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Twelve species of Malay traditional vegetables were screened for antioxidant and nitric oxide (NO) inhibitory activities. Ferric thiocyanate (FTC), thiobarbituric acid (TBA) and 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl radical (DPPH) methods were used for the antioxidant activity measurements, and the Griess assay on elicited murine peritoneal macrophages was used to assess NO inhibitory activity of the extracts. *Melicope ptelefolia, Cosmos caudatus,* and *Curcuma mangga* were selected for further study, based on the results of their biological activity evaluations. Characterization of the NO inhibitory fractions of the *Melicope ptelefolia* using online high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC)-diode array detector (DAD)-mass spectrometry (MS), identified seven main constituents. The compounds were identified as kokusaginine (**1**), either kokusagine (**2a**) or 5methoxymaculine (**2b**), 3-prenyl-2,4,6-trihydroxyacetophenone (**3**), 3-geranyl-2,4,6-trihydroxyacetophenone (**4**), 3-geranylgeranyl-2,4,6-trihydroxyacetophenone (**5**), 3-[4-O-(3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadienyl)phenyl]-2-propenoic acid (**6**), and 3-farnesylgeranyl-2,4,6-trihydroxyacetophenone (**7**).

Phytochemical investigation of the methanolic extract of *Cosmos caudatus* led to the isolation of four known compounds namely, quercetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ - arabinofuranoside (**17**), quercetin 3-*O*- $\alpha$ -rhamnoside (**18**), quercetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ - glucoside (**19**), and quercetin (**20**). All four compounds isolated from *C. caudatus* showed strong antioxidant activity. The activity was in the order of **20** > **17** > **18** > **19** >  $\alpha$ -tocopherol (standard).

From the rhizomes of *C. mangga*, eleven compounds were isolated, namely a mixture of stigmasterol and  $\beta$ -sitosterol (141), demethoxycurcumin (101), bisdemethoxycurcumin (102), 1,7-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,4,6-heptatrien-3-one (113), 7-hydroxy-6-methoxycoumarin (142), curcumin (100), zerumin B (143), curcumanggoside (144), 4-hydroxycinnamic acid (145), labda-8(17),12-diene-

15,16-dial (**128**), and calcaratarin A (**146**). Curcumanggoside was identified as a new compound, while zerumin B and calcaratarin A were isolated for the first time from the genus *Curcuma*. The structures of these compounds were established based on spectral data and comparison with the literature. Four diarylheptanoids, demethoxycurcumin, bisdemethoxycurcumin, curcumin, and 1,7-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,4,6-heptatrien-3-one, showed strong antioxidant activity. Zerumin B showed strong and selective cytotoxic activity to four cell lines, including HL-60, HepG2, MCF-7 and DU-145 with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 7.21, 25.33, 0.59 and 11.21  $\mu$ M, respectively.

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Dua belas jenis ulam telah dikaji untuk menentukan aktiviti antioksidaan dan perencatan nitrik oksida (NO). Kaedah ferrik tiosianat (FTC), asid tiobarbiturik dan radikal bebas 1,1-difenil-2-pikrilhidrazil telah digunakan untuk menentukan aktiviti antioksidaan dan kaedah Griess digunakan untuk menentukan perencatan NO. *Melicope ptelefolia, Cosmos caudatus* dan *Curcuma mangga* telah dipilih untuk kajian lebih lanjut berdasarkan keputusan penilaian aktiviti-aktiviti biologi.

Pencirian komponen fraksi-fraksi M. ptelefolia yang menunjukkan aktiviti perencatan NO menggunakan HPLC-DAD-MS/MS telah mengenalpasti tujuh sebatian kimia. Sebatian-sebatian itu dikenalpasti sebagai kokusaginina (1), samada kokusagina (2a)atau 5-metoksimakulina (2b), 3-prenil-2,4,6trihidroksiasetofenon (3), 3-geranil-2,4,6-trihidroksiasetofenon (4), 3geranilgeranil-2,4,6-trihidroksiasetofenon (5), 3-[4-O-(3,7-dimetil-2,6asid oktadienil)fenil]-2-propenoik (6), and 3-farnesilgeranil-2,4,6trihidroksiasetofenon (7).

Kajian fitokimia terhadap ekstrak metanol *C. caudatus* telah berjaya memencilkan empat sebatian yang diketahui, iaitu kuersetin 3-*O*-*β*-arabinofuranosida (**17**), kuersetin 3-*O*-*α*-ramnosida (**18**), kuersetin 3-*O*-*β*-glukosida (**19**), dan kuersetin (**20**). Semua sebatian yang telah dipencilkan dari *C. caudatus* menunjukkan aktiviti antioksidaan yang tinggi. Aktiviti mengikut turutan adalah **20** > **17** > **18** > **19** > *α*-tokoferol (piawai).

Sebelas sebatian berjaya dipencilkan daripada rizom *Curcuma mangga*, iaitu campuran stigmasterol dan  $\beta$ -sitosterol (**141**), demetoksikurkumin (**101**),

bisdemetoksikurkumin (102), 1,7-bis(4-hidroksifenil)-1,4,6-heptatrien-3-on (113), 7-hidroksi-6-metoksikaumarin (142), kurkumin (100), zerumin B (143), curcumanggosida (144), asid 4-hidroksisinamik (145), labda-8(17),12-diene-15,16dial (128), dan calcaratarin A (146). Curcumanggosida merupakan sebatian baru. Ini merupakan laporan yang pertama mengenai pemencilan zerumin B dan calcaratarin A daripada genus *Curcuma*. Struktur sebatian-sebatian ini dikenalpasti berdasarkan data spektroskopi dan perbandingan dengan literatur. Keempat-empat diarilheptanoid, iaitu demetoksikurkumin, bisdemetoksikurkumin, kurkumin dan 1,7-bis(4-hidroksifenil)-1,4,6-heptatrien-3on telah menunjukkan aktiviti antioksidaan yang tinggi. Zerumin B didapati sitotoksik terhadap empat talian sel termasuk HL-60, HepG2, MCF-7 dan DU-145 dengan nilai 50% perencatan 7.21, 25.33, 0.59 dan 11.21 µM setiap satu.

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