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## Identification and Quantification of Quercetin, A Major Constituent of *Artocarpus altilis* by Targeting Related Genes of Apoptosis and Cell Cycle: In Vitro Cytotoxic Activity Against Human Lung Carcinoma Cell Lines (Article)

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### Abstract

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Nine phenolic compounds were identified and quantified in *Artocarpus altilis* fruit. One of the main compounds was quercetin, which is the major class of flavonoids has been identified and quantified in pulp part of *A. altilis* fruit of methanol extract. The aim of this study was to evaluate in vitro cytotoxic assay. Inhibitory concentration 50% concentration was determined using trypan blue exclusion assay. Apoptosis induction and cell cycle regulation were studied by flow cytometric analysis. The expression of apoptosis and cell cycle-related regulatory genes were assessed by RT-qPCR study of the methanol extract of pulp part on human lung carcinoma (A549) cell line. A significant increase of cells at G2/M phases was detected ( $P < 0.05$ ). Furthermore, the pulp of the fruit downregulated the expression of anti-apoptosis gene BCL-2 and upregulated the expression of pro-apoptosis gene BAX. CASPASE-3 was also activated by the fruit, which started a CASPASE-3-dependent mitochondrial pathway to induce apoptosis. As the results, the pulp was the most active in terms of all tests, due to high amount of quercetin in pulp part, 78% of total flavonoids. Taken together, these findings suggested that *A. altilis* induces apoptosis in a mitochondrial-dependent pathway by releasing and upregulating CYTOCHROME C expression and regulates the expression of downstream apoptotic components, including BCL-2 and BAX. © 2019, © 2019 Taylor & Francis Group, LLC.

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4 hydroxybenzoic acid, 456-23-5, 99-96-7; ascorbic acid, 134-03-2, 15421-15-5, 50-81-7; caspase 3, 169592-56-7; caspase 8; caspase 9, 180189-96-2; cytochrome c, 9007-43-6, 9064-84-0; ferulic acid, 1135-24-6, 24276-84-4; gallic acid, 149-91-7; para coumaric acid, 7400-08-0; protein bcl 2, 219306-68-0; protocatechuic acid, 99-50-3; quercetin, 117-39-5; rutoside, 153-18-4, 22519-99-9; sinapic acid, 530-59-6

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