ANTIFUNGAL ACTIVITY TEST OF RED GALANGAL ESSENTIAL OIL (Alpinia purpurata (Vieill) K. Schum) Against Fusarium sp.

ABSTRACT

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A study has been conducted on antifungal activity test of red galangal essential oil (*Alpinia purpurata* (Vieill.) K. Schum) against *Fusarium sp.* Red galangal oil can be isolated from red galangal rhizome by water distillation method. The recovery yield was 0.058%. The results of red galangal chromatogram showed that there were 5 major compounds, such as eucalyptol or 1,8-cineole (5.42%), trans-caryophyllene (10.83%), beta-farnesene (22.94%), germacrene (8.99%) and pentadecane (9.36%). Compound that are suspected of having the most dominant antifungal activity is 1,8-cineole. The test method used in this research is the inhibition method of growth of fungal mycelium radians. In this study, three variations of red galangal oil concentration test on Fusarium sp., such as 2.5%; 5% and 7.5%. The results showed that red galangal atsiri oil was able to inhibit the growth of *Fusarium sp.* At concentration of 2.5% showed the percentage of inhibition equal to 19.88%, at concentration 5% showed the percentage of inhibition equal to 31.39% and at concentration 7.5% indicated percentage of inhibition equal to 45.78%.

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