Abstrak
Sinar matahari mengandung sinar ultraviolet yang mengakibatkan efek negatif pada kulit sehingga sediaan tabir surya dibutuhkan untuk melindungi kulit. Bedak dingin Jawa merupakan salah satu sediaan tabir surya yang telah digunakan secara empiris untuk melindungi kulit dari paparan sinar matahari. Formula bedak dingin Jawa terdiri dari tepung beras ($Oryza sativa$ L.), pati bengkoang ($Pachyrhizus erosus$ (L.) Urb), kulit kayu manis jangan ($Cinnamomum burmanii$ (nees) BI), pulasari ($Alyxia reinwardtii$ BI), temugiring ($Curcuma heyneana$) dan biji pinang ($Areca catechu$ L.). Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui aktivitas tabir surya kombinasi tepung beras dan ekstrak sonikasi simplisia lain dalam formula bedak dingin jawa melalui pengujian nilai Sun Protection Factor (SPF), nilai persen transmisi eritema (%Te) dan pigmentasi (%Tp). Simpilis penyusun bedak dingin dibuat ekstrak dengan metode sonikasi dan dikombinasikan dengan tepung beras di dalam larutan dengan perbandingan 1:1 kemudian dilakukan pengujian aktivitas tabir surya dengan menggunakan spektrofotometri UV-Vis. Hasil penelitian ini adalah aktivitas tabir surya formula bedak dingin memiliki nilai SPF 15,6 dinyatakan dalam kategori proteksi maximal, nilai persen transmisi eritema 1,2 dinyatakan dalam kategori proteksi ultra, dan nilai persen transmisi pigmentasi 9,3 dalam kategori sunblock. Suatu sediaan tabir surya dinyatakan efektif dalam melindungi kulit bila memiliki nilai SPF yang tinggi, sedangkan nilai %Te dan %Tp efektif melindungi kulit bila nilainya rendah. Melalui penelitian ini dapat disimpulkan bahwa formula bedak dingin jawa efektif dalam melindungi kulit dari paparan sinar matahari.

Kata Kunci : Aktivitas Tabir Surya, Bedak Dingin Jawa, SPF, Transmisi Eritema, Pigmentasi

Abstract
Sunlight contains ultraviolet rays that have a negative effect on the skin so that the sunscreen dosage form is needed to protect the skin. The Javanese cold mask is one of the sunscreen dosage forms which has been used empirically to protect the skin from sun exposure. The formula of Javanese cold mask consists of rice flour ($Oryza sativa$ L.), yam bean starch ($Pachyrhizus erosus$ (L.) Urb), cinnamon bark cortex ($Cinnamomum burmanii$ (nees) BI), pulasari ($Alyxia reinwardtii$ BI), temugiring ($Curcuma heyneana$) and areca nut ($Areca catechu$ L.). This study aimed to determine the sunscreen activity of the combination of rice flour and sonication extract of the other crude drugs in the formula of Javanese cold mask through testing the Sun Protection Factor value (SPF), the percentage of erythema transmission (%Te) and percentage of pigmentation (%Tp). The extract was made by the sonication method and combined with rice flour in a solution at a ratio of 1:1 then tested the sunscreen activities by UV-Vis spectrophotometry method. The result showed that the sunscreen activity of the Javanese cold mask formula hadan SPF value of 15.6, expressed in maximal protection category, the value of %Te of 1.2 expressed in ultra protection category, and the value of %Tp of 9.3 in the category of sunblock. A sunscreen dosage form could be effective to protect the skin when it has a high SPF value, while the value of %Te and %Tp is effective to protect the skin when its value is low. It was concluded that the formula of Javanese cold mask was effective to protect the skin from sun exposure.

Keywords : Sunscreen Activity, Javanese Cold Mask, SPF, Erythema Transmission, Pigmentation

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Introduction

Traditional herb had been used for generations to maintain the health of a woman’s skin. The use of traditional herbs was still preserved by Javanese women of the palace environment in the form of ratus, mask, cream, cold mask, and so forth. The habits of Javanese women in his life to protect the body from sun exposure by using Javanese cold mask that the concoction was a mixture of rice flour and some crude drugs herbal plants consisting of yam bean (*Pachyrhizus erosus* (L.) Urb), cinnamon bark (*Cinnamomum burmannii* (nees) BI), pulasari (*Alyxia reinwardtii* Bl), temugiring (*Curcuma heyneana*) and betel nut (*Areca catechu* L.). This fact concluded that the cold powder components contain substances that could protect the skin from sun exposure (sunscreen), so as to reduce the impact of exposure to ultraviolet rays even though no one had studied it.

Sunlight were a vital life source that can provide beneficial and adverse effects for human life. Ultraviolet rays contained in sunlight is very harmful to the skin because it had high energy and carcinogenic. UVB rays were the most harmful ultraviolet rays that had power 1000-fold compared to UV A and C. Thus the protection needed to minimize the ill effects of exposure to ultraviolet rays on the skin in the form of sunscreen to avoid the effects of excessive sun exposure on the skin, can be used sunscreen.[1]

Sunscreen were dosage form which used to avoid the negative effects of UV rays on the skin in the form of structural damage to the skin and decreased function of the skin on the human body as a result of the solar radiation process. Sunscreens were necessary to prevent photoaging. To determine the sunscreens effectiveness of the dosage form can be seen from the Sun Protection Factor (SPF), the percentage of erythema transmission (% Te) and percentage of pigmentation (% Tp). SPF was the amount of ultraviolet (UV) energy required to achieve Minimal Erythema Dose (MED) on sunscreen protected skin divided by the amount of UV light energy required to reach MED on unprotected skin. There were many a widespread assumption that the SPF value affects the skin protection intensity from the sun but it wasn’t definitely be 100% in protecting the skin. SPF had a range of between 2-60. Dermatologists recommend that the use of sunscreen to the skin that have SPF values between 15-30.[2] Erythema was an acute inflammation of the skin associated with redness arising because of UV radiation.[3] Pigmentation was a brown color reaction onset (tanning) and the formation of new melanin.[4] These facts made researchers interested in studying the activity of sunscreen from the cold powder formula Java in vitro by determining the SPF value, the value of the percentage of transmission erythema (% Te) and the percentage of transmission pigmentation (% Tp).

Method

Materials and tools

Rice flour and crude drug that consist of rice flour, yam bean starch, cinnamon bark cortex, pulasari, temugiring and areca nut (*Areca catechu* L.). The crude drugs were obtained from the Pasar Gede, Solo, Central Java, and chemicals: ethanol 70%, acetic acid with a pharmacy degree that obtained from PT. Bratachem and sulfuric acid from Aldrich.

The tools were iron mill, sieve mesh 60, vacuum rotary evaporator (Ika), waterbath, mortar, analytical balance (Ohaus), Beaker glass (Pyrex), ultrasonification (Branson), UV-Vis Spectrophotometer (Optizen), Climatic chamber (memert), Pipette volume of 5 ml (Pyrex), 4 sets of flask sizes 20 ml, 25 ml, 50 ml and 100 ml (Pyrex), test tubes, aluminum foil.

Preparation of the ultrasonification extract

The crude drugs that consist of yam bean starch, cinnamon bark cortex, *pulasari*, temugiring and areca nut were ground and then sieved with mesh 60. Moisture
content analysis of the powder was done by a dry oven method. Each of the powder was weighed 500 grams and divided into 10 parts. Each part was dissolved with 250 ml ethanol 70% in beakerglass sized 500 ml then its been closed with aluminium foil and the mixture was extracted using ultrasonic waves at a frequency of 50 KHz for 15 minutes at 50°C. To extract that is not easily dissolved, then the sonication process is repeated to obtain a clear extract. Then filtered, the dregs was soaked for a day to perfect the withdrawal of the extraction. The extracts were evaporated at vacuum evaporator and water bath. Extract yield was calculated with the equation:

\[ \text{Yield} = \frac{\text{weight of concentrated extract} \times 100\%}{\text{weight of simplicia powder}} \]

The concentrates extracts were conducted alcohol-free test with esterification reaction. It was conducted with reaction of 0.1 gram Extract, acetic acid and concentrated sulfuric acid. The five extracts were mixed with the same concentration for each extract. The mixed extract was called the ultrasonic extract.

Activation of kojic acid in rice flour

Rice soaked for three days with replacement of water every day to enable kojic acid contained in rice flour, and rice is dried and milled and sieved to 60 mesh sieve.

Preparations of the formula cold Javanese mask.

Javanese cold mask Formula was made by mixing rice flour and ultrasonifikation extract in the same concentration ratio to form a paste and then the paste shaped as small ball, placed in a tray regularly and cover with black cloth, then dried in the sun.

Determination of SPF Value

The solution of cold mask of 1000 ppm were made by weighing 100 mg of cold mask, crushed with the help of mortar and stamfer then dissolved in 100 ml of 70% ethanol, if there was a part that wasn’t soluble, It can be heated at temperature of 50°C, for 30 minutes until obtained a clear solution. The solution absorbance was measured by using UV-Vis spectrophotometry at a wavelength of 290-320 nm using 70% ethanol as a blank. Absorption value recorded at intervals of 5 nm. Then its SPF value determined by the formula:

\[ \text{SPF} = CF \times \sum^{320}_{120} EE(\lambda) \times I(\lambda) \times \text{Abs}(\lambda) \]

where CF = correction factor (10), EE (\lambda) = erythmogenic effect of radiation with wavelength \( \lambda \), Abs (\lambda) = spectrophotometric absorbance values at wavelength \( \lambda \).

After a cold powder SPF values was obtained then set sunscreen activity categories according to Sayre et al (1979) and the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Charisma L (2012) as listed in Table 1 [5,6]

Determination of %Te

The solution’s absorbance was measured by using UV-Vis spectrophotometre in the wavelength range 292.5 to 317.5 nm using 70% ethanol as a blank. Absorption value recorded at intervals of 5 nm.

\[ \% \text{Te} = \frac{\sum (TxFe)}{\sum Fe} \]

Determination of %Tp

The absorption of Cold mask solution was measured by using UV-Vis spectrophotometry in the wavelength range from 322.5 to 375.5 nm by using 70% ethanol as a blank. Absorption value recorded at intervals of 5 nm. Value %Tp is calculated using the formula:

\[ \% \text{Tp} = \frac{\sum (TxFp)}{\sum Fp} \]

%Te and %Tp of cold mask solution defined sunscreen activity categories in accordance with the dikemukaan by Sayre et al (1979) and American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Charisma L (2012) as listed in Table 2 [5,6].
Data analysis technique
Descriptive analysis of the data presented in narrative form and figure.

Result

The moisture content of the powder of rice flour, yam bean starch, cinnamon bark cortex, pulasari, temugiring and areca nut respectively 5.51% w/w, 6.65% w/w, 1.67% w/w, 8.06% w/w, 6.19% w/w and 7.8%. This study uses rice (*Oryza sativa*) with active kojic acid prepared by the process of soaking the rice for at least 24 hours [8]. Yam bean extraction yield was 15.2%, the yield of temugiring extraction was 4.9%, the pulasari extraction yield of 7.1%, the areca nut extraction yield of 13.0% and cinnamon bark extraction amounted to 12.8%. The esterification test showed that the extracts had been free of the solvent.

Sunscreen activity analysis of Javanese Cold Mask was done by determine the SPF value, %Te, %Tp and determination of the protection category. The results of the activity of cold powder sunscreen Java are listed in Table 3.

Sunscreen activity test of cold mask had done 3 times to get a more accurate result. The test results stated that the cold mask had an SPF value of 15.5 which otherwise had the maximal potential to protect the skin in accordance with that proposed by the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Charisma L’s research (2012).

Discussion

It showed that moisture levels for the crude drugs less than 10.00%. Moisture content for crude drugs is good if it isn’t more than 10.00%. It would lead to a process by enzymatic and microbial damage if the moisture content is greater than 10.00%. The chemistry will be changed by enzym into other products that may no longer have pharmacological effects such as compounds of origin. It wouldn’t happen if the crude drugs has been dried to have a low moisture content [7]. It could be said that the powder met the requirements of the moisture content.

The extraction used ultrasonification methods. The study conducted by Cameron and Wang in 2006, stated that the method was more efficient in time with the same results as using other methods [9]. In a study conducted by Prasiddha IJ, et al in 2016, stated that the sonication process was intended to remove phenolic compounds, especially flavonoids [10]. Phenolic compounds had a bond related to benzene core, It was the result when exposed to sunlight in

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**Table 1.** SPF value category according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

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**Table 2.** Category Rating Sunscreen

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**Table 3.** Determination of Sunscreen Activities Javanese Cold Mask

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the form of UV resonance would occur by transferring electrons, this compound can also be used as a photoprotective, as quersetin, alkaloids, phenols simple as acid p-kumarik, saponins, tannins, anthocyanins, and protokatekin. Flavonoids had the ability as a sunscreen because of the chromophore group. The chromophore group was an aromatic system that had the ability to absorb UV light. Flavonoids had a performance in counteracted free radicals and bind ions thereby minimizing the exposure to UV rays on the skin \[^{[11]}\].

The esterification test showed that the extracts had been free of the solvent. It was shown no formation of ester typical odor of ethanol. The test purposed to identify alcohol-free contained in the extract. The test results stated that the cold mask had an SPF value of 15.5 which otherwise had the maximal potential to protect the skin in accordance with that proposed by the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Charisma L (2012).

The determination of %Te showed an average value of 1.2 was expressed into ultra protection value while the determination of %Tp indicated the average value of 9.3 expressed as protection Sunblock. SPF value, % Te and Tp% represent the sunscreen activity of cold mask against UV exposure, but the study hadn’t done the process of identifying the content of compounds. The effectiveness of a sunscreen form can be indicated by the SPF value, which is defined as the amount of UV energy that required to achieve minimal erythema dose (MED) on skin that protected by the sunscreen form, divided by the amount of UV energy that required to reach MED on the skin that wasn’t given protection. MED is defined as the time period or the lowest dose of UV radiation required to cause erythema \[^{[12]}\]. The study suggested that the cold mask that had been made effective as a good protection against the harmful effects of sunlight by reflecting and scatter UV radiation can adversely affect the skin. it was the same as that expressed by Sugihartini, N on research in 2011 which stated that rice flour in cold mask serves to reflect and scatter sunlight \[^{[13]}\]. The statement proposed by Agustin et al in 2013 in their observations stated that the determination of SPF value and %Te used to show protection against UV-B rays, whereas % Tp was used to show protection against UV-A rays. Sunscreen above was effective in protecting the skin is well demonstrated by the protection category in which the SPF value was higher, the same as expressed by Agustin R et al in a study in 2013 which stated that sunscreen was effective in protecting the skin from sun exposure when it had a higher value (more than 2), while the value of % Te and % Tp had good protection shown by category of hedge\% Te and\% Tp lower \[^{[14]}\]. It was the same as expressed by Sugihartini, in 2011 where the research shows that the value of % Te and Tp have good protection if the value is smaller \[^{[13]}\].

The mechanism of protection against skin sunscreen were as follows: sunscreen chemical molecules that absorb energy from UV rays was then subjected to excitation from the ground state to the level of higher energy. When excited molecules return to a lower position, there would be the energy release process. The UV rays of higher energy after being absorbed by the chemical sunscreens will have lower energy, so it can reduce the negative impact of UV exposure \[^{[14]}\].

This possibility was the high amount of polyphenols that effect on the sunscreen activity. Phenolic compounds that contained on extract had a mutually conjugated bond in the benzene nucleus when exposed to UV light resonance will occur by way of electronic transfer. The existence of a common conjugation system in phenolic compounds and chemicals that are usually contained in the sunscreens form cause of this compound has potential as photoprotective. Flavonoids were the largest group of phenolic compounds. Flavonoids also had potential as sunscreen because of the chromophore groups that generally gave
a yellow color in plants. The chromophore group were a conjugated aromatic system which caused a strong ability to absorb light in the wavelength range of UV rays on both UVA and UVB.\[15\].

**Conclusion**

Javenese cold mask effectively used as a sunscreen indicated by the SPF value in the category of maximum protection,\% Te in the category of ultra protection and \% Tp are included in the category of sunblock protection.

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