

Phytochemistry, Antioxidant Activity and Cytotoxicity Evaluation of Black-White Fungus *Auricularia* sp. against Breast MCF-7 Cancer Cells

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Cancer is a non-communicable disease with over 18.1 million new cases and 9.6 million deaths annually according to WHO. Breast cancer is the number two highest count type of cancer trailing behind lung cancer. Treating cancer is expensive and have various side effects. Active components found in plants or fungi that have antioxidant and cytotoxic activity towards cancer cells, could be an alternative for anticancer. One of the fungi that is potentially developed as an anticancer, are the genus of *Auricularia* sp. also known as black-white fungus. This study aims to determine the phytochemicals components, antioxidant activity and cytotoxic effect of the *Auricularia* sp. towards MCF-7 breast cancer cells. **Methods:** Dried black-white fungus of *Auricularia* sp. grinded into a fine powder. Then, multilevel maceration is done with the n-hexane, ethyl acetate, ethanol as solvents. The extracts of black-white fungus undergo phytochemical screening and thin layer chromatography (TLC), followed by measuring antioxidant and evaluating the cytotoxic activity towards MCF-7 breast cancer cells. **Results:** black-white fungus of *Auricularia* sp. contained secondary metabolites of flavonoids, alkaloids, and triterpenoids and a total of 17 other phytochemical components. Ethyl acetate extract of black-white fungus showed a weak antioxidant activity towards DPPH free radical with IC₅₀ of 215.51 µg/mL and a very active cytotoxic activity on MCF-7 cells with IC₅₀ of 0.21 µg/mL. On the other hand, ethanol and n-hexane extracts of black-white fungus are categorized with an active cytotoxic activity on MCF-7 cells with IC₅₀ of 29.28 µg/mL and 50.39 µg/mL, respectively. **Conclusion:** Black-white fungus *Auricularia* sp. that had anticancer activity towards breast MCF-7 cells should be considered as an alternative treatment for breast cancer therapy.

Key words: Phytochemistry, Antioxidant, Cytotoxicity, Black-white fungus *Auricularia* sp., MCF-7 cells.

INTRODUCTION

Cancer is one of the examples of non-communicable disease and it is a very concerning disease in the world. The definition of cancer is when malignant forms of abnormal cell growth that develops in one of the organs in the body. It arises from genetic mutation, which remove the normal checkpoints on cell growth. These abnormal cells continue to grow and divide to produce tumors. Cancer cells could spread to adjacent structures and infect through lymph or blood circulation.¹ In 2018, there are 18.1 million new cases and 9.6 million deaths according to WHO (World Health Organization). One in five men will develop cancer, while one in six women will develop cancer. Breast cancer has the second highest number, behind lung cancer.² The general treatment for breast cancer differs according to the stages.³ There are four stages in cancer, stage I means that the cancer is small and it is located only in a small area, stage II and III could be define as large cancer that has grown into lymph nodes or nearby tissue, while stage IV means that the cancer has spread to other organs.⁴

Nowadays there are various treatments that could be done to upper hand cancer. Ranging from surgery to therapy such as chemotherapy and hormone therapy. But these treatments are not cheap and have a various side effect such as, headache, fatigue, weakness, hair loss, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, mouth sores, dry mouth,

memory impairment, and numbness.⁵ Therefore, we need to find other cheaper alternatives that could be used for treating cancer.

Lovit CJ, et al. stated that doxorubicin, one of the chemotherapy agent for MCF-7 breast cancer cells, could develop resistance towards breast cancer cells through extra cellular matrix protein.⁶ Other prospecting natural resource for treating cancer is the edible fungus, which is currently use for the anticancer that is containing bioactive compounds. This edible fungus shows significant anti-aromatase effect that is crucial for treating breast cancer. According to Petrova et al., one of the most potent fungus that showed great result was the *Agaricus bisporus*, *Pleurotus ostreatus*, and *Auricularia* sp., with an increase in its extract concentration, there was a decrease in the testosterone-dependent aromatase activity. This results suggest that testosterone may have compete with some components from the fungus extracts, which produce a protective effect towards the patient.⁷ Even though there are thoroughly research about some fungus about their potential anticancer substance, there are only few reports of research about black-white fungus with the latin name of *Auricularia cornea*, which has the same genus with one of the most potent fungus for anticancer activity, *Auricularia* sp.⁸ This fact prompted us to explore more about black-white fungus *Auricularia* sp. for its antioxidant and cytotoxicity towards breast MCF-7 cancer cell line.

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MATERIAL

Black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.*

Dried black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* (Figure 1), was purchased from AEON supermarket, Tangerang, Banten, Indonesia. This flora is belonged in the fungi kingdom, Basidiomycota phylum, agaricomycetes class, auriculariales order, auriculariaceae family, *auricularia* genus and *cornea* species.⁸ This fungus is normally found on dead wood or even on dead parts of living trees and has been an edible food from late 18th century in Chinese dishes. The fruiting bodies contains variety of nutrients including protein, carbohydrates, amino acids, crude fibers, and some microelements. While the polysaccharides have been shown to reduce blood fat and have antioxidant properties, cancer reducing activities, and immune enhancing.⁸

Breast MCF-7 cancer cell lines

MCF-7 breast cancer cell is the cell culture collection of the Medical Chemistry Department, Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia.

METHODS

Research Design

This research is an experimental study, which is divided into two processes, analyzing the phytochemicals content of Black-White fungus *Auricularia sp.*, evaluating the antioxidant activity with DPPH assay and cytotoxic activity with MTT assay.

Population and Sample

The research started from preparing the sample and extracting it with three different solvents of n-hexane, ethyl acetate and ethanol. These extracted samples will be analyzed its phytochemical contents, antioxidant and anticancer activity. The sample will be grinded into a fine powder. Three organic solvents that are used to extract the fungus are non-polar solvent of n-hexane, semi-polar solvent of ethyl acetate and polar solvent of ethanol. Extracts of Black-White fungus *Auricularia sp.* are going to be used for phytochemical screening, measuring its antioxidant activity by DPPH method, and evaluating its cytotoxic activity on breast MCF-7 cells by MTT assay.

Data Collection Method

Maceration

Dried Black-White fungus *Auricularia sp.* will be soften by mixer-grinder until it becomes a fine powder. Subsequently, the powder is macerated and extracted consecutively with three different solvent that are n-hexane (non-polar solvent), ethyl acetate (semi-polar solvent), and ethanol (polar solvent). Maceration by each solvent will be done two times at room temperature. After maceration process, the



Figure 1: Black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.*

mixture will be filtered, resulting into liquid and solid form. The liquid (filtrated part) of n-hexane (non-polar), ethyl acetate (semi-polar), and ethanol (polar) will be collected, then will be solidified by vacuum-dry technique resulting in three extracts, n-hexane extract, ethyl acetate extract and ethanol extract of Black-White fungus *Auricularia sp.* respectively. These three extracts will be the main component for TLC, phytochemical screening, DPPH assay, and MTT assay.

Thin Layer Chromatography

Thin layer chromatography (TLC) is a technique that could be used for various purposes, such as determine the number of components in a mixture, verify the purity and identity of a compound, monitor the progression of a reaction, determining the solvent composition, and analyzing the fractions that are obtained from the column chromatography. There are two phases in this method, the stationary, which could be made by plastic, glass or metal that is layered by alumina or silica, and mobile phase, which is the liquid form that ascend to the thin layer of the stationary phase.⁹

TLC plates will be cut out with the length of 5 cm and there will be a straight line in 0,5 cm in each end. Three dots representing three extracted solvents are drawn in the straight line. After placing the extracted samples into the dots, the TLC will be place inside the chamber that contains the mobile phase, which is a 10 ml mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate with a ratio of 4:1. The mobile phase will ascend towards the top until it reaches the opposite straight line. The TLC will be dried out and observed under an ultraviolet lamp with the wavelength of 254 nm and 366 nm. Rf will be measured by the distance travelled by the samples divided by the distance travelled by the mobile phase (Figure 2).⁹

Qualitative Phytochemical Screening^{10,11}

Alkaloids Screening

Prepare the solution by adding 2 mL of sample extract with 5mL of CHCl_3 and 2 drops of NH_4OH . The mixed solution will be filtered and heated. Add 5mL of HCl 2N and divide it into three different reaction tubes. First tube is blank, second tube added by 3 drops of Dragendroff reagent, third tube added by 3 drops of Meyer reagent. Alkaloids is positive if the second and third tube changes into yellowish color.

Flavonoids Screening

1ml sample extract combined with a 0.5 mL of HCl and 4cm of mg strip. Appearance of yellow, red, or green color the presence of flavonoids.

Saponins Screening

1 mg of extract is diluted up to 10 mL with distilled water. For 10 seconds, the suspension is mixed. Formation of two-cm layer of foam that is stable for 10 minutes detects that there is saponins. This could further be confirmed by adding one drop of HCl 2N.

Tannin Screening

1mL of 10% FeCl_3 is mixed with 1 ml of the extract. Formation of greenish-black or dark blue color indicates that there is a presence of tannin.

Glycosides Screening

0.1 mL extract is evaporated above a boiling water. Add 1mL of sodium acetate hydrate and 2mL of H_2SO_4 . Changing to blue or green color results in a positive result.

Triterpenoid and Steroid Screening

2 mL of sample extract will be evaporated in a porcelain bottle. The evaporation will be dissolved with chloroform and acetic anhydride

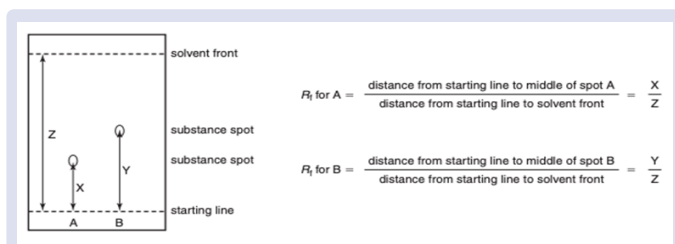


Figure 2: Calculation of RF Value. A and B different extract. (X distance from starting line to middle of spot A, Y distance from starting line to middle of spot B, Z distance from starting line to solvent front).

with 0.5 mL each. After that, 2 mL of sulfuric acid will be inserted through the wall of the bottle. The result is positive for triterpenoid if there is a ring formation with brown or violet color. While as, blue-greenish ring formation is positive for steroid.

DPPH Assay

DPPH Assay is a method to evaluate the antioxidant activity from the sample's extract. Firstly, Methanol will be diluting the DPPH within several test tube that contains different concentration of the extract ranging from 50-250 µg/mL and one control sample without the extract. Subsequently, the test tubes will be shaken and incubated for 30 minutes at temperature of 37°C. The incubated samples will be moved into microplate and measured through spectrophotometer at wavelength of 517 nm. Determining the antioxidant activity is done by the absorbance results. The higher the antioxidant activity results in lower absorbance. The radical scavenging activity is calculated through the following equation.¹²

$$\text{Inhibition (\%)} = \frac{\text{Abs Control} - \text{Abs Sample}}{\text{Abs Control}} \times 100$$

IC₅₀ defined as the amount of concentration of the sample that is needed to inhibit 50% of the absorbance. The lower the amount of extract that could reach IC₅₀ results in a higher scavenging activity.¹²

MTT Assay

MTT is dissolve by PBS (Phosphate Buffer Saline) with pH of 7.4 until the concentration reaches 5 mg/mL. The MTT mixture will be filtered by 0.2 µm filter and moved into a sterile and light-protected container. The solution will be kept in light-protected storage and in a temperature of 4°C. The cultured cells are transferred and inoculated for 24 hours into the 96-well plate. Each well is added with different concentration of the extract and incubated for 48 hours.¹³

To perform this method, the wells that consist of the cell lines and 10mg of extract, which has been incubated for 48 hours, is mixed with 25 µL of MTT solution and incubated for 4 hours at 37°C. Then, solubilized the solution with 100 µL of DMSO. Lastly, read the absorbance with a spectrophotometry at wavelength of 570 nm. The IC₅₀ is calculated from the following equation.¹³

$$\text{Cell cytotoxicity (\%)} = 100 - \left(\frac{\text{Abs Control} - \text{Abs Sample}}{\text{Abs Control}} \times 100 \right)$$

Data Analysis

Data analysis will be done through Microsoft Excels and 20th version of SPSS. The data will comprise of evaluation of Black-White fungus *Auricularia sp.*'s phytochemical components, scavenging activity, and cytotoxic activity. Phytochemical components will be presented as positive or negative values. Microsoft Excels will be used to calculate the linear regression and R-squared of the scavenging activity and cytotoxic activity, in theory if the scavenging activity increases, so does the cytotoxic activity. Normality and Kruskal-Wallis test is used to determine if there is a statistic significant among each category through SPSS.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.*'s Phytochemical Constituents

Three extracts of black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.*, are labelled based on its maceration solvent, namely ethanol extract (EE), ethyl acetate extract (EAE), and n-hexane extract (HE). Several tests are conducted for phytochemical screening, which are saponins, flavonoid, tannins, glycosides, alkaloids, and triterpenoids/steroids. Phytochemical screening was done twice to ensure the results (Table 1). All of the extract results in triterpenoids positive, as has been stated in Table 1. Other than triterpenoids, EE were positive in flavonoids, whereas EAE were positive in flavonoids and alkaloids. As for HE, it had no positive results other than triterpenoid. There is no report that we could find from the previous research about the phytochemical screening for black-white fungus of *Auricularia cornea*. The closest result we could find is from Essien, et al. (2015), researching about the phytochemical components of *Auricularia auricula*. *Auricularia auricula* is consist of alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, and triterpenoids/steroids.¹⁴ The slight difference from our results is black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* in this work does not consist of saponins. Whereas the other components such as alkaloids, flavonoids, and triterpenoids can be found in both fungi. The difference could be cause due to different genus and different method for the phytochemical screening.

TLC Analysis of Black-white Fungus *Auricularia sp.*

TLC analysis of result of black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* extracts is displayed in Figure 3. Mobile phase that was used is a mixture of n-hexane and ethyl-acetate with a ratio of 4:1, with UV lamp at 254 nm as a visualized spot. TLC result of *Auricularia sp.* could be seen in Table 2. The results are presented as retention factor (R_f). Out of the three extracts, HE has more phytochemical components with seven (7) compared to the two others, with EE and EAE both have five (5) phytochemical components. The TLC results had in total of 17 phytochemical components between the three extracts of black-white fungus of *Auricularia sp.* HE has the highest number of noticeable extracts with 7, followed by EE and EAE each with 5 noticeable extracts. Each of the three extracts has 3 similar R_f value amongst each other with the R_f value of 0.375; 0.70 and 0.875 for EE, 0.375; 0.775 and 0.9375 for EAE, and 0.70; 0.775 and 0.9375 for HE. The similar R_f below 0.5 could indicate to be more polar compared to the R_f above 0.5 because the mobile phase is considered polar and polar molecules

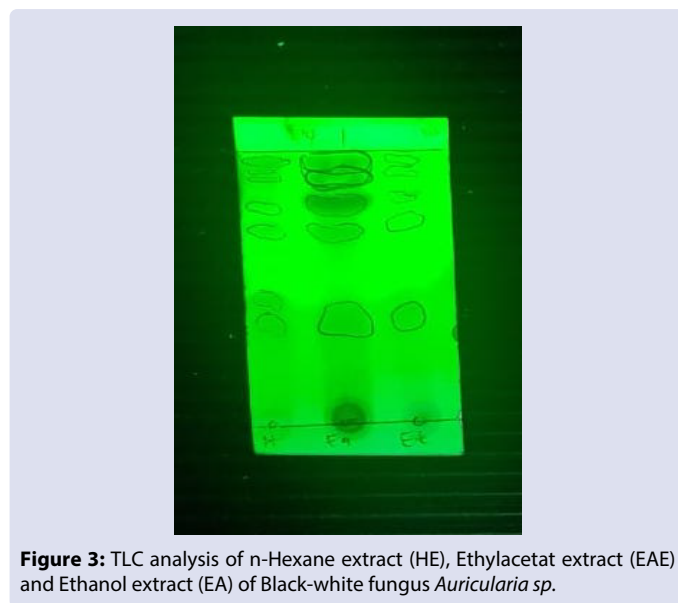


Figure 3: TLC analysis of n-Hexane extract (HE), Ethylacetat extract (EAE) and Ethanol extract (EA) of Black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.*

Table 1: Phytochemical screening result of Black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.*

Phytochemical	Black-white fungus <i>Auricularia sp.</i>		
	Ethanol extract (EE)	Ethyl Acetate extract (EAE)	n-Hexane extract (HE)
Saponins	-	-	-
Flavonoids	+	+	-
Tannins	-	-	-
Glycosides	-	-	-
Alkaloids	-	+	-
Triterpenoids	+	+	+
Steroids	-	-	-

Table 2: Rf value and phytochemical components in Black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.*

Extract of <i>Auricularia sp.</i>	Rf value	Phytochemical Components
Ethanol extract (EE)	0.375, 0.7, 0.8, 0.875, 0.925	5
Ethyl acetate extract (EAE)	0.375, 0.675, 0.775, 0.8625, 0.9375	5
n-Hexane extract (HE)	0.35, 0.45, 0.7, 0.775, 0.875, 0.9, 0.9375	7

are more soluble in polar solvents. This indicates that from the three extracts, there are similarities and different components, which needs further research to explore it.

Antioxidant Activity of Black-white Fungus *Auricularia sp.*

Antioxidant activity of black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* is measured by DPPH assay through the radical scavenging activity. The results from test were identify as IC₅₀ value, which is amount of extract concentration to reach 50% inhibition.¹² The radical scavenging activity could be influenced by the phytochemical components of the extracts. Secondary constituents such as flavonoids, tannins, have showed that they have antioxidant biological activities.

Only two out of three extract of *Auricularia sp.* can be analyzed. HE was not included due to having a characteristic of non-polar which is not dissolved in ethanol as a polar solvent for DPPH assay. The positive control has been established by using ascorbic acid, which have very active antioxidant activity as reported by Pehlivan et al. (2017)¹⁵. The antioxidant activity test on DPPH was done three time. The linear regression equation of $y = ax + b$ is obtained by plotting of concentration of the extract in x axis versus percentage of inhibition in y axis. Substitution of y with 50 in linear regression of $y = ax + b$ will give x value which is equivalent with IC₅₀ value. The IC₅₀ value for ascorbic acid, EE, and EAE, were 0.782 µg/mL; >1000 µg/mL; and 215.51 µg/mL, respectively (Table 3). The linear regression equation for EE is $y = 15,054x - 25,214$ with $R^2 = 0.9618$. Whereas the linear regression equation for EAE is $y = 25,979x - 10,624$ with $R^2 = 0.9856$. Both of the linear regression can be seen in Figure 4.

Antioxidant properties of *Auricularia sp.* extracts are categorized based on its IC₅₀ value as provided by Marjoni et al. (2017)¹⁶, with the following orders that could be seen in Table 4. From the data that has been gathered, EE is categorized as not active (IC₅₀ >1000 µg/mL), whereas EAE is classified into having a moderate antioxidant activity (IC₅₀: 215.51 µg/mL), compared to the control group of ascorbic acid, which categorized very active (IC₅₀: 0.782 µg/mL). From phytochemical screening, it was stated that EE is positive in flavonoid and alkaloid, compared to ethanol extract only positive in flavonoid. This could lead to ethyl acetate extract having a lower IC₅₀ than ethanol extract. Gebreyohannes et al. (2019), used *Auricularia sp.* and extracted it with three solvent which are chloroform, 70% of ethanol, and hot water, resulting in chloroform extract, ethanol extract, and hot water extract, respectively.¹⁷ The three extracts undergone DPPH assay

to determine the scavenging activities of the extracts. Considering the classification by Marjoni¹⁶, ethanol extract is categorized as very active (IC₅₀: 40 µg/mL), whereas chloroform (IC₅₀: 50 µg/mL) and hot water (IC₅₀: 60 µg/mL) is categorized as active.¹⁷ The difference results between this research and Gebreyohannes research may be due to the origin of the plant and different method of extracting the fungus.

Cytotoxicity of Black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* towards breast MCF-7 Cells

MTT assay is used to determine the cytotoxicity evaluation of black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* extracts towards MCF-7 breast cancer cells. Cytotoxic activities of *Auricularia sp.* extracts against breast MCF-7 cancer cells are presented in IC₅₀ value (Table 5). The results indicate a relatively low overall of IC₅₀ value of all of the extracts, recorded below 100 µg/mL. This indicates that there is cytotoxic activity in all of the extract, with the strongest cytotoxic activity is the EAE (IC₅₀: 0.21 µg/mL), followed by EE (IC₅₀: 29.28 µg/mL), and HE (IC₅₀: 50.39 µg/mL). Doxorubicin was used as the positive control, had a small IC₅₀ value (IC₅₀: 0.020 µg/mL). The results are compared to an established classification by Atjanasuppat et al. (2009) which is presented in Table 6.¹⁸ Based on the cytotoxicity classification by Atjanasuppat et al., EE and HE are classified into the active classification (IC₅₀: 20-100 µg/mL), while EAE is classified into the very active classification (IC₅₀ < 20 µg/mL). These results could be benefit towards MCF-7 cancer cells by being categorized active and very active cytotoxic activity and needs to be explored extensively. Novaković et al. (2016) reported about the cytotoxic activity of *Auricularia auricula-judae* towards MCF-7 breast cancer cell line with MTT assays. Using two extracts, which are ethanol extract with IC₅₀ of 333.3 µg/mL and water extract with IC₅₀ of 285.7 µg/mL against MCF-7 cells¹⁹, showed that both extracts are categorized into the moderate cytotoxicity on MCF-7 cells (IC₅₀: 100-1000 µg/

Table 3. IC₅₀ value of ascorbic acid and *Auricularia sp.* extracts on DPPH.

Sample	IC ₅₀ (µg/mL) on DPPH
Ascorbic acid	0.782
Ethanol extract of <i>Auricularia sp.</i> (EE)	>1000
Ethylacetate extract of <i>Auricularia sp.</i> (EAE)	215.51

Table 4: Marjoni et al,¹⁶ Antioxidant Activity Classification.

IC ₅₀ (µg/mL)	Antioxidant Classification
< 50 (µg/mL)	Very active
50-100 (µg/mL)	Active
100-250 (µg/mL)	Moderate
250-500 (µg/mL)	Weak
>500 (µg/mL)	Not active

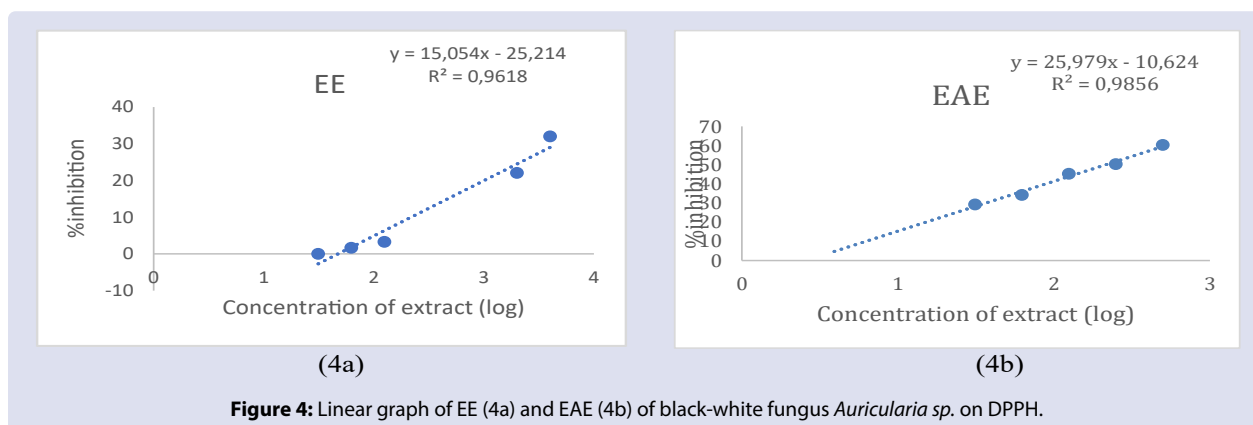
Table 5: IC₅₀ value (µg/mL) of Black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* extracts on breast MCF-7 cells.

Tested sample	IC ₅₀ (µg/mL)*
Doxorubicin (positive control)	0.020
n-Hexane extract (HE)	50.39
Ethyl acetate extract (EAE)	0.21
Ethanol extract (EA)	29.28

*IC₅₀ is the median inhibitory concentration in µg/mL.

Table 6: Cytotoxicity Classification Activity by Atjanasuppat et al.¹⁸

IC ₅₀ (µg/mL)	Classification
< 20 (µg/mL)	Very active
20-100 (µg/mL)	Active
100-1000 (µg/mL)	Moderate
>1000 (µg/mL)	Not Active



mL), according to classification by Atjanasuppat. The EE of black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* in this research had a lower IC₅₀ value compared to *Auricularia auricula-judae*. This phenomenon could be caused by the different genus and method of extracting by respective researchers.

CONCLUSION

Black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* contained flavonoids, alkaloid, and triterpenoids as its secondary metabolites and had a total of 17 phytochemical components from the TLC analysis. Ethyl acetate extract (EAE) of Black-White fungus *Auricularia sp.* had a moderate antioxidant activity, on the other hand ethanol extract (EE) was considered as not active towards DPPH free radical. Ethanol extract (EE) and n-hexane extract (HE) of black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* extract had an active cytotoxic activity, whereas ethyl acetate extract (EAE) had a very active cytotoxic activity towards MCF-7 breast cancer cells.

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

ABBREVIATIONS

TLC: Thin layer chromatography; **DPPH:** (2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl) **MTT:** (3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-Diphenyltetrazolium Bromide); **DMSO:** dimethyl sulfoxide; **IC₅₀:** median Inhibitory Concentration; **µg/mL:** microgram/milliliter; **MCF-7:** Michigan Cancer Foundation-7 **g:** gram; **mL:** milliliter; **N:** Normality; **UV-Vis:** Ultra violet-Visible, **RPMI:** Rosewell Park Memorial Institute; **h:** hour; **PBS:** Phosphate-Buffered Saline; **°C:** degree Celsius; **µL:** microliter; **CO₂:** Carbon dioxide; **Rf:** Retention factor; **USA:** United States of America.

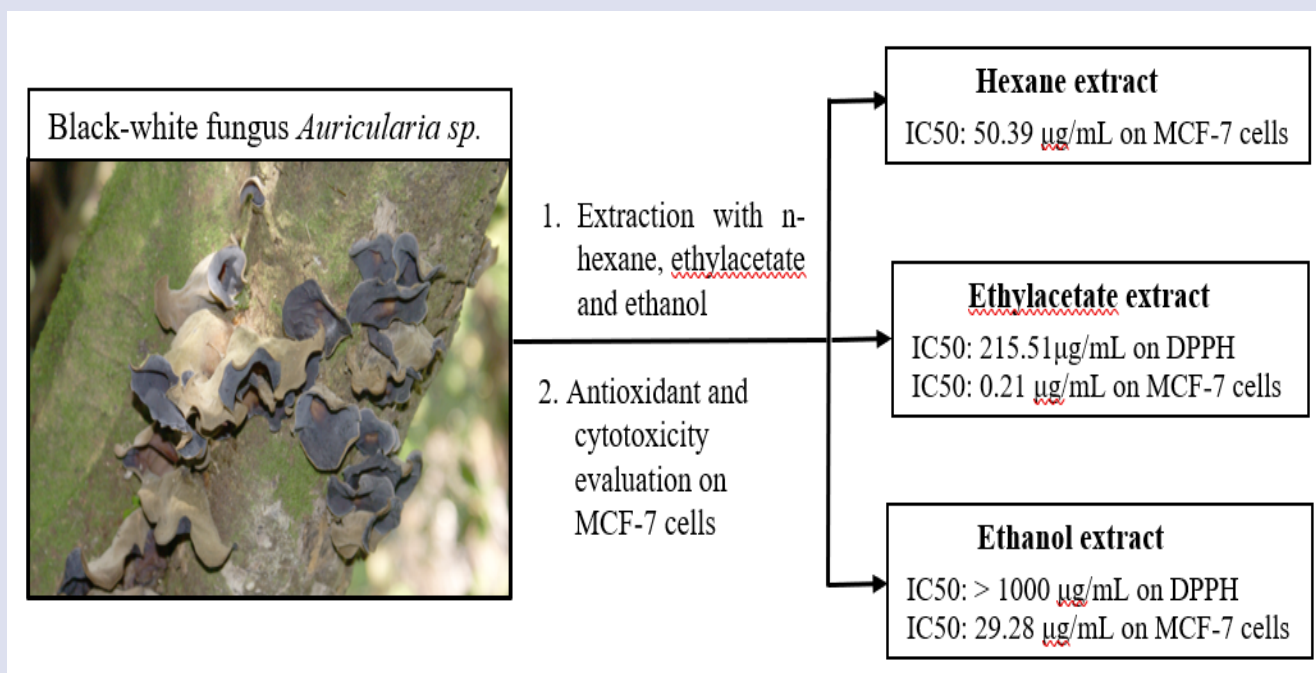
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GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



SUMMARY

Black-White fungus *Auricularia sp.* contained flavonoids, alkaloid, and triterpenoids as its secondary metabolites and had a total of 17 phytochemical components. Ethyl acetate extract (EAE) of black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* had a moderate antioxidant activity. Ethanol extract (EE) and n-hexane extract (HE) of black-white fungus *Auricularia sp.* extract had an active cytotoxic activity, whereas ethyl acetate extract (EAE) had a very active cytotoxic activity towards MCF-7 breast cancer cells.

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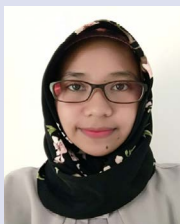
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