

SCREENING OF CHEMICAL COMPONENTS IN THE PROTEIN HYDROLYZATE EXTRACT FROM VISCERA OF TILAPIA (*OREOCHROMIS NILOTICUS*) WITH COLOR ASSAY

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ABSTRACT

The production of Tilapia increased the impact on the increase of fish waste, such as viscera. One of the efforts to overcome and reduce fishery waste are by using them optimally. One of the efforts is hydrolysis technology, which can produce extracts that have bioactivity. This research aimed to find out and obtain an overview of the chemical components in the protein hydrolyzate extract from viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*). The screening was performed for flavonoids, alkaloids (Meyer, Dragendrof, Bouchardat), tannins, terpenoids (steroids, triterpenoids), polyphenols, and saponins. The color intensity or the precipitate formation was used as analytical responses to these assays. The results of screening and identification showed the presence of chemical components of alkaloids, tannins, triterpenoids, polyphenols, saponins from the protein hydrolyzate extract of viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*), on the other hand, flavonoids and steroids were not detected. These chemical components have the potential bioactivity as antioxidants, anti-nociceptive, anti-inflammatory, anti-HIV, anti-fungal, cardioprotective, immunoregulative, anti-malarial, anti-inflammatory, Cerebro-protective, anti-mutagenic, vaso-relaxing, anti-bacterial, anti-anxiolytic, analgesic, anti-nociceptive and anxiolytic. The extract has the potential to be developed in the field of health as pharmaceutical or nutraceutical products.

KEY WORDS

Alkaloids, tannins, triterpenoids, polyphenols, saponins, pharmaceutical, nutraceutical.

Tilapia is one of the Indonesian fisheries commodities that are in high demand by domestic and foreign consumers. The demand for Tilapia commodities increases every year; this can be seen from increased Tilapia production. Production of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) in Indonesia for 5 (five) years has increased by 18%. The volume of Tilapia production in 2011 was 567,078 tons and improved in 2015 by 1,084,281 tons (Ariansyach, 2017).

The Processing of Tilapia usually only takes part in the white meat; the yield is \pm 50%. The waste from the production of Tilapia consists of scales, heads, bones, skin, and innards. The contents of the stomach or commonly called innards include liver, heart, spleen, hepatopancreas, gonads, ren, bile, and intestines. Tilapia waste has not been utilized. Even bones, skin, and stomach contents tend to be thrown away or discarded. This is very unfortunate because fishing industry waste, for example, viscera, has high levels of unsaturated fat and protein (Bhaskar & Mahendrakar, 2008). The viscera of Tilapia still contains 16% protein (Khalil, 2012). One of the efforts to overcome and reduce fishery waste are by using them optimally. The processing of fishery waste products, including viscera, has been investigated as a source of protein, including enzymes and fats (Villamil, Vuiro, & Solanilla, 2017).

The protein in an intact form has low bioactivity, whereas proteins that have been hydrolyzed by the enzyme will increase bioactivity because the protein has been separated from the long bonds fragments (Daliri, Oh, & Lee, 2017). Bioactive peptides have potential as

antihypertensive (Riyadi, 2018), antioxidants (Chi, Hu, Wang, Li, & Luo, 2015), opioid antagonists, antibacterial (Hajfathalian, Ghelichi, García-Moreno, Moltke Sørensen, & Jacobsen, 2017), antithrombotic, and immunomodulators (FitzGerald, Murray, & Walsh, 2004). Peptides produced from food proteins can lower blood pressure, maintain weight balance (Liu, Wang, Peng, & Wang, 2013), inhibit proline-specific endopeptidase activity, enhance the immune system, inhibit blood platelet aggregation, inhibit HIV proteinase and the oxidation process, have antibacterial, binds to ions and assists mineral transport and improves food nutritional value (Chakrabarti, Jahandideh, & Jianping, 2014); (Li & Yu, 2015); (Hayes, 2018). A number of research that utilize fisheries industry waste which have the potential to become bioactive peptides include the heads and innards and fish heads of sardine (*Sardinella aurita*) by Bougatef et al. (2008), innards and skin of squid (*Sepia officinalis*) (Balti et al., 2010), smoothhound innards (*Mustelus mustelus*) in Tunisia (Abdelhadi et al., 2016), and utilization of heads, fins and tails from Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) (Roslan, Faezah, Abdullah, & Mazlina, 2014). This is an opportunity to develop waste protein innards of Tilapia into pharmaceutical or nutraceutical products.

This research aimed to find out and obtain an overview of the chemical components in the protein hydrolyzate extract from viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) based on the color assay. This research is expected to provide useful information about the chemical components of the extract to be developed in the field of health as pharmaceutical or nutraceutical products.

MATERIALS AND METHODS OF RESEARCH

The material used in this research was viscera of Tilapia from the freezing industry of PT Aquafarm Nusantara, Semarang Industrial Estate. Viscera of Tilapia was cleaned, where the fat covering the viscera was removed, then the viscera was weighed, and the hydrolysis process was carried out. The protease enzyme used was the enzyme alcalase (Sigma Aldrich) with activity of ≥ 0.75 of Anson units/mL. The tools used were test tubes, test tube clamp, stainless steel spatula, drop pipette, measuring cup, Bunsen, glass funnel, micropipette, beaker glass, incubator, 1000 ml Erlenmeyer, vacuum filter, rotary evaporator.

Viscera and distilled water (1: 1) were mixed using a blender until it became homogeneous, then it was heated at 85 °C for 20 minutes to inactivate endogenous enzymes. The samples were centrifuged at 10 °C for 20 minutes at 5,800 rpm to separate fat and protein, the fat was removed, and the result was a residue rich in protein. The protein in solids was extracted three times with distilled water at 1: 1 (w/v) to collect protein extracts until the fat was reduced. Protein extracts were hydrolyzed to the desired level with 1 N sodium hydroxide using a digital pH meter (Cyberscan 1001, Eutech, Singapore). The solution was activated at a temperature (80-85) °C for 20 minutes to stop the hydrolysis process. After that, the sample was left at 4 °C for 24 hours and was cold centrifuged for 20 minutes and was dried using a freeze dryer. The degree of hydrolysis was calculated by the SN-TCA method (Hoyle & Merrit, 1994) referenced in (Amiza, Kong, & Faazaz, 2012). A total of 20 mg of protein hydrolyzate was added to TCA of 10% (b/v) as much as 20 mL. The mixture was then allowed to stand for 30 minutes for precipitation to occur, and then centrifuged (speed of 7,800 g, for 15 minutes). The supernatant obtained was a protein hydrolyzate extract from viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*). Then, further color assay will be carried out.

Screening and identification analysis of chemical components from the protein hydrolyzate extract from viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) based on color assay refers to the Harbone (1984) method, which is indicated by the color change of the extract after the addition of specific reagents. The parameters for the screening include flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, terpenoids, polyphenols, and saponins. The data obtained are presented in table form and was analyzed descriptively, after that, a conclusion was drawn from the analysis.

Identification of Flavonoids. 2 ml of sample extract was added with 8 ml of aquadest, which was heated for ± 10 minutes. The resulting filtrate was filtered and put in a test tube.

Then a few drops of concentrated HCl was added. Next, a little mg powder was added. Positive result was indicated when dark red/pink colored filtrate was produced.

Identification of Alkaloids. 2 ml of sample extract was added with 8 ml of aquadest, which was heated for ± 10 minutes. The resulting filtrate was filtered and put in a test tube. Then 6 drops of Meyer reagent were added to the first test tube, 6 drops of Dragendorf reagent were added to the second test tube, 6 drops of Bouchardat reagent were added to the third test tube. Positive result was indicated when white sediment was produced in Meyer's reagents, orange sediment was deposited in Dragendorf reagents and brown sediment was deposited in Bouchardat reagents.

Identification of Tanins. 2 ml of sample extract was added with 8 ml of aquadest, which was heated for ± 10 minutes. The resulting filtrate was filtered and put in a test tube. Three drops of FeCl_3 1% was added to the filtrate. Positive result was indicated when either blackish brown, blackish blue or blackish green colored filtrate was produced.

Identification of Terpenoids. 2 ml of sample extract was added with 8 ml of aquadest, which was heated for ± 10 minutes. The resulting filtrate was filtered and put in a test tube. Three drops of Bouchardat was added to the filtrate. Positive results contain steroids when bluish green colored filtrate was formed, and the results contain terpenoids when a brownish orange colored filtrate was formed.

Identification of Polyphenols. A total of 105 μg of methanol extract was put into 206 L of 96% ethanol in a test tube. The mixture was added with 515 μL of distilled water and 520 μL of Follin-Ciocalteau reagent (50% v/v), then the mixture was left for 5 minutes. Then it was added with 103 μL sodium carbonate solution (7,5% b/v), was homogenized and incubated at room temperature for 1 (one) hour under no-light conditions (dark). Positive result was indicated when either blackish green, blackish blue, or blackish brown colored filtrate was formed.

Identification of Saponins. 2 ml of sample extract was added with 8 ml of aquadest, which was heated for ± 10 minutes. The resulting filtrate was filtered and put in a test tube. Two ml of hot water was added to the filtrate. The test tube containing the filtrate then was shaken firmly. Positive result was indicated when the stable foam was not lost.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 – Color Assays of the Protein Hydrolyzate Extract from Viscera of Tilapia for flavonoids and alkaloids





Sample	Chemical Components			
	Flavonoids	Alkaloids		
		Meyer	Dragendrof	Bouchardat
The protein hydrolyzate extract from viscera of Tilapia (<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>)				

Table 2 – Color Assays of the Protein Hydrolyzate Extract from Viscera of Tilapia for tannins, triterpenoids, polyphenols, saponins





Sample	Chemical Component			
	Tannins	Triterpenoids	Polyphenols	Saponins
The protein hydrolyzate extract from viscera of Tilapia (<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>)				

Table 3 – Screening and Identification of Chemical Components in the Protein Hydrolyzate Extract from Viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*)

No	Chemical Components	Parameter	Results
1	Flavonoid	Brick red, pink, dark red	Negative
2	Alkaloids	-	-
	Meyer Method	White sediment	Positive
	Dragendrof Method	Orange sediment	Positive
	Bouchardat Method	Brown sediment	Positive
3	Tannins	Blackish green, blackish blue, blackish brown	Positive
4	Steroids	Bluish green	Negative
5	Triterpenoids	Orange, Brownish orange	Positive
6	Polyphenols	Blackish green, blackish blue, blackish brown	Positive
7	Saponins	Stable foam	Positive

The qualitative results of chemical component screening using Harbone (1983) method found that protein hydrolyzate extract of viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) contained alkaloids (table 1 and 3). Pelletier (1983) defined alkaloids as cyclic compounds containing nitrogen in a negative oxidation state, which is a limited distribution between living organisms. Alkaloids almost always have physiological activity in animals, although some have limited effects (Seigler, 1998). Alkaloids have benefits as tranquilizers (Guides *et al.*, 2005), antioxidants (Bribi *et al.*, 2013), Anti-nociceptive (Bribi *et al.*, 2015), Anti-inflammatory (Bribi *et al.*, 2016). Even berberine alkaloids have activities as anti-HIV, anti-fungal, cardioprotective, immunoregulative, anti-malarial, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, Cerebro-protective, anti-mutagenic, vaso-relaxing, anxiolytic, and analgesic activities (Akao *et al.*, 2006).

Protein hydrolyzate extract of viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) contains tannins (table 2 and 3). Tannins are a heterogeneous group of water-soluble polyphenolic compounds of high molecular weight (500-3000 Daltons) - with as many as 20 hydroxyl groups - and are present in plants, foods and beverages (de Jesus *et al.*, 2012). Tannins have antioxidant activities (Skrovankova, 2015), Anti-cancer (Gollucke *et al.*, 2013), Antimicrobial (Marín *et al.*, 2015), Cardioprotective, Anti-diabetic and anti-obesity (Gonzalez-Abuin *et al.*, 2015).

Protein hydrolyzate extract of viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) contains triterpenoid compounds (table 2 and 3). About 60% of known natural products are terpenoids (Firm, 2010). Triterpenoids have activities as anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer potential (Salminen *et al.*, 2008), antioxidants (Melanie, 2009), anti-colon cancer, Hepatoprotective, anti-bacterial, anti-anxiolytic, Analgesic and Anti-Nociceptive (Battineni, 2018).

Protein hydrolyzate extract of viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) contains polyphenol compounds (table 2 and 3). A growing body of research indicates that polyphenol consumption may play a vital role in health through the regulation of metabolism, weight, chronic disease, and cell proliferation. Over 8,000 polyphenols have thus far been identified, though their short- and long-term health effects have not been fully characterized (Lecour and Lamont, 2011). Animal, human and epidemiologic studies show that various polyphenols have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties that can have preventive and therapeutic effects for cardiovascular disease, neurodegenerative disorders, cancer, and obesity (Pérez-Jiménez *et al.*, 2010); (Singh *et al.*, 2011).

Protein hydrolyzate extract of viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) contains saponins compounds (table 2 and 3). Saponins, according to Firdous *et al.* (2009); Apri (2014), is a non-polar active compound which has a strong surface and can create foam when the compound is shaken with water. Marliana *et al.* (2005); Octaviani (2009) stated that the emergence of foam indicates the presence of glycosides, which can form a foam in hydrolyzed water into glucose and other compounds. This can happen because saponin compounds also have a hydrophobic group, namely aglycone. The saponin structure consists of aglycones (triterpene or steroids) and glucose groups. The process of synthesizing glycosides is a detoxification process. In this detoxification process, it is possible for toxic compounds to be bound to crude extracts. Farnsworth (1996); Yoshikawa

et al. (2005); Ruiz et al. (2005); Bakhuni (2005); Zhang et al. (2006) stated that saponins has many biological and pharmacological functions, including cardiotonic, hypoglycemic, hemolysis, hypocholesterolemic, immune modulator, hepatoprotection, antioxidant, anti-cardiogenic, anti-microbial, anti-inflammatory, low toxicity. Saponins may function as antibiotics and cholesterol-lowering agent, and it may also have biological effects, including as an anti-fungal, cytotoxic against tumor cells, hemolysis, immune activity, and anti-cancer.

CONCLUSION

The results of screening and identification showed the presence of chemical components of alkaloids, tannins, triterpenoids, polyphenols, saponins from the protein hydrolyzate extract of viscera of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*), on the other hand, flavonoids and steroids were not detected. The extract has the potential to be developed in the field of health as pharmaceutical or nutraceutical products.

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