Formulation of Anti Acne Sheet Mask from Bandotan Leaf Extract (Ageratum conyzoides L.) against Propionibacterium acnes

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Abstract

Acne can occur due to increased sebum excretion, inflammation of the skin triggered by the bacteria Propionibacterium acnes, Staphylococcus epidermidis, Staphylococcus aureus. The purpose of this study was to determine the formulation of sheet mask preparations of bandotan leaf extract (Ageratum conyzoides L.) in inhibiting the growth of Propionibacterium acnes bacteria. This type of research is an experimental study which include plant identification, making ethanol extract of bandotan leaves, making sheet mask formulations, evaluating the characteristics of the preparation and testing antibacterial activity using disc paper method using Mueller Hinton Agar media. The extract was carried out by maceration using 70% ethanol as a solvent. Testing the effectiveness of antibacterial by measuring the diameter of the bacteria. The results of the evaluation of the preparation showed that the preparation was homogenous, with pH ranging from 4.5 to 6.5 and the preparation did not cause irritation on volunteers skin. The results of the inhibition zone measurements showed that the inhibition zones at 2.5% concentration is 4.7mm, 5% (6.83mm), 7.5% (10.2mm) and positive control (20.57mm). This means that the higher the concentration, the larger the diameter of the inhibition zone obtained. The conclusion in this study is bandotan leaf extract (Ageratum conyzoides L.) can be formulated into anti acne sheet mask which is stable during storage with a strong inhibitory power at 7.5% concentration, which is 10.2 mm.

Keywords: Ageratum conyzoides L, bandotan leaf, Propionibacterium acnes, sheet mask

INTRODUCTION

The skin is a protective layer that covers the surface of the body which is very vulnerable to external influences, both physical and chemical influences¹. Acne can occur due to increased sebum excretion, follicle keratinization and inflammation of the skin triggered by the bacteria Propionibacterium acnes, Staphylococcus epidermidis, Staphylococcus aureus. Propionibacterium acnes is a major target in antibacterial treatment for acne because it produces several inflammatory substances that induce the development of acne lesions².

Bandotan leaf (Ageratum conyzoides L.) is a plant that is easily available in Indonesia and is used as an alternative treatment for skin infections. Bandotan leaves contain secondary metabolites such as alkaloids, phenols, saponins, steroids/triterpenoids that can inhibit the growth of bacteria. Sheet masks are practical masks compared to other masks in the skin³.

Based on the related benefits, researchers are interested in formulating sheet mask preparations from bandotan leaf extract (Ageratum conyzoides L) against Propionibacterium acnes bacteria.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plants, Tools and Chemicals

Bandotan leaf of 3 kg samples (Ageratum conyzoides L.) were obtained from Aektang Village, Garoga Sub-district, Kab. North Tapanuli, North Sumatra.

The tools used in this study were mortar and stamper, erlenmeyer (Pyrex), beaker glass (Pyrex), analytical balance, measuring cup (Pyrex), laminar air flow cabinet, Bunsen lamp, petri dish, blender, oven, stirring rod, filter paper, funnel, caliper, pH meter, object glass, autoclave, rotary evaporator, water bath, test tube, porcelain cup and incubator.

Materials used in this study were Propionibacterium acnes test bacteria, MHA (Mueller Hinton Agar), acid pH buffer solution (4.01), neutral pH buffer solution (7.01), 0.9% NaCl, H₂SO₄, 0.36 N, BaCl₂·H₂O 1.175%, xanthan gum, butylene glycol, glycerin, methyl paraben, PEG-40 Hydrogenated Glycol Monostearate, deionized water, and 70% ethanol.
castor oil, 70% ethanol, parfume, aquadest, sheet mask and foil bag.

Simplicia Making

The fresh leaves of Bandotan tree were collected and washed with running water, drained and weighed; the yield was 3 kg. Chopped to facilitate drying and then dried by aerating protected from sunlight. The dried simplicia was sorted to separate impurities left on the simplicia, then weighed dry, then the simplicia is mashed using a blender so that it becomes simplicia powder4.

Essence Formula for Sheet Mask

Table 1: Essence formulation for sheet mask preparation

| Concentration (%) | F0     | F1   | F2   | F3   |
|-------------------|--------|------|------|------|
| Ingredients       |        |      |      |      |
| Bandotan leaf extract | -      | 2,5  | 5    | 7,5  |
| PEG-40 Hydrogenated castor oil | 0,2    | 0,2  | 0,2  | 0,2  |
| Butylene glycol   | 5      | 5    | 5    | 5    |
| Glycerin          | 5      | 5    | 5    | 5    |
| Xanthan gum       | 0,2    | 0,2  | 0,2  | 0,2  |
| Methyl paraben    | 0,3    | 0,3  | 0,3  | 0,3  |
| Ethanol           | 3      | 3    | 3    | 3    |
| Perfume           | Qs     | Qs   | Qs   | Qs   |
| Aquadest ad        | 100    | 100  | 100  | 100  |

Procedure of Making Sheet Mask

Xanthan gum was put into a mortar and then dissolve it little by little with aquadest. Then added butylene glycol, glycerin, PEG-40 Hydrogenated castor oil. Added methyl paraben which has been dissolved before in hot water, grind homogeneously, then added bandotan leaf extract, ethanol and perfume, grind until homogeneous5. Essence is made in 4 formulations and each essence contains 0% (F0), 2.5% (F1), 5% (F2) and 7.5% (F3) extract of bandotan leaf (Agateran conyzoides L). And the market preparation of sheet mask wardah (F4) as a positive control.

Sterilization of Tools and Materials

All tools and materials used for microbiological testing are sterilized first. The growth medium was sterilized in an autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes, glass utensils were sterilized in an oven at a temperature of 160-170°C for 1-2 hours, then ose needles and tweezers were sterilized by incandescent with a Bunsen flame7.

Media Creation

For this part of the study, Muller Hinton Agar (MHA) served as the medium, which was prepared by dissolving 3.8 g of MHA powder in 100 ml of aquadest, after which the solution was heated and stirred until homogeneous and of clear color. Next, it was sterilized in an autoclave at 121 °C for 15 minutes at a pressure of 1 atm. Finally, 20 ml of the medium was poured into each sterile Petri dish and left it solidify7.

Bacterial Inoculation on Oblique Agar Media

Bacteria derived from primary culture were cultured into MHA media in a Petri dish, by taking one ose, after which they were etched into the agar medium, and were subsequently incubated for 24 hours at 37 °C.

Preparation of Standard Turbidity Solution (Solution Mc. Farland)

9.5 ml of 0.36 N HCl solution was mixed with 1.175% BaCl2·H2O solution of 0.5 ml in an erlenmeyer. Then shaken until a cloudy solution is formed. This turbidity can be used as a standard for the turbidity of the test bacteria suspension8.

Preparation of Test Bacterial Suspension

Propionibacterium acnes bacteria that have been inoculated are taken with a sterile ose needle and then suspended into a tube containing 10 ml of 0.9% NaCl solution until the turbidity is the same as the turbidity standard of Mc.Farland’s solution8.

Evaluation of Preparation Characteristics

1. Organoleptic test

Organoleptic test was carried out by observing the physical form, odor and color of the preparation9.

2. pH test

Determination of the pH of the preparation is done using a pH meter. The instrument was first calibrated using a standard neutral pH buffer solution (pH 7.01) and an acid buffer solution (pH 4.01) until the instrument showed the pH value. Then the electrodes were washed with distilled water, then dried with a tissue. Samples were made with a concentration of 1% namely weighing 1 g of the preparation...
and dissolved in distilled water up to 100 ml. Then the electrode is immersed in the solution.  

3. Homogeneity test  
A certain amount of the preparation is smeared on two pieces of glass or other suitable transparent material, the preparation must show a homogeneous arrangement and no coarse grain is seen.  

4. Cycling test  
Stability test using the cycling test method was carried out by storing the preparation at a temperature of ±4ºC for 24 hours, then transferred to a temperature of ±40ºC for 24 hours (1 cycle).  

5. Irritation test  
Place the sheet mask that has been cut ± 2.5 cm behind the ear. Symptoms of irritation observed are redness, itching and swelling.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION  
Organoleptic Test Results  
Table 2: The results of the organoleptic test of the low mask preparation of bandotan leaf extract (Ageratum conyzoides L.)  

| Formula | Cycle  |
|---------|--------|
|         | 0      | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      |
| F0      | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  |
| Odor    | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree |
| Color   | Clear  | Clear  | Clear  | Clear  | Clear  | Clear  | Clear  |
| F1      | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  |
| Odor    | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree |
| Color   | Green  | Green  | Green  | Green  | Green  | Green  | Green  |
| F2      | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  |
| Odor    | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree |
| Color   | Dark  | Dark  | Dark  | Dark  | Dark  | Dark  | Dark  |
| F3      | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  | Thick  |
| Odor    | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree | tea tree |
| Color   | Dark  | Dark  | Dark  | Dark  | Dark  | Dark  | Dark  |

The results of the organoleptic examination of the sheet mask preparation of bandotan leaf extract, namely in formula 0 in the form of a thick liquid, smells tea tree and clear in color. In formula 1, it is in the form of a thick liquid, smells of tea tree and is dark green in color. Both formula 2 & 3, it is in the form of a thick liquid, smells like tea tree and is dark green in color. The different colors occur due to the addition of the concentration of bandotan leaf extract.  

Homogeneity Test Observation Results  
Based on the experiments that have been carried out on the essence of the blank sheet mask preparation (F0), no coarse grains were obtained when observed on a glass object. The same experiment was carried out on formula 1, formula 2, formula 3 essence for sheet mask preparation of bandotan leaf extract (Ageratum conyzoides L.) and the results obtained were the same, namely there were no coarse grains on the glass object, then the essence of sheet mask preparation of bandotan leaf extract (Ageratum conyzoides L.) can be said to be homogeneous.
The irritation test aims to determine the safety of the essence of sheet mask preparation of bandotan leaf extract (Ageratum conyzoides L.) to be used on the skin8. If the essence of the sheet mask preparation of bandotan leaf extract (Ageratum conyzoides L.) is too acidic from the pH of the skin, it will irritate the skin, and if it is too alkaline then the skin will be dehydrated. The higher the content of bandotan leaf extract in the essence of the sheet mask preparation, the lower the pH value of the preparation, it is because bandotan leaf extract contains acidic compounds. The values of the four formulas of essence sheet mask preparations meet the requirements because they are in the pH range between 4.7-5.6 so that they are comfortable to use topically without causing irritation or dry skin. The pH value of the four essence formulas for sheet mask preparations meets the skin pH criteria, which is between 4.5-6.5, the pH of the essence of sheet mask preparations is declared stable during storage10.

**Skin Irritation Test against Volunteers**

The irritation test of a preparation is a very important test of the quality of the preparation after application. Place the sheet mask that has been cut ± 2.5 cm behind the ear and then leave it for 24 hours. Irritation test is carried out to determine the occurrence of side effects on the skin. The test was carried out on 12 panelists which divided into 4 group of test with 3 people for one sheet mask formulation and the results showed no allergic reactions in the form of swelling, itching and redness of the skin11.

**Bacteria Test Results**

Table 4: Results of measuring the diameter of the inhibition zone of the sheet mask preparation of bandotan leaf extract (Ageratum conyzoides L.)

| Formula | Inhibition diameter on Propionibacterium acnes (mm) | Average inhibition (mm) |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
|         | 1 | 2 | 3 |                |                      |
| F0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0               |                      |
| F1      | 4.2 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.7±0.264*   |                      |
| F2      | 7.6 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 6.83±0.497*   |                      |
| F3      | 10.6 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 10.2±0.351*   |                      |
| Positive control | 20.4 | 20.6 | 20.7 | 0.57±0.360*   |                      |

Description: * (significantly different from the negative control)
**Ageratum conyzoides** L) the better it is to inhibit bacterial growth. One of the factors that affect the activity of antimicrobial substances, namely the concentration of antimicrobial substances. The inhibitory power produced by antimicrobial materials will be higher if the concentration is also high. The inhibition of bacterial growth or bacterial death due to an antibacterial substance can be caused by inhibition of cell wall synthesis, inhibition of cell membrane function, inhibition of protein synthesis, or inhibition of nucleic acid synthesis. According to WHO, the technical factors that affect the size of the inhibitory power of the disc diffusion method include: inoculum density, disc insertion time, incubation temperature, plate size, agar media thickness, and antimicrobial disc spacing, antimicrobial disc potential, media composition.

**CONCLUSION**

Bandotan leaf extract (*Ageratum conyzoides* L) can be formulated in sheet mask dosage form which is stable during storage. The sheet mask formulation of bandotan leaf extract (*Ageratum conyzoides* L) with a concentration of 2.5% with an inhibition zone of 4.7 mm was less effective at inhibiting the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* bacteria. Formula F2 with 5% extract concentration had an inhibition zone of 6.83 mm. Formula F3 with extract concentration of 7.5% is the best, because it can inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* bacteria by 10.2 mm. The higher the concentration of bandotan leaf extract (*Ageratum conyzoides* L) the more effective it is to inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* bacteria. All preparations are homogeneous, fulfill pH requirement in a range of 4.7-5.6, do not irritate the skin, and stable during storage.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

All authors have nothing to declare.