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Screening Indonesian Pine (*Pinus merkusii* Jungh at de Vriese) Compound as an Antibacterial Agent: *In Vitro* and *In Silico* Study

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ABSTRACT

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Copyright: © 2023 Fadana *et al.* This is an openaccess article distributed under the terms of the <u>Creative Commons</u> Attribution License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited. *Pinus merkusii* is empirically used as an antibacterial agent and has been found to have secondary metabolites such as alkaloids, terpenoids, and flavonoids. This study aims to investigate the antibacterial effects of pine flower extract on gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria. In addition, molecular docking and molecular dynamics simulations were used to understand the underlying mechanism of its antibacterial activity. The antibacterial screening was performed using the disc diffusion method, compound analysis in the extract was carried out using Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS), molecular docking was performed using Autodock Vina integrated into PyRx, and molecular dynamics simulation was run using YASARA Dynamics. The antibacterial test results showed that the pine flower extract had the highest inhibitory effect on *Escherichia coli* (1.038 \pm 0.169 mm) and *Staphylococcus aureus* (7.154 \pm 0.381 mm). Compound analysis of the pine flower extract showed the presence of Myricetin, Epicatechin, Nepetin, Hispidulin, Kaempferol, Luteolin-7-*O*-rutinoside, and Hesperidin. The molecular docking and molecular dynamics simulation results showed that Epicatechin, Nepetin, and Luteolin-7-*O*-rutinoside compounds could inhibit bacterial cell wall formation proteins.

Keywords: antibacterial; pine, Staphylococcus aureus, Escherichia coli, in-silico

Introduction

Serious diseases due to bacterial infection are still one of the world's biggest concerns.1 In many cases, antibacterial drugs can have various side effects and may be hard to find in some remote areas.2 A quick and effective solution such as research on new drug compounds is urgently needed to support drug needs. Apart from the synthesis in the laboratory, medicinal compounds can also be obtained from the isolation of secondary metabolites from plants.³ Several developed nations employ secondary plant metabolites for their antiinflammatory, antibiotic, antifungal, anticancer, and antibacterial properties.⁴ Pine (Pinus merkusii Jungh et de Vriese) is a plant that produces secondary metabolites.⁵ Several studies related to pine mentioned some common content in this plant including alkaloids, phenolic compounds, flavonoids, tannins, terpenes, saponins, and many more.⁶ Pine is often used as a traditional medicine in several countries as a medicine for pain, inflammation, digestive disorders, and even wound healing. Some of the diseases above are diseases caused by microbes.7

Each of these bacteria has a protein associated with their body's metabolism. Antibacterial agents are targeted as chemical interventions or mimic anti-bacterial resistance mechanisms.⁸ Some targets of antibacterial drugs are affecting the biosynthesis of bacterial cell walls, biosynthesis of bacterial proteins, destroying bacterial cells, and replicating bacterial DNA.⁹

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The test bacteria that represent the conditions of ownership of grampositive and negative are *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*, respectively.¹⁰ In bacteria *S. aureus* has TyrRS protein which is used in catalyzing tyrosine in ATP formation and C30 protein which produces aureus pigment in reducing survival under oxidative stress conditions.^{12,13} Additionally, D-alanyl-D-alanine ligase, which regulates autolysin activity to maintain cation homeostasis, and protein gyrase-B, a bacterial enzyme that catalyzes the ATP-dependent negative supercoiling of double-stranded closed-circular DNA, are present in *E. coli*.^{13,14} The aforementioned proteins are the main focus of antibacterial agents in interfering with the nucleic acid structure of bacteria.¹⁵

This research focuses on studying the compound components in pine and its antibacterial activity by inhibiting nucleic acid proteins from bacteria. Instruments validated the determination of the compounds contained in pine and the antibacterial properties of the metabolite compounds were validated by positive control of amoxicillin through in vitro and in silico mechanisms.

Material and Methods

Sample preparation and extraction

The study utilized various parts of the pine tree, including leaves, bark, twigs, and flowers, gathered from sector 9 of the UB forest in the Karangploso District of Malang Regency. The samples were collected in January 2022 and were assigned a voucher number, UB19233. A

powdered sample was prepared by grinding the samples for later extraction using maceration techniques. Powdered samples were weighed in a 1:4 (w/v) ratio and soaked for 3x24 hours using ethanol.¹⁶ The sample was separated from the liquid extract using a funnel. The liquid extract was later condensed using a rotary evaporator.

In vitro Antibacterial assay

The disc diffusion method was used to conduct an antibacterial activity assay. Condensed pine extract (ethanol) diffused using 100% dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) into 200 mg/mL concentrations with 8 repetitions.¹⁷ The negative control was DMSO, and the positive control was amoxicillin. *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli* bacterial cultures were diffused on Natrium Broth (NB) media with a total cell density of 10⁶ cells/mL.¹⁸ Diffused bacterial cultures were then aseptically spread with a cotton swab on a Natrium Agar (NA) medium prepared in a labeled petri dish. The blank disk was then soaked in different pine extract concentrations (1000; 500; 250; 125; 62,5 µg/mL) and placed in each labeled area. The dish was incubated for 24 hours at 37°C. The clear area around the disk was measured using a digital micrometer for antibacterial activity.¹⁰

Compound component assay

The concentrated extract was vortexed for 1 minute, filtered with a millipore, and injected into an autosampler. Analysis using LC-MS/MS was carried out to determine the molecular weight and name of the compound extracted from the pine plant using ethanol as a solvent. The dominant compound with the most significant area was taken from the generated data. Molecular structure analysis was carried out by predicting the similarity of the mass spectra of the compound with the mass spectra of the library compound. Compounds with a similarity value (Best similar match) are taken above 90.¹⁹

In-silico Antibacterial assay

Prediction of drug-likeness was performed using SwissADME to predict the suitability of the compound as a drug candidate, while potential biological activities were examined using PASS-online,²⁰ the quality of the compound was indicated by Pa value, higher Pa value implies higher bioactivity resemblance to known drugs in the PASS training set.²¹

The compounds identified by the LCMS/MS were subsequently downloaded from PubChem. Minimized the energy of all retrieved 3D structures using PyRx open babel tool.²² The bacterial proteins used were tyrosyl-tRNA synthetase (TyRS) (PDB ID 1JIL) and C30 carotenoid dehydrosqualene synthase (PDB ID 3NPR) from Staphylococcus aureus, gyrase-B (PDB ID 6YD9) and D-alanyl-D-alanine ligase (DDl) (PDB ID 4C5A) from *Escherichia coli*. Protein 3D structures collected from RCSB PDB were prepared using Biovia Discovery Studio by removing the native ligand and water molecules.²³ The positive control used was Amoxicillin.²⁴

Molecular docking analysis was performed using Autodock Vina integrated into PyRx. Amoxicillin as the positive control was blindly docked first to find the binding area, while the selected compound was docked specifically following the grid areas listed in Table 1.²⁵

Molecular Dynamic Simulation run under Microsoft Windows 10 operating system, Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulation was performed using YASARA Structure version 14.12.2.²⁶ The YAMBER Force field was utilized in this simulation. The Ewald particle algorithm is used to determine the Coulomb distance interaction, while the Van der Waals force is constrained to 8. At a distance of 5 nm, a cube-shaped simulation box is positioned around the simulated molecules.²⁷ The simulated box has dimensions of 50x50x50 Å and a n value of 6. The boundary of the virtual box is subject to periodic conditions. At 298 K, the water's density was set to 1 g/cc.²⁸ Photos were shot every 100 ps7 while simulations were running for 20 ns.²⁵

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Na	Bacteria	Ductoin	Center			Dimension		
NO		Protein	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
1 S. aureus	TyRS	34.17	13.20	82.68	14.69	11.21	17.76	
	S. uureus	C30	25.13	-13.85	7.48	15.33	19.21	9.37
2 E.	E coli	GyrB	9.27	-2.23	12.48	11.56	7.88	16.78
	E. COll	DD1	16.25	21.13	60.92	12.22	12.36	15.66

Result and Discussion

The compounds (Table 2) isolated with 96% ethanol from the bark were 35.7 grams, twigs 29.2 grams, flowers 42.1 grams, and leaves 31.8 grams. It can be shown that the highest yield was in pine flowers. In general, plants produce secondary metabolites in vital parts aimed at protecting them from the environment, one of which is in the flower part, namely as part of the fertilization of a plant.²⁹

In vitro Antibacterial assay

Bacterial culture inhibition from the disc diffusion method was analyzed by measuring the clear area around the disc that was previously soaked to the tested extract. From all tested parts, the pine flower showed the best antibacterial effect indicated by a large inhibition area (Table 3). All the tested extracts showed significant inhibition of *S. aureus* bacterial culture, as demonstrated by a large inhibition area. On the other hand, only the bark and flower extracts showed inhibition of the *E. coli* culture, with a small to no inhibition zone recorded. The diameter of the growth inhibition zone for *S. aureus* ranged from 5.1mm to 7.1mm, which was significantly larger than the inhibition zone recorded for *E. coli*, which measured only 1mm or less. These results signify that *S. aureus* is susceptible to pine

extract as an expected antibacterial agent candidate. *S. aureus* are gram-positive bacteria, though having thick peptidoglycan layer, it has no supporting outer layer consisting of lipopolysaccharide (LPS) unlike its gram-negative relatives.³⁰ Hydrophobic drug can penetrate easily through diffusion pathway, while the hydrophilic drug that pass through porins and vancomycin will find it hard to penetrate gram-negative bacteria tend to be more resistant to several antibiotics than gram-positive.³¹

Table 2: Pine Extract Ethanol Solvent Yield

No.	Sample	Initial mass (g)	Extraction mass (g)	% Yield
1	Bark	300	35.7	11.90
2	Twig	300	29.2	9.70
3	Flower	300	42.1	14.03
4	Leaf	300	31.8	10.60

Table 3: Inhibition Zone from Disc Diffusion Test Formed by

 Pine Extract Treatment

No	Sampla	Growth inhibition (mm)				
190.	Sample	Escherichia coli	Staphylococcus aureus			
1	Bark	1.071 ± 0.181	5.743 ± 0.518			
2	Twig	0	5.145 ± 0.376			
3	Flower	1.038 ± 0.169	7.154 ± 0.381			
4	Leaf	0	7.150 ± 0.129			

Compound analysis

Separation and identification using LC-MS/MS instrumentation showed several compounds identified from the chromatogram (Figure 1) of pine flower parts including Myricetin, Epicatechin, Nepetin, Hispidulin, Kaempferol, Luteolin-7-O-rutinoside, and Hesperidin (Table 4). All extracted compounds were classified as flavonoids, known for their activity as antibacterial agents against various pathogenic microorganisms.³² Flavonoids as a plant-derived natural compound offer new possibilities as a substitute for antibiotics for their high availability, low toxicity, and effectiveness against antibiotic-resistant bacteria.³³

In silico Antibacterial assay

Druglikeness prediction

The drug-likeness assay was conducted to determine whether the compound extracted from pine components possesses drug-like properties according to the Lipinsky Rule of 5 (LRO5) parameters. The LRO5 parameters include molecular weight less than 500 Da, hydrogen bond donors \leq 5, hydrogen bond acceptors \leq 10, and log P \leq

5, and compounds adhering to these parameters are more likely to be absorbed by the body and less likely to cause harmful side effects. Compounds that violate more than one LRO5 parameter were excluded from further analysis for drug development, as Lipinsky suggested that an orally active drug should have fewer than two violations. Myricetin, which only violates one parameter (6 H-bond donors), is still considered a valid drug candidate. The drug-likeness prediction results indicated that all compounds, except for Hispidulin and Luteolin-7-O-rutinoside, have fewer or no LRO5 violations and are thus suitable candidates for drug development (Table 5).

Bioactivity prediction was carried out to predict the possible biological activity(s) of P. merkusii compounds. The selected activity presented in Figure 2 was narrowed down from several activities predicted regarding the ability of the compound to suppress or cease bacterial growth. The probable activities were ranked based on the probability of activity (Pa) value. The compounds were expected to show a specific activity when the Pa value is >0.71. Pass Online Pa Value was defined based on the molecular structure similarity of a typical active sub-set between the tested compound and the PASS training set compound.²¹ The Pa value of a compound is indicated by the color, the darker the color, the higher the Pa Value (Figure 2). Myricetin presented the highest Pa value compared to other tested compounds as a peroxidase inhibitor and antimutagenic with Pa Value 0.966 and 0.963 respectively. Interestingly, although the Pa value for direct antibacterial activity is considerably low, the indirect activity that interferes with bacterial growth is noticeably high. A bioactivity prediction for flavonoids extracted from P. merkusii (Figure 2) showed that they are likely to possess antimutagenic properties, thus preventing bacterial resistance.



Figure 1: Liquid Chromatography Spectra Pine Flower Extract

Molecular docking analysis

Molecular docking was performed to analyze the activity of the potential compound extracted from *P. merkusii* as an antibacterial agent for both *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*. The docking result against the key bacterial protein visualizes the same interacting pattern of all tested compounds compared to amoxicillin as the most commonly used antibiotic in primary health care (Figure 3), most of them possess higher binding affinity (Table 6). Various interactions were observed between the seven extracted compounds and the target proteins with no single compound dominating the docking results. Same interacting amino acid between tested compound compared to amoxicillin as the control marked with underline (Table 6). The best interacting compound for *S. aureus*

TyRS is myricetin and for the C30 is epicatechin with the binding affinity -9,7 kcal/mol and -7,9 kcal/mol respectively. The two compounds with the highest binding affinity for C30 (Luteonin-7-O-rutinoside and Hesperidin) did not pass the drug-likeness prediction, so epicatechin with the third highest binding affinity was the best compound for C30 inhibitor. Both myricetin and amoxicillin interact with ASP40 and ASP80 amino acid, while in epicatechin the same interacting compound compared to control were TYR 129 and GLN 165 (Figure 3). For the *E. coli*, the target protein is GyrB and DDI and the best compound is nepetin and hispidulin with binding affinity -8.4 Kcal/mol and -7,0 Kcal/mol respectively, the interaction detail shown in Table 6. Compared to amoxicillin, nepetin also interact with GLY



77, ILE 78, PRO 79 amino acid. While hispidulin interacts with same

ALA 14, MET 154, TYR 212 amino acid to amoxicillin (Figure 3).



Alpha glucosidase inhibitor; d. Antioxidant; e. Antibiotic; f. Antibacterial; g. Antimutagenic; h. Antimycobacterial

synthetase (TyrRS) Tyrosyl-tRNA and C30 carotenoid dehydrosqualene synthase (C30) was chosen as a target for anti-S. aureus strain model as for the E. coli the selected target was GyraseB and D-alanyl-D-alanine ligase. Tyrosyl-tRNA synthetase (TyrRS) is a type of aminoacyl tRNA synthetase (AaRS) that is currently seen as anti-gram-positive bacteria through protein synthesis blocking, directly affecting bacterial growth and later promoting cell death. While the rationale behind the use of C30 as a target protein was because S. aureus produced C30 carotenoid pigment including staphyloxanthin (SPX) which functions as an antioxidant and protects them from oxidative stress.³³ While the *E. coli* strain target GyrB is an important type II topoisomerase that couples the free energy of ATP hydrolysis by introducing negative supercoils into relaxed plasmid DNA.36 While DDl is an ATP-grasp enzyme that played an important role to facilitate bacterial cell wall synthesis by catalyzing ATPdependent formation of the d-alanyl-d-alanine dipeptide.³⁷ Inhibiting GyrB and DDl activity consequently impairs many important physiological processes. Expected inhibiting pathway for both E. coli and S. aureus illustrated in Figure 4.

Table 4: Interpretation LC MS/MS Spectra Pine Flower Extract

No.	Retention Time (Minutes)	Molecule Name	Chemical Formula	Molecular Structures
1	6.835	(-) Epicatechin (2R,3R)-2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-3,4- dihydro-2H-chromene-3,5,7-triol	$C_{15}H_{14}O_6$	
2	8.593	Nepetin 2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-6- methoxychromen-4-one	$C_{16}H_{12}O_7$	
3	10.308	Myricetin 3,5,7-trihydroxy-2-(3,4,5- trihydroxyphenyl)chromen-4-one	$C_{15}H_{10}O_8$	
4	11.300	Hispidulin 5,7-dihydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6- methoxychromen-4-one	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ O ₆	
5	12.045	Kaempferol 3,5,7-trihydroxy-2-(4- hydroxyphenyl)chromen-4-one	$C_{15}H_{10}O_6$	HO CH
6	16.791	Luteolin-7-O-rutinoside 2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-5-hydroxy-7- [(3R,4S,5S,6R)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6- [[(2S,3S,5S,6S)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6- (hydroxymethyl)oxan-2- yl]oxymethyl]oxan-2-yl]oxychromen-4-	$C_{27}H_{30}O_{16}$	

		one		
		Hesperidin		
		(2S)-5-hydroxy-2-(3-hydroxy-4-		0 011 01
		methoxyphenyl)-7-[(2S,3R,4S,5S,6R)-		
7	18.063	3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-[[(2R,3R,4R,5R,6S)-	$C_{28}H_{34}O_{15}$	
		3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-methyloxan-2-		
		yl]oxymethyl]oxan-2-yl]oxy-2,3-		
		dihydrochromen-4-one		

Table 5: Drug-Likeness Prediction of Several Compounds Extracted from P. Merkusii

No	Compound (s)	PubChem	Formula	Lipinski Parameters				Violation	Bioavailability
110	Compound (s)	Id	Formula	MW (g/mol)	mLogP	nON	nOHNH	- violation	Dioavanability
1	Myricetin	5281672	$C_{15}H_{10}O_8$	318.24	-1.08	8	6	1	0.55
2	Epicatechin	72276	$C_{15}H_{14}O_{6}$	290.27	0.24	6	5	0	0.55
3	Nepetin	5317284	$C_{16}H_{12}O_7$	316.26	-0.31	7	4	0	0.55
4	Hispidulin	5281628	$C_{16}H_{12}O_{6}$	300.26	0.22	6	3	0	0.55
5	Kaempferol	5280863	$C_{15}H_{10}O_{6}$	286.24	-0.03	6	4	0	0.55
6	Luteolin-7-O-	14022066	CILO	610.52	4.16	15	10	2	0.17
0	rutinoside	14032900	$C_{27}\Pi_{30}O_{16}$	010.52	-4.10	15	10	3	0.17
7	Hesperidin	10621	$C_{28}H_{34}O_{15}$	610.56	-3.04	15	8	3	0.17

Table 6: In-Depth Molecular Docking Analysis

No.	Protein Target	Compound Name	Binding Affinity (kcal/mol)	Amino Acid
				Aspartic acid 40; Histidine 47; Glycine 49;
		Amoxicilin (control)	-8,5	Histidine 50; Proline 53; Aspartic acid 80;
				Tyrosine 170; Glutamine 174.
				Aspartic acid 40; Histidine 50; Leucine
		Myricetin	-9,7	70; Aspartic acid 80; Lysine 84; Aspartic
1	S guraus TuDS			acid 177.
1	5. aureus, Tyks	Nepetin	0.6	Leucine 70; Aspartic acid 80; Lysine 84;
			-9,0	Aspartic acid 177.
				Tyrosine 36; Glycine 49; Leucine 70;
		Luteonin-7-O-	0.5	Aspartic acid 80; Lysine 84; Asparagine
		rutinoside	-9,5	124; Glycine 193; Aspartic acid 195;
				Glutamine 196.
		Amoxicilin (control)	-7,1	Arginine 45; Tyrosine129; Glutamine 165.
				Histidine 18; Aspartic acid 52; Aspartic
		Luteonin-7-O-	0.1	acid 114; Tyrosine 129; Glutamine 165;
2	S	rutinoside	-9,1	Asparagine 168; Arginine 171; Aspartic
2	S. aureus, C 30			acid 176; Asparagine 179; Tyrosine 183.
				Arginine 45; Valine 111; Aspartic acid
		Hesperidin	-8,9	114; Tyrosine 129; Valine 133; Glutamine
				165; Aspartic acid 176; Asparagine 179;

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				Aminoethylglycine 181.
				Valine 111; Aspartic acid 114; Tyrosine
		Epicatechin	-7,9	129; Glutamine 165; Asparagine 168;
				Aspartic acid 176.
				Asparagine 46; Aspartic acid 73; Glycine
		Amoxicilin (control)	-7,3	77; Isoleucine 78; Proline 79; Isoleucine
				94; Valine 97.
				Valine 43; Glutamic acid 50; Arginine 76;
	E. coli, gyrase B	Nepetin	-8,4	Glycine 77; Isoleucine 78; Proline 79;
3				Valine 120.
				Alanine 43; Glutamic acid 50; Aspartic
		Myricetin	-8,3	acid 73; Arginine 76; Glycine 77;
				Isoleucine 78; Proline 79; Threonine 165.
		Luteonin-7-O-	-8.3	Asparagine 46; Alanine 47; Glutamic acid
		rutinoside	-0,5	50; Glycine 77; Isoleucine 78; Proline 79.
		Amovicilin (control)	-6.4	Alanine 14; Methionine 154; Tyrosine 212;
		Amoxienni (control)	-0,4	Glutamic acid 213.
		Lionidulin	7	Alanine 14; Methionine 154,
4	E coli DDI	Hispidulli	-7	Phenylalanine 209; Tyrosine 212.
	E. con, DDI	Nanatin	6.9	Valine 152; Glycine 153, Methionine 154;
		Nepetin	-0,8	Tyrosine 212; Aspartic acid 211.
		Myricetin	60	Alanine 14; Glycine 15; Methionine 154;
			-0,2	Tyrosine 212.





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Figure 3: Molecular docking visualization comparing tested compounds with amoxicillin as control. A. Myricetin & TyRS; B. Luteonin-7-O-rutinoside & TyRS; C. Nepetin & TyRS; D. Epicatechin & C30; E. Hesperidin & C30; F. Luteonin-7-O-rutinoside & C30; G. Nepetin & GyraseB; H. Myricetin & GyraseB; I. Luteonin-7-O-rutinoside & GyraseB; J. Nepetin & DDl; K. Myricetin & DDl; L. Hispidulin & DDl.

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Figure 4: Conceptual representation of the interaction pathway between the inhibiting compound with highest binding affinity and the key protein target. b. *Staphylococcus aureus*; b. *Escherichia coli*

Molecular dynamic simulation

Molecular dynamic (MD) simulation offers new insight into protein motion since molecular recognition and compound binding are very dynamic processes resolving molecular docking limitations that only allow direct visualization.³⁸ MD simulation trajectory calculated several geometric quantities that can be further elaborated on the underlying mechanism of the observed interactions including root mean square difference (RMSD) and RMS fluctuations (RMSF). RMSD illustrates the difference between the sampled structure to their reference structure during the simulation period. The RMSD value is presented in Angstrom (Å) unit with a value under 2Å considered relevant and accurate.^{39,40} MD result for the compounds with the highest binding affinity for S. aureus TyRs indicating good molecular stability, especially for Myricetin with a rather stable fluctuation right under the dashed line as the threshold. For the C30 as a target, all compounds indicate relevant and accurate RMSD results as all graph average values at 1.25Å during the simulation period. The RMSD value for E. coli GyrB fluctuated during the simulation period, but the graph for all compounds remained under the threshold and stabilized over time. MD result for the compound with the highest binding affinity against DDI displays extreme ups and downs, though, Myricetin remains stable during the simulation period (Figure 5). Conclusion

According to the antibacterial disk diffusion assay, pine flower extract exhibited the largest inhibition zone on average (for both *S. aureus* and *E. coli*). Further analysis using LC MS/MS for the pine tree parts extract identified several compounds as myricetin, epicatechin, nepetin, hispidulin, kaempferol, luteolin-7-O-rutinoside, and hesperidin. The underlying mechanism of pine tree antibacterial activity was then predicted using a molecular docking analysis. The result indicates that *S. aureus* TyRS best inhibiting compound is myricetin, while the C30 is epicatechin. For the *E. coli* Gyrase B, the best compound was nepetin, as for the DDI, hispidulin was the best inhibiting compound

Conflict of Interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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Figure 5: MD Results Indicating the Dynamics of the Structure. a. S. aureus TyRS, b. S. aureus C30, c. E. coli gyrase B, d. E. coli D-Alanin Ligase

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