

# Secondary metabolite profiles, antimicrobial and antioxidant activities of callus, and leaves extract of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

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## ABSTRACT

This research was aimed to investigate the effect of different combination concentrations of 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) and benzylaminopurine (BAP) on callus induction, profiles of secondary metabolites, antimicrobial, and antioxidant activities from *Piper sarmentosum* leaves. These leaves explants were cultured on Murashige and Skoog (MS) medium supplemented with different combination concentrations of 2,4-D and BAP (0.5; 1.0; 1.5; 2.0; 2.5 mg/L) during 6-week culture callus period. Result showed that the morphology of callus grown during this study was compact in various colors appearance, such as light brown, brownish, and dark brown. The fastest mean of callus induction time was 0.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.5 mg/L BAP (10 days). The highest callus fresh weight was 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 2.0 mg/L BAP (0.350 g). The combination concentration of 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.5 mg/L BAP was the highest callus dry weight (0.078 g), this treatment was contained 11 different compounds, which were dominated by cyanoacetamide (25.08%) and diisooctyl-phthalate (21.81%). Myristicin and propanamide compounds were also identified in the methanol extract of *P. sarmentosum* callus. Methanolic extract of callus *P. sarmentosum* from the optimum treatment had the highest antioxidant activity (26.709  $\mu$ L/mL) and antimicrobial activity against three test microbes.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

*Piper sarmentosum* Roxb. (Piperaceae) is a tropical plant that is commonly consumed as a vegetable and has medicinal properties in the South-east Asia region. It is a wild-growing herb with long creeping stems. This terrestrial herb has been used traditionally to treat many ailments and diseases. The leaves of this plant are alternate with heart-shaped and usually have a waxy surface in their young light green leaves. This plant has a pungent odor and the flower has a unisexual ovary [1-4]. Aerial parts of *P. sarmentosum* are consumed after cooking or boiling in water as a functional food [4,5].

Recently, many people have utilized herbal remedies daily. *Piper* species are used in a variety of traditional medicines. Especially in Indonesia, Malaysia, and the southern region in Thailand because of not harmful or unfavorable effects and also the cost is effectiveness. The leaves of the plant are commonly used to treat kidney stones and mitigate chest pain, indigestion, fever, and headache. The fruits and leaves are used as an expectorant, carminative, coughs, and

muscle aches. In Indonesia, this plant is also used for asthma by chewing the rootlets with betel nut and swallowing the juice [2,4-6]. The previous study also mentioned that extracts of *P. sarmentosum* have shown various pharmacological activities such as antibacterial, antifungal, antioxidant, anti-cancer, antihypertensive, anti-tuberculosis, hepatoprotective, anti-inflammatory, antimalarial activity, fracture healing, and to prevent the vascular endothelial dysfunction caused by nicotine exposure and also has potential to be used in tissue regeneration [3,4,7-12]. *P. sarmentosum* contains bioactive compounds such as alkaloids (amide and pyrones), phenols, flavonoids, and tannins [4,13]. The previous study shows the phenolic compounds identified in the leaves and fruits of *P. sarmentosum*'s crude extract exhibited moderate to strong antibacterial activity against *Pseudomonas fuscovaginae* and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. [3]. The leaves of *P. sarmentosum* are also mentioned as a promising non-toxic antiparasitic agent against *Trypanosoma evansi* induced on mice [14].

Due to the high utilization value of this plant, another alternative is needed to reduce the exploitation of plants in nature just to get their secondary metabolite content. The therapeutic value of this plant by enhancing secondary metabolite content can be increased using tissue culture technology through callus culture. It is superior to the conventional method of propagation because of the high multiplication rate [15]. The induction of callus is more effective in meristematic organs [16]. The extract of cell suspension from the induction callus of *B. aegyptea* using plant growth hormone (2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic

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acid [2,4-D] and NAA) has high anti-cancer activity. The previous study also mentioned that callus culture could be a promising method to obtain antimalarial secondary metabolites, especially by callus induction that has been conducted for seven *Piper* species such as *Piper betle*, *Piper colubrinum*, *Piper crocatum*, *Piper longum*, *Piper nigrum*, *Piper permucronatum*, *Piper solmsianum* to obtain higher content of secondary metabolites with an additional plant growth hormones [16,17]. Secondary metabolites production can be increased using micropropagation which has the additional role of auxin and cytokinin as plant growth regulators. 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) and benzylaminopurine (BAP) are two combinations of plant growth regulators that are often used and optimum in inducing callus to produce secondary metabolites [18,19]. In the previous study, information has not been found about callus induction from *P. sarmentosum* leaves using 2,4-D and BAP plant growth regulators. There is also no information about antioxidant and antimicrobial activities from methanol crude extract of *P. sarmentosum*'s callus. Hence, this study aimed to investigate the effect of different combination concentrations of 2,4-D and BAP on callus induction, profiles of secondary metabolites, and antimicrobial and antioxidant activities from *P. sarmentosum* leaves.

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 2.1. Callus Culture

#### 2.1.1. Plant material

Plant materials used in the current study were *P. sarmentosum* Roxb. obtained from Kayon Flower Market Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia. The leaves collected from the apical of plant as an explant. The leaves explants were soaked in water that had been added with liquid detergent for 10 min and then washed thoroughly with running tap water three times. The explants were treated with 70% alcohol solution for 6 min and 20% clorox solution for 5 min in aseptic condition. After that, the explants were washed with sterile dH<sub>2</sub>O three times to remove any traces of chemical solutions.

#### 2.1.2. Medium preparation

MS medium supplemented with different combination concentrations of 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) (0.5; 1.0; 1.5; 2.0; 2.5 mg/L) and BAP (0.5; 1.0; 1.5; 2.0; 2.5 mg/L) and control treatment with hormone-free in MS medium was prepared by adding 3% sucrose and 0.8% agar, totaling 26 treatments [Table 1]. The pH for the MS medium was maintained at 5.6–5.8 to autoclaving at 121°C for 15 min.

**Table 1:** Effect of different combination concentration of 2,4-D and BAP on callus induction time, fresh weight, and dry weight from *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb. leaves explants on MS medium for 6 weeks.

Hormones (mg/L)		Callus induction time (days)*	Callus fresh weight (g)*	Callus dry weight (g)**	Callus color
2,4-D	BAP				
0	0	0.000±0.000 <sup>a</sup>	0.000±0.000 <sup>a</sup>	0.000±0.000 <sup>a</sup>	-
0.5	0.5	14±0.972 <sup>de</sup>	0.174±0.047 <sup>b</sup>	0.039±0.011 <sup>bc</sup>	Light brown
0.5	1.0	13±0.928 <sup>cd</sup>	0.223±0.037 <sup>d</sup>	0.046±0.024 <sup>bcd</sup>	Brownish
0.5	1.5	10±0.500 <sup>b</sup>	0.262±0.048 <sup>cd</sup>	0.056±0.018 <sup>bcde</sup>	Light brown
0.5	2.0	14±0.866 <sup>ef</sup>	0.261±0.059 <sup>def</sup>	0.057±0.016 <sup>bcdef</sup>	Light brown
0.5	2.5	15±0.500 <sup>fg</sup>	0.287±0.051 <sup>cefi</sup>	0.045±0.012 <sup>bcd</sup>	Light brown
1.0	0.5	15±0.782 <sup>fgik</sup>	0.236±0.034 <sup>dh</sup>	0.069±0.026 <sup>ef</sup>	Brownish
1.0	1.0	16±0.500 <sup>ikm</sup>	0.241±0.065 <sup>cde</sup>	0.048±0.016 <sup>bcde</sup>	Light brown
1.0	1.5	15±0.500 <sup>fg</sup>	0.276±0.062 <sup>ceghi</sup>	0.052±0.013 <sup>bcde</sup>	Light brown
1.0	2.0	16±0.782 <sup>lmn</sup>	0.305±0.052 <sup>efi</sup>	0.061±0.019 <sup>cdef</sup>	Light brown
1.0	2.5	18±0.833 <sup>o</sup>	0.331±0.049 <sup>j</sup>	0.047±0.009 <sup>bode</sup>	Brownish
1.5	0.5	18±0.866 <sup>o</sup>	0.260±0.085 <sup>cdef</sup>	0.051±0.023 <sup>bcde</sup>	Light brown
1.5	1.0	15±0.500 <sup>jk</sup>	0.259±0.049 <sup>cdef</sup>	0.057±0.023 <sup>bcdef</sup>	Light brown
1.5	1.5	16±0.527 <sup>km</sup>	0.284±0.049 <sup>ceghi</sup>	0.078±0.029 <sup>f</sup>	Brownish
1.5	2.0	14±0.527 <sup>efg</sup>	0.350±0.111 <sup>fgi</sup>	0.046±0.012 <sup>bcde</sup>	Dark brown
1.5	2.5	15±0.500 <sup>jk</sup>	0.288±0.076 <sup>ceghi</sup>	0.063±0.018 <sup>def</sup>	Dark brown
2.0	0.5	17±0.866 <sup>l</sup>	0.316±0.066 <sup>fgi</sup>	0.064±0.024 <sup>def</sup>	Brownish
2.0	1.0	17±0.866 <sup>l</sup>	0.297±0.060 <sup>sefi</sup>	0.056±0.024 <sup>bcde</sup>	Light brown
2.0	1.5	12±0.782 <sup>e</sup>	0.273±0.039 <sup>cef</sup>	0.061±0.018 <sup>cdef</sup>	Dark brown
2.0	2.0	14±0.866 <sup>eh</sup>	0.263±0.053 <sup>cdef</sup>	0.048±0.017 <sup>bcde</sup>	Dark brown
2.0	2.5	15±0.527 <sup>km</sup>	0.320±0.072 <sup>fi</sup>	0.042±0.009 <sup>bcd</sup>	Dark brown
2.5	0.5	16±0.500 <sup>kn</sup>	0.223±0.106 <sup>bcd</sup>	0.035±0.011 <sup>b</sup>	Dark brown
2.5	1.0	15±0.866 <sup>gik</sup>	0.243±0.096 <sup>bdef</sup>	0.041±0.020 <sup>bcd</sup>	Light brown
2.5	1.5	15±0.866 <sup>gik</sup>	0.284±0.122 <sup>defi</sup>	0.046±0.026 <sup>bcd</sup>	Light brown
2.5	2.0	21±8.544 <sup>kl</sup>	0.206±0.114 <sup>bcd</sup>	0.050±0.043 <sup>bcde</sup>	Light brown
2.5	2.5	14±1.225 <sup>efgi</sup>	0.241±0.074 <sup>cd</sup>	0.036±0.020 <sup>c</sup>	Light brown

Value represents the mean±standard deviation of nine replicates. \*The same letter in same column are not significantly different by the Mann-Whitney's test at 0.05% probability level and \*\*The same letter in same column are not significantly different by the Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05% probability level. MS: Murashige and Skoog, BAP: Benzylaminopurine

### 2.1.3. Explant culture

Sterilized leaves explants were cut into 1 cm × 1 cm lengths and inoculated in MS medium with supplemented different combination concentrations of 2,4-D and BAP in sterile conditions. Three explants were cultured in each bottle, with nine replications for each treatment. All cultures were incubated at ±25°C under light conditions for 6 weeks.

## 2.2. Secondary Metabolites Extraction and Identification by Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS)

### 2.2.1. Preparation of samples

Three treatments with the highest dry weight were selected to continue the extraction process. The dry callus in each treatment sample was then pulverized to form powder. The sample powder of *P. sarmentosum* callus was extracted with 5 mL of methanol solvent by maceration for 3 days at room temperature. Then, the methanol extract solution was filtered using filter paper and concentrated until the extract had a volume of 2 mL.

### 2.2.2. Equipment and chromatographic conditions

The sample (1 µL) was taken and injected into column type HP-5MS (30 m × 250 m × 0.25 µm, Agilent, USA) to be analyzed its the type of compounds and peak areal percentage (%) of compounds using GC-MS Agilent Technologies 7890A. Temperature of oven was set at 100°C for 2 min, then raised to 300°C for 1 min. Running time of each test extract was ± 24 min.

## 2.3. Determination of Antimicrobial Activity

Antimicrobial activity in this study is using the disk diffusion method. 25 µL of methanol extract was loaded to sterile discs (Ø = 6 mm) and placed on inoculated 100 µL microbes suspension and 15 mL Mueller-Hinton Agar medium in petri dish. For each concentration (0, 250, 500, 750, and 1000 ppm), three replicates were maintained [20]. The plates were incubated for 24 h (for bacteria) and 48 h (for fungi) at 37°C and zones of inhibition if any around the discs were measured in mm using caliper [21].

## 2.4. Determination of Antioxidant Activity

2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) solution was prepared beforehand and the stock solution of *P. sarmentosum*'s leaves callus methanol extract was diluted in several concentrations (100; 75; 50; 35; 25; 12.5; 10; 6.25 µg mL<sup>-1</sup>), each sample with a concentration which has been determined was repeated 2 times. The DPPH test used a 96 well microplate with each well added 200 µL of callus extract sample solution and 100 µL of DPPH solution. After that, it was incubated in a dark room for 1 h and continued with a UV-Vis microplate spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA) at a wavelength of 517 nm to determine the absorbance value at each of these concentrations [22,23]. The percentage of DPPH radical degradation from each extract concentration was calculated by the following formula:

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = \frac{\text{Absorbance blank} - \text{Absorbance sample}}{\text{Absorbance blank}} \times 100$$

Absorbance sample is the absorbance value of *P. sarmentosum* callus extract and absorbance blank is the absorbance value of the control blank which contains DPPH solution reagent only. Then, the result of the percentage inhibition (%I) was analyzed to determine the value of inhibitory concentration (IC<sub>50</sub>). The percentage inhibition was

substituted in a linear equation; then, interpreted as IC<sub>50</sub>. The IC<sub>50</sub> value is an expression of the antioxidant activity of the callus extract sample.

## 2.5. Data Analysis

The experiment of callus induction was carried out nine replications for each treatment. Qualitative data such as callus morphology and secondary metabolites profiles of *P. sarmentosum* were identified descriptively. Quantitative data such as callus induction time, fresh weight, and dry weight were analyzed by analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Duncan's test and Mann-Whitney's test for mean comparison. The experiment of antimicrobial activity was analyzed by measuring the zone of inhibition with three replications for each concentration, and the percentage of inhibition (%I) measured for antioxidant activity with two replications for each concentration.

## 3. RESULTS

### 3.1. Callus Induction

Callus was produced from cut ends of meristematic leaves of *P. sarmentosum* Roxb. after 6 weeks of culture. Induction of *P. sarmentosum* Roxb. achieved approximately 70% until 100% after 6 weeks of culture. The establishment of *Piper* cultures was frequently slow and difficult [24]. In the present study, compact callus was successfully established on all different combination concentrations of 2,4-D and BAP with various callus color, such as light brown, brownish, and dark brown [Figure 1]. MS medium with hormones free cannot induced callus.

Table 1 showed that the fastest mean of callus induction time was 0.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.5 mg/L BAP on 10 days, while the slowest mean of callus induction time was 2.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 2.0 mg/L BAP on 21 days. The treatment of combination concentration of 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 2.0 mg/L BAP showed the highest mean of callus fresh weight (0.350 g), while the lowest mean of callus fresh weight at the treatment of combination concentration of 0.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 0.5 mg/L BAP (0.174 g). The treatment of 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.5 mg/L BAP showed the highest mean of callus dry weight (0.078 g), while the lowest mean of callus dry weight at the treatment of 2.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 0.5 mg/L BAP (0.035 g).

Based on statistical data analysis, the mean of callus induction time, fresh weight, and dry weight with supplemented concentration of 2,4-D and BAP in MS medium did not show a significant difference. Three treatments with the highest dry weight were selected to continue the extraction process were 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.5 mg/L BAP; 1.0 mg/L 2,4-D and 0.5 mg/L BAP; 2.0 mg/L 2,4-D and 0.5 mg/L BAP at 0.078 g, 0.069 g and 0.064 g, respectively.

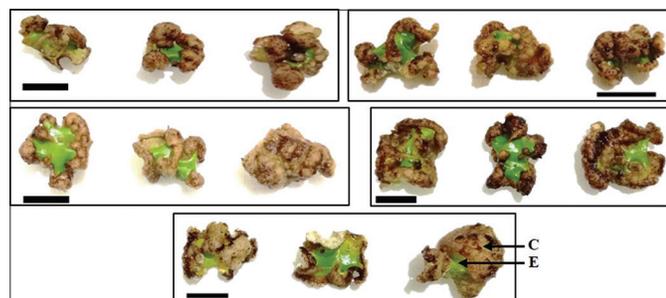
### 3.2. Secondary Metabolites Profile of Callus

The callus of *P. sarmentosum* that has been dried was then mashed to form a powder for extraction process with methanol solvent for 3 days. After that, the three selected methanol extracts were analyzed for secondary metabolites using GC-MS. In Table 2, it shows that there were many identified types of compounds. The combination concentration of 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.5 mg/L BAP contains 11 different compounds, which were dominated by cyanoacetamide (25.08%) and diisooctyl-phthalate (21.81%). The combination concentration of 1.0 mg/L 2,4-D and 0.5 mg/L BAP contains six different compounds, which were dominated by acetaldehyde (32.90%), 2-methoxyamphetamine (17.88%) and propanamide (16.72%). While the treatment of 2.0 mg/L 2,4-D and 0.5 mg/L

**Table 2:** Secondary metabolites profiles identified in methanol extract of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.'s callus.

Retention time (min)	Name of compounds	Peak area (%)	Activity
1.5 mg/L 2,4-D+1.5 mg/L BAP			
4.404	Acetaldehyde	7.48	Antimicrobial and antioxidant [35]
8.682	Benzenemethanamine	3.18	Antimicrobial [38]
9.110	Chloracetamide	3.75	Antimicrobial [39]
9.571	Myristicin	8.94	Antimicrobial and antioxidant [40]
10.115	1-Methylheptylamine	9.86	Antimicrobial [41]
11.305	Phenylpropanolamine	2.32	Antioxidant [42]
11.824	1,4-Dimethylpentylamine	5.69	-
13.278	Cyanoacetamide	25.08	Antioxidant [43]
13.706	2-Aminononadecane	4.67	Antimicrobial and antioxidant [44]
15.621	Propanamide	7.22	Antioxidant [45]
22.205	Diisooctyl-phthalate	21.81	Antimicrobial and antioxidant [46]
1.0 mg/L 2,4-D+0.5 mg/L BAP			
4.330	Acetaldehyde	32.90	Antimicrobial and antioxidant [35]
8.682	2,4-Dimethylamphetamine	13.90	-
9.571	Myristicin	5.44	Antimicrobial and antioxidant [40]
12.797	2-Methoxyamphetamine	17.88	Antimicrobial [47]
15.610	Propanamide	16.72	Antioxidant [45]
20.344	(Tetrahydrocyclopentadienone) tri carbonyliron (0)	13.16	-
2.0 mg/L 2,4-D+0.5 mg/L BAP			
5.541	1-Methylcaprolactam	3.82	-
8.677	Caryophyllene	3.17	Antimicrobial and antioxidant [48]
9.566	Myristicin	48.77	Antimicrobial and antioxidant [40]
10.216	1,4-Benzenedicarboxylic acid	0.78	Antimicrobial and antioxidant [49]
15.235	Vanillin ethyl ether	39.22	Antioxidant [50]
15.600	Propanamide	3.52	Antioxidant [45]
18.551	1,1-Cyclobutanedimethanamine	0.73	-

BAP: Benzylaminopurine



**Figure 1:** Effect of different combination concentration of 2,4-D and BAP on callus morphology from *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb. leaves explants on MS medium for six weeks. (a.) 1.5 mg L<sup>-1</sup> 2,4-D + 1.5 mg L<sup>-1</sup> BAP, (b.) 1.0 mg L<sup>-1</sup> 2,4-D + 0.5 mg L<sup>-1</sup> BAP, (c.) 2.0 mg L<sup>-1</sup> 2,4-D + 0.5 mg L<sup>-1</sup> BAP, (d.) 2.0 mg L<sup>-1</sup> 2,4-D + 2.0 mg L<sup>-1</sup> BAP (dark brown callus), (e.) 2.5 mg L<sup>-1</sup> 2,4-D + 2.5 mg L<sup>-1</sup> BAP (light brown callus). (a-c.) Brownish callus, C. Callus, and E. Explant. All callus were compact textured and explants were green except for control (brown explant and no callus). Bars = 1 cm.

BAP contains seven different compounds, which were dominated by myristicin (48.77%) and vanillin ethyl ether (39.22%). Myristicin and propanamide compounds were always identified in the three

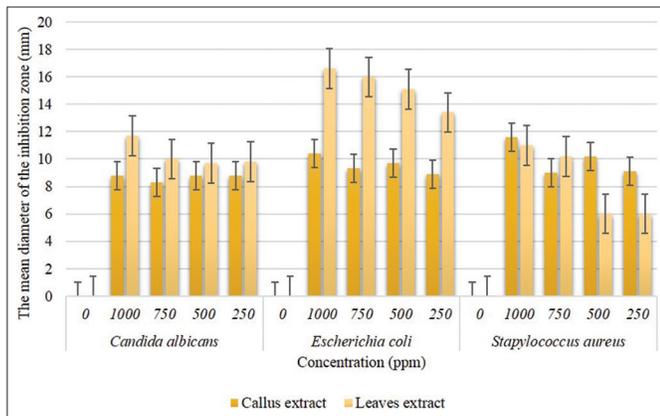
*P. sarmentosum* callus extracts, the content of myristicin appeared at the 9<sup>th</sup> min, while the content of propanamide appeared at the 15<sup>th</sup> min [Table 2].

### 3.3. Antimicrobial Activity of Callus and Leaves Extract

The results of the antimicrobial activity test between the callus extract and the leaves of *P. sarmentosum* had differences [Figure 2]. In inhibiting the growth of *Candida albicans* and *Escherichia coli*, it was shown that the leaf extract was better at inhibiting their growth than the callus extract. At a concentration of 1000 ppm, *P. sarmentosum* leaf extract inhibited the highest *C. albicans* growth with an average inhibition zone of 11.70 mm. In inhibiting the growth of *E. coli*, the concentration of 1000 ppm of leaf extract was also among the highest at an average inhibition zone of 16.60 mm. Whereas in inhibiting the growth of *S. aureus*, callus extract was better at inhibiting its growth for the best concentration being 1000 ppm callus extract of *P. sarmentosum* (11.60 mm).

### 3.4. Antioxidant Activity of Callus and Leaves Extract

Figure 3 shows that there is a difference in the antioxidant activity between *P. sarmentosum* leaves extract and callus compared to silymarin as a standard. The *P. sarmentosum* leaves extract had an IC<sub>50</sub>



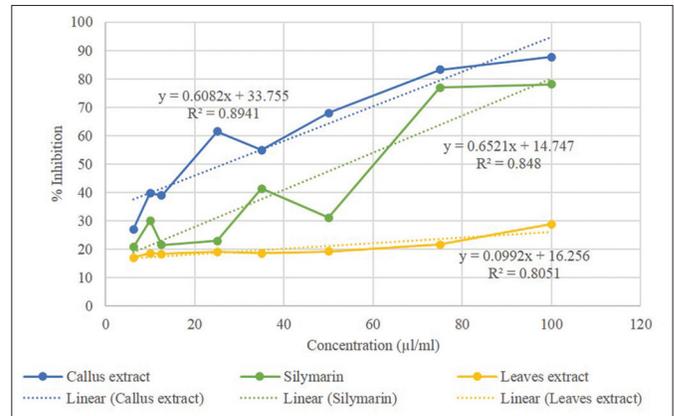
**Figure 2:** The mean diameter of the inhibition zone produced by callus and leaves extracts against various pathogen.

value of 340.161  $\mu\text{L}/\text{mL}$  which was included in the category of very weak antioxidant activity, while the  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value of the *P. sarmentosum* callus extract was 26.709  $\mu\text{L}/\text{mL}$  which was included in the category of very strong antioxidant activity.

#### 4. DISCUSSION

The plant growth regulators was supplemented on MS medium induced the growth rate of explant cultured cells. Based on this study, the formation of *P. sarmentosum* Roxb. callus induced at 10 days to 21 days after planting. It indicated that the different combination concentration of 2,4-D and BAP in *P. sarmentosum* callus were not too significantly different. Except for the treatment 0.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.5 mg/L BAP (10 days) was significantly different from the other treatment, while the slowest mean of callus induction time was 2.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 2.0 mg/L BAP (21 days). In general, callus *P. sarmentosum* induced on 14 days, 15 days, and 16 days. The results were in accordance with previous research on callus induction of *P. retrofractum* Vahl. with additional various combination of 2,4-D and BAP showed the average time in inducing callus on 15 days after planting [25]. But also, this response was possibly due to different combinations of plant growth regulators applied to MS medium in addition to physiological condition of respective explants [18]. Due to strong activities to stimulate dedifferentiation cell process, organogenesis, and maintain callus growth, 2,4-D is a plant growth regulator mostly used on callus culture [26]. An increased in the concentration of 2,4-D added to MS medium can also inhibit callus proliferation [27]. In the previous study, the treatment of 0.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.0 mg/L BAP showed the fastest mean of callus induction time of *Piper betle* L. Var. Nigra leaves at 7.25 days [18]. Another study showed that the combination concentration of 13.50  $\mu\text{M}$  2,4-D and 4.50  $\mu\text{M}$  BAP was the fastest treatment to callus induced of *Hymenocallis littoralis* at 15 days [28]. The application of 2,4-D and BAP in various concentrations also showed the fastest callus induction time (5–7 days) in various plant explants [29-31].

The combination concentration of 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 2.0 mg/L BAP showed the highest mean of callus fresh weight at 0.350 g, while the highest mean of callus dry weight was the combination concentration of 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.5 mg/L BAP at 0.078 g. In the current study, the difference in the value of callus fresh weight and dry weight is probably due to the presence of more water content in the combination concentration of 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 2.0 mg/L BAP than in the combination concentration of 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.5 mg/L BAP, the highest dry weight of *P. sarmentosum*'s callus in this treatment indicates a best combination concentration for the production of secondary



**Figure 3:** Graph plot percentage inhibition against concentration showing DPPH free radical scavenging activity of leaves methanol extract and callus methanol extract compared with silymarin (standard).

metabolite content. In the previous study, the various combination concentration of 2,4-D and BAP also showed the optimum dry weight for producing secondary metabolites in various plants, such as the combination concentration of 0.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 2.0 mg/L BAP at 0.0670 g callus dry weight in *Piper betle* L. Var. Nigra leaves and the treatment of 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 2.0 mg/L BAP at 0.108 g callus dry weight in *Justicia gendarussa* leaves [18,26]. Callus morphology of *P. sarmentosum* showed a variety of callus colors with a compact texture. The colors that appeared after explants in culture for 6 weeks were light brown, brownish, and dark brown [Table 1 and Figure 1]. In the present study, there are different colors of callus which is caused various hormone treatments which clearly indicate the influence of different plant growth regulators on determining callus morphology [32].

The combination concentration of 1.5 mg/L 2,4-D and 1.5 mg/L BAP (0.078 g); 1.0 mg/L 2,4-D and 0.5 mg/L BAP (0.069 g); 2.0 mg/L 2,4-D and 0.5 mg/L BAP (0.064 g) were the best three treatments for callus dry weight. After the identification of secondary metabolite compounds using GC-MS, each treatment showed the number and variety of different compounds [Table 2]. Myristicin and propanamide compounds were always identified in the three *P. sarmentosum* callus extracts. In previous study explained that Myristicin compound is the highest potent inhibition against *R. solani* and *B. oryzae* with half maximal inhibitory concentration ( $\text{IC}_{50}$ ) of 0.69 mmol/L [33]. Myristicin compound in extract methanol of *P. sarmentosum* also can exhibited strong antifeedant [34]. Propanamide compounds were previously reported to have antibacterial and antioxidant activity in other study [35,36]. Myristicin compound was also identified in the ethanol extract of *P. sarmentosum* leaves in Malaysia [37].

In Figure 2 shows that *P. sarmentosum* leaves and callus extracts have varying antimicrobial activity at each treatment concentration except for the 0 ppm extract treatment. In this study, it was seen that the growth of *S. aureus* was inhibited by the best concentration of 1000 ppm of *P. sarmentosum* callus extract (11.60 mm), while the growth of *C. albicans* and *E. coli* were inhibited best by the concentration of 1000 ppm of *P. sarmentosum* leaves extract with a diameter of inhibition zone 11.70 mm and 16.60 mm, respectively. The difference in inhibitory ability is due to differences in the total and type of secondary metabolite compounds between callus extract and leaves extract of *P. sarmentosum*. Table 2 also shows that the callus extract of *P. sarmentosum* contains a myristicin compound, while the methanol leaves extract of *P. sarmentosum* contains an elemicin compound

[51]. Myristicin and elemicin are phytochemical compounds that have antimicrobial, antioxidant, and antiviral activities. These two compounds can inhibit the synthesis process in microbial cells so that their growth is hampered and die. Figure 2 also shows the concentration of 250–1000 ppm; both extracts were able to against the growth of three types of pathogen microbes. It shows that the callus and leaves extracts of *P. sarmentosum* are effective against *C. albicans*, *E. coli*, and *S. aureus*. A previous study also stated that methanol extract of *C. dactylon* rhizome with a concentration of 1000 ppm could best inhibit the growth of *E. coli*, *B. cereus*, and *P. aeruginosa* with an average diameter of the inhibition zone 16.80 mm, 18.30 mm, and 12.80 mm, respectively [52].

In Figure 3, it can be seen that the antioxidant activity of *P. sarmentosum* callus extract is the best compared to *P. sarmentosum* leaves extract and silymarin as standards in this assay. The IC<sub>50</sub> value of callus extract is 26.709 µL/mL which is very strong in its antioxidant activity compared to leaves extract which has an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 340.161 µL/mL which is very weak in its antioxidant activity. This test shows that callus induction of *P. sarmentosum* with the addition of growth regulators such as 2,4-D and BAP can increase the production of secondary metabolites which play a role in increasing antioxidant activity such as myristicin and propanamide compounds which are also antioxidants [35,36]. Other studies stated that the myristicin compound in *Daucus pumilus* was successfully increased through the micropropagation method and thus its antioxidant activity became stronger [53]. Another study also shows that *Saraca asoca* callus in various extracts has better scavenging ability than extract of *S. asoca in vivo* leaves with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 38.79 µL/mL [54]. The antioxidant activity of extracts is influenced by the content of natural polyphenols such as flavonoids, phenolics, tannins, and saponins [55].

## 5. CONCLUSION

This study concluded that the different combination concentrations of plant growth regulators 2,4-D and BAP affected callus induction and profile of secondary metabolites of *P. sarmentosum* Roxb. leaves explants. The combination concentration of 2.0 mg/L 2,4-D and 0.5 mg/L BAP was the best treatment in inducing callus because the highest myristicin compound was identified, so it can be used to produce callus for secondary metabolite production. Myristicin and propanamide compounds were identified in three methanol extracts of *P. sarmentosum* callus, and that callus extract had the highest dry weight. The morphology of callus grown during this study was compact in various colors, such as light brown, brownish, and dark brown. The best treatment of *P. sarmentosum* callus extract had better antioxidant and antimicrobial activities than *P. sarmentosum* leaf extract.

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