

# Pengaruh Tempat Tumbuh Tanaman Ekstrak Etanol Temulawak (*Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb.) Sebagai Agen Inhibisi Biofilm *Candida albicans* In Vitro = Does herbal therapeutics cultivation site affect in vitro *Candida albicans* biofilm inhibition? â a study on *Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb. ethanolic extract

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## Abstrak

**Background:** One of the major challenges in developing an antifungal against *Candida albicans* as a therapeutic strategy for oral candidiasis is its resistance towards antimicrobial agents. Currently, medicinal plants are continuously being developed as a therapeutic agent, including Javanese turmeric (*Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb.), an Indonesian plant widely used as a traditional medicine. Its main active compound, xanthorrhizol, as well as the Javanese turmeric Ethanol Extract (EET) had been reported to have antifungal properties. However, extract quality as well as cultivation site of a medicinal plant may affect its' effectivity as a therapeutic agent. **Objective:** To analyze the influence of Javanese turmeric cultivation site against its' ethanolic extract effectivity in inhibiting *C. albicans* biofilms. **Methods:** 2 Javanese turmeric ethanolic extract were collected from different cultivation sites, which were Bogor, West Java and Malang, East Java. The extracts were tested for inhibitory activity against *C. albicans* biofilm using OD600, TPC, and MTT assay measurements. **Results:** There were concentration differences of xanthorrhizol content in between the two extracts. Despite so, both extracts showed insignificant MBIC50 differences at roughly 0,10 µg/mL, while their MBIC90 were measured to be constant at all biofilm development phases, at 0,30 µg/mL. **Conclusion:** The different cultivation site of Javanese turmeric in Java island does not influence the effectivity of JtET in inhibiting *C. albicans* biofilm.

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