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Abstract:

Background:

Diabetes is a chronic disease characterized by glucose levels and results in impaired insulin secretion. This disorder has triggered oxidative stress and excess free radicals condition. *Smallanthus sonchifolius*. a traditional medicine that acts as a diabetic therapy.

Aims:

This research aims to bring out the antidiabetic and antioxidant potential of *Smallanthus sonchifolius* extract (SSE).

Methods:

This study was conducted to measure the qualitative phytochemical identification, antioxidant and anti-diabetic activity of SSE. The antioxidant assay was carried out using 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazine (DPPH)-scavenging activity, 2,2'-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid) (ABTS)-scavenging and hydro peroxide ( $H_2O_2$ )-

reducing activity assays, ferric reducing antioxidant power (FRAP) potency, while anti-diabetic activity of SSE assay was carried out using inhibitory of  $\alpha$ -amylase,  $\alpha$ -glucosidase, and Glucose-6-Phosphatase (G-6-Pase).

#### Results:

SSE contained phenols, flavonoids, terpenoids, saponins, tannins and alkaloids. The antioxidant and antidiabetic activities of samples were calculated based on median inhibitory concentration ( $IC_{50}$ ). The  $IC_{50}$  value of SSE antioxidant respectively were DPPH ( $IC_{50}$ =62.72  $\mu$ g/mL), ABTS ( $IC_{50}$ =61.03  $\mu$ g/mL),  $H_2O_2$  ( $IC_{50}$ =438.36  $\mu$ g/mL), the highest FRAP activity was 125.31  $\mu$ M Fe(II)/ $\mu$ g extract at concentration level of SSE 50  $\mu$ g/mL. The  $IC_{50}$  value of SSE antidiabetic were  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition ( $IC_{50}$ =37.86  $\mu$ g/mL),  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibition ( $IC_{50}$ =90.41  $\mu$ g/mL), and G-6-Pase inhibition ( $IC_{50}$ =98.07  $\mu$ g/mL), respectively.

#### Conclusions:

SSE has antidiabetic potential through antioxidant activities and  $\alpha$ -glucosidase,  $\alpha$ -amylase and G-6-Pase inhibition activities.

#### Key-words:

Antioxidant, *S. sonchifolius*, diabetes,  $\alpha$ -glucosidase,  $\alpha$ -amylase

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#### Introduction:

Diabetes mellitus (DM) occurred when glucose levels in the blood are high because the insulin produced is not sufficient for the body's needs. This can be divided into three groups. In people with type 1 diabetes, pancreatic  $\beta$  cells produce less insulin. The most common condition is type 2, about 90-95% of all diabetic cases. Fat, muscles, and liver cells that undergo insulin insensitivity is one symptom of this disease.<sup>[1]</sup> The ability of the pancreas to produce insulin in response to food intake that has gradually decreased. Apart from that, pregnancy insulin insufficiency also causes high glucose levels in the blood. This is known as gestational diabetes.<sup>[2]</sup>

Insulin resistance caused dysfunction in  $\beta$  cells. Because the primary function of  $\beta$ -cells is to store and secrete insulin in response to glucose load, this dysfunction trigger  $\beta$ -cells lose the ability to adequately sense blood glucose concentration or to release sufficient insulin in response. Hence, this dysfunction leads to a condition named hyperglycemia.<sup>[3]</sup> Hyperglycemia could increase Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) resulting in oxidative stress. Oxidative stress will result in various oxidative damage in the form of DM complications and could worsen the condition of DM patient, therefore it is necessary to normalize ROS levels to prevent oxidative stress.<sup>[4]</sup>

One way to overcome DM is to inhibit the enzymes action that hydrolyze carbohydrates, glucose absorption could be reduced. Enzymes play an important role in breaking down oligosaccharides and disaccharides into monosaccharides are  $\alpha$ -amylase and  $\alpha$ -glucosidase enzymes result absorbed ready substances.<sup>[5,6]</sup>

The  $\alpha$ -glucosidase found in the mucosal bulk of the small intestine is a biocatalyst for the digestion of starch and disaccharides. The  $\alpha$ -glucosidase works by inhibiting carbohydrates and reducing postprandial blood glucose excretion. With this mechanism, glycosidase plays an important role in polysaccharide metabolism, glycoprotein processing, cellular interactions and expanding prospects for creating new diabetes treatment, viral infections, obesity to metastatic cancer. The  $\alpha$ -glucosidase functions selectively in hydrolyzing the terminal (1 $\rightarrow$ 4 residues) of  $\alpha$ -glucose (starch or disaccharide) to produce a single  $\alpha$ -glucose molecule. Thus, the various types of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitors have been extensively developed. The enzyme inhibitors such as voglibose miglitol, acarbose have ability to reduce postprandial blood glucose by interfering with the carbohydrate-digesting enzymes and delaying glucose absorption.<sup>[7]</sup> Inhibition of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase and  $\alpha$ -amylase enzymes can significantly decrease the postprandial glucose level after consuming carbohydrate diet and therefore can be used as important strategy in the management of postprandial blood glucose level in type 2 diabetic patients.<sup>[8]</sup>

Glucose-6-Phosphatase, (G-6-Pase), the central hepatic gluconeogenic enzyme, in glucose homeostasis and type 2 diabetic patients, this enzyme activity is higher in diabetic animals, humans and therefore could be an important key player in the elevated glucose production.<sup>[9]</sup>

The synthetic drugs have unpredictable and more severe side effects, so needed to improve safer, more effective the anti-diabetes mellitus potential compounds.<sup>[10]</sup>

It is known that there are some plants are considered anti-diabetes. This is proven and is expected to be a promising opportunity in the future.<sup>[11]</sup> Various species of herbs drugs like cinnamon, ginger, aloe vera, okra, and yacon have been described in scientific and popular literature as having antidiabetic activity. However, further studies on effectiveness, protection is needed for particular conflicts in herbal extracts. Therefore, in this study yacon leaf will be the main observed. The main compounds responsible for targeting health benefits are phenolic, terpenoids, flavonoids, and coumarins. At times, the reported clinical behavior was also linked to a group of

phytochemicals exhibiting synergy. Hence, the combination of phytochemicals contained in an herbal anti-diabetic is thought to be useful also for many metabolic pathways.<sup>[12]</sup> **Searching for novel and new herbal medicine which have anti-diabetic and antioxidant properties are considerable attention in recently decades.**<sup>[7]</sup>

This study investigates the bioactive compounds in *Smilax sonchifolius* for DM therapy and potential mechanisms of antioxidant activity including free radical scavenging activity of 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazine (DPPH), 2,2'-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid) (ABTS), hydro peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) and potential of ferric reducing antioxidant power (FRAP), anti-diabetic activities namely  $\alpha$ -glucosidase,  $\alpha$ -amylase, and G6Pase inhibitory activity assay.

## Subjects and Methods:

### *Preparation of S. sonchifolius extract*

Yacon plant were obtained from Cibodas, Lembang, Bandung west Java, Indonesia and decided by herbarium staff Mr. Djuandi Biology Department, School of Life Science and Technology, Bandung Institute of Technology resulted name *Smallanthus sonchifolius* (Poepp.) H.Rob. or *Polymnia edulis* Wedd.

The extraction was performed in the form of a maceration. <sup>[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup> Dried *S. sonchifolius* leaves were soaked in 70% distilled ethanol. Filtration was taken every 24 hours, the process was performed until the colorless filtrate was found. The filtrate was then evaporated with a rotatory evaporator to obtain SSE, and then was stored at -20°C. <sup>[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup>

### *Phytochemical Screening*

The modified fransworth method is the basis for the SSE test because it can recognize phytochemical compounds such as phenols, saponins, steroids/terpenoids, tannins, flavonoids, and alkaloids. <sup>[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup>

#### *Phenol Identification*

SSE as much as 10 mg was loaded on a drop plate and mixed with 1% FeCl<sub>3</sub> (Merck 1.03861.0250). Good results for the phenol test is green, red, purple, blue, and black. <sup>[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup>

#### *Saponin Identification*

A little water was added to the test tube which already contains 10 mg of SSE previously and boiled for 5 minutes. The foamy surface after shaking showed saponins. <sup>[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup>

#### *Steroid Identification*

A drop plate containing 10 mg of SSE was added with acetic acid until coated. Then mix with 1 drop of sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) (Merck 109073) after 10-15 minutes. Positive results for the triterpenoid countermeasures in red and orange but green and blue for steroids. <sup>[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup>

#### *Terpenoid Identification*

Initially SSE was added to the dropping plate. Then vanillin and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> was added. The presence of terpenoid was suggested on the mixture by the purple color. <sup>[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup>

#### *Tanin Identification*

In a test tube SSE as much as 10 mg and 2N HCl (Merck 1003171000) as much as 2 mL were mixed. Then the mixture was put in a water bath and cooled for 30 minutes. Further filtration was carried out with amyl alcohol (Merck 10979). The purple colour that formed was indicator of the tannins presence in sample. <sup>[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup>

#### *Flavonoid Identification*

About 10 mg SSE, Mg (Merck EM105815) and 2N HCl were added to the test tube. The test tube was heated for 5 to 10 minutes, then filtered after cooling with the addition of amyl alcohol. A positive reaction is determined by red or orange color. <sup>[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup>

#### *Alkaloid Identification*

The test tube had 10 mg of SSE added, accompanied by 10% ammonia. Two layers of liquid were formed after chloroform was applied to the mixture, and precipitate was form at the bottom layer. HCl 1N was applied to the solution and two layers were formed. A shift in yellow color suggested that the sample contains alkaloids. <sup>[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup>

### *DPPH Scavenging Activity Assay*

SSE with different concentration was added 50 µL in each well at 96-well microplate. Then, 2,2-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazil (DPPH) (Sigma Aldrich D9132) (0,077 mmol/L in methanol) as much as 200 µl was inserted. The samples were incubated at room temperature for 30 min in the darkroom. The microplate reader (Multiskan™ GO Microplate Spectrophotometer, Thermo Scientific) translates the absorbance value at a wavelength of 517 nm. The following formula describes the calculation of the radical scavenging: <sup>[4],[13],[14],[15],[16],[17]</sup>

$$\% \text{ Scavenging} = (A_c - A_s) / A_c \times 100$$

A<sub>c</sub> = negative control absorbance (without sample).



As = sample absorbance.

#### FRAP Scavenging Activity Assay

Preparation of the FRAP reagent was carried out by combining 2,4,6-Tris(2-pyridyl)-s-triazine (TPTZ) (10 mM, Sigma Aldrich 368235-7) in HCl 40 mM and 300 mM acetate buffer (1 mL and 10 mL, respectively). Next, 7.5  $\mu$ L of different SSE concentration were combined with FRAP reagent as much as 142.5  $\mu$ L in 96-well microplate and then incubated at 37°C for 30 min. The absorbance value was determined at 593 nm. The standard curve was rendered using FeSO<sub>4</sub>, ranging from 0.019 to 95  $\mu$ g/mL FeSO<sub>4</sub>. Sample findings were expressed in SSE of  $\mu$ M Fe(II)/ $\mu$ g.<sup>[4],[13],[14],[15],[16]</sup>

#### H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Scavenging Activity Assay

In each well, 60  $\mu$ L of different concentration of SSE, ferrous ammonium sulfate 12  $\mu$ L, 1 mM (Merck, 1.03792.1000), and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 5 mM (3  $\mu$ L) (Merck 1.08597.1000) were added. After that, the mixture was incubated in darkroom for 5 minutes. The 1,10 Phenanthroline (Sigma Aldrich 131377) as much as 75  $\mu$ L was put into the well. Then the mixture was incubated again for 10 minutes at room temperature. Measurement of the scavenging activity absorbance at a wavelength of 510 nm.<sup>[15],[16],[18]</sup> The formula used to measure H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> scavenging activity is :

$$\% \text{ Scavenging} = (\text{Ac} - \text{As}) / \text{Ac} \times 100$$

Ac = negative control absorbance (without sample).

As = sample absorbance.

#### ABTS Scavenging Activity Assay

The antioxidant activity of SSE was measured with 2,2'-Azinobis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid) (ABTS<sup>•+</sup>) (Sigma Aldrich A1888). ABTS<sup>•+</sup> was obtained by mixing 14 mM ABTS and 4.9 mM potassium persulfate (Merck EM105091) in a volume ratio of 1:1 for 16 hours at room temperature in the dark condition. The mixture was dissolved with 5.5 mM Phosphate Buffer Saline (PBS) (pH 7.4) until the solution absorbance at a wavelength of 745 nm was 0.70  $\pm$  0.02. In short, 2  $\mu$ L of varying SSE concentration (1.56-50  $\mu$ g/mL) were added to each well at 96-well microplate. Then 198  $\mu$ L of ABTS<sup>•+</sup> solution was added to the samples. The plates were incubated at 30°C for 6 minutes and then the absorption was measured at 745 nm. The percentage of ABTS radical resistance (percentage) was determined by the ratio of ABTS<sup>•+</sup> between the decrease in absorbance in the presence of a sample compared to the absorbance without the sample.<sup>[4],[13],[14],[15],[16],[19]</sup> The formula used to measure ABTS scavenging activity is

$$\% \text{ Scavenging} = (\text{Ac} - \text{As}) / \text{Ac} \times 100$$

Ac = negative control absorbance (without sample).

As = sample absorbance

#### $\alpha$ -amylase Inhibitory Activity Assay

A updated procedure was used to conduct the  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibitory activity assay. The SSE with various concentration was put into the sample well, with dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) was used as a blank. Furthermore, the  $\alpha$ -amylase enzyme (Sigma Aldrich A7595) was added into each well, except for blank well. Then the mixture was incubated at 37°C for 10 minutes. After that a starch solution was added in each well, while control well was added with phosphate buffer. Another incubation for 15 minutes at 37°C was conducted. The addition of the acid iodine solution will stop the enzymatic reaction. The absorbance was observed at a wavelength of 565 nm.<sup>[14],[20],[21]</sup> Here is a formula that defines the percentage of  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition:

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = (\text{Ac} - \text{As}) / \text{Ac} \times 100$$

Ac = negative control absorbance (without sample).

As = sample absorbance.

#### $\alpha$ -glucosidase Inhibitory Activity Assay

Various concentration of SSE was mixed with 4-Nitrophenyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (Sigma Aldrich N1377) and phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) in 96-well microplate. After mixed well,  $\alpha$ -glucosidase from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Sigma Aldrich G5003-100UN) was added, then incubated at 37°C for 30 minutes. After that Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (Merck

1.06392.0500) was added. The absorbance was measured at 400 nm wavelength.<sup>[14],[20]</sup> Here is an equation for the percentage of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibition:

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = (Ac - As) / Ac \times 100$$

Ac = negative control absorbance (without sample).

As = sample absorbance.

#### *G-6-Pase Inhibitory Activity Assay*

G-6-Pase from rabbit liver (Sigma Aldrich G5758-25UN) 0.09 U/mg was added 10  $\mu$ L, along with 40  $\mu$ L sodium acetate buffer solution (Sigma Aldrich S7899), and 10  $\mu$ L of various level of SSE (5.51-176.47  $\mu$ g/mL). The well plate was incubated for 20 mins at 37°C. Then, 20  $\mu$ L glucose-6-phosphate disodium salt hydrate (Sigma Aldrich G7250) in sodium acetate buffer solution was added and incubated for 15 mins at 37°C. Then, 1% ammonium molybdate tetrahydrate (Sigma Aldrich G8681) was added with 1% metol (Sigma Aldrich 69749) in 3% sodium bisulfite (Sigma Aldrich F2246). The blue color will appear positive and the absorbance is measured at 660 nm.<sup>[9]</sup> With this equation the inhibitory activity of glucose-6-phosphatase was represented as a percentage :

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = (Ac - As) / Ac \times 100$$

Ac = negative control absorbance (without sample).

As = sample absorbance.

## Results:

### *Phytochemical Screening of SSE*

The screening result showed the presence of phenols, flavonoids, tannins, alkaloids, saponins, and terpenoids in SSE. The phytochemical screening results for SSE could be seen in Table 1. In Table 1, it is known that the SSE phytochemical assay of flavonoids, saponins, phenols, tannins, steroids, triterpenoids, and alkaloids shows positive results.

### *Antioxidant Activity of SSE*

The percentage of DPPH scavenging activity of SSE could be seen in Figure 1a. Free radical scavenger, resulting decolorization and the decreasing absorbance value. In this research, SSE has DPPH scavenging activity with  $IC_{50}=62,72 \mu\text{g/mL}$  (Table 2), it was categorized active antioxidant which have  $IC_{50}$  value 50-100  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ .<sup>[17]</sup> FRAP activity of SSE could be seen in Figure 1b. The outcome of this study showed concentration-dependent activity of FRAP, in which higher concentrations increased activity of FRAP. The highest FRAP activity was 125.31  $\mu\text{M Fe(II)}/\mu\text{g extract}$  at concentration level of SSE 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ .

Hydrogen peroxide acts as both an oxidizer and a direct function, usually by oxidizing the essential thiol group (-SH). From Figure 1c, it could be observed that  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  scavenging activity is influenced by SSE concentration. In Table 2, it could be seen that SSE has low  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  scavenging activity with  $IC_{50}=438.36 \mu\text{g/mL}$ , it was categorized weak antioxidant activity with  $IC_{50}$  value 200-500  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ .<sup>[17]</sup>

Calculation of the reduction of blue-green radical ABTS solution with hydrogen-donating antioxidants using long wave spectrum absorption. The result ABTS-reducing activity of SSE could be seen in Figure 1d. As shown in Table 2, the value ABTS scavenging activity of SSE with  $IC_{50}=61.03 \mu\text{g/mL}$ , it was categorized active antioxidant with  $IC_{50}$  value 50-100  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ .<sup>[17]</sup>

### *Anti-diabetic activity assay*

The activity of  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition showed concentration-dependent activity, in which increased concentrations produced higher inhibitory activity (Figure 2a). Inhibitory activity of  $\alpha$ -amylase with  $IC_{50}=37.86 \mu\text{g/mL}$ , it was the most active compared to  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibition, G6-Pase inhibition activities (Table 3). SSE had highly active  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition with  $IC_{50}$  value  $< 50 \mu\text{g/mL}$ .<sup>[17]</sup>

As shown in Figure 2b, SSE had significant  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibition activity differences at each concentration, with higher concentration increased the  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibition activity. Inhibition of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase. In Table 3, SSE had  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibition properties with  $IC_{50}$  value was 90.41  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , it was categorized active  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibition activity.<sup>[17]</sup>

G-6-Pase as a carbohydrate hydrolyzing enzyme is closely related to DM. The G-6-Pase inhibitory of SSE could be seen in Figure 2c, with higher concentration increased the G-6-Pase inhibition activity. In Table 3, SSE also showed G-6-Pase inhibitory properties with  $IC_{50}$  98.07  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , it was categorized active G-6-Pase inhibition activity.<sup>[17]</sup>

## Discussion:

Yacon leaves extract consist of various chemical compounds.<sup>[2]</sup> This result was in line with previous study that tuberous roots, leaves and rhizome of *S. sonchifolius* from various genotypes (New Zealand, Ecuador, Bolivia, Germany) contained various total phenol 34.94-68.49 mg/g.<sup>[23]</sup> SSE also contained flavonoids, and this result data was validated with previous research that total flavonoid content in peel, flesh, whole yacon tubers has been significantly affected by cultivar and tuber part.<sup>[24]</sup> Butanol extract on yacon leaves showed the presence of three dicaffeoylquinic, caffeic, and chlorogenic acids.<sup>[23,25]</sup> Previous research also stated that the presence of chlorogenic acid, gallic acid, ferulic acid, and caffeic as phenolic compounds from the hydroethanolic extract in yacon.<sup>[26]</sup> Five races of *S. sonchifolius* were tested, the ethanol extract and the decoction extract were proven to produce a higher number of flavonoids, like luteolin 7-O-glucoside and luteolin 3',7O-diglucoside together with luteolin and apigenin.<sup>[21,27]</sup> Yacon extract with various solvent contained tannins 6.38-14.58 mg tannic acid equivalent/g (mg TAE/g).<sup>[28]</sup>

One of the reagents that could be used in the compound free radical scavenging activity test was DPPH. The final outcome of the solution is yellow because of SSE could reduce stable DPPH radicals to diphenylpicrylhydrazine (DPPH-H).<sup>[4,13,14]</sup> Based on Figure 1a, DPPH was a concentration-dependent operation in which higher concentrations increased DPPH scavenging activity. In the study, the DPPH scavenging activity of SSE was in the range of 50-100 µg/mL, indicating that it was classified as an active antioxidant.<sup>[17,29]</sup> This result was approved with a previous study that DPPH had radical scavenging activity in some parts of yacon including whole tuber, peel, flesh from a variety of cultivar.<sup>[24]</sup> This result data was also supported by previous research that yacon compounds, namely caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid had DPPH scavenging activity with IC<sub>50</sub> value 0.86; 2.56 µg/mL.<sup>[30]</sup> *S. sonchifolius* (yacon) landraces with n-hexane, chloroform, chloroform/methanol and methanol resulted IC<sub>50</sub> value of DPPH scavenging activity 2.08-4.39 µg/mL.<sup>[28]</sup>

FRAP method is based on the reduction by antioxidants in acidic media of a ferroin analog, the Fe<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> complex of tripyridyltriazine Fe (TPTZ)<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> to the deeply blue color Fe<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> complex Fe (TPTZ)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>. Absorption of Fe(II) complex at 593 nm by antioxidant reduction of the corresponding tripyridyltriazine Fe(III) complex.<sup>[4,13,14,27]</sup> This data result was in line with previous research that hot-water extract of yacon herbal tea had FRAP activity of 21.8-46.1 µg TE/mL according time range and temperature range.<sup>[31]</sup> Yacon extract using various solvent for extraction had FRAP activity with range of 31.55-66.80 mcg TE/g.<sup>[27]</sup>

H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> serves as an oxidizer, although H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> could protect the cells membranes, it could be toxic inside the membranes. This was thought to derive from the hydroxyl radicals (OH<sup>\*</sup>) formed when H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was found with Fe<sup>2+</sup> or Cu<sup>2+</sup>. The value H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> scavenging activity of SSE categorized as weak with IC<sub>50</sub> value in the range of 250-500 µg/mL.<sup>[17,28,29]</sup> Based on the previous research, it has not been conducted yet for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> scavenging activity. Previous study stated that hot-water extract on yacon herbal tea exhibited have antioxidant activity namely superoxide dismutase activity (SOD) 512-1,400 µg TE/mL according to time range and temperature range.<sup>[30]</sup> Yacon extract with various solvent had SOD activity with IC<sub>50</sub> value 0.81-3.81 mg/mL.<sup>[27]</sup> SOD is enzymatic antioxidant convert catalytically anion superoxide (O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>) to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> free radical which H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> will produce OH<sup>\*</sup> free radical.<sup>[32]</sup>

ABTS-reducing behavior monitoring calculates the antioxidant relative capacity to scavenged the ABTS it created. Strong oxidizers such as the ABTS salt (potassium permanganate /potassium persulfate) when reacting could produce ABTS. Based on Figure 1d, the scavenging activity of ABTS was directly proportional to the concentration. When the concentration was high, the scavenging activity of ABTS increases. ABTS scavenging activity of SSE categorized as an active antioxidant with IC<sub>50</sub> value 50-100 µg/mL<sup>[17,29]</sup>. This data was inline with previous research that various part of yacon (pulp flour of yacon, peel flour of yacon, yacon pulp, yacon peel) had ABTS value in range of 10.38-8,456.2 µmol TE/g<sup>[33]</sup>

The α-glucosidase activity of SSE occurred in a concentration-dependent manner in which higher α-glucosidase inhibition present in a higher concentration of the sample. Inhibition of SSE to α-glucosidase was in the range of IC<sub>50</sub>=50-100 µg/mL, indicating that it was classified as an active antioxidant<sup>[17,29]</sup>. This inhibition was caused by smaditerpenic acid-type compounds that reported could inhibit α-glucosidase strongly and similar to acarbose.<sup>[34]</sup> Yacon extract using various solvent had α-glucosidase inhibition activity with IC<sub>50</sub> in range of 1.00-6.50 mg/mL.<sup>[28]</sup> The IC<sub>50</sub> activity of α-glucosidase smallanthaditerpenic acids A (1.43 µM), smallanthaditerpenic acids B (1.76 µM), smallanthaditerpenic acids C (1.86 µM), smallanthaditerpenic acid D (1.86 µM).<sup>[35]</sup>

The α-amylase functions as a catalyst at the beginning of starch hydrolysis and were present in the digestive system. If the enzyme was inhibited, the breakdown of starch and oligosaccharides will be retained, so that postprandial blood glucose levels will decrease.<sup>[14,20]</sup> Inhibition activity of SSE toward α-amylase was categorized as highly active when the IC<sub>50</sub> value was <50 µg/mL.<sup>[17,29]</sup> This result was supported with previous data that α-amylase inhibition activity of yacon extract using various solvent had IC<sub>50</sub> <1-<2 mg/mL.<sup>[27]</sup>

Hyperglycemic and hyperglucose could be overcome by inhibiting G-6-Pase as enzyme hydrolysis using a therapeutic approach. Inhibitory properties of SSE to G-6-Pase categorized as active when the  $IC_{50}$  value was 50-100  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ <sup>[17],[29]</sup>. **Supplementation of fermented yacon leaves tea water extract decrease G-6-Pase in the DM mice model. Low dose yacon decreased G-6-Pase to 70.39 nmol/min/mg protein and high dose yacon decreased G-6-Pase to 56.79 nmol/min/mg protein compared to G-6-Pase in DM mice 80.58 nmol/min/mg protein**<sup>[36]</sup>.

Polyphenols are closely linked to radical scavenging activities free of DPPH, ABTS,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , FRAP, which means that these substances have the potential to act as antioxidants and anti-diabetic mellitus. Leaves produce large quantities of phenolic compounds (ferrulic acids, chlorogenic, caffeic), flavonoids, and sesquiterpene lactone (SLs), as a source of biofunctional compounds<sup>[37]</sup>. The following pathway could be proposed based on the potential of yacon leaves as an antidiabetic agent (Figure 3.).

#### Conclusions:

SSE has antidiabetic potential through antioxidant activities and  $\alpha$ -glucosidase,  $\alpha$ -amylase and G-6-Pase inhibition activities. **It is important to continue this research on DM animal model for proving antioxidant and anti-diabetic activities of SSE.**

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Table(s):

**Table 1. The result of SSE qualitative phytochemical screening.**

Number	Phytochemical Test	Results (+/-)
1	Flavonoid	+
2	Saponin	+
3	Phenol	+
4	Tannin	+
5	Steroid/Triterpenoid	+/+
6	Alkaloid	+

NOTE: + = detected; - = not detected

**Table 2. IC<sub>50</sub> value of DPPH, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, ABTS radical scavenging of SSE**

Assay	Highest activity of scavenging activity (%)	Linear equation	R <sup>2</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> (µg/mL)
DPPH	91.43	y = 0.3136x + 30.33	0.99	62.72
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	45.90	y = 0.1044x + 4.2364	0.99	438.36
ABTS	42.29	y = 0.7244x + 1.9042	0.99	61.03

\*The IC<sub>50</sub> values, linear equation, R<sup>2</sup> are presented based on the average value of triplicate experiment. The IC<sub>50</sub> value of each sample were calculated based on linear regression with R<sup>2</sup> value 0.99



**Table 3. IC<sub>50</sub> value of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase,  $\alpha$ -amylase, G-6-Pase inhibition of SSE**

Assay	Highest activity of scavenging activity (%)	Linear equation	R <sup>2</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ g/mL)
$\alpha$ -glucosidase	77.95	$y = 0.2641x + 26.122$	0.99	90.41
$\alpha$ -amylase	75.93	$y = 0.1582x + 44.01$	0.99	37.86
G6Pase	74.24	$y = 0.3233x + 18.295$	0.99	98.07

\* The IC<sub>50</sub> values, linear equation, R<sup>2</sup> are presented based on the average value of triplicate experiment. The IC<sub>50</sub> value of each sample were calculated based on linear regression with R<sup>2</sup> value 0.99

Figure(s) Legend:

**Figure 1. Effect variety concentrations of SSE toward antioxidant activities.**

\*1A : DPPH scavenging activity (%) of SSE. SSE were diluted in **DMSO 1%** to reach the final concentration of 6.25; 25.00; 50.00; 100.00; 200.00 ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ). Different letter (a,b,c,d,e) shows significantly differences among concentrations of DPPH scavenging activity based on **Tukey's HSD post hoc test ( $P<0.05$ )**

\*1B : FRAP activity ( $\mu\text{M Fe (II)}/\mu\text{g sample}$ ) of SSE. SSE were diluted in **DMSO 1%** to reach the final concentration of 1.56; 3.13; 6.25; 25.00; 50.00 ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ). Different letter (a,b,c,d,e) shows significantly differences among concentrations of FRAP activity based on **Tukey's HSD post hoc test ( $P<0.05$ )**

\*1C :  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  scavenging activity (%) of SSE. SSE were diluted in **DMSO 1%** to reach the final concentration of 12.50; 25.00; 50.00; 100.00; 200.00; 400.00 ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ). Different letter (a,ab,b,c,d,e) shows significantly differences among concentrations of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  scavenging activity based on **Tukey's HSD post hoc test ( $P<0.05$ )**

\*1D : ABTS scavenging activity (%) of SSE. SSE were diluted in **DMSO 1%** to reach the final concentration of 1.56; 3.13; 6.25; 25.00; 50.00 ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ). Different letter (a,b,c,d) shows significantly differences among concentrations of DPPH scavenging activity based on **Tukey's HSD post hoc test ( $P<0.05$ )**

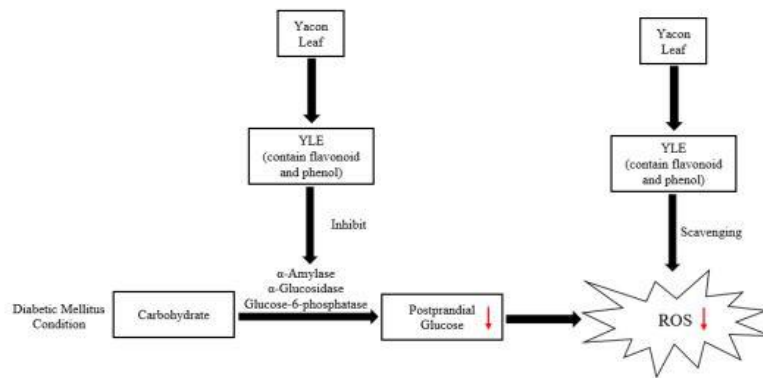
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\*1C : **G-6-Pase** inhibition activity (%) of SSE. SSE were diluted in **DMSO 1%** to reach the final concentration of 5.51; 11.03; 22.06; 44.12; 88.24; 176.47 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ). Different letter (a,ab,b,c,d) shows significantly differences among concentrations of G6Pase inhibition activity based on **Tukey's** HSD post hoc test ( **$P < 0.05$** )

Figure 3. Proposed mechanism of yacon leaf extract as anti-diabetic agent



Reviewer Response: Antidiabetic Potential Yacon (*Smallanthus sonchifolius* (Poepp.) H.Rob.) Leaf Extract via Antioxidant Activities, Inhibition of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase,  $\alpha$ -amylase, G6Pase by *In Vitro* Assay

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(AQ1) 1	right	3	39	Dr. Wahyu Widowati	Dr. Wahyu Widowati, M.Si.
(AQ2) 1	right	3	39-47	One way to overcome DM is to inhibit the enzymes action that hydrolyze carbohydrates, glucose absorption could be reduced. Enzymes play an important role in breaking down oligosaccharides and disaccharides into monosaccharides are $\alpha$ -amylase and $\alpha$ -glucosidase enzymes result absorbed ready substances.[5]	There are several ways to overcome DM, one of which is by inhibiting enzymes that work to hydrolyze carbohydrates. Inhibition of these enzymes causes reduced glucose absorption. The $\alpha$ -amylase and $\alpha$ -glucosidase are enzymes that help break down oligosaccharides and disaccharides into easily absorbed monosaccharides.
(AQ3) 2	Left and right	5	54	Yacon plant was obtained from Cibodas, Lembang, Bandung west Java, Indonesia and decided by herbarium staff Mr. Djuandi, Biology Department, School of Life Science and Technology, Bandung Institute of Technology resulted name <i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i> (Poepp.) H.Rob. or <i>Polymnia edulis</i> Wedd.	Yacon plant was obtained from Cibodas, Lembang, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia. The plant was botanical characterized by herbarium staff of Bandung Institute of Technology. The scientific name of the plant was <i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i> (Poepp.) H.Rob. or <i>Polymnia edulis</i> Wedd.

(AQ4) 3	left	2	6	SSE with different concentrations was added 50 $\mu$ L in each well at 96-well microplate.	SSE with various concentrations was added 50 $\mu$ L in each well at 96-well microplate.
(AQ5) 3	left	4	40	Measurement of the scavenging activity absorbance at a wavelength of 510 nm.	Measurement of the scavenging activity absorbance was done at a wavelength of 510 nm.
(AQ6) 3	right	4	50	G-6-Pase from rabbit liver (Sigma Aldrich G5758-25UN) 0.09 U/mg was added 10 $\mu$ L, along with 40 $\mu$ L sodium acetate buffer solution (Sigma Aldrich S7899), and 10 $\mu$ L of various levels of SSE (5.51–176.47 $\mu$ g/mL).	For the G-6-Pase inhibitory activity assay, various concentrations of SSE (5.51–176.47 $\mu$ g/mL) were added to a 96-well microplate. Then, G-6-Pase from rabbit liver with a concentration of 0.09 U/mg (Sigma Aldrich G5758-25UN) was added as much as 10 $\mu$ L. Sodium acetate buffer solution was also added to the 96-well plate as much as 40 $\mu$ L.
(AQ7) 5	left	1	2	The percentage of DPPH scavenging activity of SSE could be seen in Figure 1A. Free radical scavenger, resulting decolorization and the decreasing absorbance value. In this research, SSE has DPPH scavenging activity with $IC_{50} = 62.72$ $\mu$ g/mL [Table 2], it was categorized active antioxidant which have an $IC_{50}$ value 50–100 $\mu$ g/mL.	The results of the DPPH scavenging activity assay could be seen in Figure 1A. Free radical scavenging by SSE resulted in a colour change and a decrease in absorbance value. SSE has an $IC_{50}$ value of 62.72 $\mu$ g/mL, as shown in Table 2. The $IC_{50}$ value of SSE was categorized in the active antioxidant group, which have an $IC_{50}$ value around 50–100 $\mu$ g/mL.

(AQ8) 5	left	4	22	Calculation of the reduction of blue-green radical ABTS solution with hydrogen-donating antioxidants using long-wave spectrum absorption. The resulting ABTS-reducing activity of SSE could be seen in Figure 1D. As shown in Table 2, the value ABTS scavenging activity of SSE with IC <sub>50</sub> = 61.03 µg/mL, it was categorized active antioxidant with an IC <sub>50</sub> value 50–100 µg/mL.	Long-wave spectrum absorption was used to calculate the reduction of blue-green radical ABTS solution with hydrogen-donating antioxidants. The result from ABTS reducing activity could be seen in Figure 1D and Table 2. SSE has an IC <sub>50</sub> value of 61.03 µg/mL and was categorized in the active antioxidant group, which has an IC <sub>50</sub> value of around 50–100 µg/mL.
1	right	1	16	Jenifer Kiem Aviani	Nerissa Arviana Fuad <sup>1</sup>
1	abstract	1	16	Hydro peroxide	Hydrogen peroxide
2	left	3	35	phenolic	phenolics
2	left	3	33	yacon	yacon leaf ( <i>Smallanthus Sonchifolius</i> )
2	left	4	46	Hydro peroxide	Hydrogen peroxide
2	right	2	8	rotatory evaporator	rotary evaporator (Zhengzhou Well-known, RE-201D)
3	left	2	8	µl	µL
3	left	3	28	FeSO <sub>4</sub>	FeSO <sub>4</sub>
3	left	3	29	FeSO <sub>4</sub>	FeSO <sub>4</sub>
3	right	4	53	20 mins	20 min
3	right	4	55	15 mins	15 min
4	left	2	10-15	1. Flavonoid 2. Saponin 3. Phenol 4. Tannin 5. Steroid/Triterpenoid 6. Alkaloid	1. Flavonoids 2. Saponins 3. Phenols 4. Tannins 5. Steroids/Triterpenoids 6. Alkaloids
4	right	1	1	Glucose-6-phosphatase	G-6-Pase
7	right	3	23	chlorogenic, caffeic	chlorogenic acids, caffeic acids
7	left	3	31	acid	acids

8	left	5	21	Smallanthus Sonchifolius	<i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i>
8	center	7	56	Proposed mechanism of yacon leaf extract as anti- diabetic agents	Proposed mechanism of yacon leaf extract as anti-diabetic and antioxidant agents
8	left	7	28	Oryza sativa	<i>Oryza sativa</i>
8	left	7	29	88-9.	88-9.
8	left	9	35	391-8.	391-8.
8	left	14	46	Hibiscus Sabdariffa	<i>Hibiscus sabdariffa</i>
8	left	15	48-49	Curcuma Longa	<i>Curcuma longa</i>
8	left	16	52	glycine max	<i>Glycine max</i>
8	left	17	55-56	Guazuma ulmifolia	<i>Guazuma ulmifolia</i>
8	right	1	2	Melastoma candidum	<i>Melastoma candidum</i>
8	right	2	6	Garcinia picrorrhiza	<i>Garcinia picrorrhiza</i>
8	right	4	12	Hibiscus Sabdariffa	<i>Hibiscus sabdariffa</i>
8	right	7	20	Smallanthus Sonchifolius	<i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i>
8	right	8	24	Smallanthus sonchifolius	<i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i>
8	left	8	40	677-87	677-87
8	left	8	49	149-61	149-61
8	right	8	6	160-5	160-5
8	right	8	18	219-23	219-23
8	right	8	21	117-23	117-23
8	right	8	30	145-52	145-52
8	right	8	34	432-6	432-6
8	right	8	38	1673-7	1673-7
8	right	8	41	17696-718	17696-718
8	right	8	44	2117-22	2117-22
8	right	8	48	61-6	61-6
8	right	8	50	131-9	131-9
8	right	9	29	smallanthus sonchifolius	<i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i>
8	right	10	33	smallanthus sonchifolius	<i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i>
8	right	11	37	smallanthus sonchifolius [(Poepp. And endl.)	<i>Smallanthus sonchifolius [(Poepp. and Endl.)</i>



8	right	12	40	smallanthus sonchifolius	<i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i>
8	right	13	43	Pueraria lobata	<i>Pueraria lobata</i>
8	right	14	46	smallanthus sonchifolius	<i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i>
8	right	16	52	Caenorhabditis elegans	<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>
9	left	2	4	Smallanthus sonchifolius	<i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i>
9	left	2	5	95-8.	95-8.
9	left	3	7	Smallanthus Sonchifolius	<i>Smallanthus sonchifolius</i>
9	right	8	3	333-41	333-41