaedah 1, 1-diphenyl-2-picrylydrazyl (DPPH). Ekstrak yang telah kering pada 80°C menunjukkan antioksidan ketara kukuh dan aktiviti memerangkap tetapi tidak ketara perbezaan (P <0.05) dengan sampel segar dan BHT (2, 6-di-*tert*-butyl-*p*-hydroxytoluene). Ekstrak juga menunjukkan perencatan baik pengoksidaan lipid selepas digunakan dalam santan.